

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

**THE CROSSROADS**

***Dear Friends in Christ,***

Well, I don't even look at the weather report anymore. Daily highs close to 90 and afternoon thunderstorms. Got it. Our yard is turning into a swamp, and the humidity keeps me from staying outdoors for very long. I don't know how the Rohrbachs do all that landscaping work.

And believe it or not, school starts August 2. I'm sorry, school administrators, but that is just plumb crazy. I think of children on hot school buses and in hot classrooms and trying to play outdoors on a dirt playground in the heat, and it doesn't make sense to me. When I was growing up in western N.C., we started school the day after Labor Day and we ended the Friday before Memorial Day. Only when we'd had a lot of snow days off did we ever have to go into June. So I just don't get this almost year round school business. I know children have missed a lot of learning this past year doing online learning at home, but kids still need play time and time to do absolutely nothing of consequence. I remember lying on the cool terrazzo brick floor of our back porch after bicycling home from 3 hours of swim team practice and not even reading – just chillin' out, sometimes with a small circulating fan blowing on my face. We didn't have air conditioning until I was in high school, and even then it was those window units that would freeze up once a week.

I lived on a dead end street (we didn't have a thing called a cul-de-sac in those days either – the road just stopped at the creek), and there were over 20 children and as many dogs in the neighborhood. Summer was playing in the creek, playing kick the can, riding bicycles, and swimming at the community center. My brother and I would bike 2 miles to the community center in the morning for swim team practice, come home and eat lunch, rest a little on that cool back porch, and then bike back to play and swim in the same pool all afternoon. Then after supper, we'd play outdoors until dark. Parents would start appearing on front porches calling us in about dusk, and they might find us outside or they might find us in a neighbor's house. It was total freedom, and I cherished those summers.

When I got my first job after college and realized I couldn't take summers off, it was a shock. What?? You work 50 weeks a year with 10 days vacation? What had I gotten myself into, growing up? How come adults didn't get to have fun? I'm still not over it. Growing up was the pits – paying bills, cooking all my own food, keeping my car in running order, doing constant home maintenance – and that was before children came along.

So in my humble opinion, our children need that "do nothing" time in the summer as long as they can. And if we can just lock up their cell phones and video games, I bet they'll even learn to enjoy that time of being free of distractions. I'm looking forward to my first vacation since January, 2020, in late September. I won't have to cook, I won't have to make up the bed, I won't have to do the laundry, and I'll even get to see some interesting sights. And I just might lie on a deck chair and "do nothing."

Hope you get some "do nothing" time this August.

***Jeanne***

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**THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS**

19/ Glenda Taylor  
22/ Betty Brock

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

24/ Emory & Dot Pearce  
25/ Erin & Ruth Gettys  
25/ Ed & Cindy Adair

**THIS MONTH'S USHERS**

Jim Phillips  
Philippe Karka  
Tom Murphy  
Debbie Bray



**Workday**

Saturday, Aug. 21,  
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!*

*Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Carole Masdon who passed away on July 16.*

07/10 Greg Durden – recovering from rotator cuff surgery

07/13 Carol Cabe (Fred's sister) –dealing will health issues

**07/07 Rose Enow—laparoscopic surgery for colon cancer on August 2**

**07/18 Marie Foster – at Emory Midtown, very weak, in liver failure**

06/30 Dean Hienbigner (Serena's friend) – dangerously low iron causing several health issues

06/30 Stacey Pettit (Serena's cousin) – diagnosed with colon cancer

**07/20 Lee Rohrbach (Fred's dad) - aortic aneurysm, procedure in mid August**

06/29 Barbara Sutton (Joyce Smith's niece) – cancer of the spine

06/29 Sarah Trotter (Joyce Smith's niece) – breast cancer

06/30 Lloyd Weaver (Serena's uncle) – diagnosed with spinal stenosis causing mobility problems

**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](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or call a Session member**

**REMEMBER**

**School days bring congestion: School buses are picking up their passengers, kids on bikes are hurrying to get to school before the bell rings, harried parents are trying to drop their kids off before work. It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present – especially before and after school.**

**KIDS ARE BACK TO SCHOOL!**



**TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS IN SCHOOL ZONES**

**PW MESSAGE CORNER:**

**Aug 14—10:30am—Circle One**  
**PLEASE NOTE:** Mary & Martha  
& Busy Bees Circles will not  
meet in August.



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

**KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER**

THANK YOU for your generous donations to Kin-  
ship Care. We don't have the final count yet but  
we just wanted to let you know how much you are  
appreciated.



**Connie McWilliams, Community Missions**

**PPC Clerk's Corner**

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

I hope you are continuing to enjoy your summer. All things considered the summer temperatures haven't been as hot as in years past. As most of you know, we have now returned to a "normal" service, and I hope you are enjoying worshipping together in church. Please know that masks are not required if you have been fully vaccinated. If you have not been vaccinated, we ask that you continue to wear your mask. There are masks in the Narthex if you need/want one.

Our Sunday afternoon refreshments are going well, and we've had a great time visiting with each other after service and eating some yummy cookies. On the Sundays that we are having a luncheon, we will not do our cookie reception after service. We will have a luncheon this month on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please watch for additional info in the bulletin.

The Session did meet on July 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 June, our financial information was as follows:

- Total Assets - \$57,668.04**
- Monthly Total Revenue – \$14,241.37**
- YTD Revenue – \$84,657.61**
- Monthly Total Expenses – \$14,383.86**
- YTD Expenses – \$74,402.60**

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

I also wanted to let you know that the Session has decided to not have a Homecoming Celebration this year. As many of you know, there is a lot that has to be done/planned in order to pull off a Homecoming Celebration. It has been decided that we are going to focus on/plan for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will take place in 4 years. For anyone who volunteered to help for this year – your help will still be needed as we start planning for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

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

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

Much love to you all!!!

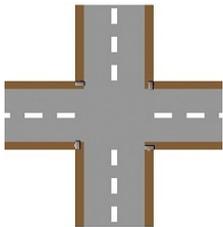
Jennifer

**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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