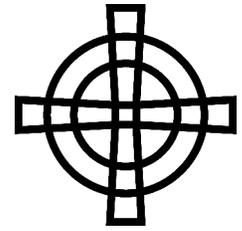


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For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the Spirit without limits. John 3:34

On behalf of our regular visitors, members, the PNC and the Session it is my pleasure to introduce and extend a heartfelt welcome to **Rev. Dave Omerod** and his wife **Barbara** as Dave begins his Call at Philadelphia. Rev. Omerod is the son of the late Rev. & Mrs. John Omerod. Rev. John pastored many Presbyterian churches in Illinois and Ohio. Dave and wife Barbara live in Newnan. They have two daughters, Heather (Don) Moore and Bridgette (Paul) Kemink and five grandchildren.

Dave received his BS degree in Education from Ohio University and his Masters of Divinity from the Pittsburg Theological Seminary and has continued his Doctoral Studies at Columbia Seminary. He was ordained on May 19, 1981. During his 36 year career he has served 16 churches in various capacities including the start up of 4 new

churches where he served as Organizing/Installed Pastor. His largest church had a membership of 800 and the smallest had 50. His most recent call was with the First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro.

Dave's strengths include leading with integrity, honesty and trust. Envisioning with the congregation and applying the gospel to everyday life are some of his key strengths. His leadership style includes mentoring individuals and teams within the congregation. He enables the Session and congregation to find solutions to difficult problems, encouraging a win/win collaboration of ideas. He believes in communicating well through friendly, open and candid sharing. He further believes that the more the congregation knows, the better decisions they make and the healthier they become.

Dave and Barbara met in Columbus, Ohio where they were both attending school. They were married on August 6, 1966. Dave enjoys working out at the gym, working crossword and Sudoku puzzles. One of his favorite foods is strawberries and I have it on good word that he has been known to visit the desert table at pot luck's prior to visiting the main food table. He and Barbara enjoy visiting their children (Michigan and North Carolina). They also enjoy cruising. They have visited the UK and their bucket list includes a visit to Austria, Hungary and Budapest.

Barbara has worked in the legal profession for 35 plus years. She became certified as a Legal Assistant in Florida and certified as a Paralegal by the North Carolina and Utah State Bar Associations. She currently serves as President of the Newnan-Coweta Art Association ("NCAA"). She is also a board member of the Friends of the Coweta County Libraries. She is an accomplished artist and her pastel "Going Home in Amish County" was awarded "Top Ten" at the Eighth Annual NCAA Juried Art Show. Her work, including pastels, one-of-a-kind greeting cards and hand-made costume jewelry is on display at the Corner Arts Gallery in Newnan. She also teaches classes at the gallery. Additional information is available at www.newcaa.com/galleries/barbaraomerod/index.html

We know that you are a man of God sent to lead and help us grow in our walk with the Lord. We hope that you will be blessed in your ministry here as you serve God's call in your life. Thank you for being willing to do what is right by God, and for sharing the truth in the Bible with us.

Jim Phillips
Admin Chair

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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.

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

03/ Parveen Yusufji
07/ Rusty Taylor
08/ Diane Banke
12/ Annelle Maxwell
16/ Chandler Murphy
18/ Kaif Nevrekar
20/ Carole Masdon
25/ Kathy Banke
27/ Philippe Karka
30/ Dinah Bingham
31/ Jackie Hill

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

(no May anniversaries)

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

Philippe Karka
Rick Pierce
Tom Smith
David Hatch

NURSERY

07/ Joyce Smith
14/ Guest
21/ Mallory Banke
28/ Debbie Bray

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 Lynn Vandiver and family in the death of Lynn's step dad, Bill Fenton.

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

03/21 Terry Folsom (Huie's son-in-law) – not doing well with leg paralysis & infection

04/24 Pam Hill (Mary Smith's friend) - 2 cardiac arrests, installing pacemaker

04/24 Brittany Jones (Mary Smith's friend) - 15 year old missing since April 11

04/18 John Randolph – recovering from A Fib & blood pressure problems

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

04/10 Susie Searcy (Jennifer Rohrbach's friend) – chest pains – awaiting test results

04/05 Dawn, Mike and McLean Smith (Frances Youngblood's daughter-in-law) Parp inhibitor to slow cancer growth

03/28 Mike Trotter (Joyce Smith's brother) – recovering from pneumonia

03/09 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

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.

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank all our Philadelphia family for the cards, calls, prayers, and visits during my recent illness and stay at rehab. You are very appreciated.

Roland Downing

Thank You

As a member of the Pulpit Nominating Committee, I would like to thank Greg Downing for his hard work and dedication as PNC Chairman. Greg worked many long hours planning, researching, e-mailing and time on the phone, to make sure the committee had all the information needed for the assignment ahead. Greg went over and beyond as chairman. He was always well prepared for the meetings and made the committee's job easier, even though he had other responsibilities and obligations. Thank you, Greg, for a job well done.

Barbara Barlow

Thank You

The Calvary Refuge fundraiser luncheon was a great success. Thank you to all who participated and brought good food and fellowship. As of this printing, we have collected \$766.36.

Connie McWilliams
Community Missions

Happy
Mother's
Day!

Sunday, May 14

PW MESSAGE CORNER



- MAY—NO PWCT
- MAY —NO Mary & Martha Circle
- MAY 13—10:30am—Circle One
- MAY 16—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle



Save the Date for our annual PW Retreat on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at Greg & Debbie Durden's house on Lake Oconee.

SUMMER CAMP

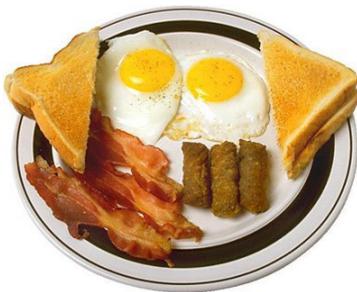


Summer is rapidly approaching and it's time to think about camping. This year we have two children - Kaylynn Lafoy and Aurora Staats - who would really like to go to camp. If you have children or grandchildren who go to camp then you know that it's not cheap. Both children would like to go to Camp Calvin this year but need our help. If you would like to help send these girls to camp please consider making a donation and mark it for "Camp Costs". Your help would be greatly appreciated.



Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton SC, will host an open house, Thursday, May 04. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Debbie Durden or Debbie Bray.

Please make your reservations no later than Monday, May 1st. Lunch will be Provided (\$10.00) We will be taking paper products such as : Plates, Napkins, Paper towels, Tissues, if you cannot attend, but would like to donate to this worthy cause, drop off your donations at the church in the narthex.



Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 14
9:00am

The men of the church invite everyone to come for breakfast and fellowship to honor the Mothers of Philadelphia. Ladies, this is your chance to be served by the men of the church.



MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 29, 2017

It is an important holiday celebrated across the United States that remembers those that died for our country, and serves to remind people of the costly price of war.

CRAFT GROUP

May 09 - 11:30am - @Silver Bay Restaurant, Stockbridge, North Henry Blvd (138)

May 23 - TBA

Session Summary...

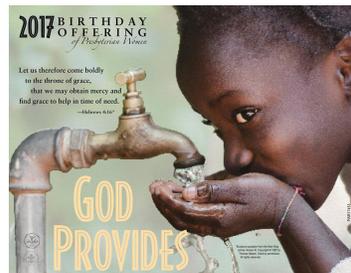
The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on April 9, 2017. The Financial Committee reported the PPC March 2017 financial report as follows:

Balance in the Operating Fund	\$30,687.61
Total Assets	\$86,920.62
Total Revenue March	\$11,403.83
Total Expenses March	\$12,472.23
Balance for March	(\$1068.40)

In other news:

We had an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, 2017. We had 12 children come and participate in the hunt and they all seemed to have a good time. It has been a while since we did an Easter Egg Hunt, so we were pleased with the number of children we had.

We had visitors come and walk the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week and had a good turnout for the Good Friday Service.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S BIRTHDAY OFFERING

May is the month each year that we celebrate the Birthday Offering for Presbyterian Women.

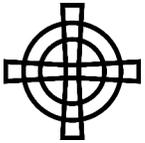
See the back of the May calendar for details of how you can contribute to support these life-changing projects.

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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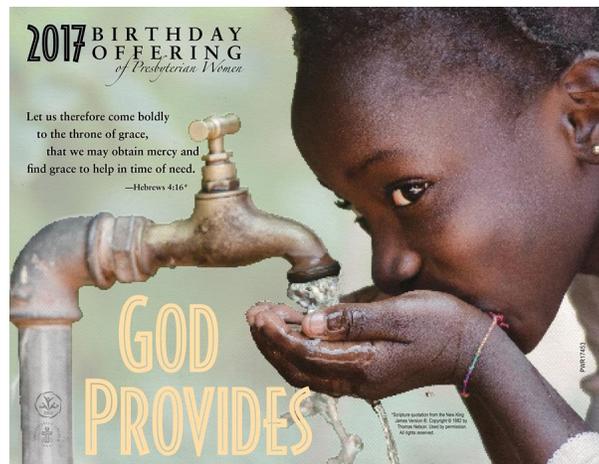
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The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering

has helped fund mission projects that improve the lives of women and children around the world each year since 1922.

In 2017, we will answer the call to show Jesus' love to the world by offering our prayers and financial support to projects that support the critical need for shelter, health care, and water in the areas they serve. Your gifts to the 2017 PW Birthday Offering will make it possible for three life-changing ministries to provide marginalized citizens in rural Cuba with hope and health services, to help families seeking shelter from domestic violence in South Carolina, and provide water systems to families in New Mexico:



First Hand Aid Rural Clinics—CUBA:

Your gift will help build, fund, stock with supplies, and staff six medical clinics located in Presbyterian churches in impoverished rural Cuba. The clinics will supply food and medicine to some of the neediest people of Cuba. This project also provides a personal touch and builds lasting relationships with the Cuban people because its volunteers travel to Cuba and deliver medical supplies and support in person.

The Family Justice Center Safe Haven for Domestic Violence—SOUTH CAROLINA:

The Family Justice Center provides a safe and welcoming environment for the victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse and is the only domestic violence shelter that serves victims of abuse in the counties of Georgetown and Horry. This Family Justice Center model has been identified as a best practice in the field of criminal domestic violence intervention and prevention services. Their current capacity of 11 people is not enough and they need to expand. Your gift will help them build a new shelter that will be able to serve 30–35 individuals in ten suites.

Navajo Water Project—NEW MEXICO:

Every American family should have running water, but 40% of Navajo Americans live without it. Your gift to the 2017 PW Birthday Offering will provide running water systems to 40 families who live on the Smith Lake Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. Instead of storing water in pots, pans and 55-gallon drums, these families will have cisterns, pumps, sinks, and showers.

Please give as you have been blessed to support these life-changing projects. Donations will be collected in our May PW Circle meetings and special yellow PW Birthday Offering envelopes will be in our sanctuary pew pockets inviting everyone to help these deserving projects. Make checks out to Philadelphia Church and note the PW Birthday Offering.