



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
351 MORROW ROAD  
FOREST PARK, GEORGIA 30297

JULY 2015

# THE CROSSROADS

## *Thoughts from your Pastor,*

Patriotic parades, cookouts, concerts and fireworks. Have you ever considered the origins or significance of the symbols associated with these celebrations? For some unknown reason, I recently started to think about the Pledge of Allegiance. My "research" netted info that may be of interest to you.

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by Francis Bellamy (1855-1931) the son of a Baptist minister and a Christian socialist. After preaching in New York and Boston he accepted a job at The Youth's Companion, a family magazine with half a million subscribers.

Bellamy soon set to work arranging a patriotic program for public schools quadri-centennial celebration of Columbus Day. He successfully lobbied Congress for a resolution endorsing the school ceremony, and helped convince President Benjamin Harrison to issue a proclamation declaring a Columbus Day holiday.

He hoped the pledge would be used by citizens in any country so it was to be short, to the point and recited in 15 seconds. Bellamy had also considered using the words "equality" and "fraternity" but decided against it knowing some on his committee were against equality for women and African Americans.

In its original form the Pledge read:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added so that new immigrants would not confuse loyalties between their birth countries and the United States. Louis Albert Bowman, an attorney from Illinois, was the first to informally initiate the addition of "under God" to the Pledge in the 1940's. In response to the Communist threat in the mid 1950's, President Eisenhower (a Presbyterian) encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today. Bellamy's daughter objected to this alteration.

The original "Bellamy salute", began with a military salute, and after reciting the words "to the flag," the arm was extended toward the flag. Soon, the pledge was begun with the right hand over the heart, and after reciting "to the Flag," the arm was extended toward the Flag, palm-down. In World War II, the salute resembled the Nazi salute too closely, so congress changed it to keep the right hand over the heart throughout.

Stay safe this summer and take a few moments to read a book or surf the net to discover why we do what we do in our families, our nation and our congregation.

*Your pastor, sister and friend,*

*Sylvia*

*Information compiled from articles found at Smithsonianmagazine.org, ushistory.org; Wikipedia.org; and other sources. See these and other websites for challenges to the Pledge.*

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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 ...** 03/ Buck Maxwell, 06/ Rachel Rohrbach, 8/ Joan Murphy, 12/ Cathy Morris, 12/ Fred Rohrbach, 13/ Wallace Dunn, 19/ Ed Murphy, 26/ Beverly Johnson, 27/ David Hatch, 31/ Rick Pierce

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ...** 01/ Mary & Willie Smith, 04/ Zareen & Anand Nevrekar, 05/ Evelyn & Cecil Murdock, 12/ Betty & Henry Brock, 15/ Joyce & Tom Smith, 16/ Kayre & Rick Pierce, 16/ Lauren & Jason Zoeckler, 21/ Pat & John Randolph

## THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

**Ushers:** Jim Phillips, Buddy Ashmore, Fred Rohrbach, Tom Murphy

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

## THANK YOU

Dear Philadelphia Presbyterian,

Thank you so much for holding such a wonderful banquet for Ethan and me. Your support in the next stage of my life means a lot to me and I really appreciate your kindness. I am very excited to be a Kentucky Wildcat and I hope to find a church community as supportive as you in Lexington!

God is good—all the time

Kaylee Lloyd

### 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!**

**05/28 Dinah Bingham** – fell and fractured upper arm near shoulder

**05/08 Cheryl Ann Bobo** (William Rosenberry's daughter) – chemo for lung cancer

**06/02 Sara Cleveland** (Murphy's friend) – recovering from fall and brain bleed, husband Bill not doing well either

**06/02 Brittany Perdue** – (Breakfast Club friend) – serious accident, paralyzed from waist down, continued progress

**05/21 Nancy & Shelvis Smith-Mather** – missionaries to Sudan

### 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 [secvppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secvppc@bellsouth.net) or click on [www.ppc-usa.org](http://www.ppc-usa.org).*



You are cordially invited to a Retirement Reception honoring

### **Dr. Charles Johnson**

For his years of service at the Good Shepherd Clinic

Saturday, July 11, 2015

Drop in from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

First Baptist Church Morrow

1647 Lake Harbin Road

Morrow, GA

Clinic's phone number: 770-968-1310

# WHAT'S HAPPENING!

## PW Message Corner . . .



- No PWCT this month
- July 18—10:30am—Circle One

### PROPERTY & FINANCE INFORMATION

Sunday July 12, 9:30 - 10:00am the Property Chair (Fred Rohrbach) and the Finance Chair (Jim Phillips) will host an informal gathering in the room adjacent to the church secretary's office. This is an opportunity for you to learn about PPC's property and finances. Fred and I will give a very brief overview of our areas and then open the floor for your questions and/or concerns. We also invite you to submit your questions via e-mail to [jap43@bellsouth.net](mailto:jap43@bellsouth.net) or [fjrohrbach@gmail.com](mailto:fjrohrbach@gmail.com).

### THE CRAFT GROUP

- July 14**—11:30am—Shanes Rib Shack, Conyers, Hwy 138 & 212  
Monastery of the Holy Spirit afterwards
- July 28**—11:30am—Concord Café, in Concord  
Peach Orchard afterwards

## HOMECOMING 2015

**It's coming! It's coming! This year Philadelphia Presbyterian Church will celebrate 190 years. Our Homecoming Celebration will be on October 25, 2015. Please help us to spread the word to former members. We hope that you will be able to attend this wonderful celebration. More information to come. If you would like to serve on the Homecoming Committee please contact either Jennifer Rohrbach,**

## KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

In July, we will be collecting school supplies for Kinship Care Resource Center, a group that helps grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. A list of the types of supplies they need is below. You may leave your donation in the narthex on or before August 2.

*If you wish to make a monetary donation, see:*

*Connie McWilliams,  
Community Missions.*

### Suggested school supplies are:

- large book bags
- clear book bags
- 3-ring binders (1-inch to 3-inch)
- 5-tab divider sets
- pens (blue, black and red)
- highlighters
- mechanical pencils and refill pencil lead
- colored folders (with and without prongs)
- calculators (Scientific for high school students)
- hand sanitizer
- tissues (small packets)
- crayons (24-count only)
- wooden pencils & pencil sharpeners
- rulers, compasses and protractors
- spiral notebooks (1-subject mainly, also 3- and 5-)
- notebook paper (wide & college rule)
- index cards (3x5; ruled; white and colored)
- colored pencils
- staplers and staples
- markers (10-pack)
- tape
- copy paper
- tri-folds
- Trapper Keepers
- glue sticks

***Thank you for all your support.***

**Church office closed July 2  
in observance of Independence Day**

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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