

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PC (USA)

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Debbie Durden, Search
Connie McWilliams, Spiritual Growth, Poinsettias
Debbie Durden, Spiritual Growth, Advent
Connie McWilliams, Cantata Reception
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Pat Randolph, Yearbook

MISSION OUTREACH

Calvary Refuge Center*
Child's Fund (PW)*
Christmas Joy Offering***
Columbia Friendship Circle (PW)**
Good Shepherd Clinic*
Kinship Care Resource Center**
Para Cristo Presbyterian**

Mission Haven (PW)***
One Great Hour of Sharing (Easter)***
Presbyterian Homes***
PW Birthday Objective**
PW Blessing Boxes**
PW Least Coin**
PW Presbyterian Mission Pledge*

Forest Park Ministers Association*
Securus House (PW)***
Session & PW Misc. Benevolences*
Shared Mission - PC (USA)*
Souper Bowl of Caring**
The Gideons International**
Thank Offering (PW)*
Thornwell***

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SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS: For the benefit of the congregation, please try to give announcements to Cindy before Wednesday. When that doesn't work, please write them down for the Pulpit Assistant or come to a microphone to speak. Your consideration is appreciated.

Welcome

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY, March 12, 2023

WELCOME! We are so thankful you chose to worship with us. We hope your worship today will be meaningful. We encourage you to participate in all aspects of our congregational life, and invite you to become part of our Christian family. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join with us.

MEMBERSHIP – Please speak with an Elder or the Pastor if you would like to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior or if you would like to become a member of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

Safety Protocols:

1. Hand sanitizer is available for use.
2. If you don't feel well, please don't come to church.
3. If you feel more comfortable continuing to wear your mask, please do so.

THIS WEEK AT PHILADELPHIA

TODAY	09:30am – Sunday School 11:00am – Worship Service 01:00pm – Service available on Facebook
Tuesday	11:30am – The Craft Group @ Mellow Mushroom, Stockbridge
Saturday	10:30am – Circle One

NOTE: The Workday this month has changed to Saturday, March 25 at 9:00am.

We are forming the Homecoming Committee for the 2025 bicentennial celebration of our church. We are looking for co-chairs and committee members. Please consider volunteering!

CONTINUING COLLECTIONS: 1- Grocery Bags for Morrow Food Pantry
2- Food items for Babb Project (see *Crossroads & bulletin board* for details)



The Babb Project: Each Friday afternoon, the staff at Babb Middle School send home bags of food items with some of the students who are homeless or very low income so that they can eat over the weekend. We have partnered with them to provide some of the needed items for these bags. See the Crossroads or bulletin board for a list of items needed. Monetary gifts are also welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. See Mary Smith if you have questions.

Community Outreach

TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS (new info in bold)

Please notify us concerning new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!

03/05 Carole Cabe (Fred's sister) – testing for possible cancer

- 02/19 Becky Huie & her daughter —recovering from strokes
- 01/21 Dan Kadel (Joyce Smith's brother-in-law) – serious condition Lymphoma & liver failure
- 02/26 Cleveland Lamont (Mary's bro-in-law) – tests for medical issues
- 01/21 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) –recovering from prostate cancer surgery on 03/07
- 02/26 Don Nelson – recovering from hernia surgery, doing well
- 01/22 Nancy Phillips –treatments for metastatic cancer
- 02/21 John Randolph—scheduled for bladder surgical biopsy on March 13.**
- 01/25 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment pills now
- 02/07 Vonrita Williams (Mary Smith's friend) – out of coma now and improving

OUR HOMEBOUND: *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

A continuation of Celebrating Our Grandmothers

Since I grew up an Air Force brat, I didn't know my grandmothers well, but "Na-Na," my maternal grandmother, always said, "Do your best!" and "Granny Stanton," my paternal grandmother, amazed me with her intricate crochet abilities! "Na-Na" treated her grandchildren to a lime sherbet ginger ale float, which was delicious and refreshing!

- Cathy Morris

Tribute to Mary Gregory (Dorothy Pearce's mother) -

My grandmother, Mary Gregory, was a tiny, soft-spoken, fragile looking woman. But in reality, she was a powerhouse. She cooked, cleaned, worked in the field, sewed beautiful clothing and quilts - all while raising TEN wonderful children. She is an inspiration to so many of us who admire her strength and unwavering dedication to her family.

- Chris McCall, Daughter of Dorothy Pearce



Gifts of Women Sunday Celebrating our Grandmothers

One of my grandmothers lived in Gainesville, Georgia, on a farm. She had 13 children and had very little free time. We lived in Atlanta and my dad would borrow a car sometimes to visit her. One of the best memories is when we spent Christmas there. We decorated the Christmas tree with hand-made decorations: strung popcorn and chains using colored paper and flour paste. She made time to spend with a little city girl. Another memory is her making biscuits on the wood stove for the crew. They were so good and I have the wooden bowl where she mixed those biscuits.

- Joan Murphy

Lydia Siewert Banke

My grandmother, Lydia, was a very important person in my life. She was the only grandparent I knew, because the other three had died before I was born. Since both of my parents worked, Lydia was often the adult who looked after my brother and me when we were young. Unfortunately for Van and me, we only had our grandmother for part of each year, as she split her time between us and her children in Texas, after her husband had died and left her with no home of her own.

Lydia grew up in rural Texas, as the child of German immigrants. She always spoke with a slight accent, but she was never shy about speaking! She was opinionated and quite vocal, and even though she was crippled with rheumatoid arthritis, she reigned as a gentle matriarch of the Banke family. She was a loyal member of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church for 25 years, and she rests today in the Philadelphia cemetery.

- Hal Banke

Katherine Keller Huffman (called Aunt Katie in the community) was the equivalent of the rural N.C. community's social worker. People went to her for butter, eggs, milk, help delivering babies, and assistance when husbands drank up the paycheck. She was fearless in bringing those wayward men to sobriety and weekly church attendance!

Hattie Carswell Swink served as a nurse's aide at the nearby state mental hospital for over 30 years and treated her patients with dignity, all while making the best yeast rolls and strawberry jam in the community.

- Jeanne Simpson

My paternal grandmother was Mattilu McLeod Foster. I called her "Mamoo," and because I was the first grandchild that became the name she was called by all the grandchildren. She was a wonderful seamstress, quilter, crocheter, and cook. I have an early memory of her sitting with her friends around a quilting frame in the front bedroom of her house. She made clothes for me and Dinah when we were small and made clothes for our Barbie Dolls. People paid her to make cakes for them for special occasions and holidays; her burnt caramel was the best! For many years, we ate Sunday supper with her and my granddaddy, along with my aunt, uncle and cousins.

- Debbie Durden

My maternal grandmother was Lounette Yancey Jeffries; we called her "Mammy." (I guess that name is my fault, too.) She and "Pop" lived on the same street as we did for our entire childhood, just one lot between us, so she was always just a few steps away. As young children, we often roamed between her house and ours, especially when the lot was vacant. She had grown up in a large family and was seemingly the caregiver for everyone else in the family. As a very young child, I remember walking with her to my great-grandmother's house to "help" get her mother ready for bed. She was the person who visited Aunt Ida at the nursing home every week, taking special treats for Ida and others who lived there. Early in her

life, she worked for a local doctor, who taught her how to give injections, so if anyone needed an injection of any kind, they'd call her. She loved flowers and had an amazing rose garden for many years. Her nurturing spirit was evident in all aspects of her life. She was always the person I could pour my heart out to, and she would listen carefully and give good advice. I still miss her and am so grateful to have had her in my life.

- Debbie Durden

My maternal grandmother, Ethel MacLeod Silvey, provided leadership to homemakers throughout Carroll County, GA as a Home Extension Agent. She raised five children on a family farm, and helped her husband sell produce and run a café at the weekly sales barn. She kept daily journals for years of everything from sweeping the floor to cooking meals to making clothes. Her favorite hymn was "Count Your Blessings," and that is how she lived her life – with joy over simple things, like her flowers, and unabashed love for her 14 grandchildren, who called her "Big Mama" with great affection, although she was only five feet tall.

My paternal grandmother, Gertrude Self Simpson, ran a hard-scrabble farm outside of Cedartown, GA with her husband Eli, and managed to put food on the table for her family, including three sons. She nurtured my father, who had lost a leg as a child, taught him independence and helped him build his self-esteem, enough so that he started his own business as an adult. Her focus on self-sufficiency, love of family, and helping others were strong influences in my life.

- Silvey James Simpson

I am blessed to have known all of my Grandparents. My Father's Mother was Clyde Wray. I have vivid memories of her house and farm. I realize now how hard life was for her and my Grandfather. I have memories of life without indoor plumbing in their house! She was a seamstress in her community. She made matching dresses for my sister and me. She also made clothes for our dolls! I remember her as a good cook!

My Mother's Mother was Besse Cooper. She was a schoolteacher before she married my Grandfather. They actually had to marry secretly because schoolteachers were not permitted to be married at that time! She became a "stay at home Mom" and raised 4 children. They also lived on a farm. She raised her own vegetables and had fruit trees. She canned and froze a lot of food. I remember her as a faithful Christian. She definitely honored the Sabbath and would not allow work to be done on Sunday. She became famous for her longevity and was published by the Guinness World Records as the oldest living person for a time. She lived to be 116 years old!

- Kathy Banke

Tributes to Dorothy Pearce - We love you Grandmama! You truly are a special woman and we thank you for your sacrifices, your care and concern, your love and everything that you have done for us, it is forever treasured.

- Kody, Mindy, Mallory, and Karlee

Even when I have made mistakes in life, my Grandmama was always there, loving me and wishing the best for me. Because of her, I've always had someone to look up to, to lean on and learn from. I don't think I'll ever be half the woman she is but I'll forever strive to be.

- Kathy Washington

My grandmother has always been one of the most beautiful people I've ever known. Her attention to her family, all of us, and everything we do or are involved in is remarkable. She is truly the matriarch of our family!

- Lisa Ballard Ogle

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