

THE OAK LANE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*“Hannah prayed:
‘The Lord has filled my heart with
joy; how happy I am because of what
he has done!’”*
1 Samuel 2:1

THE AMBASSADOR JUNE 2015

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY NEWS

THANK YOU

The Stewardship Ministry would like to thank you for your contributions to the One Great Hour of Sharing. We received a total of \$639.50, which is almost 10% more than we received last year. Many people are helped through this work, and you are a part of it.

PASTOR SEARCH COMMITTEE NEWS

UPDATE

The Pastor Search Committee has conducted its seventh and final candidate interview. By the time this is published, we hopefully will have decided on 2 or 3 candidates to hear preach from a neutral pulpit. This will help us decide which candidate to recommend to Session. Your prayers are continually solicited.

SUMMER WORSHIP REMINDER

Beginning on Sunday June 28th, the same day as OLPC's Annual Church Outing, worship services will be held downstairs in the Social Hall, which is air conditioned. Services will return to the Sanctuary on September 13th.

What Are Your Children Doing This Summer? How About...

OLASP SUMMER CAMP 2015

June 22, 2015 thru August 28, 2015

Grades K-8 (Ages 5-13)

Oak Lane Presbyterian Church
6637 N. 11th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19126
215-424-4446



KIRKWOOD CHRISTIAN CAMP



Summertime is fast approaching, and parents are looking for summer programs for their children to attend. Why not choose Kirkwood Christian Camp? Many of our students have attended and enjoyed their time at Kirkwood Camp. Applications for Kirkwood Christian Camp are available in the Church office. For more information, please contact anyone from the Christian Education Committee.

**OLPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
wants you to join us this summer for...**



**STORYTELLING ARTS & CRAFTS
MUSIC BIBLE STORIES SNACKS**

June 22, 2015 - June 26, 2015

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

Ages: 3 - 13

Oak Lane Presbyterian Church

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CHURCH & COMMUNITY MINISTRY NEWS

JUNE

- Yoga classes on Saturdays at 11:00 AM.
- Our next monthly **Line Dance Party** of 2015 will be on **Saturday June 27, 2015** from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM. Come join us, bring your energy and dancing shoes and dance, dance, dance....
- Don't forget our Martial Arts classes every Monday, Friday and Saturday here at OLPC!

Please check OLPC's website [oaklanepresbyterian.org] for updates on all classes and activities and to access our Facebook page!

OAK LANE CULTURAL ARTS FITNESS PROGRAMS

Located at 6637 N. 11th Street, Philadelphia PA 19126 Phone # (215) 424-4446



**Line Dance*

Mondays at 7:30 PM

**Yoga Classes*

Saturdays at 11:00 AM



**Please contact Harriett Atkerson for more information.*

FLOWER DEDICATIONS NEEDED

If you would like to dedicate flowers in honor or in memory of your loved ones on Sunday, please contact Joan Clerk or Terrine Datts. There are presently many openings in June, July and August



JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Charles Jefferson	6/2	Jean Parker	6/19
Steven W. Parr, Sr.	6/2	Ali Gathers	6/19
Stacey Bush	6/7	Elisha Bunch	6/28
Bernadette Bush	6/8	Harvey Bunch	6/30
William Howard	6/9		
Aaron Thornton	6/12		
Chris Belton	6/13		
Beth Hill	6/15		
Melanie Lambert	6/16		
Sidney Wright	6/16		

Anniversaries

Dawn & Larry Shellenberger	6/21
Morris & Beverley Lucas-King	6/24
Theresa & Anthony Purnell	6/27
Tom & Dianne Whitehead	6/29



OLPC is Accessible: We serve the needs of people in wheelchairs by having a ramp, a chair lift, an accessible restroom and extra-wide doors.

Childcare is always available during Sunday worship services with Leisha Perry in the nursery.

OLPC PRAYER GROUP

The OLPC Prayer Group is still praying on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM. Come and bring your burden to the Lord and leave it there!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour Service on Sundays. If you can volunteer, please see Bernice Mims after worship on Sunday or call her at 215-244-5256 (leave a message on the answering machine, if necessary).

OLPC BIBLE STUDY



Adult Bible Study is on summer break now thru August! Please join us in September 2015 as we resume our journey through the bible.

WANTED!



Energetic College Students
to work with children ages 6-13
at O.L.A.S.P. Summer Camp
Oak Lane Presbyterian Church
6637 N. 11th Street
Phila. PA. 19126
215 424-4446 or 215 888-9018
June 22-August 28, 2015
Monday-Friday 8:30AM-3:00 PM



Cost of clearances is the responsibility of the applicant.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



For OLASP Summer Day Camp

Would you be willing to assist with any of these activities?

Arts & Crafts

Drama

Music

Stage Production

Food Preparation

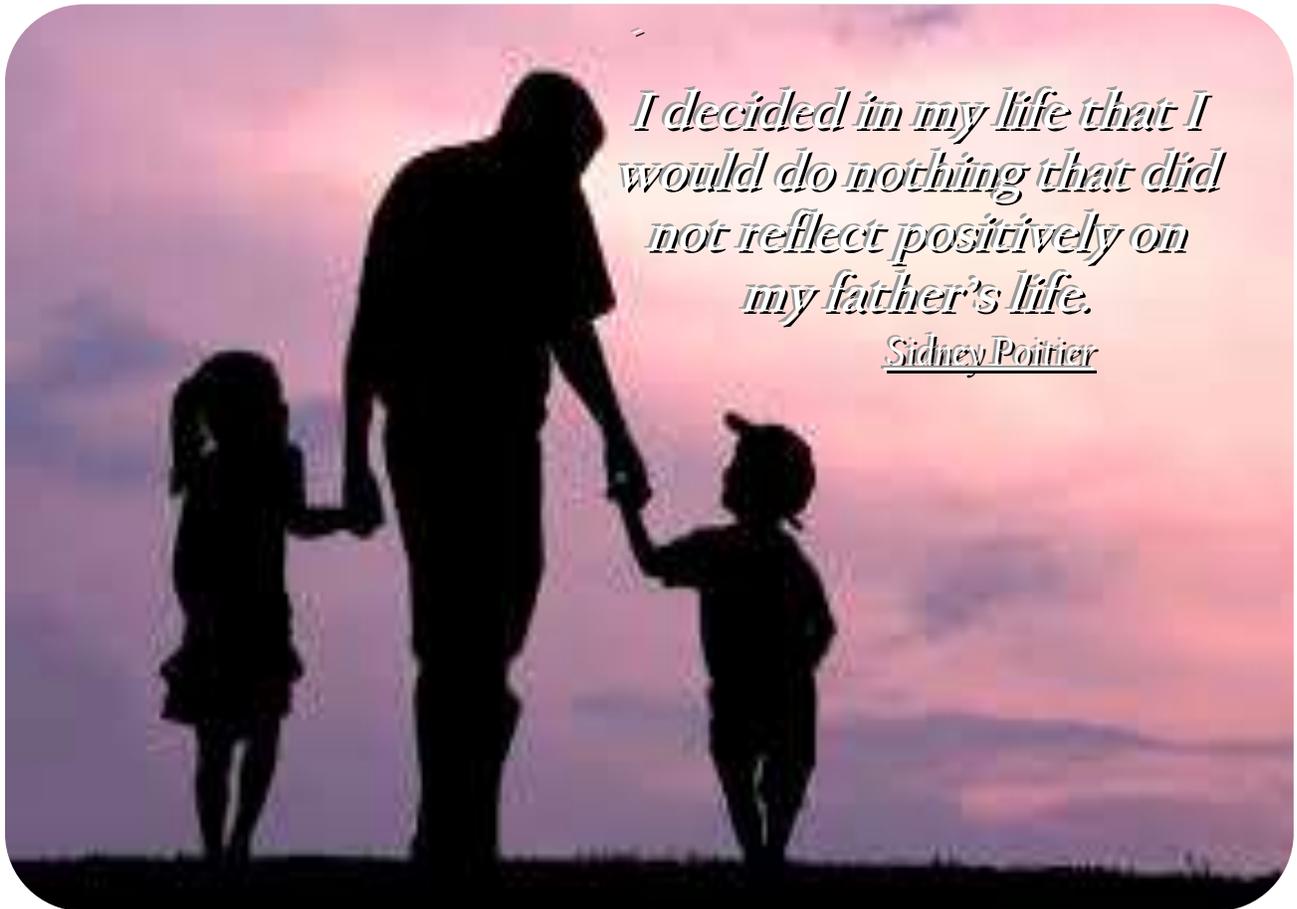
Sewing

If so, please contact Harriett Atkerson, Terrine Datts, Jackie Williams, Helen Hampton or Joan Clerk.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS



The Fund Raising Committee would like to thank the congregation for their donations in honor of Helen Hampton's 60th birthday. Your support helped us to raise \$1,750.00!



I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life.

Sidney Poitier

Father's Day is Sunday June 21st

www.palacetravel.com



**VACATIONS DELIGHT & BEVERLY KING'S CRAFT &
CULTURAL TOUR OF GHANA**

October 23 thru November 1

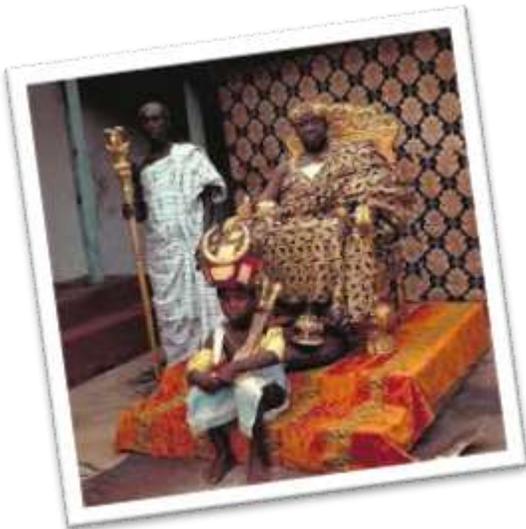
Itinerary

Accra

Kumasi

Cape Coast

Accra



October 23, 2016 – November 1, 2016

Please contact Beverley Lucas-King via email at

VACDEL2013@comcast.net

VacationsDelight.paycation.com

or by phone (267) 259-6062

A C R O S S T H E

DEACONS DOINGS

The Deacons Doings every month are:

- Distributing flowers every Sunday to members of our congregation.
 - Extending messages of hope and comfort to our sick and shut-ins through visits, phone calls or cards.
 - Sending cards to members on their birthdays.
 - Visiting and serving communion to Marwood residents every 1st Sunday.
 - A fifteen-member care list is maintained and updated monthly.
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The Deacons did the following in May:

- The Deacons continued to be busy in May calling and visiting sick and shut-in members, delivering flowers, and sending birthday and anniversary cards.
 - On two Sundays, connections were made to bring the worship service to shut-in members through the telephone ministry.
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NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETINGS

DEACONS

JUNE 7, 2015

SESSION

JUNE 2, 2015

STEWARDSHIP

JUNE 18, 2015

BOARDS

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session met on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 and the following are some highlights of the meeting:

- Learned that the concrete fix on the Marwood side of the church seems to have fixed most of the leaking of water into the basement but that another concrete repair is needed between the ramp and the church building. Session authorized the repair with the direction that the Property Ministry investigate the possibility that Presbytery might help with the costs of the repair, which is expected to cost around \$4,000.
- Decided that the bulletins and the Ambassadors should not be printed in color and that color copying should only be done on very special occasions because each color copy is \$.062 as opposed to black and white copies, which are free up to a certain number of copies per month.
- Approved the schedule of fundraising activities presented by the Fund Raising Ministry.
- Discussed the need to try to retrieve keys from people who no longer need them and to try to reduce the number of people who possess keys.
- After hearing her evaluation, approved a 2% increase in the salary of Valerie Berkley, OLPC's Administrative Assistant.
- Decided to call a Congregational Meeting for May 31 to inform the congregation of the change in the budget as a result of the increased salary and to elect at-large members for the Nominating Committee.

The word "Welcome" is written in a stylized, bold font. The letters are primarily blue with a red outline or shadow effect, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The 'W' is particularly large and prominent.

OLPC welcomes Rev. Nancy E. Muth back to our congregation. Rev. Muth will be our guest minister on June 7th.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF OAK LANE NEWS

Come to our Annual Indoor Picnic



The regular meeting of Presbyterian Women will be held on Saturday June 20th at 10:00 AM. This is the traditional “indoor picnic” meeting. Our brief business items include a Fair report and creating a schedule for September and October.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE is working with a local partner to actively help provide relief to the victims of the horrible earthquakes in Nepal, but financial support is urgently needed. Contributions can be designated to DR999999 in order for them to go to the Nepal effort. They can be given online to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, by phone [(800) 872-3283], or by check(s), which can be mailed to Presbyterian Church (USA), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15624-3700.

SCOUTING NEWS

Boy Scout Troop 19 will have its last meeting before summer break on Saturday June 20, 2015. The troop will not meet in July and August. They will resume meeting on Saturdays in September.

Annual Church Outing



On Sunday June 28, 2015 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM, OLPC will hold its annual outing at Mason's Mill Park, 3500 Mason's Mill Road, Huntingdon Valley, PA (Telephone: 215-659-3388).

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

We hope you can come! Please bring some food to share and an appetite for good fun and fellowship.

Directions from the Church to the Park

1. **West** on Oak Lane to Old York Road.
2. **Turn Right** onto Old York Road/PA 611 North (Old York Road/PA 611 becomes York Road/PA 611 North).
3. **Continue** on York Road/PA 611 to Davisville Road in Willow Grove (just before the railroad tracks).
4. **Turn Right** onto Davisville Road.
5. **Continue** on Davisville Road to the 3rd traffic light (Byberry Road).
6. **Turn Right** onto Byberry Road.
7. **Continue** on Byberry Road to the 1st traffic light (Mason's Mill Road).
8. **Turn Right** onto Mason's Mill Road. (Mason's Mill Park is on the right ¼ mile after you make your turn onto Mason's Mill Road.)

MEMBER NEWS

MY GRANDS

Since many of you have asked, I wanted to provide an update of my grandchildren's goings-on.

Mark's son Donald, the youngest, will graduate from Sadie Mozell Alexander-Penn Assisted School in University City. He will attend CAPA in the fall and major in graphic design. His brother, Fatir, will graduate from the Bodine School for International Relations and begin his studies at Arcadia University in the fall. Fatir will be a science major. As some of you already know, he continues to sell Amway products. Beverly's son, Quinn Bowie, had a pretty productive sports year at Friends' Central where he's completing ninth grade. He played Junior Varsity basketball during the winter and was part of an 11:2 winning Junior Varsity baseball team. Quinn will work as a camp counselor for part of the summer, and he will also attend the Operation Smile Youth Leadership Conference at Chapman University in California. My other granddaughter, Leia, will be turning 21 and entering her senior year at Bard College in the Hudson Valley. She has been selected as a member of the delegation of the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation to participate in the U.S. China Exchange. This fellowship will consist of a few days in Washington DC pre and post trip with two weeks spent in China. And my oldest, Drew, is working at Blue Shield and taking graduate courses at Temple University.

Sonia Woods

CONGRATULATIONS TO ASHLEY JOHNSON

On June 13, 2015, Ashley Johnson will graduate from Drexel University's College of Engineering with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and a minor in Construction Management.

Ashley has been offered and has accepted a position with the City of Philadelphia's Water Department upon graduation. She is the daughter

of Barbara Mims, step-daughter of Brian Mims and granddaughter of Bernice Mims.

BUSH FAMILY NEWS

Bernadette (Bernie) Bush will be leaving on June 8th (her birthday) for a 10-day trip to Israel with a group from her niece's church -- her first visit to the Holy Land.

Her daughter **Kimberly Bush** graduated in May from Temple University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice, and she has accepted a position with Republic Airlines as a flight attendant. She started three weeks of training in Indianapolis on May 25th (her birthday).

OLCAA NEWS

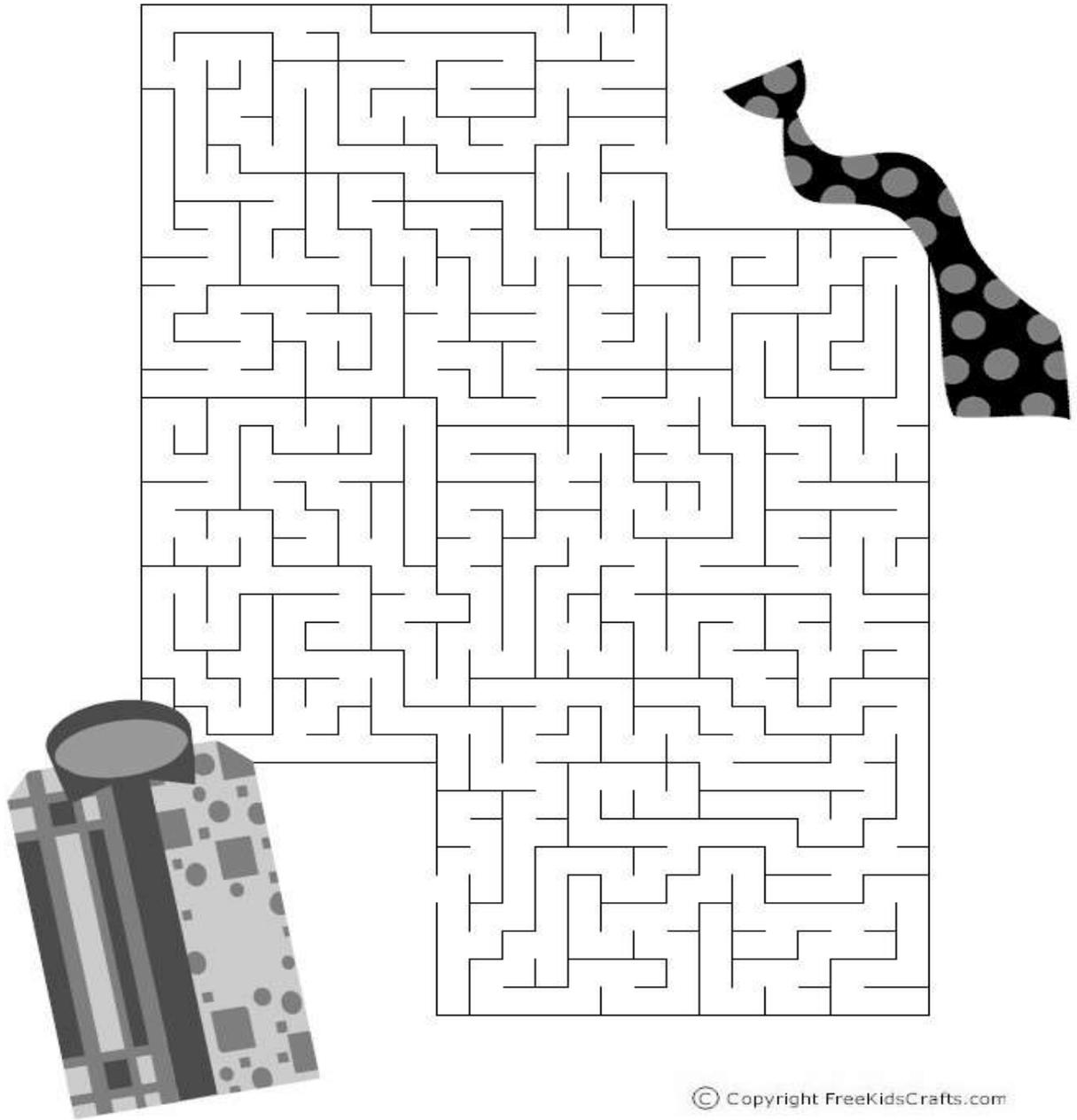
SAVE THIS DATE

Join your East Oak Lane neighbors for the annual **Oak Lane Day Festival on Saturday August 16, from 12 Noon to 6:30 PM**. The festival, sponsored by the **Oak Lane Community Action Association (OLCAA)**, will begin at Noon with live music, vendors, children's games and Police and Fire vehicles for the kids, great food and sweet treats, and activities for the family. For more information, please contact OLCAA at **215-224-2777** or by visiting our website at: www.eastoaklane.org. Vendors please contact us at 215-224-2777 or email us at eastoaklanecommunityaction@gmail.com and leave your information. Our rain date is Sunday, August 17, 2014.

David Weston
President of OLCAA

Puzzle Fun

HELP THE TIE FIND THE SHIRT.



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**DON'T LET YOUR
GIVING FLY AWAY
WITH YOU THIS
SUMMER**



**PLEASE
REMEMBER TO
KEEP UP YOUR
PLEDGE**

COVENANT OF PRAYER

PLEASE REMEMBER THESE FAMILIES IN JUNE

- 1..... Lindette & Bashir Hassan & Family
- 2..... Lauren Haughton & Family
- 3..... John & Myra Houston & Family
- 4..... William Howard & Family
- 5..... Andrew & Constance Hutter & Family
- 6..... Malik Jackson & Family
- 7..... Walter & Eddie Mae Jackson & Family
- 8..... Rev. Alonzo & Marliese Johnson & Family
- 9..... Maya Johnson & Family
- 10..... Meredith King & Family
- 11..... Morris & Beverley Lucas-King & Family
- 12..... Melanie & Keith Lambert & Family
- 13..... John Madden & Family
- 14..... John & Lorraine Magill & Family
- 15..... Joseph Manson & Family
- 16..... Charles Merritt & Family
- 17..... Doris Merz & Family
- 18..... Angela & Calvin Millwood & Family
- 19..... Barbara Mims & Family
- 20..... Bernice Mims & Family
- 21..... Lenora Mitchell & Family
- 22..... Richard & Susanne Morrow & Family
- 23..... Allegra Mucha & Family
- 24..... Lora Neal & Family
- 25..... Catherine Odom & Family
- 26..... Jean Parker & Family
- 27..... Steven Parr & Family
- 28..... Cassandra & Leisha Perry & Family
- 29..... Edmund Plummer & Family
- 30..... Jacqueline Powell & Family

THE AMBASSADOR

Ambassador articles keep our church family informed of the many activities going on at Oak Lane Presbyterian Church. We need your help! If you have news to share, please send it to the church office by the stated deadline so it can be published in The Ambassador. If possible, please send it to our church administrative assistant, Valerie Berkley, via email at Olpc@verizon.net. If not, please drop off a copy of your article or information to Valerie at the church office. Thanks so much!

A REMINDER:

**The Deadline for the September 2015 Ambassador is
Monday August 17, 2015.**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Would you be interested in having your Ambassador delivered electronically via email rather than in hard copy? Consider it – it will save our congregation money and reach you more quickly! To get started, email Valerie Berkley at Olpc@verizon.net. Thank you.

WE ARE NOW ON FACEBOOK

To access the OLPC Facebook page, search "Oak Lane Presbyterian Church" in Facebook or use the link on the new OLPC website (oaklanepresbyterian.org/).

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The Ambassador is a monthly newsletter for members and friends. You are invited to attend our Worship Service on Sunday at 11:00 AM. Sunday Church School for all ages begins at 9:45 AM. Office hours are 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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