

JUNE / JULY 2022

OAKNOTES



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Beloved in Christ,

I confess that, in some areas, I am a slow learner. After numerous calls to a tech savvy friend and hearing him say "Let me Google that" I have finally learned that a web search engine can be my friend. Rather than call my friend first, I now Google first.

Sometimes the challenge for a Google search is what to type in the search line. Recently, I was searching for a resource on welcoming a refugee family. My Google searches yielded no results. When I mentioned this to Steve Crocco he said, "Well you should have come to the information specialist!" (meaning himself) A few minutes later Steve sent me a link to a 420-page booklet on refugee resettlement.

I was pleased to pay that help forward when someone called me this morning and asked if I knew of any good books on Christian spiritual practices. He said, "I grew up thinking that Christianity was all about doing; I'm interested to focus on my being." Beyond the normal things that could occupy him in this season (lawn clean-up, getting more proficient at work or planning a vacation), he is interested to nurture his spirit.

Here are four books I recommended to him:

Richard Foster – [Celebration of Discipline](#) – first published in 1978, this book remains a standard on Christian spiritual practices like simplicity, prayer, study.

Richard Foster – [Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home](#) - published 1992, Foster focuses on 21 prayer types that he divides into 3 categories: Moving Inward (transformation), Moving Upward (intimacy), and Moving Outward (serving).

L. Roger Owens - [Everyday Contemplative: The Way of Prayerful Living](#). Published this year by the Rev. Dr. Owens, a professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He offers thoughtful and practical guidance on themes such as patience, playfulness and vulnerability.

Barbara Brown Taylor – [An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith](#), published in 2009. Rev. Dr. Taylor is a favorite author for many. She writes about significant, non-traditional spiritual practices like feeling pain, getting lost and paying attention.

I hope we all will enjoy the wonderful opportunities summer provides. One possible blessing for you may be spending some relaxed time with such a book to nurture your spirit. If you do, I'll be interested to learn how it goes.

Peace,

Steve

Calling all participants and volunteers!

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You will find different available volunteer descriptions on the link. We are currently in need of volunteers of all ages and capacities! We are looking for chef leaders (group leaders), food prep and service, decorations team, registration, etc. We're seeking you all to help make this year even better than last year! Contact Ronnie with questions at r.bailey@oakmontpresby.org



YOUTH CORNER

Approaching summer and throughout the summer months is a weird time for youth and children's ministry. We have youth graduating high school and moving into college, families traveling for weeks at a time, kids aging out of children's ministry and into youth group and essentially not seeing our children and youth as much as I'd like to.

However, I trust the relationships we've built together will have them running back during the school year. I trust the things they've learned and experienced at OPC will steady them during these summer months. One thing I do know, this radical Gospel is for everyone and it's life changing. These students and children alike have been taught the truth of God and are loved by so many members of our congregation. I'm so excited about the growth we've seen in our programs, and I'm equally excited for the programs we are going to launch during the school year. I love serving with you all.

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

New leaf has been placed on the Memorial Tree in honor of Joan Sanford. (died ???)



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 or contact Carol Heimerich at 412-242-1028.



Sing with the Summer Choir on June 12 and 19! Open to anyone in grade 9 – adult. Attend rehearsal at 9:00 am in the sanctuary and sing in the service at 10:00 am. Music and a robe will be provided.

Summer Sing – Sunday, July 10th at the 10 am Worship Service We will enjoy extended time of singing before and during worship. Come and enjoy a variety of moving Christian music (contemporary and traditional) as we fulfill the admonition of Ephesians 5:18-19 - be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts.

We're Here to Help

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Chancel Flowers – would you like to place flowers in the sanctuary some Sunday to provide visual beauty to worship? One or two arrangements are welcome each week. They can be placed *in memory of loved ones, in celebration of an event or to honor someone*, and all to the Glory of God. Please call Carla Lowman at 412-826-5914 to reserve your date; give her the info and wording for the bulletin that week. We appreciate your assistance in enhancing the beauty of our sanctuary!
Upcoming Available dates June 19 and 26; July 10, 17, 24 and 31.



Soup puts the heart at ease,
 calms down the violence of
 hunger, eliminates the tension
 of the day, and awakens and
 refines the appetite.

Auguste Escoffier

Since last September, the Soupers have lovingly and prayerfully made 250 containers of soup to provide the “ease of heart” that so many of us need. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 10:00 am in the church kitchen. If you’d like to join in this wonderful ministry, email Barbara Price at bpprice.808@gmail.com, or call her at (412) 727-7695. And if someone you know could use the pick-me-up of a container of soup, stop by the freezer in the downstairs kitchen and help yourself!

MEMBER UPDATES

Elva Taylor - died May, 16, 2022
 Joan Coates - died May 22, 2022

NEW MEMBERS


Carol Johnson - joined May 15, 2022
 844 Fairways Drive, Oakmont, PA 15139; 724-882-3778
caroljohnson46@msn.com

Abigail Painter - joined May 15, 2022
 679 5th Street; APT 2
 Oakmont, PA 15139; 412-477-5952
abigailpainter32@gmail.com



Join us after worship for
**Lemonade
 on the Lawn**
 Summer Sundays
 Beginning Today
 Weather Permitting

OPC Member Directory



An updated member directory will be distributed in the fall.

Please send any changes or updates to your information to mstecik@oakmontpresby.org, or call the church office.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 12:30pm PW Women's Picnic (DR)	2 8:00pm NAs (DR)	3 7:00pm OPC Film Series (MPR)	4 8:30pm AAs (DR)
5 DAY OF PENTECOST 9:00am Chancel Choir Rehearsal (SANC) 10:00am WORSHIP & COMMUNION (SANC) / Time with Children (Pre-K-2nd grade) and LIVESTREAM 11:15am Worship Committee Meeting (SGR)	6 12:00pm AAs (MPR) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #854 (MPR)	7 12:00pm Staff 1:30pm Christian Educ. Meeting (SGR)	8 10:00am Women's AA (DR)	9 Staff Retreat - Office Closed 9:00am Staff Day with Ken Hall (SGR) 6:00pm Investment Comm (SGR) 8:00pm NAs (DR)	10	11 8:30pm AAs (DR)
12 TRINITY SUNDAY 10:00am WORSHIP (SANC) / Time with Children (Pre-K-2nd grade) and LIVESTREAM	13 12:00pm AAs (MPR) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #854 (MPR)	14 1:30pm Christian Educ. Meeting (SGR) 7:00pm Our Journey Without Them (MBC) 7:00pm Session (DR)	15 10:00am Women's AA (DR)	16 8:00pm NAs (DR)	17	18 8:30pm AAs (DR)
19 FATHER'S DAY 10:00am WORSHIP (SANC) / Time with Children (Pre-K-2nd grade) and LIVESTREAM	20 12:00pm AAs (MPR) 7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #854 (MPR)	21 1:30pm Christian Educ. Meeting (SGR) 7:00pm Deacons (DR)	22 10:00am Women's AA (DR)	23 8:00pm NAs (DR)	24	25 8:30pm AAs (DR)
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