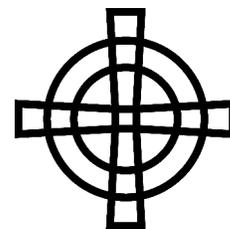


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Dear Philadelphia Church Family,

October has always been one of my favorite months of the year for it is the one month in the year... when the skies are almost always a deep blue, and the air has a hint of winter coming and the leaves turn golden and red and yellow and brown...and the Georgia mountains come calling to us to come see the glories of Autumn! Change is in the air! The seasons of the year remind us that God has woven change into the very fabric of our lives. Isn't it ironic to realize that one of the constants in our lives is change and we welcome most of these changes.

For a number of years Philadelphia as a church has been in some kind of transition, awaiting the health of Pastors to return, welcoming new leadership and hoping a new day in the church will arrive. Like the glorious trees of October, Philadelphia has seen the glories of the days gone by and watched some dreams die. We are still in transition but I hope never without hope that new life will come.

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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.**

There are some signs of new life...we are all enjoying the extraordinary gifts of Verena and her choral leadership; a new couple, Thomas and Rose Thigpen, has requested to be members of Philadelphia; and the Session is in the process of addressing the future needs for the leadership of the church and has met with our Presbytery liaison, Joy Fisher, and begun the conversation as to who and what that pastoral leadership might be. So, enjoy the beautiful days of October with the changes that will come in God's creation but remember always that with God's hand upon us, our future will be glorious and life giving!

Grace to you and peace,
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

- 03/ Ethel Lynn Keeton
- 09/ Connie McWilliams
- 12/ Blondell Brown
- 13/ Gloria Dossouvi
- 16/ Jim Phillips
- 17/ Feroze Yusufji
- 25/ Lynn Vandiver
- 30/ Bud Steele
- 30/ Pam Rountree
- 31/ Karen Kelly Nelson

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 06/ Ed & Pegge Murphy
- 12/ Tom & Joan Murphy
- 21/ Feroze & Parveen Yusufji

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

- David Hatch
- Tom Smith
- Tom Murphy
- Mary Smith

NURSERY

- 07/ Marie Dossouvi
- 14/ Mallory Banke
- 21/ Debbie Bray
- 28/ Mary Smith

09/25 Haven Asci (Serena Staats' cousin) - child with multiply medical issues dealing with kidney stones

08/09 Barbara Barlow – recovering from knee surgery

09/04 Donna Barras (Mary Smith's friend) – diagnosed with breast cancer

09/25 Ruby Chapman (Serena Staats' mom) - extended illness but refuses to see doctor

09/25 Vince Chapman (Serena Staats' brother) - high blood pressure issues

08/09 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky's daughter) – infusion, then chemo for bone cancer

08/06 Susanne Dinan (Jennifer's friend) – cancer returned, now in lungs & stomach

08/06 Rose Enow's family – live in Cameroon Africa, in the midst of a civil war

08/08 Angela McWilliams (Connie's daughter) – displaced because of tree on apartment

09/11 Barbara Omerod – at home recovering from foot surgery

09/23 Cody Roberson (Nancy Phillips' grand nephew) long rehab for broken neck bone

09/24 Becky Robinson (Serena Staats' cousin) 2 tumors—awaiting further diagnosis

09/24 Claude Shaddix (Serena Staats' friend) cancer—wife (a teacher) main caregiver

09/24 Serena Staats—waiting to schedule surgery for fibroid tumor—blood count up

09/13 Gwen Steele – in her last days & under hospice care—severe pain—bone cancer

08/05 Mike Trotter (Joyce Smith's brother) – recovering from surgery for growth in esophagus

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.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the cards, phone calls, visits and most important all the prayers for my precious mother during her recent hospital stay and passing. She will be missed but knowing she is in the presence of the Lord provides peace and comfort.

Greg Downing



Dear Philadelphia Church Family

Thank you so much for the prayers, get well cards, gifts, and many acts of kindness during my knee surgery recovery. It has been a longer journey than I anticipated, but so thankful to be this far along in my recovery. So looking forward to getting back to a normal routine.

Sincerely,
Barbara Barlow



PW MESSAGE CORNER



- No PWCT this month
- October 11—10:00am—Mary & Martha Circle
- October 13—10:30am—Circle One
- October 16—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

Plan to attend our **Annual Women's Retreat!**

Saturday, October 27th from 9am till 3pm in Geneva Lodge at Calvin Center in Hampton, Ga. Our Theme this year is "Wonder" – focusing on our sense of wonder and curiosity when it comes to reading scripture and experiencing God's work all around us. The program will be presented by Paige Woody, a 3rd year student at Columbia Seminary. The cost will be \$25 and includes breakfast and lunch. Please give your cash or check to Debbie Bray by Sunday October 14. Checks should be made out to Debbie Bray.



SOCK DRIVE



Thank you for contributing to our Sock Drive this year. We have decided to continue the 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

September 22—9:00am
Join us if you can.



CRAFT GROUP

OCT 9—11:30am @ Kirby G's, McDonough GA

OCT 23—Mike's Restaurant, and Apple Barns, Ellijay, GA
Carpool from the church at 9:30am. The husbands of members are invited. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

Please notify Barbara Barlow

Calvary Refuge



A great big THANK YOU to those who were able to participate in the collection of needed items for Calvary Refuge. We were able to send them: 38 lbs sugar, 13 gal. juice, 19 bottles of Tylenol & ibuprofen, 87 items of t-shirts & pants, 75 pairs shoes, 5 large coffee creamers and 75 pairs of socks. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Connie McWilliams

Community Missions

Hello friends in Christ!

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

Music Selections:

August 26 - Offertory - The Call by R. Vaughan Williams
Anthem - Sing Hallelujah by Carl Mueller

September 2 - Offertory - Meditation by Robert Powell
Anthem - Peace I Give To You by W.A.Mozart
Communion - Taste and See by M. Moore

September 9 - Offertory - Allemande by J.S. Bach
Where The Soul Never Dies arr. by Beverly Darnall

September 16 - Offertory - Grande Valse No.3 by F. Chopin
Anthem - For The Beauty Of The Earth by John Rutter

September 23 - Offertory - Good To Me by Audrey Assad
Anthem - Swing Down, Chariot by Beverly Darnall

Verena



Health Fair

Living Faith Tabernacle at 5880 Old Dixie Rd. has invited our members to take advantage of their free health fair on Saturday, October 13, 2018, beginning at 9:00am. There will be health screenings provided by local doctors and healthcare providers. These screenings will include diabetes, cholesterol, dental, chiropractic, blood pressure and much more.

Pick up a flyer in the narthex and take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

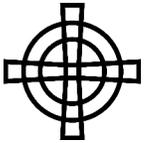


OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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 September 16, 2018. The Financial Committee reported the PPC August 2018 financial report as follows:

Total Revenue August	\$10,666.06
Total Expenses August	\$12,035.51
Balance for August	(\$1,369.45)
Balance in the Operating Fund	\$32,584.46
Total Assets *	\$66,745.20
*(This includes operating fund, money market, and investments in cd's)	
YTD Revenue	\$92,516.22
YTD Expenses	\$86,836.06
Difference of	\$5,680.16

In other news:

While we have been able to add some additional people to our Pulpit Assistant list, we would still love some additional help. Do you like to get up and speak in front of others? Are you at least willing to try? Please contact Greg Durden if you are interested in helping with this position.

Many thanks to everyone who brought a dish to the covered dish luncheon on September 30, 2018. We have some wonderful Sunday School teachers and superintendent(s) and it's always nice to take a moment to recognize the work that they do.

On September 23, 2018 we elected two Congregational members to serve on the Nominating Committee. Many thanks to Pam Roundtree and Serena Staats for being willing to serve on the committee. Now the committee is charged with finding new elders for the upcoming term. Please know that we will need 3 elders this year. 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. The Nominating Committee members will be meeting soon to start the search process.

Until next month,

Yours in Christ,

Jennifer