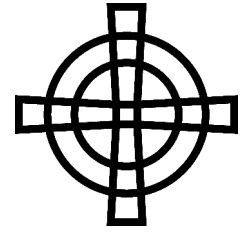


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Philadelphia Presbyterian Church would like to introduce our new Choir Director and Accompanist!

Verena Lucía Anders, winner of multiple Grammy Awards, pianist, conductor, vocalist, and music educator, was born in Berlin, Germany, of Chilean and Peruvian parents. After moving to the U.S., Verena began her training in music and dance at the age of four at the Peabody Institute in Baltimore, MD.

While a dance major at the Baltimore High School for the Arts, she continued her studies in music and piano at the Peabody Institute. Mrs. Anders completed her Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance under the tutelage of Santiago Rodriguez at the University of Maryland, College Park with a minor in Voice and French.

Upon completion of her undergraduate studies, Mrs. Anders studied at the Alvin Ailey School for Dance in New York, while maintaining an active life singing with the choir of St. Patrick’s Cathedral, the New York Choral Artists, and the early-music ensemble Amor Artis.

Verena received her Master’s Degree in Choral Conducting in 2010 from the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. During this time, Verena held the position of Music Director at St Francis of Assisi in Derwood, MD where she continued to serve for eight years. During her time in D.C., Verena maintained an active life as a performing musician and dancer.

In 2012, Verena accepted a position at St Thomas Aquinas Church in Arizona. During her 4 year tenure there, Verena directed multiple adult and children’s choral ensembles and the resident orchestra. Mrs. Anders also assisted in developing a school music curriculum for the Diocese of Phoenix.

Mrs. Anders currently lives with her husband, Will Buthod, in Atlanta, Georgia. She serves as Choral Teaching Artist with the Atlanta Music Project (a tuition-free music school for under-served youth), and Music Educator at the Fugees Academy for refugee children. Verena also currently sings with the Atlanta Symphony Chorus and Chamber Chorus.

Mrs. Anders is looking forward to working with the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Community!

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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/ Chris Banke
- 03/ Jennifer Rohrbach
- 05/ Rose Enow
- 15/ Angie tharp
- 18/ Diane Kitchen
- 19/ Don Nelson
- 19/ Andrew durden
- 20/ Pat Randolph
- 22/ Barbara Omerrod
- 24/ Pegge Murphy
- 26/ Henry Brock
- 27/ Charlie NeSmith
- 28/ Erwin Gettys

- 02/15 Carolyn Allen (Dot Pearce's sister) – not doing well with leukemia
- 02/06 Darrell Morrow (Barbara Barlow's son-in-law) – recovering from infection in leg with diabetes
- 02/12 Pastor Dave Omerod – recovering from severe infection in knee
- 01/18 Gwen Steele – receiving chemo treatment for lung cancer
- 01/02 Michael Trotter (Joyce Smith's brother) – recovering from pneumonia on oxygen
- 01/05 Lea Turner (Joyce Smith's sister-in-law) – chemo for lung cancer
- 02/12 Diannah Wetzstein (Eliot's daughter-in-law) – going to Mayo Clinic 3/12 for tests/diagnosis

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 20/ Karen & Howard Nelson
- 26/ Annelle & Buck Maxwell
- 28/ Celestine & Phillipe Karka

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 VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

- Darr Johnson
- Philippe Karka
- Danny Morris
- Mary Smith

NURSERY

- 04/ Cathy Morris
- 11/ Diane Kitchen
- 18/ Marie Dossouvi
- 25/ Mallory Banke

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our food pantry. My, can we use it!

Although we are able to get many supplies from the food bank, we are also able to get fresh fruit & vegetables at the farmer's market.

We find that our numbers are growing and growing, many are grandmothers raising grandchildren.

When there is no school, breakfasts and lunches are an added burden.

Except for Thanksgiving, we are open every Thursday, including this past snow & ice day. We feel blessed and honored to serve others—with your help.

In Christ,
Tricia Koehler



Dear Church,

Thank you to everyone who participated in Souper Bowl Sunday! The chilis and soups were delicious!

We collected 185 non perishable items for the Morrow Presbyterian Church Food Pantry and \$95.00 for Samaritans Together in Forest Park.

Thank you so much for your support of Morrow Presbyterian's Food Pantry and Samaritans Together.

Diane Kitchen and Connie McWilliams
Outreach PW Community Missions



Dear Church Family,

On behalf of our daughter, Robin Folsom and grandson, Chris, we appreciate all your calls and notes throughout the past year. Unfortunately, we lost Terry in November after a year long stay in the hospital and nursing home.

Thanks also from us, for the poinsettias placed in our honor during the holiday from Circle One and Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class. We appreciate all of you so much for your kindness.

Your brother and sister in Christ,

Becky & Bob Huie



PW MESSAGE CORNER



- MAR 4—12:15pm—PWCT
- MAR 8—10:00am—Mary & Martha Circle
- MAR 10—10:30AM—Circle One
- MAR 20—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

CRAFT GROUP

March 13 – 11:30AM - @ Gabano's Mexican Rest., Rock Quarry Rd., Stbg

March 27 – 11:30AM - @ 15th Street Pizza, Jodeco Rd., Stbg

Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on February 11, 2018. The Financial Committee reported the PPC January 2018 financial report as follows:

Total Revenue January	\$9,109.64	YTD Revenue	\$9,109.64
Total Expenses January	\$9,088.71	YTD Expenses	\$9,088.71
Balance for January	\$20.93	Difference of	\$20.93

Balance in the Operating Fund \$26,158.17

Total Assets * \$60,302.01

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

In other news:

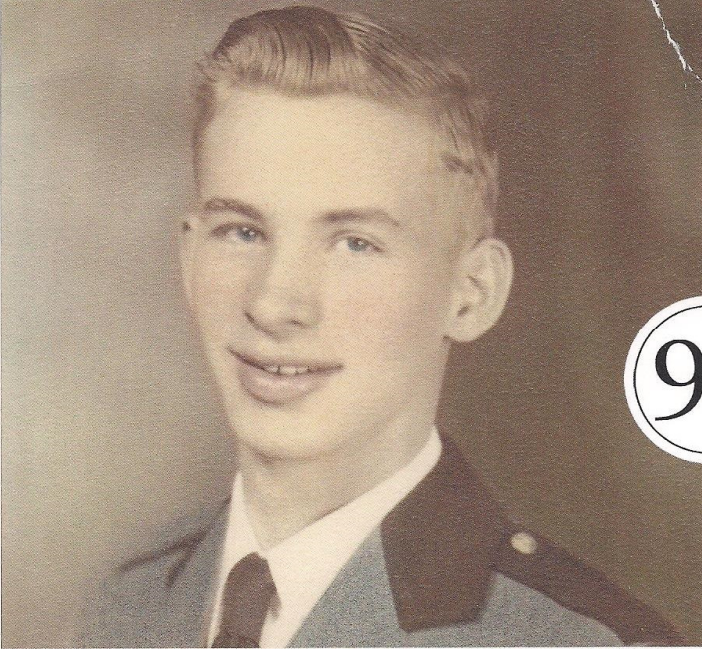
We would like to welcome **Verena Anders** to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. Verena is our new choir director, and we are very excited to have her here. If you haven't already done so, please welcome her and introduce yourself. Also, take a moment to read about her in this month's Crossroads.

At the February Session meeting, it was decided that we would NOT have an Easter Sunrise service this year. Over the years our participation level has greatly decreased so we decided to not hold it. However, Session is going to host an **Easter Breakfast** at 9:30 a.m. and this will take the place of Sunday School. Everyone is invited to breakfast and we hope you will come.

We will put up the **Stations of the Cross** this year and encourage you to walk that path. The Stations of the Cross will go up the week before Easter. Since **Easter is on April 1st** – which would also be Communion Sunday – we decided to reschedule communion to April 8th.


The "**Souper Bowl**" Sunday event was a hit. We collected approximately 185 non-perishable items which were taken to the Morrow Presbyterian food pantry. Congratulations to our "Souper Bowl" winners – Debbie Durden – 1st place, Frances Youngblood – 2nd place, and Kathie Pierce – 3rd place. Your soups/chilis were delicious!!!


Yours in Christ,
Jennifer



PLEASE JOIN THE
FAMILY FOR A
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION
HONORING

*Roland
Downing Sr.*





SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2018 2PM-5PM PPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

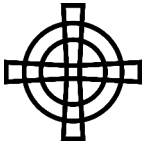
PLEASE RSVP BY MARCH 18: 770-997-6699 NO GIFTS PLEASE

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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