



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Family,

Ginger and I make two annual trips each fall, one to Highlands, North Carolina (Thank you Ginger's Mother and Dad for this annual family trip) and the other to Mercier's Orchard in Blue Ridge, North Georgia (Thank you, beloved Ollie Conine of Philadelphia Church, who introduced us to Merciers many years ago). We go each year to enjoy the day together and to see the fall leaves.

Our journey this year to Highlands found very little color in the trees until we made the turn just beyond Dillard and suddenly as we made our ascent up the mountain, we began seeing some muted golds and browns and some red foliage. The mountainside had color but not nearly as brilliant as in past years. Our trip to Blue Ridge found even less color. After collecting our apples, one of the joys we have experienced through the years is driving up into the mountains on a two lane highway and stopping at the overlooks along the way, just beyond Cohutta Lodge. Usually in our descent to Chatsworth we see gently falling leaves and gorgeous vistas. Not this year! It is 2020, the year of the Covid Virus, when even nature resembles our plight.

On this past Sunday as I was driving to worship, it was like the world was given a sign of hope! Overnight God painted His trees and leaves were again ablaze with color! Even Philadelphia's brilliant yellow oaks were in bloom! Atlanta is again alive with the beauty of fall that we have enjoyed though the years. And I am thankful to our God who creates it all and promises us abundant life forever!

With Thanksgiving to God
and each 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

05/ Emory Pearce
06/ Debbie Bray
07/ Ruth Gettys
20/ Ray Morgan
23/ Nancy Phillips
25/ Bob Huie
26/ Janice Lockhart

11/10 Jeff Cannon (Frances' son-in-law) – in hospital with COVID-19, high fever
11/11 David Hatch – back in Worship now, still recuperating
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

14/ Cathy & Danny Morris

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 or call a Session member or Shepherd.

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PW MESSAGE CORNER:

Man of the Year – 2020 – Jim Phillips



Presented on Sunday, November 15, 2020

For many years the Women of our Church have been honoring our Women who have shown dedication to God by service to our Church, with Life Memberships to PW. As we have delighted in celebrating these Special Women among us, several of us have Wished we could also similarly honor the Special Men of our Church. Over the years there have been Many men who have shown their love of God by serving our Church and the members of our Church in many ways.

So -- Each Father's Day our Women of the Church are now honoring a **Man of the Year!** But this year we didn't get to do it on Father's Day.

This year's Man of the Year is an Elder of our Church and a person who is always there when you need him. And when you need something, he is one of the first people you go to for help, especially for maintenance or something repaired. For many years he has attended the Church work days to take care of innumerable tasks that needed to be done at the Church. He has served as leader of the Men of the Church. He cooks for our Church breakfasts and cookouts in the fellowship hall – his biscuits are delicious! He constructed a beautiful banner pole and stand that would fit in our cars for the Women of the Church's Banner for the Women to use when carrying it to display at other Churches. There is no way to list all the things he does for our Church and also for the Good Shepherd Clinic which our Church supports. He shows his dedication to God in all the ways he serves our Church and in the wonderful way he lives his life.

This year's Man of the Year is **Jim Phillips**. Jim, Thank You for ALL You Do for Our Church!!! We All Really Appreciate You!!!

In addition to the certificate, this year's Man of the Year comes with a \$75 gift card at Home Depot, his favorite store.

Thank you everyone for all the cards and prayers when I lost my sister. She was my heart. Thank you so much,



Carole Masdon

We want to thank you for all the cards, prayers, and meal provided to us. It was so thoughtful of each & everyone. Please continue to keep our family in your prayers as we go thru this difficult time.

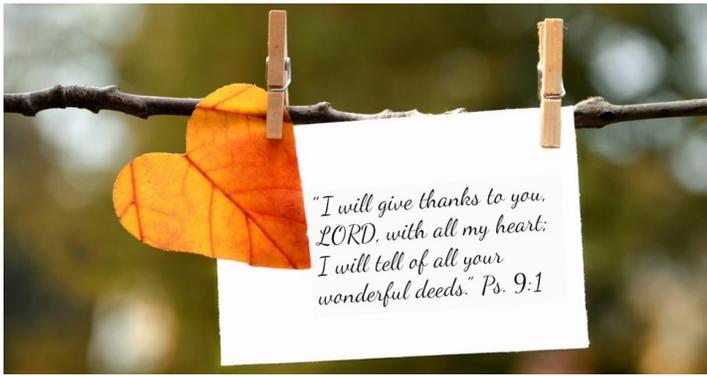
The family of Mona Steele

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.





I am thankful that, thus far, I have not been personally injured by Corona virus, though I lost one good friend to it. I am thankful for both of my sons and their families being healthy and successful this year. I am thankful that Trent will be married by the time this newsletter goes out, to a fine young Librarian (I know my Mother would be proud to have another Librarian in the family). I am thankful that my Anglo and Hispanic congregations are surviving the pandemic and will come out the other side in reasonably good shape. I am thankful that I have plenty to do and the energy and ability to achieve some completion of tasks.

God bless our church!!!!

Eliot Lawrence

I am thankful for my daughter, Kelly and her family this year. I am thankful for the prayers of my churches, neighbors, friends and pastors. I am thankful I survived several health problems this year and still have some to go.

Neil Cates

I am so thankful for the Philadelphia team that had the vision and the technical know how to telecast our Sunday service on FB. And a special thanks to Jack, Katie and Verena for bringing us God's word and blessings through sermon and music.

Jim Phillips

We are thankful for the church that we join in Georgia is just for us to share and care and love

Thomas and Rose Thigpen

John's thankful for his health this year. Pat's thankful for the many blessings of love, support and caring that have been bestowed on her and her family during this pandemic

Pat Randolph

I am thankful for my Faith, for my family and friends, and for the freedom we enjoy in this country. I am thankful for my health and the health of my family and friends. And I am thankful for Philadelphia Presbyterian Church, where I can worship and fellowship with dear friends.

Debbie Bray

We are grateful to our heavenly father and his son, Jesus Christ for all the blessings we have had this year. Our daughter, Pat is in remission from bone cancer. Our granddaughter had, thyroid cancer and son, Alan had prostate cancer but are both doing well. Our two grandsons had COVID-19 but are also doing well. We are blessed.

Becky & Bob Huie

I'm blessed to wake up everyday with good health during this time of so much chaos, hatred, unjust and surviving the pandemic. Blessed to have family and friends that love me and being able to return back to the house of worship and seeing my christian family.

Mary Smith

I am so thankful for my family, the years I had with Neil, my health and the years God has given me on this earth.

Betty Foster

We feel very blessed to have the support of each other and our family and friends during the trying times of this past year. Hal is particularly thankful for the modern technology which allows him to continue teaching under these difficult circumstances. We are extremely thankful that Chris and Mallory were able to adopt Christian in August of this year and provide him with a forever family! We now officially claim the titles of Grandma and Papa!

Hal and Kathy Banke

This year has been unlike any either of us have seen and we truly have much to be thankful for. We're thankful that our family, for the most part, has not been sick with the virus. We're thankful that we've been able to still work - though virtual teaching is not my favorite way to teach. We're thankful for our Church family and that most everyone has continued to stay safe and healthy. We're so thankful to know that God is still in control and that He has blessed us in so many ways and continues to do so each and every day.

Much love to you all!!!

Fred and Jennifer Rohrbach

I am thankful for my family, my friends, my church, my good health and most of all, that God loves me and is in control!

Frances Youngblood

At 91 my list of things I am thankful for are too numerous to send. All of my family are at the top including our newest member Christian. All who were able have helped me through my lock down. Also I am so thankful to see our PPC service in the sanctuary. Thanks to all who have made this possible.

Angie Tharp

I have been thankful for reflection time; time to reset what is truly important for me and I find that I am blessed in so many ways. I am thankful that God will always be with me during the really tough stuff and that he loved me enough to send Jesus for us. I am thankful for my lovely family and for a new Grandson. I am thankful for my church family and friends that continue to support and strengthen me and know that as I am there for them when they need me, they are also here for me. (My thankful list goes on, but these are the big things.)

Kathie Pierce

I am thankful for all the phone calls and cards during this time. And for God's unchanging faith to us in always being there no matter what. All we have to do is call on him. I am so thankful for that.

Joyce Smith

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

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



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Please send in this form with your donation

DONATION BY _____

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF: _____

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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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