



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

THE CROSSROADS

Dear Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Family,

A number of years ago when I was serving the First Presbyterian Church of Eufaula, Alabama, the church began renovations of their historic sanctuary. They began with the shoring up of their foundations. One of the initial stages of that renovation included inspection and the replacement of the aging beams that were unseen to the worshipping congregation. One morning as the construction workers were hard at work, one of the beams that held up the flooring of the narthex collapsed, and the narthex floor came crashing down into the unseen basement below. Fortunately, no workmen were hurt in the collapse, but it became very obvious that strong foundations are extremely important.

Jesus himself reminded us of the importance of strong foundations when he talked about the difference between building on sand or rock. So I ask you, “What foundations does Philadelphia need to begin to shore up to strengthen the church?”

What marvelous foundations the saints of Philadelphia have laid for us but never let us forget that the love we have for others is the strongest foundation of all...and even more importantly the love God has for us and the world is the firmest of all foundations.

Grace and peace,
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.

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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

10/ Jeff Randolph
11/ Mary Smith
18/ Hal Banke
21/ Barbara Barlow

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

10/ Becky & Bob Huie
25/ Rose & Thomas Thigpen

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

Tom Smith
Jim Phillips
Tom Murphy
Emory Pearce

NURSERY

TBA

01/19 Patty Boone—recovering from kidney failure

01/09 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky's daughter) – chemo for bone cancer

11/28 Marshall Dodgen (Pat Randolph's friend) – recovering from cancer surgery & infection

12/12 Wade Keeton (Ethel Lynn's son) –in Portland, OR - therapy for stroke & blood disorder

01/09 Angela McWilliams (Connie's daughter) – fell and broke ankle in 3 places, in cast

01/10 Charlie NeSmith - Dealing with steroid swelling and COPD issues.

01/15 Derek Stone (Serena Staats' cousin) – in treatment for bone cancer

11/20 Michael Trotter – (Joyce Smith's brother) –under hospice care

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 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 Friends,

Thank you so much for the generous and timely check. We've got the end of the year blues! With the holidays and no school! (kids usually can get breakfast & lunch there) parents and grandparents really need the food. We have decided to be open December 27th to help with this issue. For the last two years, we have been open every Thursday except Thanksgiving, even the snow days!

With help from people like you, we will continue to do this local outreach program.

Thanks again!

Tricia Koehler, Morrow Presbyterian Church

Dear Church Family,

Our nephew, Cody, continues to surprise everyone with his remarkable recovery. He was able to go home for Christmas and has returned to Shepherd to continue his therapy. We visited with Cody and his mom and dad this past Saturday. Imagine our surprise when he walked out of his apartment and into the parking deck to meet us. No cane, no crutch, no walker, no braces - nothing. To say

we were overwhelmed with joy would be an understatement. This accident has been a life changing event for Cody who was working as a carpenter and attending college in the evening. He is scheduled to leave Shepherd near the end of January and plans to continue his education.

Nancy and I want to thank you for your prayers. It is obvious that God heard you and God responded.

Jim Phillips



Hello from the Music Department!

Here are our music selections for the month of January:

January 6 - Offertory - Break Thou the Bread of Life arr. Mark Hayes

Anthem - Everywhere I Go by Sally DeFord

Communion - Remembrance by Matt Maher

January 13 - Offertory - Lord of All Hopefulness arr. Wilbur Held

Anthem - Lead me, Lord by Wesley

January 20 - Offertory - Why Should I Then Grieve? By Johann Walther

Anthem - O Be Joyful by Warren Angell

January 27 - Anthem - Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul - Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

Verena



PW MESSAGE CORNER



- FEB 3—NO PWCT
- FEB 9—10:30am—Circle One
- FEB 14—10:00am—Mary & Martha Circle
- FEB 19—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

CRAFT GROUP

February 12 - 11:30 am- @ Cracker Barrel, Morrow

February 26 - 11:30am - @ O'Charleys, Stockbridge



Come join us at the Souper Bowl Sunday – February 3, 2019. It's that time of the year again. We will have our **7th Annual Chili Cookoff**. If you are interested in providing a chili there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. We hope you will plan to participate or at least stay and share the meal on Feb. 3rd. We are accepting soups, canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to a local ministry. Cash donations are also accepted.

Connie McWilliams

Community Missions

NASCAR

at

Atlanta Motor Speedway



Calvary Refuge Center is looking for volunteers to work a merchandise booth at the NASCAR race February 22nd - 24th at Atlanta Motor Speedway. Diane Kemper will be managing one of the three booths that Calvary runs. They get a percentage of the sales from each booth. Volunteers are greatly needed on the 23rd and 24th. You will also get into the race for free. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Diane at 404-314-1661 or dlkemper73@gmail.com.

Thanks!

SECRET PALS REVEAL PARTY



The Secret Pals will have a covered dish lunch and revealing party Sunday, February 10, in the Fellowship Hall AT 12:15pm. Bring your favorite dish and a gift for your Secret Pal.

If you are not a member of the group, but would like to join, have lunch with us, draw a name for the coming year, or if you cannot attend, have someone draw a name for you. We only give our Secret Pals two gifts a year. One on their Birthday, the other at the Revealing Party (near Valentines Day) We send cards all year and remember our Secret Pals in prayer.

If you would like more information, contact any member of the group.

Barbara Barlow

Workday
February 16
9:00am



There will be several things to do, something for everyone. Please join us if you can.

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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