



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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THE CROSSROADS

Thoughts from your Pastor,

You, O LORD, rule forever; Your throne is from generation to generation. Lamentations 5:19

Each year Beloit College publishes insightful and often humorous, information about students entering their first year of college. Most in the Class of 2019 are 18 and were born in 1997. Here is a few examples from this year's Beloit Mindset List:

- They have never licked a postage stamp.
- Email has become the new "formal" communication, while texts and tweets remain enclaves for the casual.
- Hong Kong has always been under Chinese rule.
- They have grown up treating Wi-Fi as an entitlement.
- The announcement of someone being the "first woman" to hold a position has only impressed their parents.
- Charlton Heston is recognized for waving a rifle over his head as much as for waving his staff over the Red Sea.
- Cell phones have become so ubiquitous in class that teachers don't know which students are using them to take notes and which ones are planning a party.
- If you say "around the turn of the century," they may well ask you, "which one?"
- *Carry Me Back to Old Virginia* has never been the official song of the Virginia Commonwealth.
- When they were born, cell phone usage was so expensive that families only used their large phones, usually in cars, for emergencies.
- The therapeutic use of marijuana has always been legal in a growing number of American states.
- Surgeons have always used "super glue" in the operating room.
- *The Lion King* has always been on Broadway.
- CNN has always been available *en Español*.
- *Splenda* has always been a sweet option in the U.S.
- The Atlanta Braves have always played at Turner Field.

TV has always been in such high definition that they could see the pores of actors and the grimaces of quarterbacks.

It's certainly not our grandparent's world nor is it the one with which most of us are familiar. If present generations expect to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those coming after us we must find relevant ways to reach, teach and disciple them.

Your pastor, sister and friend,

Sylvia

The full 2019 Mindset List in the PPC office and at <http://www.beloit.edu/mindset/slideshow2019/>
Previous lists at <https://www.beloit.edu/mindset/previouslists/>

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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/ Ethel Lynn Keeton, 09/ Connie McWilliams, 12/ Blondell Brown, 13/ Gloria Dossouvi, 16/ Jim Phillips, 17/ Anne Dunivin, 17/ Feroze Yusufji, 21/ Jessalyn Murphy, 21/ Kaylee Lloyd, 25/ Lynn Vandiver, 30/ Bud Steele, 30/ Pamela Rountree, 31/ Karen Kelly Nelson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ... 06/ Ed & Pegge Murphy, 12/ Tom & Joan Murphy, 21/ Feroze & Parveen Yusufji

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: David Hatch, Tom Smith, Buddy Ashmore, Tom Murphy

Nursery Workers: 04/ Cathy Morris, 11/ Guest, 18/ Mary Smith, 25/ Diane Kitchen



Thornwell Children's Home is in need of kits for children as they arrive at the home. Most of these children are taken from a bad environment with only the clothes on their back. These kits consist of **tooth brush, tooth paste, shampoo, body wash, a stuffed toy and a light throw or blanket** for small children. You may donate one or all of these items to make up a kit. If you or your circle would like to help, the items and cash will be collected though November. If you wish to make monetary donations, please mark your check for Thornwell and place in the offering plate.

Barbara Barlow

World Wide Missions

HOMECOMING 2015

190 Years in the Making!!!

On **October 25, 2015** Philadelphia Presbyterian Church will celebrate 190 years of service. We are so excited about Homecoming and hope you will plan on attending. Our guest speaker will be Trey Harper!!! He and his lovely wife Heather will be joining us for this special occasion. Our theme for Homecoming is "Bringing Families Together" so please plan to bring your family and join us.

- * "Meet and Greet" muffin breakfast at 9:30a.m.
- * Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.
- * Covered Dish Luncheon after service

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.



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Clayton County, Georgia—Organized 1825

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

PW Message Corner. . .

- OCT 4—12:15pm—PWCT
- OCT 10—10:30am—Mary & Martha @
- OCT 17—10:30am—Circle One
- OCT 20—10:30am—Busy Bees
- OCT 31—Annual PW Retreat @ Calvin Center



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.



THANK YOU

Nancy mentioned this week that The Home store has both Halloween and Christmas decorations on display. It is a reminder that 2015 is quickly winding down. The next three months will be fast paced given the many planned activities already on the calendar. It is also a time when we start putting together the annual budget for 2016 and that, of course, leads us to November which is the traditional Stewardship "season". When Dr. Gibson was with us he routinely asked me if he needed to give the congregation the old "put it on the barrel head" sermon. I'm not sure what that sermon would have been like and thankfully we didn't need it then and there are no plans to deliver one this year.

The Book of Order reminds us that "Giving has always been a mark of Christian commitment and discipleship. The ways in which a believer uses God's gifts of material goods, personal abilities, and time should reflect a faithful response to God's self-giving in Jesus Christ and Christ's call to minister to and share with others in the World."

On behalf of the Finance/Stewardship committee we thank each of you for your unselfish giving of your time, talents and resources and we ask for your continued support in 2016.

Jim Phillips
Chairman
Finance/Stewardship



2 WORKDAYS on October 10 and October 24

We will have two workdays in October in order to prepare for Homecoming. The first workday will be on October 10, 2015 starting at 9:00 a.m. and we will be doing a thorough cleaning of the Church. The next workday will be on October 24, 2015 to do any set-up and last minute cleaning and preparation for Homecoming on the 25th. Please plan to come out and help us get ready for Homecoming. We want our Church to shine!

THE CRAFT GROUP

October 13 - 11:30am - Six Feet Under Restaurant, Meet @ Church to Carpool at 10:45am

October 27 - 11:30am - Sue's Log Cabin Restaurant, 2693 Tails Creek Rd, Ellijay, (Hwy 282). Apple Barns afterward. *Husbands invited.* Meet @ Church to carpool at 9:30 am

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

08/13 Sara Cleveland (Murphy's friend) – in rehab recovering from brain surgery

09/16 Roland Downing (Greg's dad) - knee surgery at Piedmont Atlanta on 9/21

08/17 Paul Huddleston Jr. (Martha Smith's great-grandson) – fighting the California wildfires

08/18 Kenzlee (Connie McWilliams' newborn great grandbaby) – recovering from surgery for digestive obstruction

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, chemo

08/30 Bud Steele – dealing with cellulites

08/30 Mona Steele – severe digestive issues

09/03 Mitchell Trotter (Joyce Smith's brother) – recovering from back surgery

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

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

THANK YOU

Dear Church family,

Many thanks for all the prayers, cards, calls and concerns during our recent illnesses. I don't know what we would do without prayer.

We hope to be back to church on a regular basis soon.

Love & blessings,

Bud & Mona Steele

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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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