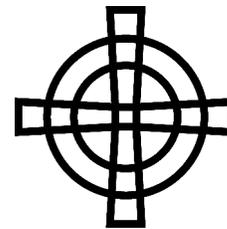


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From Your Pastor's Desk

"Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied." 1 Corinthians 15:12-19

Do you believe in the resurrection of the dead? If you don't, what difference does it make? These questions are of central importance to the Christian faith.

According to Paul, if Christ was not raised then our faith is hopeless and he/we would be misrepresenting God. But Christ was raised. Our hopes and the hopes of those who have died in Christ are founded on a firm foundation.

Why would Paul even preach the gospel if he knew that it was not true and why would he die for a cause he knew to be a lie? No, he was convinced and tried to reassure the Corinthian church that those who died in Christ will be raised again someday unto eternal life.

It's easier to say we believe in the mysteries of God than it is to actually believe that God did, can and will do all of the miraculous things in scripture. That is particularly true for those of us living a life of relative ease without any real threat of being punished or persecuted for our beliefs.

The same cannot be said of many Christian sisters and brothers around the world who must examine their faith on a daily basis since what they believe may literally become a matter of life and death. When asked about their faith, they are more likely to profess and share truthfully if they believe in the resurrection because death itself holds no sway over them. And death must never hold sway over any of us.

There can be no Easter without Good Friday...no resurrection without death, In Baptism, we participate in Jesus death and resurrection (W-2.3002). Our belief in both informs our Christian walk.

During the remaining days of Lent let us (re)consider the commitments we made at the time of our baptism or confirmation. And let us pray for God to grant us the courage and confidence to live like resurrection people. People who are neither ashamed of the gospel nor afraid to share it.

Your pastor, sister and friend,
Sylvia

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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

- 02/ Roland Downing
- 06/ Fred Rohrbach Jr.
- 08/ Erin Randolph
- 13/ Tom Smith
- 14/ Mallory Banke
- 17/ Kathie Pierce
- 17/ Angela Russ
- 23/ Serena Staats
- 24/ John Randolph
- 26/ Trinity Staats

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 05/ Betty Sue & Roland Downing*
- 10/ Ann & Charles NeSmith*
- 15/ Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach*
- 21/ Mallory & Chris Banke*
- 24/ Glenda & Rusty Taylor*
- 28/ Lynn & Arnold Vandiver*

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

- Fred Rohrbach
- Tom Murphy
- Celestine Karka
- Jim Phillips

NURSERY

- 02/ Debbie Bray
- 09/ Mary Smith
- 16/ Guest
- 23/ Dossouvi family
- 30/ Diane Kitchen

03/07 Carolyn Allen (Dot Pearce's sister) – continuing chemo treatments for leukemia – doing well

03/07 Regina Allen – (Dot Pearce's niece) starting different cancer treatments

02/13 Roland Downing – recovering from pneumonia – doing better

02/22 Susan Dunn (Dot Dunn's Daughter) requests prayers for her family

03/01 Terry Folsom (Huie's son-in-law) – not doing well with leg paralysis & infection

02/27 Marie Foster – recovering from A-fib, recent stroke

02/28 Philippe Karka – awaiting testing results

03/19 Pat Randolph –chemo for stage 4 Breast Cancer

02/05 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) taking a Parp inhibitor to slow cancer growth

02/09 Tim Wallace – (Dot's Upchurch's caregiver/son) – stage 4 prostate cancer

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

Patty Boone Becky Huie Dot Upchurch

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

Prayer Update

My PPC Family,

My daughter-in-law, Dawn Smith, has been on our church prayer list for the last three years as she has battled peritoneal cancer. She has undergone surgery and every possible type of chemotherapy, including that which was recommended by the doctors at M. D. Anderson in February. Her latest scan has shown that the chemo is not working, so she will not be receiving any more. She has begun taking a Parp inhibitor, and it is hoped that it will slow the progress of her cancer. We are deeply grateful for your prayers and ask that you continue to keep Dawn, my son, Mike, and their 9 year old daughter, McLean in your prayers.

Thank you,
Frances Youngblood

Thank You

Dear Church Family,
We would like to thank you all for your prayers and concerns for our daughter in law, Terri Pearce. Her extensive back surgery went well and she on her way to a long recovery. Your words of love and support are greatly appreciated.
Thank you all,
Emory & Dot Pearce

Thank You

The Bereavement Committee,
We would like to thank you for the time and love you put into the reception for our beloved wife/mother Dorothy Morgan. The food was delicious and plentiful. Your words of love and compassion were a comfort to us after her Celebration of Life Service. We hope you were all able to be in the sanctuary for the home going, because it very personally reflected Dot.
We know you will keep our father Ray in your thoughts and prayers during the months ahead. He has been very strong for us. We count on his Church to be strong for him.
With Gratitude,
Ray Morgan, Mary, Diane, Bill & Jo

PW MESSAGE CORNER



- APR 2—12:15pm—PWCT
- APR 8—10:30am—Circle One
- APR 13—10:30am—Mary & Martha Circle @ Nancy Phillips' home
- Apr 18—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle



**Calvary Refuge Fund Raising
Covered Dish Luncheon
April 23—12:15pm**

During the month of April, we are raising funds to help furnish the new Holland Emergency Shelter at Calvary Refuge. Our goal is \$1906.36, which is the total cost to furnish one Family Room, sleeping

four.

Each Family Room needs:

2 sets of bunk beds	1,102.00
4 mattresses	604.60
4 pillows	37.28
4 sets of twin sheets	54.84
4 blankets	82.04
4 bath towels	11.84
4 wash cloths	5.80
4 hand towels	<u>7.96</u>

TOTAL COST \$1906.36

Please place your donation in an envelope marked for Calvary Refuge. Make checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

Then on Sunday, April 23, we will have the covered dish luncheon to come together and celebrate this wonderful ministry. If you have any questions or would like to



THANK YOU

Dear Presbyterian Women and Men of Philadelphia,

You are wonderful! Thank you for all the effort you put into making the 30th Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women of Greater Atlanta a success, from cleaning and decorating to lending a hand with registration to preparing delicious treats for the reception. So many women who attended commented on our beautiful church and how welcomed they felt. My heartfelt thanks to the men and women who came out on March 18th to clean and set up, to Eliot for playing for the service, to Fred for manning the golf cart and so much more, and to PW for being the marvelous hosts that you always are!

In Christian gratitude,

Debbie Durden

PW Moderator of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on March 19, 2017. The Financial Committee reported the PPC February 2017 financial report as follows:

Balance in the Operating Fund	\$32, 296.01
Total Assets	\$88, 529.02
Total Revenue February	\$12, 188.49
Total Expenses February	\$13, 702.79
Balance for February	(\$1,514.29)

In other news:

During our March meeting, we discussed having a Good Friday Service. If you would be interested in attending a Good Friday Service, please let Pastor Wilson or a Session member know.

We also decided to hold an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, 2017. The Easter Egg Hunt will be at 1:00 p.m. at the Church. If you are interested in helping with the hunt please get in contact with Jennifer Rohrbach.

CRAFT GROUP

Dates and times to be announced

EASTER EGG HUNT

FOR AGES: Toddler thru 5th Grade

Saturday, April 15, 2017 at 1:00pm

Let's round up all the children we can find for a day of fun.

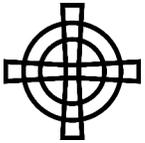
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OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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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