

January 2012

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**ARISE,  
SHINE;**  
for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD  
has risen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1, NRSV



### **Christian Symbol for Epiphany**

“*Ecce Agnus Dei*” is Latin for “Behold the Lamb of God,” this is the phrase John the Baptist used twice to point out Jesus to others. It marks Jesus’ Epiphany (revealing, manifestation) as the Messiah (Anointed One, Christ).

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Betsy Cole and Shirley Webster

## Overbrook Presbyterian Church

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### Staff

Rev. Charles R. Philips, Pastor  
Nancy Schneider, Director of Music  
Tom Roberts, Administrative Assistant  
Sue Matthews, Director of OASIS  
Evelyn Willis, Bookkeeper  
Try Lim, Sexton

### Session

**Class of 2012**  
Bill DeAtley  
Marjorie Hodges  
Susan Morris

**Class of 2013**  
Dick Beadles  
Peggy Gross  
Joy Mingis  
John Pritchard  
Tom Roberts

**Class of 2014**  
Sue Matthews  
Sue Mayton

### Trustees

John Bailey  
Dale Forrest  
Stuart Jones  
James Rice  
Dabney Robinson  
Charles Southworth

### Missionaries

Rodney & Sharyn Babe  
*Leogan Haiti*  
Donald & Laurie Marsden  
*Richmond, VA*  
Guidoberto & Sara Mahecha  
*San Jose, Costa Rica*

## Events, Dates to Remember...

### New Years Day Worship

There is one morning worship service at 9:30 on Sunday, January 1.

### Church Office Closed

Monday, January. 2 –  
New Years holiday

### All Wednesday Programs

Resume Wednesday, Jan. 4.

### Kid's Worship

First Wednesday each month  
5:45-6:30 p.m. Dinner starts  
at 5 o'clock.

### XYZ Lunch Bunch

Thursday, Jan. 5 – 11:30 a.m.  
at Nick's Roman Terrace.

### Worship Committe Meets

Sunday, Jan. 8 – 12:15 p.m.

### Circle Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 10 – 10:30 a.m.

### Session Meeting

Sunday,  
Jan. 15 – 6 p.m.

### XYZ Bingo

Thursday, Jan. 19 – 10:30 a.m..

### Corrie Mixon's Wedding

Saturday, January 21.

### Recent attendance:

Both A.M. Worship Services  
Dec. 18 – 216

Cantata  
Dec. 18 – 200+

Christmas Eve Service  
Dec. 24 – 184

Christmas Day Service  
Dec. 25 – 57

## Members currently serving as Committee Moderators

### Christian Education

*Ashley Milam*

### Congregational Care

*Deanne Bailey & Sue Mayton*

### Fellowship

*Sue Mayton*

### Finance

*Bill DeAtley*

### Personnel & Administration

*Wayne Tennent*

### Property

*Tom Roberts*

### Service

*Kathy McChesney &  
Susan Morris*

### Stewardship

*Bill DeAtley*

### Witness

*Sue Matthews*

### Worship

*Joy Mingis & Peggy Gross*

# Highlights



## Why are most pencils yellow?

In the late 1890s, the L&C Hardtmuth Company of Austria-Hungary introduced the world's best and most expensive pencil. Back then, most pencils were either painted in dark colors or not at all, but the Koh-I-Noor was yellow. Both the color and the name were a marketing technique that suggested luxury, quality and the exotic appeal of the far East. At the time, the finest graphite in the world was in Siberian mines near the Chinese border, and the yellow color symbolized that. It wasn't long before other manufacturers began making yellow pencils and using names such as Mongol and Mikado in order to piggyback on Koh-I-Noor's success.

## Christmas Luncheon for the Church Staff

On Dec. 16, the P&A committee hosted what has become a traditional Christmas luncheon for the Overbrook staff. It was the only time in 2011 that the entire staff was all together in one room! Thank you P&A committee.



(L to R):  
Try Lim

Josh  
Buck

Jennifer  
Sheppard

Cassie  
Scott



Miranda Rapp and Sue Matthews



Sarah Price and Nancy Schneider



Our bookkeeper, Evie Willis, and  
Pastor Charles

*Letter reprinted from Pastor Dick Mahlmann of Lakeside Presbyterian Church*

Doing a major kitchen renovation involves a lot of ups and downs. In the beginning there is excitement and anticipation as the new kitchen is envisioned. Over a period of time options are explored and plans are drawn up. The anticipation continues and the excitement builds as a contractor is selected and a date set for the work to begin. It's fun to imagine what the shiny new kitchen will be like when it is all done.

When the contractor begins his work, however, the mood quickly shifts. The familiar cabinets are torn off the wall, the flooring is taken up, the appliances disappear, and for a while the room looks like a total disaster. Often unexpected difficulties are encountered and the project takes much longer and costs a lot more than originally anticipated. At that point many homeowners look at the gaping hole that once was their comfortable old kitchen and think to themselves, "What in the world have I gotten myself into?"

It can be a very depressing time...

Nevertheless, the work continues. After a while new cabinets go up, a new floor is installed, a new countertop and a shiny new sink are set in place, and the new appliances arrive. Then, as things begin to come together, the homeowner's spirits begin to rise. Little by little the new kitchen becomes a reality, and as it does it becomes a joy to behold and a pleasure to cook in. When the new kitchen is finally complete it is something the homeowner can take pride in and enjoy for years to come.

I mention the ups and downs of a kitchen remodeling project because they mimic the emotional ups and downs that accompany a church merger. At first there is excitement and anticipation as two congregations think about what they could do if they combined. Then options are explored and plans are drawn up. It's fun to imagine what the new church might be able to accomplish and what it might be able to do. It's good to imagine a church with a bright new future stretching before it.

But then the day comes when the actual work begins. That's when spirits tend to take a nosedive. As the merger process unfolds long-established customs, practices and programs are taken out and examined. The ones that are outdated, broken, or no longer needed are set aside, leaving gaping holes behind. For a while it may seem that instead of

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creating something wonderful and new, the congregation is destroying what it once had.

It can be very depressing...

Nevertheless, the work continues. After a while a new congregation begins to take shape. A new name is decided upon, a new structure is put in place, new programs begin to take hold and a new worshipping congregation begins to meet. Little by little the new congregation comes together, and as it does it becomes a joy to behold and pleasure to be part of. As that happens the old congregation may be fondly remembered, but begins to recede into the past. That's because the new congregation is so much better and has so much more to offer than the old congregation did.

I mention all of this because the merger process we are currently engaged in will certainly produce some emotional ups and downs. We need to be prepared for that. We also need to recognize that feelings of loss, unsettledness and anxiety are perfectly natural in our present circumstances. Merging our two congregations will disrupt all of our lives. There may even come a time when we look at each other and wonder what in the world we have gotten ourselves into. The important thing at that moment is to remember that God Himself is leading us through this process we are engaged in. It is God's work and not our own. The way ahead may be difficult, but we must not lose heart. God's promises are sure, and God himself is leading us into a brighter day.

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## Overbrook Presbyterian Church – December 2011 Stated Session Meeting **Actions of the Session**

Motion: That Session grant Evie Willis authority to pay salaries and any other approved bills in January until the 2012 General Budget is approved by Session. *Motion Passed.*

Motion: That Nancy Scott is elected Stated Clerk of the Session of Overbrook Presbyterian Church for 2012. *Motion passed.*

Motion: That Session approves the use of unspent money in the 2011 General Budget to balance overages in Property's Account. (Note overages occurred from the new boiler expense and steeple repair.) *Motion passed.*

Motion: That Overbrook host a "Ministry Opportunity Sunday" on January 15, 2012 beginning with committees and merger groups displaying tables to attract members and followed by lunch. Lunch will be provided by the Witness committee and the Pickle Jar will be out to receive donations. *Motion passed.*

Motion: That \$1000 from the 2011 Cosby I Fund designated for a Mission Trip, go into a restricted fund "Mission Trips". *Motion passed.*

Motion: That \$800 from the 2011 Cosby I Fund designated for the John Marshall breakfasts be placed in a newly created restricted fund for "John Marshall Ministry". *Motion passed.*

Motion: That the children's Sunday morning bell practice begins at 9:45 and Sunday school begins at 10:00 ending at 10:45. This will allow the children attending the 8:30 Worship Service to remain in Worship until its conclusion and prevent Worship and music from overlapping. *Motion passed.*

Motion: That Session approves moving \$600 from general budget line item #01-7081 DCE Salary to a new line item under Christian Education for advertising expenses for the DCE Search Committee. *Motion passed.*

## Members we are Praying for in January

2 Hank & Ashley Milam & family	11 Steve & Susan Moran	23 Carter Podoll & Sandy Goehring
3 Joy Mingis	12 Paul Moran	24 Greg & Sarah Price
4 Corrie Mixon	13 Susan Morris	25 John & Beth Pritchard
5 Crispin & Hilda Mkandawire	16 Vik & Ginny Nambiar & family	26 Katherine Raeburn
6 Leo Mkandawire	17 Claire Philips	27 Govinda & Sanu Rai
9 Wendy Mkandawire	18 The Philips Family	30 Ellie Rennie
10 Tanisha Mkandawire	19 Dustin & Christy Smith	31 Jane Sneed
	20 Harold & Yvonne Phythian	

### Additional Prayer Requests

Kelly & Curt Mattson  
Harry Whitlock  
Billy Elmore  
Dot West  
Mary Frances Jones  
Doug Rohrer  
Vivian Lamb  
Claire Philips  
Betsy Cole  
Charles and Ann Southworth  
Ken Carvan & Dwayne Carvan  
Bonnie Ralston (Peggy Gross' grandmother)  
Phil Trent (Sue Matthews' cousin)  
Cole Sydnor (Nancy Schneider's friend)  
JoAnn Sylvia (Gregory Price's grandmother)  
George Partin (Kelly Mattson's father)  
Bill Currie (Deanne Bailey's father)  
Rhonda Porterfield (Ashley Milam's sister)  
Robert Gibby, Jr. (Ashley Milam's father)

Richard Martinez (Mark Schneider's relative)  
Frank Driggs (Tom & Patty Roberts' neighbor)  
Our Men and Women in the Military  
Persecuted Christians in Egypt and  
other countries  
Our Session, Trustees and decision makers  
Our shut-ins  
Our Missionaries  
Rodney & Sharyn Babe (in Haiti)  
Guido & Sara Mahecha  
Donald Marsden  
David Philips  
Our Staff and their families

For the month of January we will continue praying for God's guidance for our probable merger with Lakeside Presbyterian Church.

Please be in prayer for our Oasis Program. Pray for the leadership, staff and children who attend Oasis. We pray that the children attending Oasis at Overbrook will be moved to gain a deeper relationship with God.

## Members we are Praying for in February

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 George & Martha Respass | 10 John & Martha Rupel    | 21 Jason & Jennifer Sheppard |
| 2 Jim & Ann Rice          | 13 Mark & Nancy Schneider | & family                     |
| 3 Peggy Richardson        | & family                  | 22 Jayne Sneed               |
| 6 Tom & Patty Roberts     | 14 Ann Scott              | 23 Charles & Anne Southworth |
| 7 Tom & Dabney Robinson   | 15 Cassie Scott           | 24 Jim & Suzanne Spivey      |
| & family                  | 16 Nancy Scott            | 27 Frances Street            |
| 8 Doug & Ann Rohrer       | 17 Mauri & Rebecca Shaw   | 28 Lois Talman               |
| 9 Karen Rohrer            | 20 Meghan Shaw            |                              |

## January Birthdays & Anniversaries (A)

- 3 Dot West  
Wendy Mkanderwire
- 4 Ev Welti  
Erin Bailey Davidson  
Mark Lambert
- 6 Deanne Bailey
- 7 John Bailey
- 10 Susie Coomer
- 18 Gerrie Tyndall  
Kayla Schneider
- 20 Dick & Juanita Beadles (A)
- 21 Pieter & Marie Vitvlucht (A)  
Lilia Street
- 22 Dave Kunnen
- 27 Terry Albright

*Did we miss someone?  
Please call the church office,  
266-3505 for  
additions and/or corrections.*



## February Birthdays & Anniversaries (A)

- 1 Anne Catherine Jensen
- 2 Lauren Matthews
- 6 Walter Black
- 8 Finn Jensen
- 13 Sharleen Baker  
Sally Robertson
- 14 Teresa Chrisley  
Kelly Cable
- 17 Dylan Milam
- 28 Agnes Kurre

### **Ministry Opportunity Sunday**

After the 11:00 worship service on January 15, OPC sessional committees and the newly-forming merger groups will have display tables set up to inform members and solicit new recruits. Afterward, lunch will be provided by the Witness committee and the Pickle Jar will be out to receive donations.

## Responsibilities for JANUARY

Date	Worship Assistants	Ushers 11:00	Info Line 342-0397	Children's Message	Fellowship	Greeters	Tellers
1/1	8:30 Kathy McChesney  11:00 Dick Beadles	Doug Rohrer Jim Rice Bill DeAtley Crispin Mkandawire	Jan. 1— Jan. 13 Ev Welti	Rev. Philips	Believers 101	8:30 Sharleen Baker  11:00 Heather & Jason Fields	Terry Albright Dottie Chafin Ev Welti
1/8	8:30 Bill DeAtley  11:00 Tom Roberts		Jan. 1— Jan. 13 Ev Welti	Kelly Cable	Little Lambs & Children's SS Class	8:30 Sandy Kulisek- Hodges  11:00 Bettie Gerber & Janice Walk	
1/15	8:30 Staff  11:00 Staff		Jan. 16— Jan. 27 Ann Southworth	Dabney Robinson	Youth SS Class	8:30  11:00 Marie Uitvlucht & Linda DeAtley	
1/22	8:30 John Pritchard  11:00 Sue Mayton		Jan. 16— Jan. 27 Ann Southworth	Cindi Cole	Christian Living	8:30 Tom Robinson  11:00 Ann Rice	
1/29	8:30 Marjorie Hodges  11:00 Finn Jensen		Jan. 30— Feb. 10 Ann Southworth	Sue Matthews	Berean SS Class	8:30 Ann Rohrer  11:00 Marie Uitvlucht	

**Serving Communion: 1/1/12 (11:00) Dick Beadles, Marjorie Hodges, Ann Rice, Connie Lambert**

## Responsibilities for FEBRUARY

Date	Worship Assistants	Ushers 11:00	Info Line 342-0397	Children's Message	Fellowship	Greeters	Tellers
2/5	8:30 John McChesney  11:00 Susan Morris	Jim Spivey Suzanne Spivey Dennis Buck Brenda Buck John Pritchard	Feb. 1– Feb. 10 Dot Clark	Rev. Philips	Christian Education	8:30 Sharleen Baker  11:00 Heather & Jason Fields	Stuart Jones Virginia Jones Joy Mingis
2/12	8:30 Staff  11:00 Staff		Feb. 13– Feb. 24 Betsy Cole	Doug Rohrer	Witness Committee	8:30 Sandy Kulisek-Hodges  11:00 Bettie Gerber & Janice Walk	
2/19	8:30 Patty Roberts  11:00 Julie Johnson		Feb. 13– Feb. 24 Betsy Cole	Nancy Schneider	Fellowship	8:30  11:00 Marie Uitvlucht & Linda DeAtley	
2/26	8:30 Spence Westbrook  11:00 Marjorie Hodges		Feb. 27– Mar. 9 Tish Jensen	Ann Rohrer	Believers 101	8:30 Tom Robinson  11:00 Ann Rice	

**Serving Communion: 2/5/12 (11:00)** Sue Matthews, Tom Roberts, Sue Mayton, Cecil Mayton

### **Mincz Tire Service, Inc.**

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A long overdue thank you to Mincz Tire Service. They generously donated and mounted 4 new tires on the OASIS bus!

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