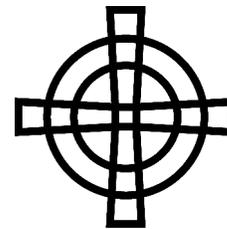


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From Your Pastor's Desk,

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13

The CAT Scan is finished. Session has listened to the congregation and made many difficult, yet necessary, decisions The PNC has been elected and commissioned. Now begins the waiting and wondering about who God will select as the next pastor for Philadelphia PC.

It's expected that congregations will become anxious or impatient with the Presbyterian process during this time. But, in the midst of the transition, there are several things any member can do to alay their fears while strengthening the church:

- Demonstrate your faith - This is not a time to relinquish church responsibilities or slack off in tithing or attendance. Your commitment is to God, not to a pastor.
• Share the gospel - Some churches actually grow during a time of transition. Invite friends and family to church. Share your faith journey at every opportunity.
• Find a place to serve - God's plan for the church is for every member of the body of Christ to work together. Rather than becoming complacent, seek a place to work or serve.
• Be positive - Attitude is everything and it helps set the pace for a successful transition period.
• Most of all...Pray without ceasing...
√ For God's vision and direction to be revealed and embraced
√ For your current session, pastor and other leaders
√ For the ministry your new pastor may be leaving
√ For yourself as you prepare to accept and support a new leader
√ For the ability to be humble during the process and after the new pastor arrives
√ And, for members of the PNC. Say thank you. Drop them an encouraging note on occasion. Support them but don't impede their progress by probing for information. They will provide periodic updates to the entire church.

Inside this issue:

Table with 2 columns: Item, Count. Rows include Prayer List (2), Birthdays & Anniversaries (2), Volunteers (2), Session Report (4), Bereavement Need (3), Craft Group (3), PW Activity (3).

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.

Christ is still in complete control of His church. He knows what PPC needs in this season. Once everyone surrenders their agendas to God's agenda, PPC will be ready to receive the next pastor God has chosen for this church. This isn't business as usual because souls are at stake.

Your pastor, sister and friend,

Sylvia

(adapted from an article at - http://www.eccenter.com/ecc/media/EC-Publications)

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

- 02/ Arnold Vandiver
- 03/ Dot Pearce
- 06/ Mona Steele
- 06/ Pam Langley
- 08/ Gwen Steele
- 10/ Eliot Lawrence
- 11/ Greg Durden
- 13/ Zareen Nevrekar
- 15/ Mable Smith
- 21/ Dot Upchurch
- 23/ Aurora Staats
- 24/ Zara Nevrekar
- 26/ Betty Sue Downing
- 27/ Nell Cates
- 27/ Kekeli Dossouvi
- 28/ Blake Phillips

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 07/ Jenni & Stan Ashmore

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

- Philippe Karka
- Rick Pierce
- Jim Phillips
- Fred Rohrbach

NURSERY

- 04/ Evelyn Murdock
- 11/ Guest
- 18/ Dot Pearce
- 25/ Guest

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!

- 08/23 Carolyn Allen (Dot Pearce's sister) - diagnosed with leukemia**
- 08/23 Regina Allen (Dot Pearce's niece) - ovarian cancer treatments**
- 08/11 Mallory Banke's friend—16 year old on life support with brain injury—pool accident**
- 08/21 Brianna Bishop (Connie's granddaughter) - pneumonia**
- 08/01 Beth Brogdon (Patty Boone's cousin) – recovering from infection
- 08/22 Bush Family (Jennifer's friends) - husband having seizures-unable to control**
- 08/22 Susanne Dinan (Jennifer's friend) - diagnosed with breast cancer**
- 07/20 Rev. Penny Hill –dealing with stage 4 cancer
- 08/22 William Howard (Mary Smith's friend) - lung cancer**
- 08/22 James Howard Jones (Mary Smith's friend) - liver cancer**
- 08/22 Dene Long (Nancy Phillips' sister) – doing well and will continue maintenance chemo
- 08/21 Danny Morris' nephew and wife—praying for successful pregnancy**
- 08/15 Wayne Schmelz (NeSmith's son –in-law) – partial foot removal, hyperbaric & antibiotics
- 08/22 Mary Scott (Mary Smith's friend) - surgery to repair hernia**
- 08/15 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 07/28 Linda Smith (Joyce Smith's sister) – recovering from defibrillator replacement
- 08/03 Bud Steele – dealing with shingles
- 07/13 Dot Upchurch – recovering from various health issues
- 08/01 Amy Warren (Cindy's friend) – hospice care for multiple cancer tumors

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 or fill in the I WISH card and drop in offering.

THANK YOU

We were able to deliver 745 individual items of school supplies to Kinship Care. Thank you again church, for your generosity.

Connie McWilliams
Community Missions

THANK YOU

My family would like to say Thank You for all your prayers and concerns for my sister, Dene Long. She is doing well, and will have maintenance chemo but has come a long way toward recovery. We can always count on our church family for prayer and positive attitudes. Please keep her in your prayers. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Nancy Phillips

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for all the support you have offered me and my family durin my mother's illness and recent passing. The cards, kind words, thoughts and prayers have meant so much. I feel so blessed to have such loving and caring friends. Your support has given me such strength!

Love,
Kathie Pierce

PW MESSAGE CORNER



- No PWCT-next meeting on Oct. 2
- SEP 10—10:30AM—Circle One
- SEP 10—10:30AM—Mary & Martha @ Pat Randolph's house



Our Annual PW Retreat: Plan to attend our Annual PW retreat on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 In the Lake View Room at Calvin Center in Hampton, Ga. We always enjoy the fellowship and great programs at our retreats and we are looking forward to another wonderful retreat this fall. Our speaker is Emily Wilmesherr, from Columbia Seminary. Emily is excited to be our speaker and the theme is about understanding that our beauty goes far beyond our physical appearance stemming from our creation being made in God's image; finding the courage to be bold as disciples of Christ in the world around us and using who we were created to be to make a difference in the world around us.

All women are invited and encouraged to attend. We will begin the day in the Lake View Room on Saturday, Oct., 22, with breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00am as the group gathers and the program will begin at 9:00am, which will conclude at 3:00pm. The cost is \$35 and includes both breakfast and lunch. To reserve your space, please give your checks or cash to Debbie Bray. Checks should be made out to Debbie Bray.

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NEED YOUR HELP

The Bereavement Committee is in need of clear glass bowls, and medium size glass trays. If you have these items you would like to donate, please see Barbara Barlow.



Attention, Amazon Shoppers!

Did you know that Amazon will make a contribution to your favorite charity every time you make a purchase through the popular web site? The next time you want to make a purchase, go to smile.amazon.com instead of amazon.com. You will be given a choice of about a million different charities to which Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price. Not every purchase is eligible, but I have not found one of mine that is not eligible. Kathy and I contribute to the Good Shepherd Clinic, and I hope you will also, but there are many other worthy charities. Just make sure that you go to smile.amazon.com each time you make a purchase, and your contribution will be made automatically by Amazon.

FROM THE PNC...



We are meeting on a weekly basis. We are working hard and making great strides. If you have any questions, please ask any member of the team.

Greg Downing
Pastor Nominating Committee

CRAFT GROUP

September 13—11:30am @Longhorn's Restaurant, Morrow @ MtZion

September 27—11:30am @ Padre's Restaurant, McDonough (Publix Shopping Center @ Lake Dow)

Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Invites you to our 2016 Annual Fall Workshops



"What is YOUR focus?"

A closer look at the PW Purpose
September 24, 2016
Clairmont Presbyterian Church

Rev. Kate McGregor Mosley – Keynote Speaker
Co-Moderator of Presbyterians for a Better Georgia



Justice & Peace Missions Community Bible Study

Registration & Continental Breakfast: 8:30am

Worship & Workshops: 9:00am – 2:00pm

Lunch: \$10



RSVP to patrandolph@gmail.com or via Evite invitation

Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on August 21, 2016. The Financial Committee reported the PPC July 31 financial report as follows:

Balance in the Operating Fund	\$38,809.89
Total Assets	\$95,117.84
Total Revenue July	\$16,473.32
Total Expenses July	\$15,671.43
Balance for June	\$801.89

In other news:

Plans are under way for the Fall Dance class. The old choir room is getting a facelift in preparation for a new class starting Sep/Oct. Teachers Mallory and Marie are looking forward to an even bigger class of students.

Session is preparing to search for three Elders for the Class of 2019. A congregational meeting in September will appoint a Congregational Search committee to serve for the coming year.

Plans are in works for a thanksgiving luncheon. Invitations will go out to local college students away from home for the holidays to join us.

Property has had to replace the Fellowship Hall A/C unit and purchase several 1st aids kits. Yet to be purchased: New doors for the Narthex and Fellowship Hall, a replacement security camera and carpet for the “new dance studio”.

Rick Pierce

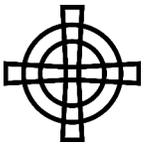
Clerk of Session

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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