

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends,

We are beginning to think about opening the church to more activities, as our members receive their vaccinations. You will be receiving an email to take a short survey to let us know your vaccination status, so that we can determine a time frame for in person activities. Please take the survey or call the church office and let Cindy know your status.

We will start an expanded schedule with Sunday School on May 16. Two Sunday School rooms will be opened up with long tables so that attendees can be socially distanced, while masked. Debbie Durden will teach, and Mary Smith is seriously considering bringing the doughnuts! So please join us for a time together to study at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, before the worship service.

The next Sunday, May 23, is Pentecost, when we remember the birth of the church - tongues of fire from the Holy Spirit lighting on the believers in that room 50 days after Jesus crucifixion and the movement of that little group out into the world to spread the gospel. We hope to go outside after the service for refreshments, as well as to show off the cleaned-up memory garden. It is full of beautiful flowers and unusual plants, and we are working hard to get old leaves and debris raked up. In order to do that, we need YOUR help! Beginning May 1 at 9:00 am, come join Fred Rohrbach every Saturday with your rakes and gloves and help us put the garden back in good shape for wandering and pondering God's good creation.

We also hope in late summer or early fall to hold our Homecoming Celebration, which had to be cancelled last year. As we begin to move toward the bicentennial of the church in 2025, we hope to start having more frequent celebrations of our church family, hopefully with good food! So pray that COVID rates go down and vaccination rates go up!

While we enjoy this glorious spring and the resurrection of our Lord, please stay healthy, join us if you can, and know that this beloved family of faith WILL be back to full strength in the near future, as we look toward 200 years of service to our Lord and our community.

Jeanne



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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/ Parveel 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

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!

- 03/23 Helen Carter (Pat & John's daughter) – radiation in sensitive area near heart
- 03/22 Jane Lovern (Tom Murphy's sister) – recovering from lumpectomy
- 03/24 Carole Masdon—recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous tumor, doing well
- 03/22 Richard Phillips (Jim's brother) liver cancer-radiation going well
- 03/31 Connor Rawls (Francis Youngblood's grandson) – recovering from brain infection
- 04/23 Mary Smith—recovering from gallbladder surgery

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

Nell Cates Marie Foster Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net

Philadelphia Church Family,

We thank you for all of your support, prayers, cards and calls during our recent loss of family members. This has surely been trying, heartbreaking times but being members of such a loving PPC family has been a comfort. Thank you for being you.

Love and prayers to you,

Jim and Nancy Phillips



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers for our Son in law, Wayne Schmelz. He is at home and recovering well from surgery and infection.

Sincerely,

Ann NeSmith



Congratulations to **Jackson Randolph**, son of Jeff & Erin Randolph, grandson of John & Pat Randolph and Van & Diane Banke. Jackson will be graduating from Northgate High School, Newnan, on May 28. He will be attending Piedmont College in the fall.

Congratulations to **Andrew Carter**, son of Helen Carter (member of M&M Circle), and grandson of John & Pat Randolph. Andrew will graduate May 12, from Georgia Southern University.



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

MAY 8—10:30am—Circle One
MAY 13—07:00pm—Mary & Martha
(virtual)



Workday

Saturdays, May 1, 8, 15, & 22 at
9:00am

Our focus is on the Memory Garden and preparing it for Pentecost Sunday, May 23.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, 2021.
An opportunity to celebrate our mothers.

PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

I hope this finds you and your family doing well. We continue to hear that many of you have been vaccinated. It is our hope/goal that as more of the congregation is returning to church that we may be able to slowly start to return to some of our "normal" activities. We had a wonderful turnout for our Easter Service and are hopeful that more and more of our congregation will start coming for in-person service. However, we will continue to live stream the service on Facebook for those who aren't able to join us in person at this time. If you aren't able to watch us live on Facebook, you can always go to the church's webpage to see the service there once it has been uploaded.

During service on April 18, 2021, Reverend Simpson mentioned that we are going to have a few workdays coming up so that the Memory Garden can be cleaned up. If you are able and willing to come help, I know that it would be greatly appreciated. We are also planning to start back with Sunday School on May 16, 2021.

As most of you know, Cindy Adair's brother, Reverend Andrew Ragan, recently passed away. A memorial service was recently held, and the family has requested that if anyone is interested, donations can be made to **Constructor's for Christ**. This group of volunteers travel around the southeast building and renovating churches wherever needed. This is an organization that Cindy's brother was involved with and it meant a lot to him. You can send your donations to:

Constructor's for Christ
c/o Gail Rush
342 Booker Rd
Summerville, GA 30747

****Please make note that it is in memory of Reverend Andrew Ragan**

The Session did meet on April 15, 2021 via Zoom to conduct our monthly business, and it is our plan that we will meet on the third Thursday of each month. For the month of March, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$50,272.86
Monthly Total Revenue - \$11,214.74
YTD Revenue - \$40,671.48
Monthly Total Expenses - \$14,034.51
YTD Expenses - \$38,249.65

Thank you so much for your continued financial support. Our church is very blessed by your generosity.

Please continue to check on one another and please let either myself or one of the other elders know if someone is in need.

May God continue to bless each of you and your families.

Much love to you all!!!

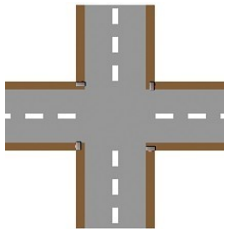
Jennifer

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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SECUR'US HOUSE

Securus House, Clayton County's home for abused women and children is in need of several items at this time. In the month of May we will be collecting the needed items listed below. The deadline to bring in your donations is Sunday, May 30.

You may also make a monetary donation. Make your check out to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church and designate it for Securus House. See Connie McWilliams for details.

Thank you for your support.

Connie McWilliams,
Community Missions

NEEDED SUPPLIES

PAPER plates, towels, napkins tissue, toilet paper, wipes, Styrofoam cups and baby diapers size 5 & 6.

SOAPS, dish washing, soap powders, dryer sheets, body wash, & hand sanitizer,

CLEANING products, comet cleanser, bathroom cleaner, bleach, all purpose cleaner.

BODY PRODUCTS, shampoo, conditioner, tooth paste, Vaseline.

BATH towels & wash cloths.

MISCELLANEOUS, trash bags 13 gallon & 55 gallon. Light bulbs, 60 & 75 watt.



We will have another campaign for Securus House during the month of July to collect school supplies for the next school year. You can start gathering items as the list will be pretty much the same as years past. Thank You!

Clayton County Association Against Family Violence, Inc.