



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Family,

The Advent Season is...

A time of mystery...

As we like Zechariah and Elizabeth

Stand in silent awe of the promised miracle of life

A time of wonder...

As we like Mary ponder the presence and reality

of the Son of God within our very own lives

A time of watching...

As we like the shepherds tend to our duties

And suddenly hear and see

the glorious messengers of God

A time of adoration...

As we like the Angels lift our voices to proclaim our joy

at the coming of our Savior

to redeem us

and to grant us forgiveness of our sins.

A time of giving...

As we like the Wise Men of old

bring our gifts to honor our Lord

and dedicate ourselves afresh

to the God who came among us

full of grace and truth.

The Advent season is...

A time to glorify and praise God

for good news of great joy

that has come for all the people.

May it be so for all of you,

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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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

08/ Joyce Smith
20/ Guy Staats
21/ Van Banke
21/ Rose Thigpen
25/ Frances Youngblood
29/ Ann NeSmith

11/10 Jeff Cannon (Frances' son-in-law) – home recovering from COVID-19
11/11 David Hatch – back in Worship now, still recuperating
11/22 Ethel Lynn & Wade Keeton—recovering from COVID-19
11/01 Paul Kress (Rick Pierce's nephew) - has COVID-19 and pneumonia
11/01 Mike Kress (Rick Pierce's nephew) - also has COVID-19
11/11 David Lamon (Mary Smith's nephew) – needs prayer for prostate cancer
11/11 Lucie Stanton (Cathy Morris' sister) - COVID-19, special needs

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

01/ Kathy & Hal Banke
01/ Debbie & Greg Durden
20/ Joe & Don Nelson
21/ Serena & Guy Staats

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

Congratulations to Jackson Randolph

Through his dedication and commitment in high school baseball, he has signed to play at **Piedmont College** next year.

Proud parents are Erin & Jeff Randolph

Proud grandparents are Pat & John Randolph
and Diane & Van Banke

Thank you, everyone, for all the cards, calls and prayers while Ed and I were quarantined with COVID-19. We are both back at work and doing much much better, thanks to all your prayers.



Cindy Adair

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

Because of You!



PW Budget and Expenses Update **as of Nov. 17, 2020:** Of the \$2885 PW 2020 budget, our Women have been wonderful this year despite not being able to have our regular Circle meetings and have contributed \$2412 toward this budget. In addition, \$830 has been contributed to special PW offerings such as the PW Birthday Offering, Least Coin, Blessing Boxes, Columbia Friendship Circle, and the Mary & Martha Foreign Child. All our budgeted PW benevolences have been paid to Presbytery and now we are doing our other benevolences, such as Secur'us House, sponsorship of a Thornwell cottage, World Wide Missions Project, etc. Plus we have also paid other expenses such as the Horizon Bible study books for the coming year. Cancellation of the PW Fall Retreat and the Cantata reception eliminated those expenses this year. As of Nov 17, PW has a \$1293 balance with \$1110 to be paid by the end of the year, with an anticipated balance of \$183. Thank You for your continued faith and generosity through this challenging year!

---Debbie Bray



Poinsettias

Because of the crazy year we are having, we are going to have a different way to decorate our sanctuary with poinsettias. We will be placing 10 plants this Christmas. You may still participate by donating to the cost. Any proceeds will go to a local charity, Secur'us House. Please fill out the form with your information  and send it in with your donation by **December 7.**

We will have a dedication insert in the December 13 bulletin.

You will find a blank form on page 4

or you may pick on up in the Information Box outside the church office door or from the Bulletin.

SECURUS HOUSE



SECUR'US HOUSE is Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children. Each Christmas we ask everyone, who's able, to bring a gift for the children. The children range in age from babies to 17. Do not wrap them so Securus can direct their distribution.

Some suggested gift items are: toys, games, cars, trucks, baby dolls, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, all kinds of children's books.

We will also be collecting some of their needed supplies. You may bring your donations in right away. Place them in the collection bin in the narthex. If you are not attending worship in the sanctuary but still wish to donate, please bring your gifts by the church on Tuesdays or Wednesdays while Cindy is in the office or contact Connie McWilliams to meet you and let you in the church.

PLEASE NOTE: You may make monetary donations. Make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Securus House. Place them in the offering plate or mail to the church office. **All donations and gifts must be received by Sunday, December 20.**

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions



ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FACILITY

Items for infants & children include:

diapers (all sizes, but esp. large & x-large), baby oil, baby wipes & Vaseline, bottles with nipples, socks, underwear & undershirts (all sizes), crayons, coloring books, markers

Items for the women include:

new underwear (all sizes), pajamas, gowns & slippers (all sizes), personal hygiene products, hair blow dryers, hair care products for women of all color

Items for the shelter include:

toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, bar soap), paper towels, toilet tissue & facial tissues, tooth brushes, toothpaste & mouthwash, first aid products, lip balm



POINSETTIAS DONATION FORM



Please send in this form with your donation

DONATION BY _____

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF: _____

(circle one)

DEADLINE TO DONATE – MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020

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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PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Philadelphia Session,

I hope this finds you and your family continuing to stay well and practicing your “social distancing” and that you have managed to stay in touch with your family and those closest to you. As you know we have started having service at church again while still posting service live on Facebook. Thank you for your patience as we are navigating ‘new waters’ – technically. We’ve had a couple of hiccups but for the most part things seem to have gone well. We are practicing the guidelines that we put in place and so far everything seems to be going well.

The Session met on November 12, 2020 via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. One of the items discussed involved the replacement of furnace in the Education wing of the Fellowship Hall building. The replacement of the furnace was approved. This was long overdue and unfortunately the parts that were needed are no longer available. As of 11-11-2020 our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$50,128.81

Monthly Total Revenue – as of 11-11-20 - \$13,066.20

YTD Revenue – as of 11-11-20 - \$132, 298.72

Monthly Total Expenses – as of 11-11-20 - \$17,251.98

YTD Expenses – as of 11-11-20 - \$127,906.08

In the October Crossroads I mentioned a way that we could help at Camp Calvin. There are three International seminary students who are currently living at Calvin Center. They are living there because Columbia Seminary Campus is shut down and there is minimal housing available due to the pandemic. Their food and board is being provided for but they have very little left over for other necessities. They could use gift cards to such places as Walmart or Kroger. Even gas cards would be appreciated and as always, cash would be helpful. We recently had the opportunity to have one of them preach for us. Please consider helping these students. If you are interested in helping you can contact John Westlund at Calvin Center or you can just drop something in the mail. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

As we enter into the Advent Season, please know that we will do some things a little differently this year. While we will miss the ‘Hanging of the Green’ on the first day of Advent – the church will still be decorated. We will have the opportunity to hear beautiful Christmas music even though we will not have a Cantata this year. We will have our Christmas Eve service – it will just be done a little differently this year. If nothing else, this year – 2020 – has taught us all that we have to be flexible when it comes to some things, and that we need to take the time to actually appreciate ALL that we have. We need to be willing to make some sacrifices for each other and to not think of only ourselves. This hasn’t been an easy year for any of us but we are so richly blessed because we have God. It is my hope and prayer that each of us – especially myself – take the time during the month of December to truly reflect on what Christmas is all about. May God bless each of you and your family during this Advent season and in 2021. As the saying goes – “We know not what the future holds, but we know who holds the future.”

Love,

Jennifer

*Unto Us
a Child is Born*

