



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
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# THE CROSSROADS

## Thoughts from your Pastor,

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church is a praying church. The prayers of the righteous (and occasionally the marginally righteous) avails much. That has certainly been the case in my life, as well as, the life of this congregation and her individual members.

I invite us to strengthen our prayer life during the fifty days between Easter and Pentecost (the 'season' of Easter) (<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/worship/season-easter/>) by making a covenant with God and one another to pray each day for PPC, her members and friends, neighbors living near our church and our homes, and the Presbyterian Church USA, the denomination of which we are a part.

Below are a couple of patterns for prayer based on easy to remember acronyms. The first has been extremely helpful for me. There are several interpretations of the acronym but Mary Lou Redding, editor of the Upper Room described it as follows in the Upper Room Prayer Center.

### A-C-T-S

- A - Adoration (worship, praise)
- C - Confession
- T - Thanksgiving
- S - Supplication (requests)

Mary Redding goes on to say, "We begin by adoring God, acknowledging who God is. Then we confess our failures and our need for God and ask for forgiveness. Next we express thanks, acknowledging God as the source of all we have, all our blessings. Finally, we state our requests, supplications, to God for what we need and want. This model can help us to pray more freely by giving us a way to search our hearts for what we want to say to God..."

The word B-L-E-S-S is a pattern that was new to me. But it, too, can guide us in praying for others. It was created by Dr. Alvin VanderGriend in his book, Love to Pray: A 40-Day Devotional for Deepening Your Prayer Life.

- B - Body. Pray for health/healing, for "daily bread"/physical needs to be met.
- L - Labors. Pray for God's help in the person's work, school, daily tasks.
- E - Emotional needs. Pray for comfort, reassurance, hope, joy, peace, etc.
- S - Social needs. Pray for healthy relationships with family, friends, associates.
- S - Spiritual needs. Pray for continually deepening relationship with God.

I hope these patterns will be helpful to some of you as we pray our way to Pentecost. There is no "right" or "wrong" way to lift praise and petitions to God. The most important thing is to take time each and every day to earnestly pray for God's will and way to be manifest in this day and time. Through prayer PPC can and will become even more faithful in following in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Your pastor, sister and friend,

*Sylvia*

*To God your every want*

*In instant prayer display.*

*Pray always; pray and never faint:*

*Pray! Without ceasing, pray.*

*Anonymous*

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# OUR PEOPLE!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ...** 01/ Freda Peeks, 06/ Fred Rohrbach, Jr., 08/ Erin Randolph, 13/ Tom Smith, 14/ Mallory Banke, 17/ Kathie Pierce, 17/ Angela Russ, 23/ Serena Staats, 24/ John Randolph, 26/ Trinity Staats

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...** 10/ Ann & Charles NeSmith, 15/ Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach, 21/ Mallory & Chris Banke, 24/ Glenda & Don Taylor, 28/ Lynn & Arnold Vandiver

## THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

**Ushers:** Fred Rohrbach, Tom Murphy, Don Nelson, Emory Pearce

**Nursery Workers:** 05/ Guest, 12/ Debbie Bray, 19/ Joyce Smith, 26/ Jennifer Rohrbach

### 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!*

*Christian Sympathy is extended to David Hatch and family in the loss of David's father, Walter Hatch, Jr.*

02/15 Beth Brogdon (Patty Boone's cousin) – recovering from broken left femur - complications

02/25 Good Shepherd Clinic – and Dr. Charles Johnson's situation

02/25 Dr. Charles Johnson (Good Shepherd Clinic) – recovering from fall and broken ribs

02/11 Darr Johnson's mother (98) surgery to repair broken leg went very well, expected to walk again

02/25 Joe (Chelsea Folds' uncle) – at Southern Regional in respirator

02/09 Buck Maxwell – back pain issues and recovering from intestinal blockage

03/19 Emory Pearce – recovering from back surgery

02/15 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) –treatments for Omentum Cancer

### OUR HOMEBOUND:

*Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

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Jean Ray

JoAnn Tatzel

Dot Upchurch

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### Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on March 15, 2015. The Financial Committee reported the PPC February 28 financial report as follows:

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Balance in the Operating Fund | \$26,774.52 |
| Total Assets                  | 88,267.84   |
| Total Revenue February        | 12,435.45   |
| Total Expenses February       | 11,159.59   |
| Balance for February          | 1,275.86    |

- Session met with Minister Joan Gray for new Book of Order training and review.
- Session reviewed the results of the Cat Scan survey with Joy Fisher.
- Rick Pierce, Philippe Karka and Pastor Wilson attended the first quarter Presbytery Meeting at Central Presbyterian. A vote was held on change to the Book of Order definition of marriage.
- Session approved per capita payment to the Presbytery of \$2980.90 and a Benevolence gift of \$1019.10 for the year 2015.
- Worship approved plans for a self-guided Stations of the Cross path through the Church grounds and Memory Garden.

Rick Pierce – Clerk of Session

# WHAT'S HAPPENING!

## PW Message Corner . . .



- **April 11**—10:30am—Mary & Martha @ Lynn Vandiver's home
- **April 12**—12:15pm—PWCT
- **April 18**—10:30am—Circle One
- **April 21**—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

### PPC Well Represented

Congratulations to **Debbie Durden** who has been installed at the Moderator Elect for the Presbyterian Women of Greater Atlanta. This year, we also have **Pat Randolph** as the Presbytery Leader Development Chair and **Lynn Vandiver** as the Mission Haven Liaison.

Please keep these women in your prayers as they serve on the Atlanta Presbytery PWCT.

### Ladies, Do we have a Volunteer?

Now is the time to start thinking about the Presbyterian Women's Birthday offering. Usually this offering has been collected at the Mother's Day Brunch but we currently do not have a hostess for this event which usually takes place on the Saturday before Mother's Day. The Mother's Day Brunch is a fun covered dish brunch for all who are a Mother or Daughter. We are looking for a Hostess or Hostesses to decorate the fellowship hall and provide the punch and cake, covered by \$75 from the PW budget. The program will be taken care of for you. If you are interested in hosting this event, please contact Debbie Bray by Sunday, April 12. If we do not have any volunteers to host the event we will still take up the Women's Birthday offering in our May PW Circle Meetings.

### Planning Ahead:

- ✓ Mark your calendars for our annual Women's Retreat at Calvin Center on Saturday, October 24.

### Columbia Day

Join us for Come See Columbia Day on Thursday, April 16. The program begins at 9am, includes lunch (\$10), then a tour of Columbia Seminary. Several of our ladies will be attending and we invite all women in the Church to join us. Please let Debbie Bray know by Sunday April 12 if you would like to join us.



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

"I was hungry and you gave me food" Matthew 25:35

By supporting OGHS, you're sustaining programs that provide disaster relief, food, clean water, training, and resources to people all over the world. We will be receiving this important offering on Easter Sunday.

### PASTOR'S LUNCH

Pastor Wilson invites interested members to join her for lunch every fourth Sunday after worship. This is a fun way to become better acquainted with the neighborhood and one another so mark your calendars.



### THE CRAFT GROUP

**April 14** - 11:30 am @ Due South Restaurant, 300 Clover Reach, Peachtree City

**April 28** - @ Booth Western Museum, 501 Museum St., Cartersville—meet @ the church at 9:30am to carpool

### RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

The **Craft Group** will be going to the Booth Western Museum in Cartersville, April 28. We will leave the church at 9:30am. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Drivers are needed. Contact Barbara Barlow, no later than Friday, April 24, to make your reservations.



In April we are collecting supplies for Secur'us House, a refuge for abused women and their

children. A list of items needed is located on back of the April calendar. You may leave your donations in the narthex. Monetary gifts are also accepted. Please mark them as Securus House. The collection will end on Sunday, May 3.

Connie McWilliams  
Community Missions

### Mission Haven

We are continually collecting slightly used clothing for the Men, Women and Children of Mission Haven. You may leave your donations in the narthex or see Connie McWilliams.

## Holy Week 2015

- March 29—**Palm/Passion Sunday**: during our 11:00am service, our worship choir will perform special music.
- March 29-April 5—**Stations of the Cross**—community self-guided tour on PPC grounds to reflect on Jesus' final days in Jerusalem (booklets provided)
- April 2—**Maundy Thursday**: you are encouraged to go to a church in your area to attend a service.
- April 3—**Good Friday**: again, please seek a service in your area to attend.
- April 5—**Easter Sunrise Service**: begins at 7:00am with breakfast to follow in the fellowship hall.
- April 5—**Easter Service**: begins at 11:00am. Our service will include Communion and our worship choir will offer special selections.

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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