

MAY 2022

# OAKNOTES



Oakmont Presbyterian Church  
415 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Oakmont, PA 15139

Beloved in Christ,



When leaving worship one member used to say, “I feel sorry for anyone who missed worship today”. This week a visitor said to me “Worship at OPC is a wonderful, unified whole; Scripture, prayers, hymns and the message are all interconnected”. Worship is, as one member said “a happening”. The order is consistent, but what happens within that order varies each week.

Sometimes, something in worship happens that nearly everyone feels.

- \*One Sunday, just when a choir anthem ended a baby gave a sigh that captured our sense of delight in the musical offering. Or, a bell choir anthem leaves us feeling peaceful.
- \*A hymn stirs us deeply and we sing so vigorously that surely God must hear our song.
- \*A prayer honestly expresses to God the depth of our need and we know that we are heard.
- \*A sermon speaks of our call as Christians and we recommit to living out our faith.
- \*In your welcome of a visitor they feel, in the words of a hymn, no longer a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

Some weeks unholy things happen during worship.

- \*As a child sneezes, he hits his head on the pew and cries out in pain.
- \*A cell phone rings to the tune of “When the Saints Go Marchin’ In”.
- \*Someone gets light headed or even faints. Years ago, our music director fainted as she began to play a hymn. The music stopped and singing stopped. To allow some time to discern whether to delay worship or end, I called for the offering. After the offering, the doctor was still attending to our music director so I dismissed the congregation. People playfully teased me that I made sure we took the offering before I allowed people to leave.

Then there are the pastoral moments in worship. One of the blessings of our sanctuary is that everyone can see the worship leaders’ faces and the worship leaders can look into everyone’s eyes. That makes it is easy to see when someone looks differently; perhaps they are just tired or possibly, they’re troubled. Greeting after worship becomes a time for checking in with one another.

Sometimes, a person who was reluctant to come to worship says afterwards, “I really needed to be here today”. Perhaps we should not be surprised at what happens in worship. After all, Jesus said, “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

I hope to see you Sunday.

Peace,

*Steve*

## News from the Membership Committee...

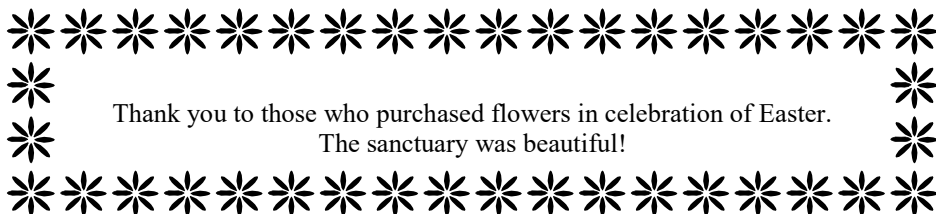
We are pleased to report that our members and friends are enjoying the Dining Out groups very much! The lunch group has met twice, with 12 and 18 people relishing the food and fellowship. There are two dinner groups, with 8 or 9 people each, and both have met twice. We've heard from people who said they knew nothing about these Dining Out groups and would like to know more. The groups were announced in the Sunday bulletins, so watch there for updates and info. Or call/email Pat Zanella (724) 733-1338 or pazanella@hotmail.com.

### Mark Your Calendars!

May 15 New Member Reception in Friendship Hall after worship  
 June 5 – Sept 4 Lemonade on the Lawn, outdoors following worship  
 (weather permitting)  
 September 11 Homecoming Picnic

The Worship Arts Team asks that no one remove anything from the WAT storage rooms upstairs. Recently, we have had items borrowed from the rooms and not returned. Unfortunately, we do not know that these items are gone until we need them, which presents a problem for the set-ups we do for the services. If you do need to use something from the WAT rooms, please contact Adele Selinger or Michael Frank first.

*Thank you for your understanding and your help.*



**Please continue to support our local food banks** through the Deacon's outreach. Donations can be placed in the shopping carts located in the vestibules. Some **especially needed items are: healthy cereals, flour, sugar, cooking oil, spaghetti sauce and toilet paper.**

**The Deacons are collecting T-shirts** in April for the Light of Life Ministries. please use the bin at the 5<sup>th</sup> entrance.

### OPC STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Stephen Wilson	Senior Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Crocco	Associate Pastor
Michael P. Frank, III	Director of Music Ministries/Organist
Ronnie Bailey	Education Director for Children and Youth
Maureen Stecik	Program Staff Assistant
Buster Harper	Custodian
Tracy Messenger	Financial Secretary of Accounting
Marge Kuhn	Financial Secretary of Contributions
Roberta Erickson	Handbell Choir Director
Ron Burkert	AV Team Coordinator

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## RECOVERY GROUP MEETINGS

**AAs**  
 Mondays at Noon  
 Multi-Purpose Room  
 Saturdays at 8:30 pm  
 Dining Room

**Women's AAs**  
 Wednesday at 10:00 am  
 Dining Room

**NAs**  
 Thursdays at 8:00 pm  
 Dining Room

## EYE GLASS COLLECTION

The Lions Clubs collect used eyeglasses and deliver them to regional Recycling Centers where they are cleaned, sorted by prescription strength and packaged. Most are distributed to people in need in developing countries where they will have the greatest impact. The Lions Clubs accept prescription and reading glasses, sunglasses and plastic and metal frames. Children's glasses are especially needed. For your convenience, there is a drop box located in the church office.



### Memorial and Gift Fund

In the first quarter of 2022 donations were made in memory of Joan Sanford, Millie Stratigos, Mary Lou Alexander (mother of Angie Thompson), and Carolyn Lydic.

There is a new leaf on the Memorial Tree in loving memory of Michael Frank's parents.

Thank you to the donors.



**Your OPC Family Cares About You!** Because there are times when you are ill, in the hospital or in emotional need and we don't know about it, please remember to contact the church office (412.828.5770) or a staff member (mstecik@oakmontpresby.org) so we may support you in your time of need. You are loved!

**Prayer Requests - Members of our church will pray for you and anyone in need. Please send prayer requests to: [prayers@oakmontpresby.org](mailto:prayers@oakmontpresby.org) or contact Carol Heimerich at 412-242-1028.**

**Beginning Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** – we will resume receiving communion with bread and juice placed in trays and passed to worshippers. The individual communion cups including both wafer and juice will be available for those who prefer the individual, packaged portions.



### OPC FILM SERIES SCREENINGS

You are invited to join us for the Oakmont Film Discussion Series every other Friday evening at **7:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room, lower level.** Everyone is welcome: family, friends, and any one who needs a hug, or come for Christian fellowship! Admission is FREE ! Don't forget to stay after the film for a wonderful and inspiring discussion.

**May 6—Harriet**  
**May 20—The Current War**  
**June 3—Sweet Inspiration**

## We're Here to Help

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### MEMBER WE HAVE LOST

Joan Sanford  
died 01/05/22

Millie Stratigos  
died 01/21/22

Bugs Bagamery  
died 03/22/22

Jody Dickinson  
died 04/05/22

# OAKMONT MUSICIVIC PROUDLY PRESENTS:

## BELL'ART ENSEMBLE

*Join us in celebrating Mother's Day with a  
program honoring mothers in music.*

Oakmont Presbyterian Church

Saturday May 7th @ 7:00pm

415 Pennsylvania Ave Oakmont PA 15139



## BELL'ART ENSEMBLE

**BELL'ART ENSEMBLE IS A PITTSBURGH-BASED CHAMBER GROUP KNOWN FOR THEIR INTIMATE & EXCITING PERFORMANCES RANGING FROM CLASSICAL TO CONTEMPORARY MUSIC.**

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[HTTPS://WWW.LRCMP.ORG/](https://www.lrcmp.org/).**

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more about our worship schedule.

Oakmont Musicivic

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# MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>1</b> 9:30 AM Adult Coffee &amp; Conversation (Multi-Purpose Room) 9:30 AM Elementary Sunday School 9:30 AM New Members Class (MBC) <b>11:00 AM WORSHIP &amp; COMMUNION (SANC) / Time with Children (Pre-K-2nd grade) and LIVESTREAM</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> 12:00 PM AA's (MPP) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #854 (MPP) 7:15 PM JUBELLATION Ringers (CR)</p>	<p><b>3</b> 1:30 PM Christian Educ. Meeting (SGR) 4:30 PM Children's Choir (Children's Choir Rm - Lower Level 6:00 PM Oakmont Lion's Club Dinner &amp; Meeting (DR &amp; MPP) 6:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting - SGR</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00 AM Women's AA (DR) 1:30 PM Pw Circle Meeting (LMR)</p>	<p><b>5</b> 4:45 PM Cherub Choir (Lower Level) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (SANC) 8:00 PM NA's (DR)</p>	<p><b>6</b> 7:00 PM OPC Film Series (MPP)</p>	<p><b>7</b> J. Dickinson Memorial Service &amp; Luncheon 7:00 PM Bell'Art Ensemble Concert (SANC) 8:30 PM AA's (DR)</p>
<p><b>8</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> 9:30 AM Adult Coffee &amp; Conversation (Multi-Purpose Room) 9:30 AM Elementary Sunday School 9:30 AM New Members Class (MBC) <b>11:00 AM WORSHIP (SANC) / Time with Children (Pre-K-2nd grade) and LIVESTREAM</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 12:00 PM AA's (MPP) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #854 (MPP) 7:15 PM JUBELLATION Ringers (CR)</p>	<p><b>10</b> 12:00 PM Staff Meeting (DR) 4:30 PM Children's Choir (Children's Choir Rm - Lower Level 7:00 PM Our Journey Without Them (MBC) 7:00 PM Session (DR)</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:00 AM Women's AA (DR)</p>	<p><b>12</b> 4:45 PM Cherub Choir (Lower Level) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (SANC) 8:00 PM NA's (DR)</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b> 8:30 PM AA's (DR)</p>
<p><b>15</b> 9:30 AM Adult Coffee &amp; Conversation (Multi-Purpose Room) 9:30 AM Elementary Sunday School <b>11:00 AM WORSHIP (SANC) / RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS / Time with Children (Pre-K-2nd grade) and LIVESTREAM</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 12:00 PM AA's (MPP) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #854 (MPP) 7:15 PM JUBELLATION Ringers (CR)</p>	<p><b>17</b> 4:30 PM Children's Choir (Children's Choir Rm - Lower Level 6:00 PM Oakmont Lion's Club Dinner &amp; Meeting (DR &amp; MPP) 7:00 PM Deacons (FH)</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00 AM Women's AA (DR)</p>	<p><b>19</b> 4:45 PM Cherub Choir (Lower Level) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (SANC) 8:00 PM NA's (DR)</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:00 PM OPC Film Series (MPP)</p>	<p><b>21</b> 8:30 PM AA's (DR)</p>
<p><b>22</b> 9:30 AM Adult Coffee &amp; Conversation (Multi-Purpose Room) 9:30 AM Elementary Sunday School <b>11:00 AM WORSHIP (SANC) / Time with Children (Pre-K-2nd grade) and LIVESTREAM</b> 3:00 PM Amos Recital (SANC/FH)</p>	<p><b>23</b> 12:00 PM AA's (MPP) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #854 (MPP) 7:15 PM JUBELLATION Ringers (SANC)</p>	<p><b>24</b> 4:00 PM Membership Com (SGR) 4:30 PM Children's Choir (Children's Choir Rm - Lower Level 7:00 PM Our Journey Without Them (MBC)</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:00 AM Women's AA (DR)</p>	<p><b>26</b> 4:45 PM Cherub Choir (Lower Level) 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (SANC) 8:00 PM NA's (DR)</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 10:30 AM Amos (SANC) 8:30 PM AA's (DR)</p>
<p><b>29</b> <b>10:00 AM WORSHIP (SANC) / Time with Children (Pre-K-2nd grade) and LIVESTREAM</b> 2:30 PM Jubilant Praise Rehearsal 3:50 PM Jubilant Praise Concert</p>	<p><b>30</b> <b>MEMORIAL DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b> 12:00 PM AA's (MPP) 7:00 PM Boy Scout Troop #854 (MPP)</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>				





Plan to join us for the

**22nd Annual Jubilant Praise Concert**  
**Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 4:00 pm**

**The Carnegie Brass will return,  
along with the JuBELLation Ringers, Chancel Choir,  
Clarinet, Percussion, Piano, Organ**

**Theme: *Homeward Bound* -**

**A musical journey of sacred and patriotic selections,  
exploring the many aspects of *Home*.**

**We continue the tradition of the *Armed Forces Medley*  
to recognize those who serve/served our country.**

**Additional parking** may be found across the street in the  
Oak Ridge Condo (opposite corner from the church) in both parking lots  
- upper and lower (limited number of spaces).

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