



**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

**THE CROSSROADS**

Dear Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Family,

In a few days, Ginger and I and our family will be travelling once again to South Carolina for a week at the beach. It is a time we treasure and especially this year since it has been so long since our whole family has been together because of the virus. Somethings will be different this year, we will not be going out to dinner as we have always done on one night of our vacation and usually Ginger and I have gone out to lunch by ourselves one day. But, we will be together! How all of us have missed being together! And I am talking not only about our family but about our family, the church now. I have been going to church every Sunday for years and years, all my life until 2020. We miss being in the Lord’s House, and we have missed being with each of you. When we return life in the church will still be different but hopefully we can once again be together, at least six feet from one another! I pray that each of us will continue to stay healthy as we draw closer to one another and to our God! Just as our family will be taking precautions on our vacation I am sure when we come to worship we will be taking precautions as well. The Session has been having conversations about such preparations and we have been wanting to know your hopes and concerns about coming back to worship at the church. If you haven’t had a call in this regard I hope you soon will.

I want to thank our Session and our staff for their diligence over the past number of weeks, months, for helping us through this time. I want to commend our staff for the extra effort it has taken to provide worship for us all through video on Facebook, especially Verena and Jennifer and Fred who put it all together for us each week. Their skills and time have been exceptional and I think we all have been learning more about communication over these last months. I know it has been difficult for Verena these last few weeks, having a heavy heart and concern for her Dad. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. Thanks also to the Rick Pierce family for their talents and musical gifts so freely shared with us all.

Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and may God continue to bless us all wherever we may be and whenever we are together once again!

Blessings on you all,  
Jack and Ginger

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**THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS**

06/ Rachel Rohrbach  
08/ Joan Murphy  
12/ Cathy Morris  
12/ Thomas Thigpen  
13/ Wallace Dunn  
19/ Ed Murphy  
26/ Beverly Johnson  
27/ David Hatch  
31/ Rick Pierce

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

1/ Mary & Willie Smith  
12/ Betty & Henry Brock  
15/ Joyce & Tom Smith  
16/Kathie & Rick Pierce  
21/ Pat & John Randolph

**THIS MONTH'S VOLUNTEERS**

**USHERS**

Fred Rohrbach  
Rick Pierce  
Mary Smith  
David Hatch



**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!*

**06/23 Erwin Anders (Verena's dad) - lives in Peru, not doing well from a fall**

**06/24 James Ballew (Joyce Smith's son) - colostomy reversal on July 9**

05/12 Nell Cates – continues to recover from lymphoma & low blood counts

05/12 Ruby Chapman (Serena Staats mom) – Cardio Aversion, very week

06/02 Saralyn Foster (Pat Randolph's friend) – diagnosed with COVID19 after knee surgery

**06/23 David Hatch – hip surgery scheduled July 2 but in Grady with infection/pneumonia**

05/12 Alan Huie (Becky & Bob's son) – dealing with prostate cancer

05/05 Ray Morgan's family in Wisconsin – Niece - Nancy, therapy after COVID-19

06/01 Serena Staats – recovering from emergency abdomen surgery

**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)**

  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  


**We are thankful for all who are reaching out to each other in prayer and encouragement.**

We would also like to **thank** our Philadelphia family who are being faithful to continue to give your tithes and offerings to the church during this difficult time. You may mail your gifts to the Church at 351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, GA 30297. You may also place your offering in the locked mailbox outside of the Fellowship Hall.

***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 provided a device with video/audio capabilities. You may get in touch with Verena at 917-664-9944 or call the church office to take advantage of this ministry.



We are working on a special project for our 4th of July service! Our choir and guests plan to put together another virtual choir video to honor our National Holiday.

Stay safe, healthy, and trust in our God.

Peace, Verena

## **PW MESSAGE CORNER**



- JULY 11—10:30am —Circle One

*(subject to COVID19 self quarantine)*

## **CRAFT GROUP**

07/14 - 11:30am @ Italian Oven, Eagle's Landing Pkwy, Stooock-bridge

07/28—11:30am @ Barnstormers Restaurant, Williamson-Peach Orchard afterwards

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

### **PW Update for Our Women ---**

I want to send Many Thanks to our Women who are continuing to contribute to our Presbyterian Women and PW special offerings during this crazy time when our Circles have not been able to meet. Just to give everyone a PW budget update at the half year point: We've collected \$30 for the PW Birthday Offering, \$45 for Columbia Friendship Circle, \$229.36 for Blessing Box, \$4.26 for Least Coin, and \$979 for the PW Budget Operating Expenses and Benevolences. In order for PW to meet it's budget an additional \$1655 will be needed by year's end. Please continue to remember PW in your giving. Thank You! **Debbie Bray**

### **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.

The Session did meet on June 10, 2020 via Zoom. During our meeting it was decided that we would keep the Church closed at least until July 5, 2020. The Session also felt it would be a good idea to poll the congregation to see how you felt about reopening and what we may still need to address with regards to safety.

Session will make a decision soon with regards to when to reopen. We are taking into consideration the guidelines/recommendations that are being made and are trying to put into place the necessary precautions. 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 do we return?**

We should soon be finished with our poll and will look at your input/feedback to what we asked about. Session will be meeting soon to try and determine a reopening date. It could be that we may reopen in July – so please check your email and/or the church Facebook page for announcements. We will also send out a phone tree when we have a reopening date.

Some of the changes that you will see when you 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

**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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