

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

October was busy, so November should be a nice month in which to enjoy cooler weather, and maybe a nice fire. Jim and I love that first time the fireplace is lit, although he’s learned to check the weather and warm the flue opening so we don’t get smoke pouring back into the room! November is settling in time – switching out summer bed linens for flannel sheets and heavier blankets, getting out the sweaters, putting up the sandals (sob – I hate that job!), and checking the furnace filters.

I will be thankful this year for the call to Philadelphia, and the last 8 months getting to know each of you. It is such an honor to be able to worship with you and impart whatever words God sends to me to pass on. I’m sorry we won’t be having a Thanksgiving luncheon together, but I’m praying for a return to those Sunday meals. We are in the midst of Stewardship season, and I encourage you to examine your giving and plan for next year. Philippe is getting ready to go to Togo and hopes to take \$200 for the “A Gospel for All” evangelism program there. We constantly need items and funds for Kinship Care, Securus House, the Morrow Food Bank, and the Forest Park Ministers Association. All provide needed items and funds for the disadvantaged in our community. If you haven’t checked out the bulletin board in the hall opposite our Sunday School room, please do so. There are heartfelt, handmade thank you cards from the children who received school supplies through our Kingship Care donations. As we are thankful for God’s blessings, it is fitting to share those blessings with others.

I hate to say this, but Christmas is coming! Well, Advent, anyway. Our first Sunday in Advent is November 28, right after Thanksgiving. And we will be celebrating Hanging of the Greens. Now I don’t know what that is yet, but I’m sure folks will let me know! We will be sending out Advent devotion books and a devotion calendar this year as well. And hopefully, we will have a Christmas concert from the choir one Sunday afternoon. So stay tuned (no pun intended).

May you enjoy the leaves and cuddling up in a sweater or blanket as we greet the fall and prepare for a day of thanks. And I wish you ONLY as much pumpkin and pumpkin pie spices as you can tolerate!

Yours in Christ,

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

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

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

11/ Erin & Jeff Randolph
14/ Cathy & Danny Morris

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Jim Phillips
Philippe Karka
Tom Murphy
Debbie Bray

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 Walter "Bud" Steele . He passed away on October 25.

- 10/11 Jan Brown (Joyce Smith's sister) – brain tumor treatments
- 10/13 Tom Harris (friend of Rohrbach's) – broken bones & fractures in fall
- 09/29 Becky Huie – trouble with balance and falling
- 10/12 Pam Langley – staying with family - recovering from falls & hospital stay
- 09/07 Todd Long (Nancy's nephew) – stroke—recovery very slow
- 10/11 Paul Morgan (Ray's grandson) – recovering from surgery to repair hole in heart
- 09/21 Richard Phillips (Jim's brother) - treatments for liver cancer
- 10/13 Rick Pierce – facing knee replacement surgery on 11/2
- 10/15 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, finished radiation, now on chemo
- 10/15 Sarah Trotter (Joyce's niece) breast cancer, taking chemo

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.



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.

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 19.**

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 & mouth-wash, first aid products, lip balm

SECURUS HOUSE



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

NOV 7— 12:15pm—PWCT

NOV 11 — 7:00pm—Mary & Martha (virtual)

NOV 13 —10:30am—Circle One

NOV 16—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle



PPC Clerk's Corner . . .

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Happy early Thanksgiving!!! As we continue to enjoy the Fall season, I want to encourage you to take a moment to reflect on your blessings. Each of us have been blessed in many ways. Sometimes it may be hard to find those blessings, but they are there and Thanksgiving is a time to truly reflect on those blessings. Please know that when I reflect on my blessings, you, my church family, are one of my greatest blessings.

Though we still have Covid around to deal with, we aren't letting it stop us when it comes to worship. We are still able to worship in person and that is a BLESSING. Our church is doing well financially and that is a BLESSING. We have a wonderful pastor who is teaching us more about our Lord and that is a BLESSING. To my knowledge, we have only had one member who has had Covid and that is a BLESSING. Though we are a small church, our support of local charities is mighty and that is a BLESSING. So, our BLESSINGS are abundant.

The Session did meet on October 19, 2021 via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. It was decided recently that we will now meet on the third Tuesday of each month. For the month of September, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$67,707.08

Monthly Total Revenue – \$13,845.98

YTD Revenue – \$127,986.39

Monthly Total Expenses – \$8,727.99

YTD Expenses – \$106,965.44

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated! Our church is very Blessed by your generosity.

As you know we are in search of 3 new elders. I hope that each of you will consider serving if asked. We all have gifts/talents and serving as an elder may be a great opportunity for you to share your gift/talent. Please pray for the Search Committee as they seek new elders.

If you know of someone who is in need, please let either myself or one of the other elders know. If you have an idea as to how we can help one another, please share your idea(s). Together we can accomplish much.

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

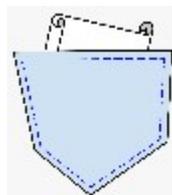
Happy Thanksgiving and may you see blessings all around you!

Love,

Jennifer

Save Postage Stamps from your Mail for the Alliance Stamp Ministry

The Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers, FL uses the money from sale of used postage stamps to print and distribute Spanish language Sunday School materials to over 50 countries all around the world, including Latin America, Spain, and the US. They accept all stamps -- cancelled and non-cancelled stamps and any kind of postage that can be stuck to a letter or package. They require a 1/4 to 1/3 inch border around the stamp when cut from the envelope or package. Note that larger commemorative stamps and stamps of greater cost than regular first class are worth more. So save stamps from all of your mail -- you can give them to Debbie Bray.



Scripture in Your Pocket – Something New!

Once a month, on the 3rd Sunday of each month, a member of the congregation will share a favorite Scripture in the Worship Service and tell why that Scripture is special to them. Everyone in the congregation will receive a copy of that month's Scripture in

Your Pocket to carry with them.

- Sign Up Sheet is in the Vestibule for the coming months.
- Choose a favorite scripture or one that has special meaning to you.
- Send your chosen scripture to Cindy 2 weeks ahead so she can print them up and put them in the Bulletins for the 3rd Sunday of the month.
- On the Sunday you signed up for, read your chosen scripture and tell the congregation why it is one of your favorites or has special meaning to you.
- Carry these scriptures throughout the week and month, and feel free to share them!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On November 21, we will have our annual meeting where we will elect 3 elders for the Class of 2023. We will also present our Annual Financial Report and meet with the PPC Corporation and Cemetery Committee.

THORNWELL HOME FOR CHILDREN



During the month of November, we will be receiving donations for our special Thanksgiving Offering—Thornwell Home for Children. Please pick up an envelope in the pew backs and make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church for Thornwell.

Workday

Saturday, NOV 20,

at 09:00 am

Come and help out if you can

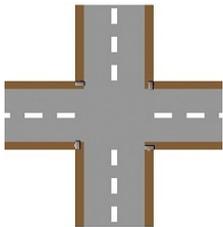


OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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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