



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Family,

On Christmas night I turned out all the lights in the house and unplugged the Christmas Tree lights in the family room and in our living room and started off to bed. As I turned once more to look into the darkened room behind me, I realized there was one light still shining; it was illuminating the manger and the baby Jesus... and Joseph and Mary and the Wisemen and Shepherds, camels and sheep and the Angels...one small light over the most important one in our lives... our Lord!

I have been thinking of that scene ever since... and this morning as I sit down to write to each of you and am thinking of the light in the manger overlooking Jesus, it came to me that it doesn't matter where we find ourselves, in our homes, or in a palace, or in the manger...what matters most is who we are and above all whose we are. What matters most is the star still shines on us and we are children of God and like Jesus in the manger God cares for each of us!

Happy New Year and may God bless us all in 2021, each and every one!

Grace and peace,
Jack



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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

02/ Akouele Dissouvi
02/ Koko Dossouvi
11/ Debbie Durden
13/ Celestine Karka
21/ Tom Murphy
22/ Becky Huie

11/11 David Hatch – still recuperating from accident

11/11 David Lamon (Mary Smith's nephew) – prostate cancer

12/16 Richard Phillips (Jim's brother) liver cancer-chemo & surgery

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

1/ Frances & Darrell
Youngblood
22/ Nancy & Jim Phillips

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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CRAFT GROUP

January 12, 11:30am, @ Red Lobster, Tara Blvd, Jonesboro—Then to the Church afterwards, to plan the calendar for the year

We are thankful to say that while some slight vestiges of COVID remain, we are now well.

Thank you for your prayers.

Ethel Lynn & Wade Keeton



Just a quick note of thanks to the Presbyterian Women of PPC for recognizing me with your Man of The Year award. To say I was surprised would be an understatement. Debbie did a magician's job of concealing the identify until late in her Introduction. Neil Foster and Harold Hill were my mentor's during my early days at PPC. And While I could never fill their shoes I have made every effort to follow in their footsteps. Thank again to all the PPC PW members. I know there are other men in our church who are deserving of this recognition and I am honored to be the recipient for 2020.

Jim Phillips

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

JAN 9—10:30am—Circle One

JAN 13—10:30am—Busy Bees

JAN 14—07:00pm—Mary & Martha (virtual)

If anyone would like to visit with us, please contact Kathy Banke.



PW WOMEN

The virtual Presbyterian Women's retreat earlier this year is featured in the Horizon's Magazine for November & December 2020.

What a honor!



Work Day

January 16

Beginning at 9:00am

PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings and Happy New Year from the Philadelphia Session!!!

I hope this finds you and your family doing well, and I hope you had a blessed Christmas. It's hard to believe we are beginning a new year – 2021. I am praying as I'm sure you are that this new year will see us return to a more “normal” approach to life in general. We continue to have service in person at church and have had no problems so far and for that we are all very grateful. We also continue to live stream the service on Facebook, and we seem to have figured out the technical issues. As always, we appreciate your patience as we continue to utilize Facebook.

Many thanks to Verena and Will for all of their hard work on the virtual Christmas Cantata!!! What seemed to flow smoothly and effortlessly required a lot of work on her end. I hope you were able to see it on our Church Facebook page, but if not, Rick Pierce will put it on the Church's webpage if he hasn't already done so. You should also be able to locate any of the previous services that we have streamed on Facebook.

The Session met on December 10, 2020 via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. As of 12-15-2020 our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$49,373.61

Monthly Total Revenue – as of 12-15-20 - \$16,166.99

YTD Revenue – as of 12-15-20 - \$148,465.71

Monthly Total Expenses – as of 12-15-20 - \$16,666.27

YTD Expenses – as of 12-15-20 - \$144,572.35

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your generosity. At the beginning of December, we put out a request for a love offering and in **TRUE Philadelphia fashion**, you went above and beyond what was hoped for. I know that your generosity was greatly appreciated and totally unexpected.

As you plan for any charitable donations that you may do during the year, I ask that you consider giving to the Calvin Center. Like so many small businesses, they too have been hit hard financially because of the pandemic and are trying to come up with ways that they can be utilized. They also still have the three International Students from Columbia Seminary and these students could still use financial support as well. They could use gift cards to such places as Walmart or Kroger. Even gas cards would be appreciated and as always, cash would be helpful. Please consider helping these students. If you are interested in helping you can contact John Westlund at Calvin Center or you can just drop something in the mail. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, as we start the New Year, our Session members have changed slightly. The Session Elders for 2021 are as follows: Greg Durden, Philippe Karka, Rick Pierce, Jennifer Rohrbach, Mary Smith, and Serena Staats. I ask that you please pray for us as the church elders and that God will continue to guide us. Much love to you all!!!

Happy New Year!!!

Jennifer

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- 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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