

JUNE / JULY 2024

OAKNOTES



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Dear Friends,

John Muir was one of our country's most famous naturalists and conservationists and Muir Woods, part of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area, is named in his honor. When Muir was thirty years old, he saw Yosemite for the first time. He fell in love. Everything, he wrote, was "glowing with Heaven's unquenchable enthusiasm. ... I tremble with excitement in the dawn of these glorious mountain sublimities, but I can only gaze and wonder." Watching the sun come up between the mountain peaks and over the rock domes of Yosemite, he proclaimed what he experienced: "Our camp grove fills and thrills with the glorious light. Everything awakens alert and joyful. . . every pulse beats high, every cell life rejoices, the very rocks seem to thrill with life. The whole landscape glows like a human face in a glory of enthusiasm."

Hopefully you and I feel some of the miracle and thrill of God's creation, especially at this time of the year. Presently, I'm sitting in the Pastor's Office at church and my windows are open to the world. The sun is shining, the air is crisp, the birds are singing, and people are walking by *without coats or jackets!* I'm saying 'thank you' to God for the sights, sounds and smells of the season. This time every year engenders a heartfelt awe and gratitude, when our world seems to come to life.

The very first chapter of the Bible tells us that as God was completing his creation, "God looked over everything he had made; and it was good, so very good!" (Genesis 1:21 *The Message*) We are in that season of the year when we say 'Amen' to those scriptural words. I encourage you to bask in the beauty and awe of God's creation this summer. In this season called summer there is an atmosphere of worship as we experience and realize the wonder and goodness all around us. If you're looking for suggestions, how about walking a few miles on the Rachel Carson Trail, or getting lost at the 93-acre Fall Run Park in Shaler, or having a picnic lunch at McConnells Mills State Park? Truly, you don't have to travel very far. Just open your door, sit in your yard, or walk a few blocks around the neighborhood. You'll be reminded why God said, "It is good; so very good."

Tielhard de Chardin, a French priest and scientist, once wrote, "The man with a passionate sense of the divine milieu cannot bear to find things around him obscure, tepid and empty; because they are full and vibrant with God!"

Have a blessed summer,



Pastor Tim

There is no better description of Teilhard de Chardin than this sentence of his, which contains his whole attitude and his deeply Christian love for God's creation: "The man with a passionate sense of the divine *milieu cannot bear to find things around him obscure, tepid and empty which should be full and vibrant with God!*"



Chancel Flowers – In keeping with our Lenten tradition, flowers will not be needed during Lent. Please consider providing flowers in the chancel again beginning April 14 and onward. Please contact Carla Lowman for details at 412-826-5914. AVAILABLE DATES: June 9, 16, and 30 also openings in July and August.



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



Jean McDade

**Welcome New Members!
Joined May 12, 2024**

Susan Fanto - 437 Trestle Road, Pittsburgh 15239; 724-777-0534; smcginn2@comcast.net

Jean McDade - 416 McDade Lane, Cheswick, 15024; 412-828-4608; jlmcharlie@comcast.net

Dr. Donald Stoner - Longwood at Oakmont; 213 Grandview Drive, Verona 15147; 412-860-7242; das154dmd@msn.com



Dr. Donald Stoner



Susan Fanto

Deacons - Food Donations - Thank you for your donations to the food banks at RCAC and Verona Methodist Church supporting families in our community. Please continue to place donations in the shopping carts or drop off financial donations to the office/ collection plate. Questions – contact Chris Wilson at 412-779-7024. **For the month of JUNE, Deacons will be collecting ANY SUMMER CLOTHING.** The bin will be in the 5th Street vestibule. If you need something picked up contact Bobbie Lio 412-310-8807.

The Deacons are always looking for opportunities to reach out and help our neighbors, and one of our annual ministries is to support Verona United Methodist's monthly "open door" dinners. They serve approximately 150 people on the last Wednesday or each month, and on May 29th we provided and served a delicious dinner to an appreciative crowd!

**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 collects used eyeglasses and delivers 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.



All are invited to "Grow With Us" at OPC's annual **Vacation Bible School June 10th-June 13th.**
June 10th-June 12th 5:30-8:00pm, June 13th optional day at Camp Crestfield 9:00-3:00.

All children prek-6th grade are invited to attend, older middle and high school students are welcome to volunteer and participate. A meal is provided each day, free event! Invite a friend or neighbor!

Thank you to all who donated to the car wash, the kids had a blast participating and we are super excited for our mission trip to Detroit at the end of June, we will pray for them as we send them off in the morning of June 23.

As we gear up for fall, we are looking forward to launching *Jesus and Me* classes and youth group again. Invite families to join us this fall and see if serving in Christian Education is a calling for you, we invite people to shadow classes in September! Contact Ronnie for more info.

I love serving with you all!

Ronnie



"Grow With Us"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT OAKMONT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JUNE 10TH-JUNE 12TH, 5:30-8PM.
JUNE 13TH OPTIONAL TRIP TO
CRESTFIELD CAMP 9-3PM.
FREE EVENT, DINNER PROVIDED,
PREK-6TH GRADE.

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Beginning
May 26 through September 1
worship times will be
8:30 and 10:00 am in the Sanctuary



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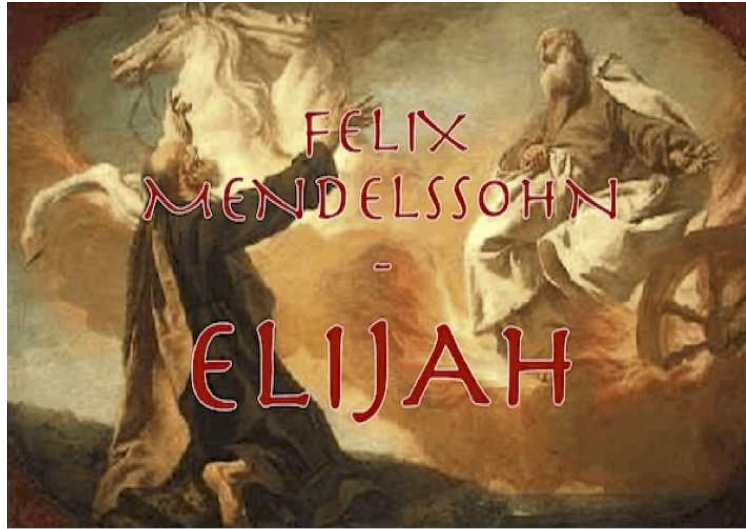
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<p>26</p> <p>TRINITY SUNDAY</p> <p>8:30am WORSHIP (SANC)</p> <p>10:00am WORSHIP (SANC) & Livestream and children's JAM Classes (prek-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)</p> <p>2:30pm JP Rehearsal (SANC)</p> <p>4:00pm Jubilant Praise Concert (SANC)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p> <p>12:00pm AA's (SGR)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #854 & Cub Pack #137 (MPR & DR)</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00pm Our Journey Without Them (MBC)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Women's AA (DR)</p> <p>12:15pm Staff (SGR)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>8:00pm NA's (DR)</p>	<p>31</p> <p>7:00pm OPC Film Series (MPR)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8:00pm AA's (DR)</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8:30am WORSHIP (SANC)</p> <p>9:15am Trustees (LIB)</p> <p>10:00am WORSHIP (SANC) & Graduate Recognition & Livestream and children's JAM Classes (prek-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)</p> <p>11:00am Coffee Fellowship (FH)</p>	<p>3</p> <p>12:00pm AA's (SGR)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #854 & Cub Pack #137 (MPR & DR)</p>	<p>4</p> <p>8:30am Men's Breakfast & Speaker (DR)</p> <p>7:00pm PNC (MPR)</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Women's AA (DR)</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study (SGR)</p> <p>12:30pm PW Circle Picnic Luncheon (DR)</p> <p>4:00pm Service at Longwood at Oakmont (Chapel)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:00pm NA's (DR)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>7:00pm OPC Film Series (MPR)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:30am Senior Luncheon (DR)</p> <p>8:00pm AA's (DR)</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:30am WORSHIP (SANC)</p> <p>10:00am WORSHIP (SANC) & Livestream and children's JAM Classes (prek-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)</p>	<p>10</p> <p>12:00pm AA's (SGR)</p> <p>5:00pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (5:30-8pm)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00am Garden Club of Oakmont (MPR)</p> <p>5:00pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (5:30-8pm)</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Women's AA (DR)</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study (SGR)</p> <p>12:15pm Staff (SGR)</p> <p>5:00pm VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (5:30-8pm)</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (Crestfield Camp)</p> <p>8:00pm NA's (DR)</p>	<p>14</p> <p></p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00pm AA's (DR)</p>
<p>16</p> <p>FATHER'S DAY</p> <p>8:30am WORSHIP (SANC)</p> <p>10:00am WORSHIP (SANC) & Livestream and children's JAM Classes (prek-Grade 2 & Grades 3-6)</p>	<p>17</p> <p>12:00pm AA's (SGR)</p> <p>7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #854 & Cub Pack #137 (MPR & DR)</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:00am Women's AA (DR)</p> <p>11:00am Bible Study (SGR)</p> <p>12:15pm Staff (SGR)</p> <p>7:00pm PNC (MPR)</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:00am Soups On (KITCH)</p> <p>8:00pm NA's (DR)</p>	<p>21</p> <p></p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00pm AA's (DR)</p>
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