



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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THE CROSSROADS

From your pastor's desk:

"...And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You shall you're your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:30-32 (NASB)

Last February I happened to be visiting Kenya on February 14 and was shocked to see all of the hoopla that is now associated with Valentines Day there. Malls, super markets and tiny roadside kiosks displayed cards and any number of heart shaped sweet treats. Newspapers, radio and TV devoted lengthy segments to discussing the significance of the day along with creative ways to celebrate it.

Valentines Day appeared to be especially meaningful to newly weds and other young folks. The unfortunate ones who did not have a special someone in their lives shared their anxiety about being alone on that day. Those who asked how it was celebrated in America were surprised to hear it really wasn't a big deal.

The idea of a developing country "importing" even more commercialism was worrisome on many levels. At the same time, it was nice to be in the midst of people (who are normally reserved, if not stoic) expressing excitement about finding ways to demonstrate their love for others.

February is the month many Americans also think about ways to show love to family and friends, especially significant others. Approximately 58 billion pounds or \$1.5 billion dollars worth of chocolate is sold the week leading up to Valentine's Day which ranks number one in terms of the most fresh flowers sold and delivered.

I understand that PW prepares Valentines Day care packages for members of the PPC family who are in college. I'm doing the same for three of my grandchildren. Might we expand that idea to include a few care packages (or cards) for lonely seniors in area nursing homes, disabled people living in nearby complexes or even international students at Clayton State?

If every Christian got excited about glorifying God by demonstrating our love for our neighbors, our cities and our communities perhaps our world would be a different and better place.

Peace, Pastor Wilson

Love Like My Lord

By Emily Derry

I long to love as does my Lord, For peace I wish and no discord,
Good things for all, ill will for none, Yes, Lord, Help me love everyone.

I long to help all those in need and to defeat those who love greed.
To do for those who can't repay, I long to love all every day.

I want to love like Christ, My King, to give my all, my everything,
Yes, seek and help those without love, and truly love like God above.

I long to love with pure desire, to lift down-trodden from the mire,
To help the helpless as I may, and live to love another day.

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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 ... 10/ Jeff Randolph, 11/ Mary "Pat" Smith, 17/ Lauren Zoeckler, 17/ Kaylynn LaFoy, 18/ Hal Banke, 21/ Barbara Barlow

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ... 10/ Bob & Becky Huie

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: Rick Pierce, Tom Smith, Ray Morgan, Mary "Pat" Smith

Nursery Workers: 01/ Debbie Bray, 08/ Joyce Smith, 15/ Guest, 22/ Pat Randolph

THANK YOU

My dear PPC friends,
Thank you so much for making my birthday such a happy one with your cards, thoughts and prayers and notes too!
I need your prayers being out of my state and place. It is beautiful here and my son and daughter-in-law are wonderful to me.
Love to all,
Dot Lenderman

THANK YOU

Dear friends,
On behalf of **Morrow Presbyterian**, I would like to thank Philadelphia Presbyterian for your generous donation to our food pantry. Oh my, was this infusion needed, appreciated and used!
The numbers of people using our pantry have doubled since last year. Our "regulars" continue and about 10 new families appear each week. Because of donations such as yours, we are still serving all who come through the door.
Thank You!
Tricia Koehler

THANK YOU

Dear Church family.
Thank you for all your generous donations to Securus House during the month of December 2014.
We were able to send them 91 separate items to be used in their ministry. On top of that, we were able to donate \$315.00 as well.
Thank You!
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!

- 12/30 Cheryl Ann Bobo (William Rosenberry's daughter) – recovering from Lung Cancer surgery
- 12/30 Efford Buchannon (Pastor Wilson's cousin) – Advanced Colon Cancer
- 01/06 Rudy Hightower (Cindy's friend) – recovering from colon removal and serious complications
- 12/22 Penny Hill—Executive Presbyterian—diagnosed with lung cancer—awaiting treatment plan
- 01/06 Mary Jordan (former member) – fell on 11/30 and broke back and knee (address on bulletin board)
- 01/26 Dot Morgan—recovering from stroke**
- 01/06 Brittany Perdue – (Breakfast Club's waitress Vicky's daughter) – serious accident, now at Shepherd Center
- 12/15 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) –treatment continues for omentum cancer

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!



Come join us at the Souper Bowl Sunday – February 1, 2015. It's that time of the year again. Our 2nd Annual Chili Cook-off will be immediately following worship. Plan to join us for the fellowship and fun.

We are also accepting soups, canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to a local food pantry. Cash donations are also accepted.



SECRET PAL PARTY

The Secret Pal Revealing Party will be Sunday, February 08, at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall with a covered dish lunch. Bring a gift for your Secret Pal, and a favorite dish. If you are not currently in this group, but would like to be, join us for lunch or have someone submit your name, a name will be drawn for you. We remember our Secret Pal's with cards, prayers, and two gifts a year. One for birthday, and one for Valentines Day at the revealing party. Join us for fun, and fellowship.

PW Message Corner . . .



- **Thank you** to all our ladies who provided cookies for the Christmas Cantata reception. With your help, it was again a great success.
- There will be no **PWCT** meeting in February.
- Circles will be collecting **Blessing Boxes** at February Circle meetings
- **February 14**—10:30am—Mary & Martha @ Debbie Bray's home
- **February 17**—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle
- **February 21**—10:30am—Circle One



Property Committee

Workday

Saturday, February 21

From 9:00am to 12:00 noon. Please join us if you can.

"All are from the dust,
and to dust all return."
Ecclesiastes 3:20, ESV



Ash Wednesday Service

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February 18

12 Noon and 6:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday is a day of solemn assembly that is built right into the church year. It is a fast day, a day of

mourning for our sin and the sin of all humanity before God, a recognition of our mortality save for the grace of God and a request that the Lord remember our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more.

Resources for Ash Wednesday have been in official PC(USA) worship books since 1966, beginning with the Book of Common Worship Provisional Services. The 1993 Book of Common Worship was the first to provide the option of imposing ashes, with specific guidance for doing so. One of the gifts of the Reformed tradition is the freedom to adopt or adapt such practices of the larger/ecumenical church, or to refrain from doing so. In recent decades, it seems that many Presbyterian congregations have found this tradition a helpful way to call members to a renewed sense of spiritual discipline and Christian discipleship -- the way of life to which we are called not only in Lent, but throughout the year.

<https://www.pcusa.org/resource/ash-wednesday-service/>

THE CRAFT GROUP

February 10 - 11:30 am @ City Café, 215 S. Glynn St., Fayetteville

February 24 - 11:30 am @ Thai Gardens, 2675 Hwy 42, McDonough

Join us on the 1st Sunday of each month for
Holy Communion



LUNCH OR A MOVIE

Pastor Wilson invites interested members to join her for lunch or a movie every fourth Sunday after worship. This is a fun way to become better reacquainted with the neighborhood and one another so mark your calendars. Our pastor will also lead several month-long bible studies this year so be on the lookout for the times of those as well.



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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