



# PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE CROSSROADS

On Easter evening, I wrote the following on Facebook to all my Facebook Friends, and what I was experiencing and it was surprisingly so well received I thought I would share it with you as well.

On this Easter morning, I am acutely aware of all the hands in my life with which God has touched me, beginning with my Mother and Dad and my brothers and my neighbors and classmates and friends and church members and pastors and teachers and my wife and my sons and their wives and their families and our grandchildren and I am thankful that God has so loved me that even His son has touched my life! What a wonderful world we live in! Keep touching one another even when it's physically impossible, after all God does that every moment of our lives! Happy Easter Everyone! God loves you, forever!

This seems to me how difficult being apart from each other is, especially as Mother's Day arrives. Our own family, like yours, has been apart now since we were first advised to Stay Home. With the exception of our sons bringing us groceries and medicine on several occasions and a couple of times when one of our sons brought the entire family to our house but stayed in the car and we gave one another air hugs we have not seen our family in weeks. Through the magic of Zoom all our family visited one evening!

I know that all of us would like to hug our Mothers on Mother's Day and our Mothers long to hug their children and grandchildren! Even if that will not be possible, we can celebrate the love that makes us so desperately want to do so!

For that matter, I know we are all missing our Sunday morning hugs and greetings and even if we gather together again soon in our beautiful church sanctuary I know we will have to keep our social distancing. And so until the time comes when life becomes more huggable, here's to the love we have for each other and here's to our love for our Mothers and here's to the God who loves us all and promises never to leave us!

Love and prayers,  
Jack and Ginger

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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  
20/ Carole Masdon  
25/ Kathy Banke  
27/ Philippe Karka  
30/ Dinah Bingham

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

04/ Verena Anders & Will  
Buthold

**THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS**

Emory Pearce  
Danny Morris  
Celestine Karka  
Thomas Thigpen

**PW MESSAGE CORNER**

- MAY 3—12:15PM—PWCT
- MAY 14—10:00am—Mary & Martha Circle
- MAY 9—10:30am—Circle One
- MAY 13—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

*(subject to COVID19 self quarantine)*

Circle Members, This month we are collecting your contributions to Columbia Friendship Circle to fund scholarships to seminary students. These scholarships have meant so much to many seminary students in past years and we want to continue this long and successful PW tradition of supporting our upcoming ministers. Note on your check "Columbia Friendship Circle"

Thank you!  
Debbie Bray



**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!*

04/07 Jerry Carr (John Randolph's friend) – diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer

03/20 Pat Culver (Bob & Becky's daughter) – bone cancer treatments

04/07 Rose Enow – recovering at home from pneumonia

03/03 Erwin & Ruth Gettys – several medical issues, would appreciate your prayers

**04/08 David Hatch – in ICU had accident, covid19 , kidney infection, serious condition**

**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 [secyppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or fill in the I WISH card and drop in the offering plate.

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*Greetings from the Music Department . . .*



It is hard to believe that 6 Sundays have gone by without seeing each other's faces and worshipping together at Philadelphia Presbyterian. I struggle with what words to use when talking to the choir and church community, and like all of us, I do not know how things will play out day to day, week to week. But I can say that I am grateful to be part of the Philadelphia family at this time, and we will continue to provide music virtually as best we can from week to week until the storm is over.

Now for something fun. For the first time in Philadelphia Presbyterian Choir history, we compiled a virtual choir video! It was an adventure to learn how to use video and audio equipment and have the members of the choir individually record their part at home. To hear their voices, slowly layered on my computer to create an anthem, filled my heart with joy. We even had some special guests! Hal & Kathy's son, Daniel Banke, joined singing tenor, and Elizabeth Clayton joined singing soprano. Erin Randolph also contributed with some beautiful solos. Thank you!

We will continue to find healing, hope and patience through God's love, and we are blessed for the opportunity to bring music from our homes to yours.

Be safe, and God Bless,

*Verena*

**CRAFT GROUP**

05/12—11:30am @ 15th Street Pizza, Jodeco Rd.





05/26—11:30am @ Pinewood Studio Rest., Fayetteville

*(subject to change due to COVID19 self quarantine)*



# Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Calendar of Activities

## May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 09:00am— Workday 
3 12:15pm—PWCT  COMMUNION	4 **Verena Anders & Will Buthold	5 09:00am—The Breakfast Club	6 *Parveen Yufusji	7 *Rusty Taylor   National Day of Prayer	8 *Diane Banke	9 09:00am— Presbytery @ Calvin Center 10:30am—Circle One
10  MOTHER'S DAY	11	12 *Annelle Maxwell 11:30am—Craft Group @ 15th Street Pizza, Jodeco Rd.	13 10:30am—Busy Bee Circle	14 10:00am—Mary & Martha Circle	15	16
17	18	19 09:00am—The Breakfast Club	20 *Carole Masdon	21	22	23
24	25 *Kathy Banke   church office closed	26 11:30am— Craft Group @ Pinewood Stu- dio Rest., Fayetteville	27 *Philippe Karka	28	29	30 *Dinah Bingham
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**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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