THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

19/ Glenda Taylor 22/ Betty Brock

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

06/ Bud & Mona Steele 24/ Emory & Dot Pearce 25/ Erwin & Ruth Gettys

THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS

<u>USHERS</u>

Emory Pearce Danny Morris Celestine Karka Thomas Thigpen

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!

06/24 James Ballew (Joyce Smith's son) - recovering from colostomy reversal

07/14 Jerry Carr (John Randolph's friend) stage 4 lung cancer, home health care

07/14 Edna Carr (Jerry's wife) - fell down flight of stairs, fractured hip & elbow

06/12 Ruby Chapman (Serena Staats mom) - heart problems, in and out of hospital, very week

06/23 David Hatch - now at Emory Hillandale, can take phone calls (see email)

07/14 Jeff Langley (Jennifer & Pam's brother) – longtime smoker trying to quit, needs our prayers

UPDATE ON DAVID: Pastor Jack spoke with him and says he sounds good. Hopefully he can be sent to another rehab facility soon. Keep up the prayers, David still has a long way to go.

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

Marie Foster Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email <u>secyppc@bellsouth.net</u> or call a Session member or Shepherd.

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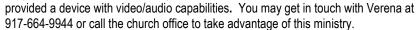


This little angel was found in the cemetery alone and forgotten. If you recognize it, please call the church office and let us know where it belongs.

Thanks

Greetings from the Music Department!

We would like to offer music virtually (sing, playing or both) to the family members of PPC members, who are hospitalized and/or in ICU. Most patients have or are





PW MESSAGE CORNER

AUG 08—10:30am —Circle One



(subject to COVIDI9 self quarantine)

CRAFT GROUP

08/11 - 11:30am @ Sonny's BBQ, Mt Zion Blvd, Jonesboro

08/25—11:30am @ Chicken Salad Chick, Hwy 20, McDonough

(subject to change due to COVID19 self quarantine)

PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Philadelphia Session,

I hope this finds you and your family all doing well and still practicing your "social distancing". I have had the opportunity to talk with several of you over the last few weeks and it was so good to hear your voice.

I wanted to take a moment to thank Reverend Westlund and Reverend Sundermeier for providing us with their sermons and spiritual leadership over the last several months. Having the opportunity to worship with them through the use of the church Facebook page has been wonderful. I also want to take this opportunity to thank Verena Anders for all of her hard work over these last several months. Verena is truly the person responsible for making this all happen. She gathers the various videos – announcements, music from others or she records herself, and the videos from the ministers and puts it all together to make one video for Sunday service. When we first decided to post sermons on Facebook – Verena took on the task of putting this all together and has done a wonderful job. If you aren't on Facebook you can still view the sermons by going to the Church webpage. Rick Pierce has been uploading the sermons, and you should be able to see them. The Church webpage is www.ppc-usa.org

The Session met on July 7, 2020 via Zoom. During our meeting we discussed the survey that you participated in with regards to reopening the church. Based on the data collected as well as the upswing in the number of cases, it was decided that we would keep the Church closed at least until the end of August. Session will meet again during the first week of August and will reassess the current situation with regards to the virus/number of cases. It is our hope that we will be able to comfortably reopen the Church soon. However, with that being said, please know that we want you to feel safe and comfortable with all that we are doing. When we do reopen, if you aren't quite ready to return – we will understand. It is our plan to continue to provide our worship service through the church Facebook page and the church webpage.

Financial Update

The finance committee once again reports that current giving, while below normal levels, is quite good during these unpredictable times. Your support via mail and drop-off has allowed us to meet our utility expenses as well as pay our fulltime staff.

The PPP loan is being utilized to pay our employees, and we are now receiving rental money from the Hispanic Church that is using some of the space in the Education Building.

As always, we appreciate your financial support of our church home.

When we return:

Some of the changes that you will see when we return include:

Areas marked off for sitting

Most doors open so that you won't have to touch handles

Hand sanitizer located on the pews where sitting is allowed

Offering plates will be in the back and you can just drop your tithe/offering there

No ushers, however, Fred Rohrbach will be in the Narthex

The choir will not sing – at least not for a little bit. There will be music, but congregation will be encouraged to not sing yet.

We will not have our usual Meet and Greet. You will have to wave to one another.

We will not start back with Sunday School for at least a few weeks.

Wearing masks during service.

Please know that these aren't necessarily the only changes – there may be a few more. We will review all guidelines/ recommendations for reopening and will then make sure you are aware of what we will have in place. We thank you for your understanding and as always – if you have any questions or suggestions, please reach out to any of the Session Members.

Stay safe, get plenty of rest and sunshine – when you can. If we can be of any help, please let us know. Please keep in touch with one another and if you know of someone who is having difficulties and/or just needs prayer please let us know. We hope to see you soon in person!!!

Love, Jennifer