



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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THE CROSSROADS

From Your Pastor's Desk,

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? (Isaiah 43:19, NIV)

A new year brings about new resolutions because we want to improve ourselves and our quality of life. Top resolutions in America tend to revolve around money, health and family. I wondered what New Year's resolutions might look like for PPC? Here are my top three for your consideration. Love to hear yours.

1. Pray without ceasing. Prayer changes people, relationships and situations. Fulfilling lives, restored relationships, a vibrant church, a better world, et al are the results of earnest prayer. Prayer can happen in bed, at bedsides, in cars, at work, while waiting in line and at other times or places. Just don't forget to pray.

Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up

2) Read and study your bible. The Holy Spirit reveals amazing Truths through scripture. Those revelations frequently lead to a desire for more in-depth study. Additional study is the key to acquiring the wisdom we need to do "good work" i.e., ministry and mission in the church and the world.

2Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

3) Be open to change. Creation...Incarnation...Ascension...Conversion. God is always changing things ...and people. Our bodies, our lives, our families, and the created universe constantly change. And so does the church. In 2016 look for the good in order to find reasons to celebrate change rather than dreading or resisting it. Why? Because we know that God is in control and that "the good" is God and that God working everything out for ultimate good...regardless of appearances to the contrary.

Revelation 21:5 And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new". And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true."

May our individual and collective quests throughout the year ahead be to prayerfully discern God's will for Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, to do God's will based on a sound understanding of scripture and to be open to the inevitable changes that God will bring about through new ministries and members.

Your pastor, sister and friend,

Sylvia

For more resolutions go to- <http://www.crosswalk.com/blogs/dr-james-emery-white/new-years-resolutions-for-you-and-your-church.html>

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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 ... 02/ Akouele Dossouvi, 02/ Koko Dossouvi, 11/ Debbie Durden, 13/ Darr Johnson, 13/ Celestine Karka, 19/ William Rosenberry, 21/ Tom Murphy, 22/ Becky Huie, 29/ Evelyn Murdock

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO ... 01/ Darrell & Frances Youngblood, 22/ Thomas & Brooke Lloyd, 22/ Jim & Nancy Phillips

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

Ushers: TBA

Nursery Workers: 03/ Jennifer Rohrbach, 10/ Mallory Banke, 17/ Cathy Morris, 24/ Diane Kitchen, 31/ Debbie Bray

On December 13, Session received Mr. and Mrs. Downey by transfer of letter from 1st PC Atlanta.

On Dec. 20, session also approved the baptism of infant, Kaya Daniela Yusufji.

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 Nancy Phillips and family in the death of her cousin, Ed Downey.

- 11/24 Regina Allen (Dot Pearce's niece) – recovering from cancer surgery, chemo to follow
- 12/13 Chris Banke & co-workers—several have recently perished in horrible auto accidents
- 11/24 Ruby Chapman (Serena Staats' mother) –blood clot in heart
- 11/08 Philippe Karka and his extended Togo family dealing with death, an automobile accident
- 12/14 KayLynn LaFoy—fractured foot
- 11/30 Amanda Nevins (Jim & Nancy Phillips' niece) – heart surgery on January 4
- 12/1 Charles NeSmith at Atlanta Medical, in rehab—still having swallowing problems, but doing much better
- 11/22 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 11/30 Joyce Smith – recovering from heart attack, uneventful return trip from West Virginia and is doing nicely
- 11/29 Cookie Straughter – prayers for children

OUR HOMEBOUND: *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

Tye Bryant Becky Huie Jean Ray JoAnn Tatzel Dot Upchurch

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or fill in the I WISH card and place it in the offering plate.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our own, Fred Rohrbach, Jr. graduated from Clayton State University on December 12. Fred is the son of Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach, brother of Rachel Rohrbach, and nephew of Pam Langley. We join the Rohrbach family in the celebration.

THORNWELL

A sincere THANK YOU to all who donated kits for Thornwell children. The 27 baskets were filled w/items for children coming to the home for the first time, tooth brushes, tooth paste etc. They arrive with only the clothes on their back. These baskets also included a cuddle toy and a soft throw or blanket. Your generosity will make a big difference in the life of a Thornwell child.

Barbara Barlow
World Wide Missions

WHAT'S HAPPENING!

PW Message Corner . . .



- JAN 3—11:00am—Installation of PW Officers
- JAN 9—10:30am—Mary & Martha Circle
- JAN 9—10:30am—Circle One
- JAN 19—10:30am—Busy Bees



Church-wide Workday

Saturday, January 9

From 9:00am to 12:00 noon.

Projects will include some painting and clean up from the holidays.

Please join us if you can.

CIRCLE ONE

PLEASE NOTE: Beginning January 2016, the Circle One PW group will be meeting on the 2nd Saturday each month in the Fellowship Hall.

THE CRAFT GROUP

January 12—11:30am @ Red Lobster, Jonesboro—in PLOT room afterwards to plan 2016 calendar

MEDICINE BOTTLES



We received a request for empty prescription and over the counter medicine bottles. If you wish to donate, the organization asks that the labels are removed and the bottles sterilized. (wash thoroughly, rinse in hot water) You can place the bottles in the narthex.

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A NEW LOOK!

We invite our members to visit the new and improved Philadelphia Presbyterian Church website at www.ppc-usa.org.

Homecoming, the Huie Reunion and Hanging of the Green pictures are on the Event tab.



I Am the New Year. Bible Illustrator

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new."

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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