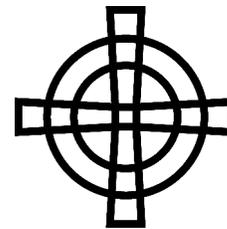


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From Your Pastor's Desk,

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11-12

God is good...all the time! Those who trust in the Lord have no need to worry about what the New Year will bring. It may appear that evil is winning but we can be confident that God is working everything out for good. It may seem that everything is falling apart but we can find comfort in remembering The One who brought creation out of chaos. There may be times of sorrow and sadness but we know joy comes in the morning.

Let us enter the New Year as Agents of Reconciliation bearing the Good News of peace, joy, hope and love because our God lives and is good...all the time.

Recipe for a Happy New Year

Author: Unknown

Take twelve whole months, clean them thoroughly of all bitterness, hate, and jealousy.

Make them just as fresh and clean as possible.

Now cut each month in to twenty-eight, thirty, thirty-one different parts, but don't make up the whole batch at once.

Prepare it one day at a time out of these ingredients.

Mix well into each day one part of faith, one part of patience, one part of courage, and one part of work (careful not to forget this ingredient).

Add to each day one part of hope, faithfulness, generosity, and kindness.

Blend with one part prayer, one part meditation, and one good deed.

Season the whole with a dash of good spirits, a sprinkle of fun, a pinch of play, and a cupful of good humor.

Pour all of this into a vessel of love. Cook thoroughly over radiant joy, garnish with a smile, and serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness.

In the end, you are guaranteed to have a happy new year.

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Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy and safe 2017.

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.

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/ Akouele Dossouvi
- 02/ Koko Dossouvi
- 11/ Debbie Durden
- 13/ Darr Johnson
- 13/ Celestine Karka
- 21/ Tom Murphy
- 22/ Becky Huie
- 29/ Evelyn Murdock

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 01/ Frances & Darrell Youngblood*
- 22/ Nancy & Jim Phillips*
- 22/ Brooke & Thomas Lloyd*

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

To be announced

NURSERY

To be announced

- 11/03 Carolyn Allen (Dot Pearce's sister) – chemo treatments for leukemia
- 12/19 Susanne Dinan (Jennifer's friend) - breast cancer, battling colitis
- 12/15 Wallace Dunn—radiation treatments for prostate cancer
- 10/31 Terry Folsom (Huie's son-in-law) – paralysis in legs, complications & infection
- 10/27 Dr. Gloria Johnson (Pastor Wilson's friend) – undergoing chemo for cancer
- 11/16 Don Olden (John Randolph's friend) – had bypass surgery with complications, now facing stint
- 11/30 Jeff Ragan (Cindy's brother) – heart bypass surgery on 12/22
- 11/09 Becky Shaw (Joyce Smith's sister-in-law) – recovering from lung cancer surgery
- 11/05 Dawn Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) – continuing chemo
- 12/15 Willie J. Smith (Mary's husband) – treatments for prostate cancer
- 12/08 Nicole Smith-Mather (Shelvis & Nancy's daughter) – young infant in hospital
- 10/31 Mona Steele – recovering from surgery for fractured hip, may receive visitors now
- 12/11 Bud Steele – recovering from partial removal of toe
- 12/08 Katherine Wood (dance class grandparent) – having major health issues, caregiver of 5

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*

Patty Boone 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

Dear Church Family,
Thanks for all the wonderful words of prayers, the beautiful cards and words of wisdom.
Mona Steele

THANK YOU

Dear Members of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church,
Thank you for your consistent financial support of the Good Shepherd Clinic.
God Bless You,
Tilder Harris
Board of Good Shepherd Clinic

Many Thanks!

Pastor Wilson and Debbie Bray decorated several rooms at Jonesboro Rehab Center and gave other residents stuffed animals as gifts. Unused cards can be used next year and, if there's no objection, animals will be shared with shut-ins and local police officers who distributes them to children in crisis.

**Happy
 New
 Year!**

PW MESSAGE CORNER



- No PWCT until February 5
- JAN 8—11:00am—Installation of officers in Worship
- JAN 12—10:30am—Mary & Martha Circle @ Debbie Bray's home
- JAN 14—10:30am—Circle One
- JAN 17—10:30AM—Busy Bees Circle

FROM THE PNC...



We continue to work each week of our search journey. Please keep us and our continued effort in your prayers.

Greg Downing
PNC Chair

CRAFT GROUP

JAN 10—11:30AM—@Red Lobster, Tara Blvd., Jonesboro, then to church PLOT room for planning 2017

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group will have our first meeting of the New Year January 10, Red Lobster, Tara Blvd, Jonesboro. After lunch we will meet at the church to plan our calendar for the year.

Philadelphia Ladies, if you have not joined us before, our name could be misleading. First of all we do not do Crafts. The group was formed in 1991. Linda Harvey & I wanted to learn Cross Stitch. Jackie Hill was very willing to teach us, how ever it was a challenge due to the fact Jackie was left handed. There was a night Craft Group at the time, we decided to start a Day Craft Group. We met in members homes the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, 11:30 - 2:30. Jackie watched the clock like a hawk, kicked us out, 2:30 sharp. About two years after our group was formed we decided to take a trip, we had so much fun, we put down our cross stitch, knitting needles, quilting and planned a trip once a month, shortly afterwards, two trips a month.

We've been to four states (including Georgia) more day trips than we can count, after nearly 26 years we are still going strong, well, maybe we have slowed just a little since 1991. The group has been a blessing to so many ladies in our church and The Lord has blessed us in our travels. If you would like to join us, check the bulletin and Cross Roads for time and place of our events.

I wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Barbara Barlow

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Dear Lord, please give me . . .
A few friends who understand me
and yet remain my friends
A work to do which has real value,
without which the world
would feel the poorer...
A mind unafraid to travel,
even though the trail be not blazed
An understanding heart...
A sense of humor.
Time for quiet, silent meditation.
A feeling of the presence of God.
And the patience to wait
for the coming of these things,
with the wisdom to know them
when they come.

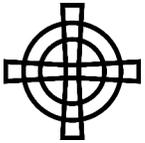
— W. H. HUNT

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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