



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

THE CROSSROADS

Dear Philadelphia Church Family,
 May is the month of Mother's Day and one of my favorite prayers is one written by Ina Hughs, a minister's wife from Charlotte, North Carolina. I hope all of the Mother's of Philadelphia will enjoy it and we all will give thanks for the love that we have received from the Saints we are fortunate to call Mother.

A PRAYER FOR CHILDREN
 By
Ina Hughs

We pray for children
 Who put chocolate fingers everywhere,
 who like to be tickled, who stomp in puddles and ruin their new pants,
 who sneak Popsicles before supper,
 who erase holes in math workbooks,
 who can never find their shoes.

And we pray for those
 who stare at photographers from behind barbed wire,
 who've never squeaked across the floor in new sneakers, who never "counted potatoes,"
 who are born in places we wouldn't be caught dead, who never go to the circus,
 who live in an X-rated world.

We pray for children
 who bring us sticky kisses and fistfuls of dandelions,
 who sleep with the dog and bury goldfish,
 who hug us in a hurry and forget their lunch money,
 who cover themselves with Band-Aids and sing off-key,
 who squeeze toothpaste all over the sink, who slurp their soup,

And we pray for those
 who never get desert,
 who watch their parents watch them die,
 who have no safe blanket to drag behind,
 who can't find any bread to steal,
 who don't have any rooms to clean up,
 whose pictures aren't on anybody's dresser,
 whose monsters are real.

We pray for children
 who spend all their allowance before Tuesday,
 who throw tantrums in the grocery store and pick at their food,
 who like ghost stories,
 who shove dirty clothes under the bed and never rinse out the tub,
 who get visits from the tooth fairy,
 who don't like to be kissed in front of the car pool,
 who squirm in church and scream in the phone,
 whose tears we sometimes laugh at and whose smiles can make us cry.

And we pray for those
 whose nightmares come in the daytime,
 who will eat anything, who have never seen a dentist,
 who aren't spoiled by anybody,
 who go to bed hungry and cry themselves to sleep,
 who live and move, but have no being.

We pray for children
 who want to be carried, and for those who must.
 For those we never give up on, and for those who don't get a chance.
 For those we smother, and for those who will grab the hand of anybody kind enough to offer.

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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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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

03/ Parveen Yusufji
07/ Rusty Taylor
08/ Diane Banke
12/ Annelle Maxwell
18/ Kaif Nevrekar
20/ Carole Masdon
25/ Kathy Banke
27/ Philippe Karka
30/ Dinah Bingham

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

04/ Verena Anders & Will Buthod

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

USHERS

Philippe Karka
Rik Pierce
Tom Smith
David Hatch

NURSERY

TBA

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!

04/02 Baby Avery (Dot & Emory's great granddaughter) Crouzon Syndrome - Osteotomy in July

03/26 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky's daughter) – new type chemo for bone cancer

04/17 Tony Daniel (Mary Smith's friend) – Need heart transplant, gofundme page @ gf.me/ulr7cvzc.

04/02 Brenda Kadel (Joyce Smith's sister) – recovering from surgery-detached retina, and torn

03/05 Charlie NeSmith – complications from COPD issues & recent pneumonia

04/03 Derek Stone (Serena Staats' cousin) – In ICU with infection, stopped cancer treatment for now

04/10 Michael Trotter – (Joyce Smith's brother) –under hospice care, now with shingles

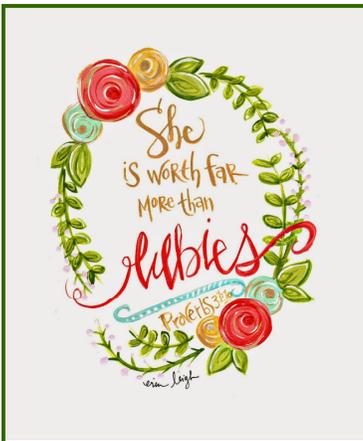
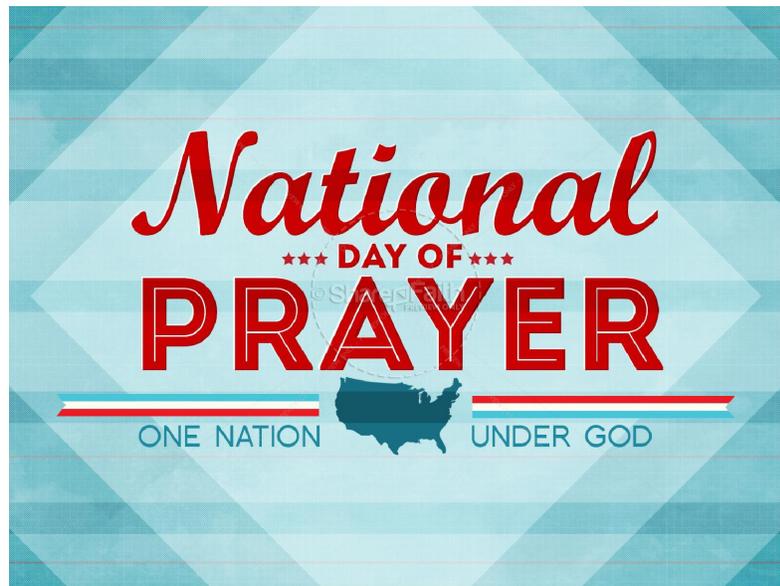
03/19 Michael Trotter Jr. (Joyce Smith's nephew) – recovering from heart attack - at Emory

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

Patty Boone Becky Huie

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.

May 2, 2019



May 12, 2019
Celebrate our
Mothers!

May 27, 2019
Honor our
Fallen Soldiers



PW MESSAGE CORNER



- No PWCT meeting this month
- MAY 11—10:30am—Circle One
- May 22—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle (Wednesday instead of Tuesday)
- There will be no Mary & Martha Circle meeting in May

CRAFT GROUP

May 14—11:30am @ Valero's Restaurant

May 28—11:30am @ Studio Café

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church presents:



Verena Lucia Anders
&
William Buthold



Featuring Bach Brandenburg Concerto No3 and movements from
Carnival of the Animals for piano 4 hands, and much more!

Saturday, May 18 at 3:00pm

The concert is free. All free will donations go to the Music Ministry of Verena & Will.

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's Birthday Offering

In May, we will show Jesus' love by offering our prayers and financial support to these 4 special projects:

2019 Birthday Offering Recipients

Disaster Response Team

PRESBYTERY OF CHARLOTTE, CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, \$100,000

www.presbyofcharlotte.org/ministry-teams/cdrt

The Disaster Response Team of the Presbytery of Charlotte will expand its ministry to support people affected by human-made or natural disasters. PW's grant will help provide a warehouse, parking lot and security fencing. This new space will hold household goods, food, hygiene and school kits, and clean-up buckets, and will house mobile shower units and disaster recovery trailers.

Effingham Child Development Center

INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND, EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS, \$100,000

www.effinghamchilddevelopmentcenter.yolasite.com

In a child's early years inclusive play environments set the tone for successful future relationships. The Effingham Child Development center serves children and families of differing abilities and is paving the way for all kids to learn and play together. The Birthday Offering will improve the center's playground by helping to provide a protective play surface and all-inclusive play equipment.

Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky, Inc.

GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY NURSING CENTER, PHELPS, KENTUCKY, \$119,000

www.phsk.org/good-shepherd

Presbyterian Homes and Services of Kentucky cares for people who are sick, poor, lonely or vulnerable due to infirmities of age and poor health. This project will improve the quality of life and safety for nursing center residents in the Appalachian region of Eastern Kentucky. PW's grant will help provide new wardrobes, bedside cabinets, over-bed tables, nursing beds, mattresses and lift recliners.

Wings of Refuge

RESTORATION HOME, IOWA FALLS, IOWA, \$120,000

www.wingsofrefuge.net

Wings of Refuge provides a safe and healing space for women victimized by human trafficking. Without safety and shelter, there is little healing. PW's Birthday Offering grant will help fund a larger long-term safe home where many more women will find restoration, identity, community, opportunity and hope, and transition into independent living.

Please give as you have been blessed to support these life-changing projects. Donations will be collected in our May PW Circle meetings plus special yellow PW Birthday Offering envelopes will be in our sanctuary pew pockets inviting everyone to help these deserving projects. Make checks to Philadelphia Church and note the PW Birthday Offering.