

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Here we are again with the COVID crisis, with hospital beds filling up, schools having to close, mask mandates, and all the rest of it. We're adjusting at PPC also – masks, no more cookie receptions, no more luncheons, no more coffee and doughnuts at Sunday School, and we may have to make other adjustments. I'm tired, you are all tired, we as a nation are tired, and the whole world is tired of this disease that just will not go away. We had just opened the door to normalcy and have had to shut it again. That is just doubly hard to deal with.

I'm grateful for all of you who were vaccinated, and it looks like we may all be getting booster shots here in the near future, which makes me feel encouraged. But until most of our population gets vaccinated, we're going to be around folks who can easily spread it to the rest of us, even when we've gotten our shots. So please, please be careful. Wear your masks when you're anywhere other than inside your own house, use sanitizer, and stay away from large groups. What that means for events that have already started back up, like Fox events and the symphony, remains to be seen. I was at Montreat this past weekend and we were masked everywhere, even in the food line. We only took off our masks when we sat at table to eat. The group of women were very good about spreading themselves out in the dining room and in the assembly hall, so I think if we use good sense, we can help keep ourselves well.

We have also had an onslaught of health issues in our own congregation – Rose, Jen, and Fred's father with surgery, Philippe in the hospital, Jen's father with issues and now with COVID (which he most likely got at the hospital), Cindy's son with COVID, and major health issues with Ray Morgan's grandson and Joyce Smith's sister. We've lost Carole Masdon and Marie Foster, well-loved members of this church for a long time.

We are in need of healing. All of us – not just physical healing, but emotional and mental healing. This has been a long slog of bad news, and between being sick ourselves and worrying about family and friends who are sick, we are battle weary. So beginning right away, I will use part of our time in Prayers of the People for folks in the congregation to speak your needs for prayer and healing – of yourself, of your family, or of friends. We will not rush through this. We will be attentive to the pain that we are all experiencing. And because we are a beloved family in Christ, we can support each other.

We wish Verena Anders well on her new journey at St. James Methodist Church, and we are grateful for Alisa to join us as interim music director while we begin to interview candidates. We are blessed to have a wonderful choir and resources to continue to let us worship with song, even if we are masked!

Yours in Christ, who is the great healer.

Jeanne



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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

03/ Dot Pearce
06/ Pam Langley
10/ Eliot Lawrence
11/ Greg Durden
27/ Nell Cates

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Fred Rohrbach
Rick Pierce
Mary Pat Smith
David Hatch



Workday

Saturday, Sep. 18,
at 09:00 am

Come and help out if you can

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!

- 08/10 Steven Bolinger (Serena's friend) – blood cancer returned
- 08/11 Jan Brown (Joyce Smith's sister) – diagnosed with brain tumor
- 06/30 Dean Hienbigner (Serena's friend) – dangerously low iron causing several health issues
- 08/17 Bob Langley (Jennifer & Pam's dad) – hospitalized with COVID 19
- 08/11 Paul Morgan (Ray's grandson) – surgery on 09/08 to repair hole in heart
- 08/09 Jennifer Rohrbach – recovering from appendectomy
- 07/20 Lee Rohrbach (Fred's dad) – recovering from surgery for aortic aneurysm
- 08/10 Tommy Ward (Serena's uncle) – trouble walking & talking from stroke

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

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

Congratulations to

Megan Beck

Graduating from Belmont University, Nashville, TN

Proud Parents are Richard and Kelli Cates Beck

Proud grandparent is Nell Cates

KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

THANK YOU for your generous donations to Kinship Care. We were able to donate 2,412 items with a total value of \$1,233.91 worth of school supplies.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions



PW MESSAGE CORNER:



Sep 11 —10:30am—Circle One
Sep 09 — 7:00pm—Mary & Martha - virtual

Sep 21—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

-- **Save the Date:** All women in the Church to save the date and plan to come to our annual **Fall Retreat** on Saturday, October 23rd. More details will be available later. --**Debbie Bray**

PW Annual Meeting – September 19, 2021

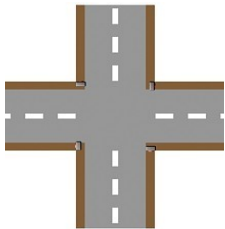
All Women of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church are invited and encouraged to attend our Annual PW Meeting, following the Worship Service on Sunday, September 19, 2021. In this meeting, we will approve the proposed 2022 PW Budget and elect PW officers for 2022.

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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