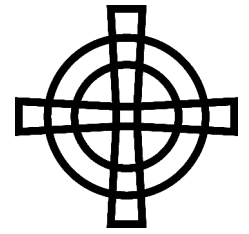


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Dear Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Family,

One of my favorite Thanksgiving memories takes me back to the days when I was a teenager living with my family in the hills of West Virginia. My father, having four sons in the family, became involved early on in Scouting and became the Assistant Cub Pack Master, and my mother became a Den Mother. The Pack was sponsored by the Methodist Church and our Pack Master was a wonderful Methodist leader by the name of Lowell West who had two sons of his own. Lowell's wife, Helen, was one of my most favorite people in all of Nitro, my home town, and was one of my mother's most treasured friends.

On several occasions, the Wests and the Westlunds would travel to the countryside, literally over the hills and through the woods to Grandmother's house for Thanksgiving. In our case, to Helen's parent's old white farmhouse back in the hills and valleys outside the town of Spencer, West Virginia. It was such a treat for we boys from town to be out where the cows grazed, and the chickens walked freely around the barn. This one particular Thanksgiving Day as we were traveling early in the morning, snow began to fall and by the time we arrived the snow had covered the ground. It was a beautiful sight! And we six boys had such a grand time tromping through the white drifts that glorious day!

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Grandpa and Grandma Rowl were members of a little Methodist Church there in the country and sometime during our Thanksgiving festivities we would gather together as a family and travel to that little white framed church to give thanks to God for his rich blessings! We did so that day traveling through the cold and blustery snow.

Many Thanksgivings have come and gone since that day. Grandma and Grandpa Rowl and Lowell, Helen, and my mother and father have gone to their heavenly Father but the warm memories of love and thankfulness that I felt on that day in that special place still remain. Soon Thanksgiving Day will again be upon us. I hope it, too, will be a most memorable one for all of us. Until then, I hope to see you in worship as we continue to give thanks and praise to God each week.

**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.**

Gratefully yours,  
Jack



**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**

- 01/ Verena Anders
- 05/ Emory Pearce
- 06/ Debbie Bray
- 06/ Constance Durowaa
- 07/ Ruth Gettys
- 12/ Elizabeth Clayton
- 15/ Emily Lyle
- 20/ Ray Morgan
- 23/ Nancy Phillips
- 25/ Bob Huie
- 26/ Janice Lockhart

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11/ Erin & Jeff Randolph
- 14/ Cathy & Danny Morris

**THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS**

- Darr Johnson
- David Hatch
- Rick Pierce
- Fred Rohrbach

**NURSERY**

- 04/ Diane Kitchen
- 11/ Marie Dossouvi
- 18/ Mallory Banke
- 25/ Debbie Bray

10/02 Angela Brantley (Dot Pearce's niece) – infection from reconstructive surgery for breast cancer

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) - pacemaker will be put in on Nov 5**

10/10 Charles NeSmith – to receive treatment for anemia

09/23 Cody Roberson (Nancy Phillips' grand nephew) at Shepherd Center - rehab for broken neck

09/24 Serena Staats—recovering from procedure for fibroid tumor

10/16 Michael Trotter – (Joyce Smith's brother) –slowly recovering from surgery and needing heart surgery as soon as he is stronger

**OUR HOMEBOUND:** *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

Patty Boone      Becky Huie

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email [secvppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secvppc@bellsouth.net) or fill in the I WISH card and drop in the offering plate.

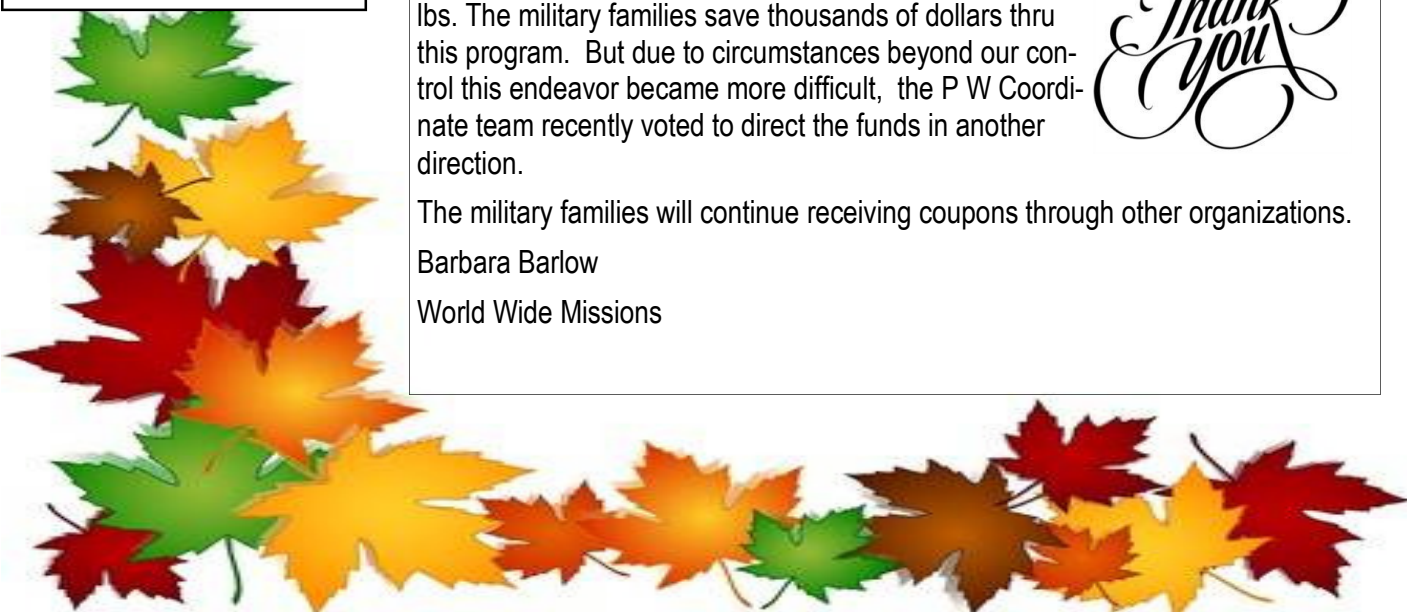
**PLEASE NOTE: if you make a prayer request or give an update during the Sunday worship service, please follow up with a call to the church office on Monday so we can update our prayer list.**

Thank you to all who contributed "**Coupons to the Troops**" program. From 2011 to 2018, we sent over 200 lbs. The military families save thousands of dollars thru this program. But due to circumstances beyond our control this endeavor became more difficult, the P W Coordinate team recently voted to direct the funds in another direction.

The military families will continue receiving coupons through other organizations.

Barbara Barlow

World Wide Missions



## PW MESSAGE CORNER



- NOV 4—PWCT
- NOV 8—10:00am—Mary & Martha Circle  
@ Debbie Bray's home
- NOV 10—10:30am—Circle One
- NOV 20—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

## CRAFT GROUP

NOV 13—11:30am @Silver Bay Restaurant, N. Henry Blvd, Stockbridge

## SOCK DRIVE

We have decided to continue the sock drive until the Christmas season so bring in as you can. Remember the children's and ladies sizes are needed most.



*Jim Phillips*

*Men's Fellowship*

## WORKDAY

November 17—9:00am  
Join us if you can.



Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour!

## Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on October 21, 2018. The Financial Committee reported the PPC September 2018 financial report as follows:

Total Revenue September	\$12,771.88
Total Expenses September	\$10,358.64
Balance for September	\$2,413.24
Balance in the Operating Fund	\$33,590.66
Total Assets *	\$67,753.64

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

YTD Revenue \$105,288.10

YTD Expenses \$97,194.70

Difference of \$8,093.40

### In other news:

The Nominating Committee is in the process of searching for three members to serve as **Elders** for the next two years. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE be praying about serving as an elder. I would like to ask each of you to seriously consider serving. Our church needs good leaders, and we each have a responsibility to serve the church in some fashion. Maybe God is nudging you to become a future elder.

We will have our **Thanksgiving/Stewardship luncheon** on Sunday, November 18, 2018. The Church will provide the meats and everyone else is asked to bring a favorite dish to share.

Last but not least, we would like to welcome **Thomas and Rose Thigpen** to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. If you haven't had the opportunity to meet our newest members please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome them to Philadelphia.

Until next month,

Yours in Christ,

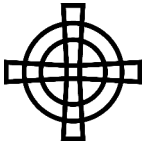
Jennifer

**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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