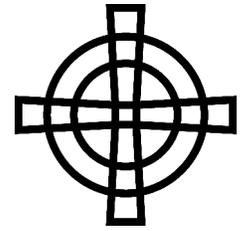


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Dear Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Family,

The Advent Season is...

A time of mystery...

As we like Zechariah and Elizabeth

Stand in silent awe of the promised miracle of life

A time of wonder...

As we like Mary ponder the presence and reality

of the Son of God within our very own lives

A time of watching...

As we like the shepherds tend to our duties

And suddenly hear and see

the glorious messengers of God

A time of adoration...

As we like the Angels lift our voices to proclaim our joy

at the coming of our Savior

to redeem us

and to grant us forgiveness of our sins.

A time of giving...

As we like the Wise Men of old

bring our gifts to honor our Lord

and dedicate ourselves afresh

to the God who came among us

full of grace and truth.

The Advent season is...

A time to glorify and praise God

for good news of great joy

that has come for all the people.

May it be so for all of you,

*Jack*



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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**

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

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

01/ Kathy & Hal Banke  
01/ Debbie & Greg Durden  
20/ Jo & Don Nelson  
21/ Serena & Guy Staats

**THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS**

Danny Morris  
Pat Randolph  
Emory Pearce  
Celestine Karka

**NURSERY**

02/ Mary Smith  
09/ Cathy Morris  
16/ Diane Kitchen  
23/ Guest  
30/ Marie Dossouvi

11/12 Connie Busby (Serena Staat's friend) – needs a miracle (unknown issue)

10/11 Nell Cates – recovering from a fall

10/09 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky's daughter) – chemo for bone cancer

10/23 Bob Langley (Jennifer & Pam's dad) – recovering from pacemaker surgery

10/10 Charles NeSmith – receiving Procrit shots for anemia, prayers appreciated

11/12 Sandy Staats (Guy,s mom) – fell and broke arm – had surgery to repair

11/12 Derek Stone – (Serena Staats' cousin) – 36 year old with lesions on bones in back

10/16 Michael Trotter – (Joyce Smith's brother) – needing heart surgery when stronger

11/06 Charles Trotter (Joyce Smith's brother) – recovering from heart bypass 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](mailto: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.**



**WORKDAY**

Saturday, December 15, at 9:00am

There will be plenty to do to get ready for the Christmas Cantata

*Hello friends in Christ!*

*Here are the music selections from the past month. Enjoy!*

November 4th - Offertory - On the Wind of Spirit by Mark Hayes  
Anthem - We Come to Your Table by Elaine Schram  
Communion - Grace Flows Down by David Bell

November 11th - Offertory - Verset by Leon Boellman  
Anthem - Amazing Grace arr. by Jay Althouse

November 18th - Offertory - Come, Ye Thankful People, Come arr. by Mark Hayes  
Anthem - Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether by Harold Friedell

November 25th - Anthem - Alleluia by Rick Vale



*Verena*

## PW MESSAGE CORNER



- DEC 2—PWCT
- DEC 8—10:30am—Circle One
- DEC 13—10:00am—Mary & Martha Circle
- DEC 18—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

## CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group will have our **annual covered dish Christmas Party luncheon, December 11, at 11:30am, Meridian Club House, Jodeco Rd, Stockbridge.** Husbands of members are invited. Bring your favorite dishes, join us for fun and fellowship. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please make your reservations no later than Sunday, December 09.

**Barbara Barlow**

## SOCK DRIVE

We will continue the sock drive through out the Christmas season so bring in as you can. The children's and ladies sizes are needed most.

**Jim Phillips, Men's Fellowship**



## 2018 PPC—Christmas Season

- \* December 2—11:00am—Hanging of the Green Service
- \* December 9—9:30am—Christmas Breakfast
- \* December 15—11:00am—Cantata Dress Rehearsal
- \* December 16—7:00pm—Christmas Cantata & reception
- \* December 24—7:00pm—Candlelight & Communion Service
- \* December 24-31—Church Office closed
- \* December 30—Casual Service
- \* January 1—Church Office closed

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

We are celebrating Christmas with a fellowship breakfast on Sunday, **December 9**, 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. There will be no Sunday School that day.



## SECURUS HOUSE

**SECUR'US HOUSE** is Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children. We will be collecting some of their needed supplies in November and December.

Place your donations in the collection bins in the narthex.

**PLEASE NOTE:** You may make monetary donations. Make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Securus House. Place them in the offering plate when it is passed.

All gifts must be received by Sunday, **December 16.**

**Connie McWilliams, Community Missions**

## ITEMS NEEDED

### Items for infants & children include:

diapers (all sizes, but esp. large & x-large)

baby oil, baby wipes & Vaseline

bottles with nipples, socks, underwear & undershirts (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

### Items for the shelter include:

toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, bar soap), paper towels,

toilet tissue & facial tissues

tooth brushes, toothpaste & mouthwash,

first aid products; cough drops; lip balm

Infant & Children's Tylenol (non-generic)

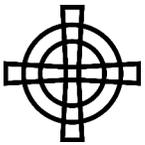


**OUR MISSION:** is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

**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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## Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on November 18, 2018. The Financial Committee reported the PPC October 2018 financial report as follows:

Total Revenue October	\$13,851.78
Total Expenses October	\$17,941.79
Balance for October	(\$4,090.01)
Balance in the Operating Fund	\$30,717.97
Total Assets *	\$64,883.59
*(This includes operating fund, money market, and investments in cd's)	
YTD Revenue	\$119,139.88
YTD Expenses	\$115,136.49
Difference of	\$4,003.39

### In other news:

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce that we have searched and found three members who are willing to serve as elders on Session. The three members are Rose Enow, Rick Pierce, and Serena Staats. We will have our annual **Congregational Meeting** on December 9, 2018 immediately following service. At the meeting we will elect these three members to become elders and to serve on Session. In addition to the election we will hold the annual **Corporation Meeting**, and the **Cemetery Committee** will report as well.

Please take note that our expenses in October were a little high. That is partly due to the replacement of an air conditioning unit in the Sunday School wing.

We will once again have a **Christmas Breakfast** on December 9, 2018. The Session will provide breakfast. We hope you will join us for breakfast and some holiday cheer. Members are encouraged to bring unwrapped toys to the breakfast. The toys will go to **Securus House**.

Also, we are going to do the **Christmas Card Exchange** again this year. What that simply means is that if you would like, you can bring your Christmas Cards for Church members and we will sort them out and hand deliver them during before/after service on **December 16, 2018**. This will save you the cost of postage.

**PLEASE KEEP IN MIND – if you are giving cards to members that don't attend regularly – YOU WILL STILL NEED TO MAIL THOSE CARDS. We will not be mailing cards to members who don't come regularly. Christmas cards are due to the Church no later than Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup> if you are participating in the exchange.**

Last but not least I wanted to just say **"Thank You"**. It has been my honor to serve as an elder for the last 6 years and to be the Clerk of Session for the last 2 years. I thank you for the opportunity to serve you as well as our church. You have new Session members coming on, and I know that the new Session is going to do a great job as leaders for our Church.

**Merry Christmas to you all!!!**

Yours in Christ,

*Jennifer*