

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

October is going to be a busy month. First of all, we welcome our new Music Director, Heawoon Skilling. We can look forward to some wonderful music coming up, and I can't wait to hear her beautiful voice in a solo. Second, we are starting Stewardship season, as we think about our offerings to the work of the church in the world for next year. So look at your giving patterns, and see what you would like to do next year for Philadelphia, the surrounding community, and world missions. A couple of weeks ago I mentioned our giving so far this year to three local mission programs we support: Morrow Food Bank, Securus House, and Kinship Care. This church has given over \$4600 dollars to those programs so far, in addition to Presbyterian Women special offerings and support for the Forest Park Ministries for homeless children. You are a generous group of people, and we thank you.

Third, we need volunteers for the Nominating Committee to look at new elders for next year. If you can serve on the Committee, or if you are willing to serve on the session, let Jennifer Rohrbach or me know. Fourth, the PW Retreat will be at Camp Calvin in the Geneva Lodge from 9-3 on October 23. I will be talking about "Jesus the Storyteller" as we look at parables in the Bible. Fifth, October 31 we will celebrate our first ever Reformation Sunday by acknowledging the Scottish heritage of the Presbyterian Church, as well as our own family connections to the Reformed church worldwide. We will have a bagpiper, there will be kilts, there will be a Beadle (you can look that one up!), and lots of colorful clothing. Please wear something to honor your country of origin and your Reformed faith – whether that is from Africa or Ireland or Korea or India or Scotland or somewhere else! It will be a day to look at our history and honor our ancestors in the faith.

Lastly, take a look at our Facebook page. Rick Pierce put together a video using drone pictures that Eliot's friend Able Mendoza took, and then he added two pieces of music that the choir recorded. It's pretty awesome. I'm still trying to figure out who hit the high soprano notes, and you may recognize several soloists!

Have a wonderful October, and enjoy the cooler weather and the changing leaves.
Yours in Christ,

Jeanne

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

03/ Ethel Lynn Keeton
09/ Connie McWilliams
12/ Blondell Brown
16/ Jim Phillips
17/ Feroze Yufusji
19/ Cindy Adair
30/ Bud Steele
30/ Pam Rountree
31/ Karen Kelly Nelson

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

06/ Pegge & Ed Murphy
12/ Joan & Tom Murphy
21/ Parveen & Feroze Yufusji

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Emory Pierce
Danny Morris
Celestine Karka
Thomas Thigpen

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) – brain tumor treatment at Cancer Center of America, Newnan

09/14 Pam Langley from hospital to Jonesboro Rehab for strengthening

09/07 Todd Long (Nancy's nephew) – stroke—transferred to rehab for treatment

08/11 Paul Morgan (Ray's grandson) – surgery to repair hole in heart on 10/23

09/21 Richard Phillips (Jim's brother) - liver cancer growing again—more treatments soon

08/31 Qader – Afghan citizen, interpreter for US military, his young family under threat in Afghanistan

09/15 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, finished radiation, now on chemo

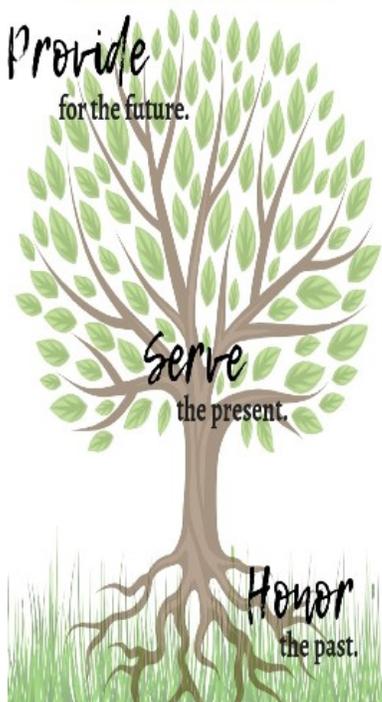
09/15 Sarah Trotter (Joyce's niece) breast cancer, taking chemo at Cancer Center of America, Newnan

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.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all that you have done for Fred, myself, and our family these last several weeks. Your prayers for my dad and for me have meant so much. I have often heard people say that they "can feel the prayers" when they are going through something and I never really understood that until now. It was because of all of your prayers and many others that I felt peace as I was dealing with my dad's illness and the inability to see him in the hospital. Your cards, texts, phone calls, and meals truly touched my heart. Fred and I feel so blessed to be a part of this family.

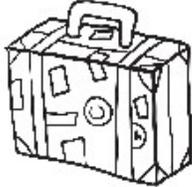
We love you all.

Jennifer

SUIT CASES

THANK YOU for your generous donations to Kinship Care and Morrow Food Bank. One thing that we don't really think of is that at Securus House, the ladies usually come in with their children and a bag with belongings. We would like to be able to find some used suit cases for them. If you have any taking up space you do not need, please bring them in and leave in the narthex.

Thank you,
Connie McWilliams, Community Missions



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

Oct 9 —10:30am—Circle One
Oct 14 — 7:00pm—Mary & Martha (virtual)
Oct 19—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

-- **Annual Fall Retreat** on Saturday, October 23rd, at Geneva Lodge, Calvin Center. See me for details.

--**Debbie Bray**



PPC Clerk's Corner . . .

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

I don't know about you, but Fall is my favorite time of year. I enjoy the cooler temperatures and love seeing the different trees change into all of their glorious colors. While we continue to deal with the issues surrounding Covid, I am so appreciative of the fact that we have been able to continue worshiping in person. We continue to do our best to keep our members safe and so far it has gone well.

As you know we have temporarily stopped our Sunday afternoon refreshments as well as our luncheons for now. Hopefully we will be able to gather again soon and enjoy a meal together.

The Session did meet on September 21, 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 August, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$62,851.77
Monthly Total Revenue – \$13,103.92
YTD Revenue – \$114,140.41
Monthly Total Expenses – \$13,742.47
YTD Expenses – \$98,237.45

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

As we continue to deal with the changes that Covid has brought about please continue to check on one another. 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.

Much love to you all!!!

Jennifer

STAMP MISSION PROJECT

We are collecting cancelled postage stamps for the Alliance Stamp Ministry in Fort Myers, Florida. The income from their sale of the stamps goes to support preparation, publishing, and distribution of a Spanish language curriculum for Sunday Schools. More than 50 lesson series have been published and are being used in churches in 40 different denominations in Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America, Spain and even in the USA. They accept any and all stamps that are attached to envelopes and packages. Stamps of larger denominations and the larger commemorative stamps are worth more for them, but they are happy to accept all stamps. Please trim your stamps with a 1/4 to 1/3 border around the stamps.

This is an easy way we can support a great mission project.

Debbie Bray



Workday

Saturday, Oct 2,
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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