



Overbrook

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Overbrook Church Staff

Rev. Dr. Adam Hearlson
Pastor

Wanda Harris Cooper
Pastor of Care and Youth

Dr. Christopher Gage
Director of Music

Anthony M. Carrella
Director of Children & Family Ministry

Artia Benjamin
Suchita Fiorillo
Youth Leaders

Lisa Faso
Property Manager

Carol Rozmiarek
Financial Secretary

Leonard Robbins
Church Custodian

NEWS FROM THE CROSSROADS

Congratulations to Our Confirmands!



Inside This Issue

Help Wanted	2
Worship & Music	2
Music	3
In the Spirit	3
Stewardship	4
Building	4-5
RPM	5-6
Photo Directory	6
Prayer Shawl	6
M&O	7-8
CFM	8-9
Drama	9
Youth	10-11
CLC	12
Presbytery	12-13
Ongoing Events	14
Committees	14
Deacons	15



Thanks to Rodney Atienza for these great photos!

HELP WANTED

A summary of volunteer opportunities at OPC. More details throughout this newsletter.

Upcoming Opportunities

- **Everything but the Turkey Collection. Sunday, November 1.** More info on page 7.
- **Cooking in Community, Friday, November 6, 9:30–11:30 AM.** More info on page 5.
- **Books Through Bars, Saturday, November 7, 1:00–4:00 PM.** More info on page 8.
- **Kensington Project, Sunday, November 8, 9:30 AM.** More info on page 10.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry, Tuesday, November 10, 10:00 AM.** More info on page 6.
- **Feed My Starving Children Mobile-Pack. Saturday, November 14, 9:00–11:00 AM.** More info on page 7.
- **H-Can Collection. Sunday, November 15.** More info on page 7.

Ongoing Opportunities

- **Pinn Memorial Food Pantry.** Every Monday and Tuesday. More info on page 8
- **Fellowship Hour Sharing Table.** More info on page 12.

Worship & Music

We start November by moving our clocks back and end the month with the first Sunday in Advent. This is a month of preparation—for winter, for Thanksgiving, and for Advent. As our schedules fill with activities and events, the Worship and Music Committee would like for you to add two special occasions to your early December calendar: an **Advent Retreat** the morning of **Saturday, December 5**, and the **Annual Messiah Sing** the next day in the afternoon.

In the meantime, we are already planning for Advent. The committee has chosen an Advent theme—Practice Hope. We will be meeting through the month of November to dream of ways to visualize the theme, to plan activities, and to make Advent, when it arrives, a daily realization.

At the same time, the committee and the staff of OPC all work to ensure that even though construction continues through the week, worship on Sunday will be meaningful and as free of disruption as possible. *YOU* could help—be an usher, prepare communion, clean up after communion, join one of the music groups (chancel choir, gospel choir, handbell choir, worship band) or the drama group. All of those contribute to the life of OPC.

—Janie Martin
Chair of Worship and Music

From the Director of Music

As we approach Advent and Christmas, we have many wonderful musical events planned at Overbrook. We hope that you will join us for any and all of them!

32nd Annual Messiah Sing. Sunday, November 29 at 3:00 PM. This beloved Advent tradition celebrates the anticipation and joy of the season and encourages your participation. Listen to our Overbrook Quartet sing the arias of Handel's *Messiah*, then join with your neighbors in the room to sing the choruses, such as "Hallelujah!" and "Amen." No music? No problem—we will have some for you. Don't want to sing? Come and enjoy this surround-sound experience. This event will take place at **St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 100 Athens Ave., Ardmore, PA.**

Youth Choir begins Sunday, November 1, after worship. Our OPC Youth Choir is back! We will listen to some music and choose a song to offer in worship during Advent. Youth in grades 6 through 12 are encouraged to grab a snack from Fellowship Hall and come to the lower level of OPC.

Christmas Eve Junior Choir begins Sunday, November 8, after worship. We will convene a special choir for Christmas Eve to provide music for our early Christmas Pageant service. All young people aged 6-10, regardless of past singing experience, are welcome! Watch your email for more information.

And, of course, if you have questions about any of these events, do not hesitate to contact me at music@overbrookpresb.org.

—Chris Gage

In the Spirit at Overbrook...

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group. Tuesdays. 7:30–8:30 AM. Online.

Early risers are invited to start the morning with small group community prayer. Join us from the comfort of your home for a time of faith-filled fellowship and shared prayer. All are welcome. **Please use the following link: tinyurl.com/OPCTuesPrayer.**

Centering Prayer. Wednesdays. 9:30–10:00 AM.

All are welcome to participate in OPC's Centering Prayer gathering, Wednesday mornings from 9:30–10:00 AM. Due to construction, Centering Prayer is meeting at Janie Martin's home, 435 Parkview Dr, Wynnewood, PA. Centering Prayer offers opportunities for contemplative prayer and reflection.

Adult Bible Study meets on **Wednesdays at 10:30 AM.** During construction at the church, Bible Study is meeting at Janie Martin's home or online – watch your email for updates.

OPC 2027: "We Are All In!"

We begin this Stewardship Season with joyful anticipation of what's to come in 2027 and with gratitude for the foundation of generosity which has enabled us to remain a vibrant church community.

As we look ahead to our return to the sanctuary and imagine how our completed building can be used to extend our welcome and ministry, every gift, every person, every voice matters at OPC. We are many parts, but all one body.

That's why this year's Stewardship theme is "We are all in!"

This is the time of year we encourage everyone to prayerfully consider an estimate of giving (also known as a pledge) for the coming year. This might be a one-time gift, a recurring donation, or weekly giving. It may also include your gift of time and talents.

These commitments are vital to helping us plan for the coming year. They also represent our dedication to this church. OPC's revenue comes almost exclusively from the giving of the congregation; no matter what you can give, your gift is essential to maintaining our staff, our ministry and programming, and the upkeep of our building, outside of fire-related expenses.

This year, we have set a goal of 100% Stewardship participation! Ambitious yes, but truly we all have a stake in making sure this church can continue to live out its mission.

On Nov. 1, 8 and 15, you'll hear a bit more about Stewardship at OPC. And we ask every individual, couple and family to make a giving commitment. The season will culminate on **Sunday, November 15**, with a blessing of pledges at worship and with pie sharing at Fellowship Hour.

If you usually give without pledging, please consider making an estimate of your 2027 gift. If you are unfamiliar with this process, please reach out to anyone on Stewardship, Pastors Adam or Wanda, or Carol Rozmiarek to talk about what Stewardship means in the life of a Presbyterian congregation. If you don't know how much to give, PC(USA) encourages proportional giving as a percentage of income. Or prayerfully consider your current recurring gifts or expenses and how OPC is prioritized in your own budget.

We know OPC has asked a lot recently, with the one-time Capital Campaign and with sustained annual giving. Thank you for giving what you can. We are benefiting from an endowment built on the gifts of those who came before us, and it is vital we keep our generosity flowing.

With blessings and gratitude,

OPC Stewardship Committee

Karen Testa, ZeeAnn Mason, Chris Fay and Brian Burke

Building Update

Joyful news! Our stained glass windows have been refurbished and refined and installation has begun!

The artisans at Pittsburgh Glass have done a remarkable job of painstakingly restoring all the windows that were damaged in the fire, and will be working at OPC, and over the next couple months all will be put in place.

Today you can see our memorial windows and the glorious window on our bell tower that faces the Crossroads of Lancaster and City Ave.

There will be some new additions and updates:

BARNES WINDOW: The Barnes Window was dedicated in 1955 in memory of George Emerson Barnes, D.D., the fourth pastor of Overbrook Presbyterian Church, who served as pastor from 1922-1948. The design preserves the original composition while incorporating more diverse representations of Jesus and ethnically respectful, non-caricaturist representation of the children.

JESUS WINDOW: Session and the OPC Stained Glass committee also considered potential alterations to the 1908 "Jesus" D'Ascenzo Window; but ultimately affirmed the recommendation of Pittsburgh Glass to restore it to its original design without alteration.

NEW WINDOW: A new window has been commissioned depicting Jesus feeding the masses to reflect OPC's commitment to welcoming, feeding and nourishing the community through word, food and fellowship.



Printouts of the window designs will be available at Fellowship Hour to be able to see details before the sanctuary is open for use.

Please join in prayers of thanksgiving for the work of the stained glass artisans, the OPC Rebuilding Task Force, the Stained Glass Committee and all who have brought about this important milestone in our recovery and eventual return to our sanctuary.

—Karen Testa



OPC's Retired Persons' Ministry (RPM)

Please join RPM for our November events, each centered in gratitude and sharing...and each offering abundant, good-spirited fellowship. The Overbrook Area Retired Persons' Ministry (RPM) is a mutual ministry of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas and Overbrook Presbyterian Church. While OPC remains under renovation, all gatherings take place at St. Thomas, corner of Lancaster and Overbrook Avenues, or at Christ Community Church in Drexel Hill. We are deeply grateful for the generous support of our neighboring congregations.

Cooking in Community. Friday, November 6, 9:30-11:30 AM. *Christ Community Church, the corner of Riverview and Garrett Roads, Drexel Hill, PA.* Calling all chefs, bakers, and good-spirited pot-stirrers! Please join us in the kitchen of Christ Community Church for a morning of fellowship and community service. We'll be preparing meals for the senior members of our congregations and community. All supplies will be provided...BYO sense of humor!

RPM Café. Friday, November 20, 11:30 AM -1:00 PM. *Anderson Hall, The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas.* Living into the belief that every day brings abundant opportunities for thanksgiving, the theme of the November Cafe is **Friendsgiving: Sharing and Inspiring Gratitude.** Please join us for good-spirited fellowship, a fine hot lunch buffet and an inspiring peer-led program. **All attendees are encouraged to bring a canned or packaged food item for distribution to our area food banks.**

RPM is a mutual ministry of OPC and the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas; there is no cost to participate. RSVPs are appreciated. Please contact Sharon Parker (sparker614@gmail.com) to volunteer with meal preparation, table set-up...or just to make her day.



Say Cheese! It's Photo Directory Time!

We are pleased to announce the formation of the OPC Photo Directory Task Force, consisting of Rodney Atienza, Cindi Landmesser, Carol Rozmiarek, Emily Stewart and Artia Benjamin as Chairperson.

Please check the Sunday Bulletins, the weekly emails for the date of the next photo sessions after worship for the OPC Photo Directory. If you sign up for a photo please stay after worship for your scheduled time.

These images will be hosted in Realm, making this an ideal time to ensure your contact information is up to date in the system. A Sign-up Genius and further details will be shared in our weekly bulletins and announced during the "Life at the Crossroads" segment of our Sunday Worship.

We look forward to this opportunity for fellowship and to help our community put names to faces.

—Artia Benjamin
Congregational Life Committee Chairperson

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The prayer shawl ministry warmly welcomes all who are interested in making blessed handwork for those facing illness or other difficulties, as well as those celebrating joys. These gifts go to OPC friends and members, and also to their family and friends. If you would like to request a prayer shawl gift for someone you know, please contact Bette Homer at bettebhomer@gmail.com or call 215-470-7736. If you know someone in our ministry, feel free to contact him or her.

Whether you are experienced in hand crafts or would like to learn, we invite you to join us at our monthly meeting. Crafts are not limited to knitting or crocheting. If you make a different craft that might be shared through our ministry, please call or email the contact above. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, November 10 at 11:00 AM** at the home of Bette Homer, 5948 Woodbine Ave, Philadelphia.

If you're on our prayer shawl email list, we'll send you confirmation of our meeting dates each month. If you'd like to be added to our email list or want more information, please call or email Bette Homer at bettebhomer@gmail.com or call 215-470-7736.

Mission & Outreach



In life before COVID, Overbrook Presbyterian partnered with Msgr. Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast High School in Drexel Hill to organize and pack meals for [Feed My Starving Children](#). From their website: "... As a Christian nonprofit, FMSC is dedicated to seeing every child whole in body and spirit. FMSC works with food distribution partners that stay with communities for the long haul, empowering them to move from relief to development." They do this by assembling nutritious meals in an assembly-line process in which YOU can participate.

Good news! **FMSC Mobile-Pack** is back and ready to go. On **Saturday, November 14**, Haddonfield Presbyterian will host a Mobile-Pack and Overbrook has reserved ten spots from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**. FMSC welcomes ages 5 to 100 and has a job for YOU and your family. There will be a sign-up at the Mission table on **Sundays, November 1 and 8**. You can contact [Becky Lazo](#) or [Suchita Fiorello](#) for more information.



Did you know that Gemma Services was once the Presbyterian Village, aka The Village? That Gemma offers both residential and community services for people of all ages?

Gemma has asked for our help in providing **Everything but the Turkey** for ten families in their community network. While many spots on the [Sign-Up Genius](#) have been filled, there is still room for your contributions. Please bring them to church by **Sunday, November 1**. All extras will be donated to Gemma to fill their needs. Bags will be assembled by the Youth Group at their November meeting.

Though their list is slightly different, the need is still great at **H-CAN**. The next collection of supplies will be **Sunday, November 15**. Please check over the list and see how you and your family can help another family in need.

Breakfast

- 18-38 oz total; kid-friendly — Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, Corn Flakes
- Shelf-stable milk: 2 quarts shelf-stable milk (liquid or dry) or evaporated milk
- Coffee: 1 jar Instant coffee

Pasta Night

- Dry pasta (spaghetti, macaroni, bowties)
- Pasta sauce or canned tomatoes: 28 oz (no glass jars please)
- Instant mac and cheese (plain orange kind)

Gallo Pinto/Casamiento

- Rice: 6 lbs long-grain, not instant
- Beans: 2-3 lbs black or pinto beans
- Canola/vegetable oil: 40-48 oz
- Bouillon: 1 jar cubes/powder

Family Essentials

- Diapers (sizes 5-7)
- Wipes
- Feminine products



MISSION AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Gemma Collection. Sunday, November 1. Last day to donate to Gemma's **Everything but the Turkey** food collection. [Sign up online](#) or contact [Jennifer Watts](#) for more information.

Books Through Bars. Saturday, November 7. 4722 Baltimore Avenue. Meet in OPC parking lot at 1:00 PM to carpool; return by 4:00 PM. Contact [Janet Bowker](#) for more information.

Feed My Starving Children Mobile-Pack. Saturday, November 14. 9:00 AM. Haddonfield Presbyterian Church. Contact [Becky Lazo](#) or [Suchita Fiorillo](#).

H-CAN food collection. Sunday, November 15. Bring items from the list above to the Mission table set up in the Wistar Morris room.

Face to Face Turkey Trot. Thursday, November 26. Lace up your sneakers and sign up using the following link: <https://runsignup.com/Race/PA/Philadelphia/FacetoFaceTurkeyTrot>

Pinn Memorial Food Pantry. Every Monday and Tuesday. Help is needed at Pinn Memorial assembling and preparing food for our neighbors. [Sign-up here](#) for details, times and dates.

Stay tuned for information on our Holiday Gift Collection.

Children & Family Ministry

October, with thanks

October was the Season of Creation, the weeks each year when the church pays special attention to the world God made. In Children's Sunday School the kids spent those weeks exploring Psalm 23, and because the psalm talks about sheep and green pastures, we responded by going to the sheep.

Faith Eastling brought raw wool for every pair of hands to touch, then her spinning wheel, and the older kids spun it into yarn and wove it on a cardboard loom she made for them; a class tapestry is on that loom now, a quarter done.



Laurie Geers painted a green pasture for the room, and the younger kids are now filling it with flora and fauna native to Pennsylvania.

On the last Sunday kids prayed the entire psalm by heart around the circle. Thank you, Faith, and thank you Laurie, Molly, Carol, Izzy, Judy, Beth, Anne, Connie, and Deja.



Sunday School in November

On **Sunday, November 1**, the 10 to 12s meet after the Biblical Storytelling, as they do on the first Sunday of each month. Children's Sunday School meets November 8, 15, 22, and 29.



Contemplative Family Dinner Church, Wednesday, November 4

Contemplative Family Dinner Church is a casual Wednesday supper followed by Centering Prayer, a way of praying together in silence. Friends Families with children, and other adults arrive for dinner at 5:45, which is followed by prayer at 6:30. Childcare is available. All are very warmly welcomed.

Playground update

After several months closed, our central playground structure will reopen! A new set of stairs has arrived to replace the ones that were failing. Beyond the stairs, the Children and Family, Youth, and Property Committees have worked together on next steps for the whole yard. For 2027, that means new picnic tables, garden beds, and minor improvements. Larger accessibility improvements cost more than a year's budget, so in 2027 the committees will continue to collaborate around the project's overall scope, design and funding opportunities before bringing a proposal to Session.

The Committee

The Children and Family Ministry Committee meets **Wednesday, November 18, 5:30 to 7:45 PM**, and votes on the 2027 budget.

—Anthony M. Carrella

Director of Children & Family Ministry

Introducing the Overbrook Presbyterian Church Drama Ministry.

We are excited to announce the launch of the "OPC Players" Drama Ministry! Our mission is to glorify Jesus Christ through performing arts by producing 10–15-minute vignettes that support Pastor Adam's sermon themes during Sunday services and special events.



Ministry Details:

- **Director:** Led by Theater Director and Actor, Phillip Brown.
- **Who Can Join:** Open to all OPC members, including children (8–12), teens (13–18), and adults.
- **Schedule:** One-hour weekly meetings. Monday evenings from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.
- **Commitment:** Members may join at any time but must commit to the rehearsals and performances for which they are cast.

If you are interested in joining or have questions, please let us know at drama@overbrookpresb.org

—Artia Benjamin,

Congregational Life Committee Chairperson

Youth Ministry

Youth Group. If you're in grades 6-12, join us on **Friday, November 6, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM** for a Friendsgiving full of fun, food, and fellowship. **Bring a photo of yourself and a friend to share with the group.** Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. RSVP to youth@overbrookpresb.org by Sunday, November 1, so that we can plan accordingly.

On October 2, six of our young adults joined us for an evening of creativity and creation. After dinner and pumpkin decorating, we discussed God's creative power in our lives. How does He create order out of chaos? Which day of creation speaks to you the most?



Save the date! Join us on **Friday, December 4 from 5:30-8:00 PM** for our Youth & Family Holiday Party. More details to come.

Youth Sunday School. Join us every 3rd and 4th Sunday of the month to reflect on the scripture shared in the sermon. Led by Corinna Bowser.

The Kensington Project is a non-profit organization that supports people affected by the opioid crisis in Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood. Youth and families are invited to join us as we feed, clothe, and love our neighbors. Our next day of service will be on **Sunday, November 8 at 10:00 AM.** If you would like more information or would like to attend, please contact **Becky Lazo at 443-745-3178 or rebeccalazo@hotmail.com, or Suchita Fiorillo at 215-450-5356 or youth@overbrookpresb.org.**

On October 13, a rainy Sunday, OPC partnered with The Kensington Project to serve over 100 people with food, clothing, and hygiene packages. Serving is a wonderful way to see God's love in action.



Youth choir, now every Sunday at noon, starting November 1, directed by Chris Gage. Come as you are to share your gifts with the congregation.

Youth Sunday, November 29. Every month that has a 5th Sunday is Youth Sunday. If you're in grades 6-12, and would you like to participate in the worship service, we'd love to have you! It's a fun and easy way to participate in our service. Below are the tasks available. Email youth@overbrookpresb.org to sign up.

- Liturgist assists with worship service. Works with Pastor Adam.
- Ushers hand out bulletins, sometimes direct people before, during, and after service. Works with an adult usher or W&M person.
- Greeters stand at doors and welcome people; also assist those who require help. Works with a Deacon.
- Scripture reader reads the scripture during service. Works with Pastor Adam.
- Time with Children Storyteller reads a biblical book to children. Anthony provides the book.
- Time with Children Prayer leads the prayer with children. Works with Anthony,
- Musician plays an instrument or sings Works with Chris.

For additional information, reach out at youth@overbrookpresb.org
Please keep our youth and leaders in your prayers.

Congregational Life

Fellowship Hour Hosts

We are grateful for all those who volunteered to be a coordinator or donated food in October. If you would like an opportunity to practice hospitality and kindness toward one another or celebrate a special event. Please sign up to be a Fellowship Hour Coordinator. We still need your help. There are several ways to provide service:

- Be a coordinator – set up before worship service between 9:15 AM to 9:30 AM which includes putting table covers and trays on tables for the donated food.
- Donate food for Fellowship Hour, for example a bag of cookies, bag of cuties, etc.
- The church provides the table covers, trays, plates, cups and utensils – you provide the service.
- The church provides gluten free food to place on the gluten free table separate from other food.
- Clean up after Fellowship Hour. You do not have to break down tables and chairs.

Just fill out the SignUpGenius. Here's the link_

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4aacae2da2fe3-fellowship>

Here are some more tips for coordinating:

- Take all leftover food that is perishable home with you or give it away to someone.
- Coordinators do not need to break down furniture. It will be put away by Leonard.
- Trash and recycling handled by Leonard.

The Coffee Ministry

The Coffee Ministry has resumed service. Coffee will be made and served by this ministry, so you as host do not have to do anything for coffee.

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in." Matthew 25:35

Thank you for your Fellowship Hour ministry!
Congregational Life Committee

News from the Philadelphia Presbytery November 2026 Events

Expanding the Pulpit Preaching Symposium

The Presbytery of Philadelphia's Expanding the Pulpit Initiative invites ordained and lay leaders to mark their calendars for a daylong Preaching Symposium.

- ❖ **Date:** Wednesday, November 4, 2026
- ❖ **Time:** 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- ❖ **Location:** United Lutheran Seminary, 7301 Germantown Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19119
- ❖ **Phone:** 717-338-3000
- ❖ **Contact:** Click here to [Register](#)

Cedar Park Presbyterian Church Family & Friends Weekend

Cedar Park Presbyterian Church invites everyone to its Family & Friends Weekend, November 13–15, 2026, for a special time of fellowship, worship, and celebration! All are welcome to join in this weekend of faith, gratitude, and community at Cedar Park Presbyterian Church.

- ❖ **Date:** November 13 – 15, 2026
- ❖ **Time:** 1:30 PM – 5:30 PM, 4:00 PM and 10:30 AM
- ❖ **Location:** Cedar Park Church, 7740 Limekiln Pike, Philadelphia, PA 19150
- ❖ **Phone:** 215-549-9775

Olivet Covenant Celebrates 170 Years of Faith and Community!

Olivet Covenant Church invites friends, former members, neighbors, and the wider Presbytery community to celebrate its 170th Anniversary and Homecoming Weekend! The celebration will also welcome Rev. Linda Jaymes from California for a special reception.

- ❖ **Saturday, November 14** – 1:00 PM: 170th Anniversary & Homecoming Luncheon
- ❖ **Saturday, November 14** – 5:00 PM: Free Concert (Donations welcome)
- ❖ **Sunday, November 15** – 11:00 AM: Anniversary Worship Service, followed by a potluck lunch
- ❖ **Location:** Olivet Covenant Church, 608 N 22nd Street, Philadelphia, PA
- ❖ **RSVPs** are appreciated! **Please respond through the church's online registration form** or leave a voicemail at 215-232-2019

Presbyterian Women Annual Mission Luncheon: *Joy in Your Faith Journey*

Presbyterian Women of Philadelphia welcomes everyone to the 2026 Annual Mission Luncheon, at Oxford Presbyterian Church. This year's gathering will offer an opportunity to celebrate mission, nurture our faith, and enjoy fellowship together as we prepare to enter the Advent season. Guest Speaker: Rasheeda Hastings, Spiritual Director at Cranleith Spiritual Center.

- ❖ **Date:** Saturday, November 14, 2026
- ❖ **Registration:** 9:30 AM; **Program Time:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- ❖ **Location:** Oxford Presbyterian Church, 8501 Stenton Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19150

Installation of Rev. David J. Hanna

The Presbytery of Philadelphia, in partnership with the Session and congregation of Wallingford Presbyterian Church, warmly invites you to celebrate the Installation of Rev. David J. Hanna as Pastor and Head of Staff.

- ❖ **Date:** Sunday, November 15, 2026
- ❖ **Reception Time:** 3:35 PM; **Installation Time:** 5:00 PM
- ❖ **Location:** Wallingford Presbyterian Church, 110 E. Brookhaven Rd, Wallingford, PA 19086
- ❖ **Phone:** 610-566-1644

Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Philadelphia

Our November Stated Meeting will begin with registration at 12:30 PM, including an opportunity to drop off donations for the Jenkintown Food Cupboard. Pre-Presbytery Conversations will begin at 1:00 PM, focusing on the Proposed 2027 Budget and Proposed Amendments from the 227th General Assembly. Worship will begin at 2:00 PM, with preaching by Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, Jr., President of Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. The worship offering will support the Care and Compassion Fund and the Jenkintown Food Cupboard. The business meeting will begin at 3:15 PM. The meeting will be followed by dinner and an opportunity for fellowship.

- ❖ **Date:** Tuesday November 17, 2026
- ❖ **Registration Time:** 12:30 PM
- ❖ **Location:** Grace Presbyterian Church, 444 York Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046
- ❖ **Phone:** 215-887-6117

Coming to the Table

Our guest Dr. Christine Jeske will talk about her book, "Racial Justice for the Long Haul," with plenty of time for Q & A.

- ❖ **Date:** Saturday, November 21, 2026
- ❖ **Time:** 10:00 AM
- ❖ **Location:** Presbytery of Philadelphia, 915 East Gowen Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19150
- ❖ **Zoom option:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9615995996?omn=84396291311>

Ongoing Weekly Events

Every Monday

- Drama Ministry. 6:00 PM. OPC.

Every Tuesday

- Tuesday Morning Prayer Group. 7:30 AM. Online. Join <https://bit.ly/3yxD2F4>

Every Wednesday

- Centering Prayer. 9:30 AM. Janie Martin's home.
- Bible Study at 10:30 AM. Janie Martin's home or online.

Every Thursday

- Handbell Choir Rehearsal. 6:30 PM. OPC.
- Choir Rehearsal. 7:30 PM. OPC.

Committee Information

Committee Name	Monthly Meeting	Chair or Co-Chairs
Worship and Music worship@overbrookpresb.org	4 th Tuesday 7:00 PM*	Janie Martin
Deacons deacons@overbrookpresb.org	2 nd Sunday 1:00 PM	Denise Stewart Margene Biedermann
Mission and Outreach mission@overbrookpresb.org	4 th Sunday 12:00 PM	Jeff Bowker
Finance finance@overbrookpresb.org	1 st Tuesday 7:00 PM*	Lainie Blodgett
Children and Family Ministry (CFM) cfm@overbrookpresb.org	Nov. 18 6:15 PM	Molly Andrews Burke
Personnel personnel@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Brian Taussig-Lux
Property property@overbrookpresb.org	4 th Wednesday 5:00 PM	Jeff Bowker Jason Duckworth
Stewardship stewardship@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Karen Testa
Congregational Life clc@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Artia Benjamin
Welcoming welcoming@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Elizabeth Mendoza
Youth Ministry youth@overbrookpresb.org	TBD	Wanda Harris Cooper Artia Benjamin Suchita Fiorillo
An asterisk (*) indicates that the committee meets virtually.		

HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

11/2 Koy Davis
11/5 Gopal
 Subramanian
11/6 Martha Phan
11/8 Will Puffer
11/9 Edward Harvey
11/10 Chris Ziemba
11/11 Laurie Geers
11/12 Nina Bowser
11/13 Shayla Smedley
 Susie Baker
11/15 Michael
 Eastling
11/17 Emma
 Biedermann
11/19 Grace Epley
11/20 Vera
 Comstock
11/23 Kristin Taylor
11/24 Kai Davis
11/26 Yvonne Clark
 Jason Sheau
11/30 Cindy Gray



If the birthday for you or a family member is not listed and you wish to be included on the monthly birthday list, please email office@overbrookpresb.org.

Prayer List

- Prayers of comfort and strength for Bob Bevan and family as they mourn the passing of Jane Bevan.
- Prayers of strength and restoration for Fran Naimoli, Lisa Faso's aunt, who suffered a stroke.
- Prayers for healing and strength for Emma Biedermann as she recovers from surgery.
- Please pray for healing for Chris Bryan, and comfort and strength for his wife Shanae.
- Prayers of comfort and strength for Bette Homer and family as they mourn the passing of Ron Homer.
- Prayers for Capitola Cooper, mother-in-law of Wanda Harris-Cooper, and Capitola's family for strength and guidance as she recovers from a health issue.
- Prayers for successful treatment and strength for Deb Talbot's husband, Ralph Snyder, diagnosed with abdominal cancer, and peace for Deb during this difficult time
- Prayers of comfort for Kari McDevitt and her family, as they deal with the news of Kari's terminal cancer diagnosis."
- Prayers for strength and stamina for all of those who are facing a cancer diagnosis, including Elizabeth Mendoza, Sharon Townsend, Fred Saul, Mary Fields, and so many others. Please give them peace, Lord.
- Prayers for continued recovery for Deb Rottinger following hip surgery.
- Prayers of strength and healing for Elizabeth Mendoza as she undergoes chemotherapy for breast cancer.
- Prayers for guidance and comfort for Scott Long, who is in search of a new home near public transit and is also facing health challenges.
- Prayers for strength and healing for Susan Leach, Becky Lazo's mom, as she continues her health recovery.
- Prayers of support for those embarking on new ventures and for all undergoing the uncertainty of transitions.
- Prayers for dignity, stability, and comfort for all those navigating changes in government assistance programs.
- Prayers for all who are facing health concerns, especially Roz Benton, Peggy Boatwright, Gary Fairfax, Brian Henderson, Gwen Anthony, Gail Kaercher, Vince Gilhool, Gwen Harden, Bette Homer, Beth Leach, Valerie Craig, Patricia MacCausland, Joan Moylan, Jim Moylan, Davorka Sabljak, Carolyn Summers, Nathan Tullio and Natalie DeShields, Beulah Wilson.

Please contact Jill Van Rawley (deacons@overbrookpresb.org) or Adam Hearlson (adam@overbrookpresb.org) to add names to the prayer list.