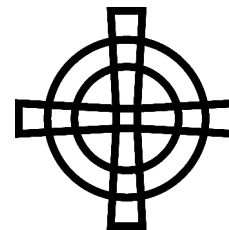


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*From Your Pastor's Desk,*

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Those who want to come with me must say no to the things they want, pick up their crosses, and follow me. (Mt. 16:24 God's Word Translation)*

Cross bearing is far from comfortable. Comfort and peace are great blessings from the Lord who loves us so much that Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit were sent to be with us. But the comfort and peace God offers is not the same as that offered by the world.

The Christian and the congregation, that are too comfortable on this side of glory, can also become weak and dependent on the false securities of life instead of the Lord. There is nothing wrong with being comfortable unless that comfort makes us depend on God less and causes us to become complacent about the unsaved, the unchurched and the unloved around us.

Rather than seeking to remain in comfort zones of our own making during times of transition and change, we may want to consider the following prayer, attributed to Sir Frances Drake.

**Disturb Us, Lord**

Disturb us, Lord, when  
We are too well pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we have dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wider seas  
Where storms will show your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.

We ask You to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push into the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.

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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.**

Scripture is full of examples of men and women who followed through on decisions that were uncomfortable. The Lord honored and brought great fruit to – and through – them. May the same be said of members who dare to step out of their comfort zones and into the new future God has predestined for Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

*Your pastor, sister and friend,  
Sylvia*

**TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS** (new info in bold)

*Please notify us concerning new info and updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!*

**THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS**

- 02/ Greg Downing
- 06/ Jo Nelson
- 06/ Jane Ashmore
- 06/ Patty Boone
- 14/ Buddy Ashmore
- 18/ Jackson Randolph
- 22/ Barbara Gibson
- 24/ Betty Foster
- 25/ Grace Collier
- 25/ Katie Clayton
- 30/ JoAnn Tatzel

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

- 04/ Mark & Angie Russ
- 05/ Van & Diane Banke
- 17/ Darr & Beverly Johnson

**THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS**

- Pat Randolph
- Danny Morris
- Ray Morgan
- Mary Smith

**NURSERY**

- 05/ Diane Kitchen
- 12/ Dot Pearce
- 19/ Guest
- 26/ Cathy Morris

- 04/07 Dr. Peggy Capell (friend of Joan Murphy) - lymphoma and recovering from hip replacement
- 04/19 Wayne Goza (Cindy's brother-in-law) – recovering from surgery & cancer treatment
- 05/01 Dene Long (Nancy Phillips' sister) – treatment for breast cancer
- 04/10 John Randolph –kidney stone and recovering from gallbladder surgery
- 04/22 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 05/10 Mona Steele – severe back pain from fractures

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

Tye Bryant      Becky Huie      JoAnn Tatzel      Dot Upchurch

**PRAYER REQUEST:** Call 404-366-1851, Email [secyppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or fill in the I WISH card and drop in the offering plate.

***With Thanks***

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards and kind words most of all for your prayers for our family in the loss of Tom's nephew, Dennis.

With love, Tom & Joyce Smith

PPC Family,

We were able to collect 287 items for Securus House during the month of May. Included were clothing, shoes, cooking utensils and many other very useful items.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

**OUR 2016 GRADUATES**

**Fred Lawrence Rohrbach, Jr.**

Parents are Fred & Jennifer Rohrbach

Grandparents are Lee & Dot Rohrbach and Bob & Wanda Langley

Fred graduated from Clayton State University with a degree in Informational Technology

**Rachel Louise Rohrbach**

Parents are Fred and Jennifer Rohrbach

Grandparents are Lee and Dot Rohrbach and Bob and Wanda Langley

Rachel graduated from University of Georgia with a degree in Middle School Education

**Marie Dossouvi**

Parents are Gabriel & Odette Dossouvi

Marie graduated from Clayton State University with a degree in Business Administration

**Andrew Carter**

Parents are Helen & Kimble Carter

Grandparents are Pat & John Randolph

Andrew graduated from Pike County High School

**Gloria Dossouvi**

Parents are Tsotsa Sevi & Gabriel Dossouvi

Gloria graduated from McNair Middle School

**Aurora Staats**

Parents are Serena & Guy Staats

Grandparents are Sandra Staats & Ruby Chapman

Aurora graduated from Smith Elementary School

**KayLynn LaFoy**

Parent is Diane Kitchen

KayLynn graduated from Cotton Indian Elementary

**FATHER'S DAY**

**is June 19**

*Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you.*

ΕΧΘΟΥΣ 20:12

## PW MESSAGE CORNER

- JUNE 4—10:30AM—Mary & Martha Circle @ Kathy Banke's home
- JUNE 5—12:15PM—PWCT meeting
- JUNE 18—10:30AM—Circle One
- JUNE 21—10:30AM—Busy Bees Circle



### SAVE THE DATE!

Our annual PW Retreat will be Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 at Calvin Center.

## Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on May 15, 2016. The Financial Committee reported the PPC April 31 financial report as follows:

Balance in the Operating Fund	\$34,477.51
Total Assets	\$93,778.94
Total Revenue April	\$11,780.28
Total Expenses April	\$11,360.51
Balance for April	\$419.47

Session is bringing the nominating committee to full strength in preparation to forming a Pastor Nominating Committee. A Congregational meeting will be held June 5<sup>th</sup> to approve the new committee members.

Outreach has authorized a six week Christian music dance class offered free to the community. The class will be taught by Mallory Banke and Marie Dossouvi. The first class was held May 7<sup>th</sup> with 10 students.

## Patriotic Service and Cookout

Sunday, July 3, 2016

Watch the bulletins for details.



## CRAFT GROUP

June 14—Gone With the Wind Museum, Jonesboro, lunch @ Gina's Bistro Restaurant (formerly Butch's) - time TBA

June 28—11:30am—@ Italian Oven Restaurant, Stockbridge

## Where Are We Now?

A **Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, June 5, immediately following worship to elect a Nominating Committee to seek a Pastor Nominating Committee to be elected at a later date.



## Work Day

June 25

9:00am to 12 noon

## CAMP MEETING

Old Time Camp Meeting at Smyrna Presbyterian Church (Conyers) June 24 – 30. A week filled with worship, prayer, fellowship and spiritual renewal for children and adults. Free activities, modest cost for meals and low/no cost housing is available. Details and daily schedule at <http://www.smyrnapc.com/>



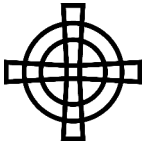
Going on vacation? Please share greetings from PPC with all of the congregations you visit and remember to keep us in prayer. In addition, we'd love to get a postcard of the sites you see or even a "selfie" of you just having fun. We will make sure to post these mementos from the summer of 2016.



**OUR MISSION:** is to provide spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

**OUR CORE VALUES:** **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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