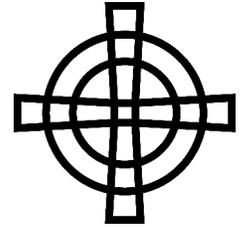


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**A light in the community
that brings all people to
God through Christ
centered worship and
ministry and nurtures their
faith in order to
extend His kingdom.**

to all our Philadelphia family

from Dave & Barbara

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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to Dot Pearce and family in the death of her niece, Regina Allen.

- 11/21 Sydney Bonham (Dinah Bingham's friend) - stage 4 lung cancer
- 10/17 Angela Brantley (Dot Pearce's niece) – diagnosed with breast cancer
- 10/30 Diane Brown (the Steele's niece) – fractured arm in fall
- 11/14 Charles Dunaway (Joan's brother) – recovering from heart attack
- 10/19 Cheryl Harris (Jennifer's friend) – diagnosed with cancer
- 11/9 James "Don" Huie (Scott Holloway's uncle) - under hospice care for bone cancer
- 11/21 Linda Smith (Joyce Smith's sister) - at Piedmont Atlanta with heart problems
- 11/21 Lea Turner (Joyce Smith's sister-in-law) - in hospital with pneumonia
- 10/31 Lynn Vandiver – recovering from hip replacement surgery

OUR HOMEBOUND: Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information
Patty Boone Becky Huie

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

PLEASE NOTE: if you make a prayer request or give an update during the Sunday worship service, please follow up with a call to the church office on Monday so we can update our prayer list.

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

- 08/ Joyce Smith
- 20/ Guy Staats
- 21/ Van Banke
- 25/ Frances Youngblood
- 29/ Ann NeSmith

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 01/ Debbie & Greg Durdan
- 01/ Kathy & Hal Banke
- 20/ Jo & Don Nelson
- 21/ Serena & Guy Staats
- 23/ Jane & Buddy Ashmore

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

- Danny Morris
- Pat Randolph
- Emory Pearce
- Celestine Karka

NURSERY

- 03/ Mary Smith
- 10/ Cathy Morris
- 17/ Diane Kitchen
 Guest: Cantata (PM)
- 24/ Guest: Christmas Eve
- 31/ Dossouvi family



Dear Church Friends,

Our family wants to express our gratitude for the delicious lunch you prepared for us on Monday before the funeral.

Dot came from Riverdale Presbyterian Church and was one of your homebound members. Most of your congregation did not know Dot, but ministered to her through cards, calls, food and visits from her pastor.

Since she was unable to come to services, Dot enjoyed so much your bulletins and newsletters.

Thank you so much for your prayers, visits, food, cards, and home visits, also while she was in the hospital and rehab—but most of all your prayers.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness more than words can express.

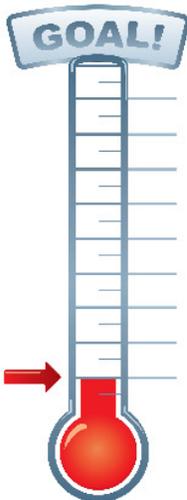
Love in Christ,

The family of Dorothy Upchurch



Thank you to all who were able to help with the sack lunches for Calvary Refuge on November 19. We were able to put together 100 bags.

Church Renovations Goal:
\$55,000



Received to date:
\$5,700

Secur'us House

We normally run a campaign to collect donations for Secur'us House in April, September and December. This year, because of extra needs at Calvary Refuge, we have postponed our collection until now. 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. During the month of December we are collecting these supplies and will be delivering them December 18.

PLEASE NOTE: You may make monetary donations. Make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Secur'us 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 17.

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



Clayton County Association Against Family Violence, Inc.

PW MESSAGE CORNER



- DEC 3—12:15pm—PWCT
- DEC 9 —10:30am—Circle One
- DEC 14—10:00am—Mary & Martha Circle
- DEC 19—11:30am—Busy Bees Circle @ Longhorn, Jonesboro Road, McDonough



CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group's annual Christmas Party will be December 12, 11:30am, at the Meridian Club House, with a covered dish lunch. The husbands of members are invited.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST 2017

We are celebrating Christmas with a fellowship breakfast on Sunday, December 10, 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.



2017 PPC—Christmas Season

- * December 3—11:00am—Hanging of the Green Service
- * December 10—9:30am—Christmas Breakfast
- * December 10—11:00am—Communion Service
- * December 16—11:00am—Cantata Dress Rehearsal
- * December 17—11:00am—Praise Dance Team in Worship
- * December 17—7:00pm—Christmas Cantata & reception
- * December 24—7:00pm—Candlelight & Communion Service
- * December 25-28—Church Office closed
- * December 31—Casual Service
- * January 1—Church Office closed



Workday—December 16 —9:00am

We will be preparing the church for our cantata and guests. We will also place the Poinsettias. Please come and help out if you can.

BRING YOUR

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO CHURCH



Bring your Christmas Cards to church members on December 10. Bring a Christmas Gift Bag with your name on it to collect the cards you receive. See the Session Summary for details.

ADVENT 2018



Advent material is available in the narthex for everyone in the congregation. There is a calendar that includes scripture and reflections for each day of the Advent season. There is also "Moving Toward The Manger" devotional booklet by Martin E. Marty. Please use these to prepare your heart and soul for the celebration of Jesus' birth.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

DRESS REHEARSAL

The choir will have a dress rehearsal for this year's cantata on Saturday morning, December 16, at 11:00am. If you would like to see the program but are unable to come at night, please feel free to come.

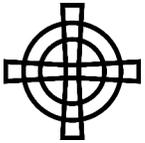


OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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

SECURUS HOUSE is the refuge for abused women and their children. We will be collecting supplies in 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 1/2 x 11 copy paper
- Post-it notes (all sizes)
- 9 x 12 manila envelopes

New Start Items:

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

PLEASE NOTE: You may make monetary donations. Make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Securus House. Place your donations in the collection bins in the narthex. All gifts must be received by Sunday, December 17, 2017.

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 November 20, 2017. The Financial Committee reported the PPC October 2017 financial report as follows:

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| Total Revenue October | \$20,953.72 |
| Total Expenses October | \$13,815.47 |
| Balance for October | \$7,138.25 |
| Balance in the Operating Fund | \$31,725.93 |
| Total Assets * | \$91,036.93 |

*(This includes operating fund, money market, and investments in cd's)

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|---------------|--------------|
| YTD Revenue | \$134,359.90 |
| YTD Expenses | \$131,234.43 |
| Difference of | \$3,125.47 |

In other news:

We would like to thank two families for their generous donations towards our renovation project. Your generous donation is greatly appreciated! The renovation project is close to completion, and we are very pleased with the way the Church is looking.

A big "Thank You" to the Praise Dance Team. You and your students did a great job on November 19th, and we look forward to the next performance.

As you all know the month of December is a busy time at Philadelphia. Please pay close attention to the schedule of events that is printed in the Crossroads.

One thing that we are going to do again this year is "Bring your Christmas Cards to Church". We did this a couple of years ago and would like to do it again. If you want to participate – and save some postage – bring your Christmas Cards for Church members to Church by December 10, 2017. We also ask that you bring your own Christmas Gift bag – with your name on it. I will sort all of the cards out and the cards will be hand delivered on December 17th before/after service. Please know that if you are giving cards to members who aren't at church regularly you will want to mail those cards instead of bringing them to Church. You are encouraged to use your saved postage money and give it to your favorite charity or you could donate it towards our building renovation project.

On December 10th, we will have our 3rd annual Christmas breakfast. The Session is providing breakfast and everyone is invited to come eat breakfast together and enjoy some holiday cheer. We will plan to eat breakfast around 9:30 a.m. and hope that you will make plans to join us.

Yours in Christ,

Jennifer