

**Today we welcome to the pulpit Rev. David Van Brakle,
Associate Reginal Pastor, American Baptist Churches of New Jersey**

Rev. Van Brakle is a lifelong American Baptist, David remembers persuading his family in fourth grade to continue attending an American Baptist congregation after they moved to Allentown, Pennsylvania. David experienced opportunities to serve within the broader community to congregational care of individual church members even before feeling a call to vocational ministry. David credits his home congregation for emphasizing the contribution of each individual in the ministry of the church. "Not only were we taught that all of us in the church were part of the Body of Christ," David states, "but we were invited to live out Christ's teachings within the congregation and in our everyday lives." David's experiences within his childhood congregation established a commitment to nurturing the spiritual gifts of others.

Before coming to ABCNJ, Rev. David Van Brakle served as the lead pastor at The Community Church of Wilmette, an American Baptist Church, located in the north suburbs of Chicago. Having served congregations in New York, Michigan, and Illinois, David has been in settings that have varied from inner-city, suburban, and rural communities. Each congregation underwent the work of envisioning how God was moving in new ways based on the skills and interests of congregants and needs of the wider community. One of David's passions in serving local congregations has been listening to people's stories.

David met his wife Erica at Green Lake Conference Center during the Orientation for ABC Life while finishing seminary. They have two boys.

David studied theology at Eastern University in St. Davids, PA and completed his Masters of Divinity at Colgate Rochester Crozer in Rochester, NY. He has also received a certificate in nonprofit leadership from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL, certificate of Religious Fundraising from Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University at Purdue, and recently underwent training at the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center for conflict mediation. Rev. David Van Brakle began his work with ABCNJ on January 6, 2020.



Welcome to Oaklyn Baptist Church

Rev. Phyllis Martin, Pastor
29 E. Bettleground Ave. Oaklyn, NJ 08107



November 13, 2022

Order of Service

Pre-Service Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Sharing of Praise and Concerns

Corporate Worship:

Hymn #721: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Hymn # 81: *We Gather Together*

Scripture: Exodus 16:2-6

Choir: *Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving*

Choir: *I Thank God for the Blood*

Moment of Reflection: Video- *Made a Way*

Pastoral Prayer

Message: *A Resilient Faith for the In-between* ~Rev. Van Brakle

Song: *My Feet are on the Rock*

Offering

Benediction



Oaklyn Community Food Pantry

For the month of October, the Food Pantry gave out bags to 105 households, which included 191 adults and 86 children. With the standard bags of breakfast, dinner and snacks, they also handed out 446 pieces of fresh fruits and veggies.

Along with the items we need in on a regular basis, we also collecting these specific items for our Thanksgiving and Christmas bags:

Mashed Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Turkey Gravy, Corn Muffin Mix, Canned Veggies, Mushroom Soup

Items that are always needed:

Cereal, canned veggies, tea bags, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soups, \$25 grocery store gift cards, tuna, salad dressing, canned icing, canned fruit & pasta sauce. (No beans please).



CHRISTMAS *celebration*

COME CELEBRATE THE
BEGINNING OF THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH YOUR
CHURCH FAMILY!

- ♦ Save the date~ Saturday December 3rd
- ♦ We will start by decorating the sanctuary at 3:00
- ♦ Then have a Christmas dinner together at 5:00 as a family (*biological family and friends invited*).
- ♦ And end the evening with our tree lighting and caroling at from 6-6:30ish.



MY SERMON *notes*

date:

today's scriptures



things to remember

prayers



to study at home:



Announcements for the week of November 13, 2022



Sunday 11/27/2022 is the 1st week of Advent. We need 5 families for Advent Candle Reading during the holidays. Please contact the church office if you would like to participate.



Oaklyn Baptist Church in collaboration with Kaighn Avenue Baptist Church have been awarded a 2022 American Baptist Home Mission Society, "Palmer Grant". This \$12,500 youth empowerment grant is a twenty-four-month award called *"It's All About You: Becoming A New Creation."* If you're interested in volunteering please see Pastor Phyllis.



Please plan to join us on Wednesday, **Nov. 23rd** for our Community Thanksgiving Eve Service at 7pm hosted by Emmanuel Methodist Church. Pastor Phyllis will be giving the message.

Annual Church meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 11** directly after service. There will be a light holiday lunch.



We will be hosting an Ecumenical Blue Christmas program on **Wednesday, December 21**, at 6:30 pm. A Blue Christmas service is to help those who are experiencing grief and struggling with a loss of any kind.



We will once again this year be doing shoe boxes for kids! Details will be available soon!



Dot Pawling is selling hand-knitted hats that can be purchased for \$3.00. These beautiful hats can be purchased for the shoe boxes as well. Hats are on the list of items to add to the shoeboxes so get them while they last. **Net proceeds will go to ABW.**

Bible Study Opportunities

You are invited to join us at 10:30am for our Wednesday Morning Book Study with Biblical Principles in the church library.

Everyone is also invited to join us at 7pm Wednesday nights. The weekly lesson will be an in depth and personal look at the scripture from our Sunday morning sermon. We explore how the scripture impacts our daily lives. All are welcome and please bring a friend.

We have an Adult & Youth Sunday School that is available Sunday mornings starting at 9:30am. This is for ages 11-15yrs. Additional classes for more ages will be coming soon!



- Wednesday Bible Studies 10:30am-noon & 7-8pm in the library
- Friday, Young Adult Theophilus Bible Study weekly, 7pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 23rd Community Thanksgiving Eve Service— 7pm at Emmanuel Methodist.
- Wednesday, Nov. 30th 2-7pm, Blood Drive in Social Hall
- December 3rd-Decorating the Sanctuary, Christmas Dinner and Tree lighting. Starting at 3pm.
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