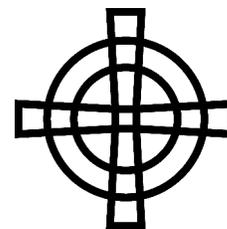


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Dear Philadelphia Church Family,

With school back in full session and students involved once again in learning, it's a good time to remember what a wise man once said about life...

"The first rule of life with which any young person should start out is never to close the book of life until we have read the last page of it."

This saying is similar to the saying I heard some years ago...

"I hope you live all of your life."

William Barclay in thinking of such thoughts once said...

"The Christian is told that he must have the childlike spirit; and one of the great characteristics of childhood is that it is the age for learning. It would be no bad thing for all of us-- it would be something to keep alive the vital interest of life-- to learn some new subject every year in life." His thought of the day was "It is never too late to go back to school."

When I was in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, I had lunch one day with one of the young Presbyterian students from MTSU who was to have an interview with a church in Kentucky for a youth ministry position. During the course of our conversation he asked me an interesting and what I thought was a significant question, "What book are you currently reading?" In answering his question, I became aware that recently my reading had been in snippets of books; including the Bible and that I had not been reading any certain book from the beginning page to the ending, as I have done in the past.

A colleague of mine sends out their family Christmas Letter each year with news about his work and his family life, like many of us do, but each year in their letter, they include a listing of books which he and his wife recommend. What a novel thing to do!

Learn some new subject every year in life...what book are you reading?

The Session invites you to a luncheon on September 30, immediately following our worship, to honor and show our Appreciation for our Church School Teachers. I hope you will plan to attend and consider what new opportunities you may have to learn in the coming months.

Grace to you and peace, and as always, I hope to see you in worship (with a friend...) on Sunday.

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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to the Downing family in the homegoing of Betty Sue on August 21.

- 08/09 Barbara Barlow – recovering from knee surgery
- 07/09 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
- 08/06 Jasmine Gilbert (Mary Smith's friend) - testing
- 0708 Angela McWilliams (Connie's daughter) – displaced because of tree on apartment
- 07/03 Charlie NeSmith - struggling with COPD and related issues
- 07/08 Serena Staats – recovering from MRSA infection
- 07/05 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.

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

- 03/ Dot Pearce
- 06/ Mona Steele
- 06/ Pam Langley
- 08/ Gwen Steele
- 10/ Eliot Lawrence
- 11/ Greg Durden
- 13/ Zareen Nevrekar
- 23/ Aurora Staats
- 24/ Zara Nevrekar
- 27/ Nell Cates
- 27/ Kekeli Dossouvi
- 28/ Blake Phillips

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

- Philippe Karka
- Rick Pierce
- Jim Phillips
- Fred Rohrbach

NURSERY

- 02/ Debbie Bray
- 09/ Mary Smith
- 16/ Cathy Morris
- 23/ Diane Kemper

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for participating once again in our back to school supplies collection for Kinship Care.

Because of your generosity, we were able to deliver **2,341** items. These much needed supplies will be used by the children of our area who are being raised by their grandparents. Thank you again for your support.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions



Hello friends in Christ!

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

Music Selections:

Sunday July 29 - Choir Anthem "It Is Well With My Soul" by John Ness Beck

Sunday August 5 - Offertory - Organ Sonata No.1, Theme, by G.F. Handel
Choir Anthem - "O Sing Unto the Lord" by James Rogers

Sunday August 12 - Offertory - "Nearer, My God, To Thee" arr. Mark Hayes
Choir Anthem - "Devotion" by John Ness Beck

Sunday August 19 - Offertory - "Precious Lord" arr. Sevier
Choir Anthem - "Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether" by Harold Friedell



Verena

PW MESSAGE CORNER



- September 8—12:00pm—Circle One
(time change for this month only)
- September 13—10:00am—Mary & Martha Circle
- September 18—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle
- September 30—12:15pm—PWCT

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.




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

CRAFT GROUP

- SEP 11—11:30am @ Louisiana Bistro, Hapeville
- SEP 25—11:30am @ Olive Garden, Jonesboro Rd., McDonough

SOCK DRIVE



The Men's Fellowship project for September is a sock drive. Please help us help others by bringing your clean, used, but still in good condition socks (even if they are mismatched) to the church and drop them in the clothes hamper in the narthex.

This year, we mainly need ladies' and children's sizes. Thanks for your support.

Session Summary...

The Session of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church held its monthly business meeting on August 19, 2018. The Financial Committee reported the PPC July 2018 financial report as follows:

Total Revenue June	\$12,893.83
Total Expenses July	\$15,692.19
Balance for July	(\$2,798.36)
Balance in the Operating Fund	\$32,551.59
Total Assets *	\$66,709.85
*(This includes operating fund, money market, and investments in cd's)	
YTD Revenue	\$81,825.16
YTD Expenses	\$74,775.55
Difference of	\$7,049.61

In other news:

Do you like to get up and speak in front of others? Are you at least willing to try? Greg Durden is looking for some additional people who would like to become one of the Pulpit Assistants. If you are interested or willing to help, please get with Greg Durden.

As mentioned last month we are planning to have a **Teacher Appreciation luncheon**. The luncheon will be on Sunday, September 30, 2018. This will be a covered dish luncheon, so everyone is asked to bring their favorite dish to share. We hope you will plan to stay for lunch and help us celebrate our wonderful Sunday school teachers and superintendent.

On September 23, 2018 we will have a Called **Congregational Meeting** immediately following service. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect two Congregational members to serve on the Nominating Committee. 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 help search for our future elders. Maybe He is nudging you to become a future elder. Please remember that if you are going to nominate someone to serve on the Nominating Committee you should check with that person beforehand to make sure they are willing to do so.

One last note. Since College Park Presbyterian Church will be closing at the end of September, some of the Session members are planning on attending their worship service on September 9, 2018. We are going to go and introduce ourselves as well as invite their members to come and worship with us at Philadelphia. If anyone is interested in going please get with one of the Session members. We might can make some carpool arrangements for that Sunday.

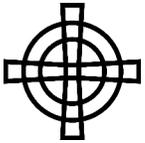
Until next month,
 Yours in Christ,
 Jennifer

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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Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

Invites you to our 2018 Annual Fall Workshops

Living with Resilience

God is with Us...

September 29, 2018

North Avenue Presbyterian Church

607 Peachtree Street Northeast

Explore ways that our faith community grows stronger in the face of adversity. Attend workshops to assist with Bible study, PW leadership, mission, and more.

Rev. Aisha Brooks-Lytle, Executive Presbyter

Living Life with Resilience

Rev. Stephanie Bishop, Smyrna Presbyterian Church

Resilience...in All Situations - Gun Violence...a Personal Story

Tammie Quest, MD – Director, Emory Palliative Care Center, WHSC

Planning for Resilience – Advanced Care Planning... Emory Research Grant

Registration & Continental Breakfast: 8:30am

Worship & Workshops: 9:00am – 1:00pm

Lunch: \$10

RSVP to clunsfor@bellsouth.net

(See the bulletin board for the full schedule)

