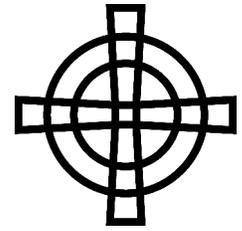


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From Your Pastor's Desk,

"So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase." Acts 9:31

Researchers with the U.S. Congregational Life Survey, report that Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations that are growing in numbers and ministry effectiveness share common strategies or approaches. What follows is a very brief synopsis of that report and some personal observations for PPC to consider as it prepares for the next chapter in its life.

According to authors of the report, strong churches:

- welcome new people...do members smile and say hello when someone new visits your church, or are they shy and reticent?
• have intentional ways to increase the visibility of the congregation in the community - signs pointing toward areas of importance like handicap parking, the sanctuary, restrooms, and nursery help newcomers find their way.
• monitor their vital signs - it's great to have services that are meaningful to your faithful flock, but strong congregations also work to ensure their services are meaningful to those they hope to bring into their midst.
• are not afraid to solicit feedback from new members (and visitors) to identify what types of new people the congregation is attracting - and create additional opportunities for new people to become involved in the life of the church.
• commit to a positive future - this is a commitment made to individuals...and to the congregation corporately, using multiple ministry methods and strategies. The report states that "Every time a congregation agrees to stand up for the underprivileged in their community, members are making a commitment to a positive future".
• are not afraid of change - these congregations understand the importance of evaluating the church's current organization and committee structure, making modifications as necessary.
• are not afraid of risk - instead of worrying about failure, these congregations willingly try new strategies and, when needed, learn from failed efforts.
• identify congregational strengths - strong and growing congregations discover how to optimize and leverage strengths to be more effective

Congregations have never existed solely for the benefit of their members. God has always sought to increase their numbers so they might continue to draw others into a (healthy and holy) relationship with Jesus Christ.

Your pastor, sister and friend,

Sylvia

http://www.uscongregations.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/growing-presbyterian-churches.pdf

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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.

**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**

- 05/ Emory Pearce
- 06/ Debbie Bray
- 07/ Ruth Gettys
- 12/ Elizabeth Clayton
- 15/ Emily Lyle
- 16/ Addison Murphy
- 20/ Ray Morgan
- 23/ Nancy Phillips
- 25/ Bob Huie
- 26/ Janice Lockhart
- 30/ Danny Morris

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11/ Erin & Jeff Randolph
- 14/ Cathy & Danny Morris

**THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS**

- Ray Morgan
- Darr Johnson
- Greg Downing

**NURSERY**

- 06/ Guest
- 13/ Mary Smith
- 20/ Debbie Bray
- 27/ Joyce Smith

- 10/03 Carolyn Allen (Dot Pearce's sister) – chemo treatments for leukemia
- 10/24 Beth Brogdon (Patty Boone's cousin) – in ICU with infection throughout body**
- 10/11 Rose Enow – recovering from hospital stay with fever
- 10/03 Missy Cruz (Mary Smith's friend's niece) – in Arizona being treated for Lou Gehrig's disease
- 10/11 Allen Huie – (Bob & Rebecca's son) – growth on spine – testing
- 10/24 Beckie Huie – facing injection for neck pain on 11/15**
- 09/26 Pam Langley – recovering from knee replacement surgery
- 10/18 Cindy Mitchell (Dot Pearce's daughter-in-law) – biopsy of nodules on thyroid—no cancer**
- 09/26 Dot Morgan – home recovering from seizure (no visitors please)
- 10/18 Emery Rose Morris (Danny's grand-niece) was born premature (1lb. 15 oz.) and needs to gain weight and develop further in order to go home. Doing well so far.
- 10/05 Becky Ramsey (friend of Pat & Debbie Durden) – surgery to remove cancerous kidney
- 10/11 Olivia Sargee (friend of Cindy Adair) – surgery to remove cancer from spine
- 10/05 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 10/18 Willie J. Smith (Mary's husband) – diagnosed with prostate cancer – treatments to begin soon
- 10/20 Bud Steele – facing partial removal of toe

**PNC: Barbara Barlow, Greg Downing, Marie Dossouvi, Emory Pearce and Mary Smith**

**ALTS: Debbie Bray and Darr Johnson**

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

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 offering.

**THANK YOU**

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Family,  
 Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, visits & prayers during my recent recover and rehab. It means so much to me.  
 With love, Betty Downing

**Praying for You**

The **Outreach Committee** recently created business cards for the Clayton County Police with Psalm 23 on one side and a reminder that we at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church are praying for them. They were delivered to the Chief of Police and are presently being given to each Police Officer in the county.

**CLOTHING DONATIONS**

The Community Missions Committee is collecting good used winter clothing for our clothes closet. We need all sizes. The ministries we are working with are **Calvary Refuge, Securus House and Kinship Care**. You may place your items in the collection bin in the Sunday School hallway. Thank for your donations.

**Connie McWilliams, Community Missions**



### PW MESSAGE CORNER



- NOV 5—10:30AM—Circle One
- NOV 6—12:15PM—PWCT
- NOV 10—10:30AM—(Thursday) Mary & Martha @ Kathy Banke's home
- NOV 15—10:30AM—Busy Bees Circle

### THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON



We will be having our Annual Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 20 at 12:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be covered dish and you may sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Please join us for this time of fun and fellowship.

### CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST 2016

We are celebrating Christmas with a fellowship breakfast on Sunday, December 4, at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. The Session is providing all the food and drinks.

We ask everyone, who is able, to bring a gift for the children of **Securus House**. Do not wrap them so Securus can direct their distribution. They will also need paper to wrap the gifts.

**Some suggested items are:** toys, games, cars, trucks, baby dolls, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, all kinds of children's books. The children range in age from babies to 17.

We will place them under the tree when we come for breakfast. If you are unable to get a gift, come anyway and join in the fellowship.



Clayton County Association Against Family Violence, Inc.

## FROM THE PNC...



The PNC is still at work and making progress. Please keep us in your prayers.

**Greg Downing**  
PNC Chair

### CRAFT GROUP

**NOV 08—11:30am**—@ Padre's Mexican Restaurant, Publix Shopping Center, Lake Dow/Hwy81, McDonough



### Poinsettias

Each Christmas we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias in honor or memory of someone special. We will order red and white plants this year. The cost will be \$12.00 per plant. You may order a plant in honor or memory of someone by filling out the order form and giving it to Connie McWilliams or the Church Office. It is not necessary to purchase more than one plant in order to honor more than one person. Make checks payable to Connie McWilliams and not to the church. Order forms will be available soon inside the bulletin. The deadline to order this year is November 27.

### Securus House

Clayton County's home for abused women and their children is an organization that provides a refuge in a time of crisis. We here at PPC are privileged to partner with this organization to provide much needed supplies throughout the year. During the months of November and December we are collecting these supplies and will be delivering them December 20.

PLEASE NOTE: You may make monetary donations. Make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Securus House. Place them in the offering plate when it is passed.

Place your donations in the collection bins in the narthex. All gifts must be received by Sunday, December 18.

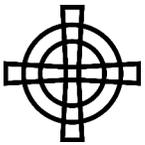
**See the back of the calendar for a list of the needed items.**

**OUR MISSION:** is to offer 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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## SECURUS HOUSE ITEMS NEEDED

**SECUR'US HOUSE** is the refuge for abused women and their children. We will be collecting supplies in November and December.

**Connie McWilliams, Community Missions**

**Items for infants & children include:**

- diapers (all sizes, but esp. large & x-large)
- diaper rash cream
- baby oil, baby wipes & Vaseline
- bottles with nipples
- diaper bags & baby strollers
- socks, underwear & undershirts (all sizes)
- pajamas & slippers (all sizes)
- crayons, coloring books, markers

**Items for the women include:**

- new underwear (all sizes)
- pajamas, gowns & slippers (all sizes)
- personal hygiene products
- hair care products for women of all color
- hair blow dryers
- casual clothes (all sizes)

folders for personal documents

**Items for the shelter include:**

- toiletries (deodorant, shampoo bar soap)
- laundry detergent & fabric softener
- dish-washing detergent (hand & machine)
- paper towels, toilet tissue & facial tissues
- trash bags (large kitchen & heavy-duty yard)
- toothbrushes, toothpaste & mouthwash
- first aid products; cough drops; lip balm
- Infant & Children's Tylenol (non-generic)
- twin sheets sets (any color)
- 9-oz. & 16-oz. cups
- paper plates
- office supplies
- 8 ½ x 11 copy paper
- Post-it notes (all sizes)
- 9 x 12 manila envelopes

**New Start Items:**

- (new of slightly used)
- suit case
- towels & wash cloths
- sheets sets (any color)
- flatware & glasses
- pots & pans
- kitchen utensils

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**ALSO:**

**Check the Christmas Breakfast invitation for Christmas Gift items for the children.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

### Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on October 16, 2016. The Financial Committee reported the PPC September 30 financial report as follows:

Balance in the Operating Fund	\$32,360.66
Total Assets	\$86,671.65
Total Revenue September	\$13,403.69
Total Expenses September	\$12,531.19
Balance for September	\$872.50

- Session is in full support of the new series of Praise Dance classes and performances lead by teachers Mallory Banke and Marie Dossouvi, by authorizing monies to carpet the old choir room in the fellowship hall as the new dance studio and multipurpose room. Session also authorized the Outreach committee permission to request sponsorship of the dancer uniforms to be used during service performances.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Praise Dance performance is scheduled to take place during the October 30<sup>th</sup> service.
- Our annual Congregation meeting was held on October 23, where the congregation elected three members to serve on Session. Elected were elders Greg Durden and Eliot Lawrence along with Beverly Johnson who will be ordained as a first time elder. Please give them your support.