

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
351 MORROW ROAD
FOREST PARK, GEORGIA 30297

SEPTEMBER 2015

THE CROSSROADS

Thoughts from your Pastor,

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,
plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.*

Jeremiah 29:11

It's hard to believe that I've been at PPC for almost a year. There have been numerous changes during that time and we've accomplished a lot, especially considering my half time status. Yet, many are still unclear about my role as your Contract Call Pastor (CCP) serving during this time of transition. So it may be time to address that subject.

As I see it, a CCP is basically an "Interim 3.0". The position calls for more skill sets and time to prepare a congregation to receive its next installed pastor. Yet, the job description is essentially the same, "to coach, guide and encourage congregations during the in-between time". However, in addition to providing basic pastoral services, such as worship leadership and pastoral care a CCP also provides healing and clarity for a congregation as it moves through the process of preparing for, searching for and calling a new leader.

As is the case with most interim positions, a CCP is expected to assist a congregation with 5 Developmental Tasks: Coming to terms with history good, bad or indifferent; Discovering a new identity that reflects present realities; Managing changes in leadership so it becomes more healthy, empowering, positive and creative; Strengthening denominational linkages and the congregation's sense of belonging to the wider church; and Preparing for new leadership and a new future by strengthen the church's capacity to be a growing, changing, forward-looking body.

A CCP may also concentrate on organizing for ministry, mission and church growth, helping church staff adjust to the new reality and helping the congregation plan events to enhance fellowship and outreach. She may also help church leaders prepare the congregation to receive a new Pastor by reviewing and if necessary rewriting the vision, mission and goal statements.

In the midst of any transition several things will happen to one degree or another, with various results, whether those involved are aware of them or not. Done well with intentionality a congregation will not only have a good transition from one pastorate to another, but a renewed sense of purpose and vision, new energy for ministry, choose appropriate new leadership both lay and clergy and be committed to their purpose, vision and ministry. These are my goals and expectations for PPC because I believe the Lord has great plans for you.

Your pastor, sister and friend,

Sylvia

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A light in the community that brings all people to God through Christ centered worship and ministry and nurtures their faith in order to extend His kingdom.

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OUR PEOPLE!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ... 3/ Dot Pearce, 6/ Mona Steele, 6/ Pam Langley, 8/ Gwen Steele, 10/ Eliot Lawrence, 11/ Jean Ray, 11/ Greg Durden, 13/ Zareen Nevrekar, 21/ Dot Upchurch, 23/ Aurora Staats, 24/ Zara Nevrekar, 27/ Nell Cates, 27/ Kekeli Dossouvi, 28/ Blake Phillips

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ... 20/ Diane & Anthony Kitchen

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Philippe Karka, Rick Pierce, Jim Phillips, Fred Rohrbach

Nursery Workers: 06/ Evelyn Murdock, 13/ Guest, 20/ Dot Pearce, 27/ Joyce Smith

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for your participation in our Kinship Care drive for back to school supplies. I was able to deliver almost 900 items to them for the children. Your generous donations are much appreciated. Remember, we are continually collecting good slightly used clothing for this ministry. We need children's clothes in all sizes and adult clothing as well. Please leave your donation in the collection bin in the upstairs hallway.
Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

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

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

- 08/18 Regina Allen (Dot Pearce's niece) – chemo for ovarian cancer
- 07/28 Van Banke – recovering from knee surgery
- 08/13 Sara Cleveland & husband, Bill (Murphy's friends) – Sara had brain surgery on 8/09 in critical condition
- 08/17 Paul Huddleston Jr. (Martha Smith's great-grandson) – fighting the California wildfires
- 08/18 Kenzlee (Connie McWilliams' great grandbaby) – surgery for digestive obstruction (4 wks old)
- 08/19 Rick Pierce – recovering from carpal tunnel surgery on both wrists
- 07/28 Connie Seidel (PW Presbytery CT member) – major health problems, doctors unable to determine cause
- 08/12 Pat Shelton (Lynn Vandiver's friend) – recovering from hand & wrist surgery
- 08/17 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – cancer has reoccurred, starts chemo in September
- 08/04 Bud Steele – recovering from emergency room treatment, potassium levels off
- 07/30 Mona Steele – recovering from stay at Southern Regional with internal bleeding
- 08/18 Lea Turner (Joyce Smith's sister-in-law) – recovering from heart attack
- 08/17 Dot Upchurch – recovering from gallbladder surgery

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information

Tye Bryant Jean Ray JoAnn Tatzel Dot Upchurch

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or click on www.ppc-usa.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

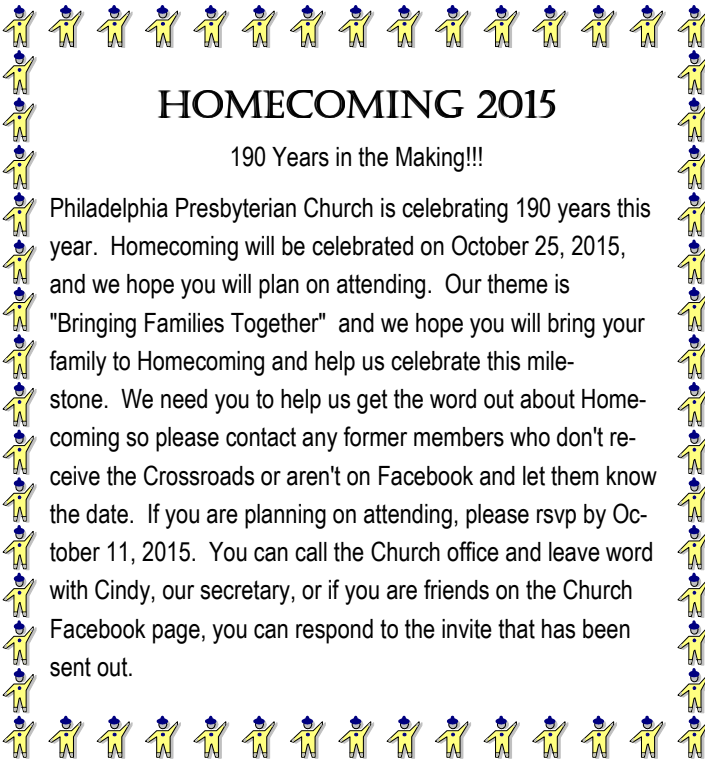
PW Message Corner . . .



- SEP 06—12:15pm—PWCT
- SEP 12—10:30am—Mary & Martha @ Kathy Banke's home (location change)
- SEP 13—12:00pm—Annual PW Meeting
- SEP 15—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle
- SEPT 19—8:30am—Atlanta PW Fall Workshop @ Morrow Pres.
- SEP 19—10:30am—Circle One

PW ANNUAL MEETING

Our Presbyterian Women Annual Meeting will be Sunday Sept 13, following the worship service, to approve the 2016 PW Budget and elect 2016 PW officers. All women of the church are invited and encouraged to attend.



HOMECOMING 2015

190 Years in the Making!!!

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church is celebrating 190 years this year. Homecoming will be celebrated on October 25, 2015, and we hope you will plan on attending. Our theme is "Bringing Families Together" and we hope you will bring your family to Homecoming and help us celebrate this milestone. We need you to help us get the word out about Homecoming so please contact any former members who don't receive the Crossroads or aren't on Facebook and let them know the date. If you are planning on attending, please rsvp by October 11, 2015. You can call the Church office and leave word with Cindy, our secretary, or if you are friends on the Church Facebook page, you can respond to the invite that has been sent out.

FALL WORKSHOP

The Presbyterian Women of Greater Atlanta invite **ALL** women to the annual fall workshop to be held at the Morrow Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 19. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m and the programs will start at 9:00 a.m. The workshop should be over around 1:30 p.m. Lunch and registration is \$10. There are workshops designed for all women so let's support our representatives on the Presbytery Coordinating Team with a big turnout of Philadelphia women.



ATTENTION PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The annual PW Retreat will be held at Calvin Center on October 31. The Rev. Betsy Turner will be our inspirational speaker. We will be taking reservations beginning in September. This year we will have an **EARLY BIRD** discount. If reservations and money (made payable to Pat Randolph) is received by **Oct. 10** the cost of the retreat will be **\$25.00**. Any reservations and checks made/received after **Oct. 10** will be **\$30** which is the actual cost that Calvin is charging per person for the room and meals. If you wish to pay a 50% deposit now and pay the rest by **Oct 10th** for the **Early Bird**, Pat is willing to work with you. We are hoping that you can invite your friends. pay early, and save money. We need a minimum of 20 confirmations so help us meet our quota.



THE CRAFT GROUP

September 08—11:30am—@ 15th Street Pizza, 2130 Jodeco Rd., McDonough

September 22—11:30am—@ Kirby G's Restaurant, 45 Macon St., McDonough



WORKDAY

September 12

09:00am to 12:00pm

OUR MISSION: To exhibit the kingdom of God to our community by being a witness to everyone who is within our reach that Jesus Christ is LORD. To proclaim the gospel by telling the good news of Jesus Christ while equipping all who will to be evangelist so the church will grow. To provide for the worship of God through traditional Sunday morning worship and offer alternative times and styles of worship to the community. To promote the ministry of compassion by providing opportunities for ministry and encouraging others to seek God's call for compassionate service. To preserve the truth of God's word by defending the faith against any deviation from the bible as objective truth. To educate the members of the body of Christ so they are equipped to live as becomes the followers of Jesus. To maintain the spirit of unity through the fellowship of the children of God. To expand the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Core Values of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

- Radical Hospitality** (Romans 12:9-21)
- Passionate Worship** (John 4:21-24)
- Intentional Faith Development** (I Corinthians 9:19-24)
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service** (Matthew 25:14-30)
- Extravagant Generosity** (II Corinthians 9:6-15)



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Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on August 16, 2015. The Financial Committee reported the PPC July 2015 financial report as follows:

Balance in the Operating Fund	\$33,847.57
Total Assets	94,263.14
Total Revenue July	12,150.48
Total Expenses July	9,863.07
Balance for March	2,287.41

Admin committee met with and reviewed Pastor Wilson's six month performance.

Session approved Pastor's Wilson vacation and retreat request. Pulpit supply needed for August 30, September 13 & 20.

Outreach reported that the "Muffins for Teachers" was very well received by the Clayton County teachers and much appreciated.

Regarding same sex marriage: The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church voted to not allow same sex marriages on church property.

Joy Fisher and Mary Martin-Moderator from Presbytery will assist in our August 23rd Lunch and Listen.

Rick Pierce – Clerk of Session



In September we will be collecting supplies for Secur'us House, a refuge for abused women and their children. A list of items needed is located below. You may leave your donations in the narthex.

*Connie McWilliams,
Community Missions*

SECURUS HOUSE NEEDS

Paper Products:

paper plates, paper towels, napkins, tissues, toilet paper, diapers
9x12 manila envelopes, writing paper, etc.

Soaps:

liquid & bar soap (but not hotel soap), laundry detergent, dish-washing detergent (hand & machine), hand sanitizer, etc.

Personal Care: *(new this year)*

shampoos, deodorants, feminine products, toothpaste, lotions, etc.

Other Needs:

luggage



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
21 SEPTEMBER 2015

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FOR PEACE—
DIGNITY FOR ALL**

