

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope the heat and dryness soon abates. Three of our families in the church have had A/C units go out, and it's not a good time to deal with that! The Simpsons are in Scandinavia and Iceland for 3 weeks, where it will be much cooler, and for that we are thankful. And thanks to Rev. Jack Westlund for stepping in and supplying the pulpit while I'm gone. We are sorry we missed the great Independence Day cookout, but I know you had your usual wonderful, abundant food. I am reminded of all our ancestors who fought for our country, including my three revolutionary war ancestors, Samuel Hoffman, John Duckworth, and John Swink – all from the area around Morganton, NC. Two were “over mountain” men who fought General Ferguson at the Battle of Kings Mountain, and one was stationed in Salisbury and cared for and shod the horses. John Duckworth is buried at First Presbyterian Church in Morganton.

My husband's ancestor, Neil MacLeod, had arrived in NC near Fayetteville two years before the Revolutionary War and was swayed by the Royal Governor Martin to accept the offer of fighting for the British in exchange for more land grants and 10 years of free taxes. He fought in the Battle of Moore's Creek and the British troops were put down in about two hours. He and his family fled to “Sanctuary Land” in upper SC, losing his lands. After the war, he swore an oath to the new USA and returned to NC, receiving more land grants, and participated in the life of Bluff and Barbeque Presbyterian Churches.

War is not easy for anybody – not the soldiers, and certainly not the families left behind. In the area around Morganton, NC during the Civil War, most of the men did not want to fight. They owned no slaves and were farmers, and they knew that leaving the farms would cause great hardship for their wives and children. But the Home Guard was persistent in forcing them to enlist. One of my great great grandfathers, John Grosse, would desert each spring to go home and put in the crop, and then return before the home guard imprisoned him. Another great great grandfather, Henry Swink, came home to see about his pregnant wife and plant crops and refused to go back. The Home Guard shot him in the back in his front yard and killed him.

Jim's great great grandfather, James Washington Silvey, joined the 35th Georgia Infantry Regiment as a drummer, because he was too young to carry weapons. He stayed with this unit until surrender of troops at Appomattox, VA in April 1865, and walked home to Atlanta with the rest of the unit. But James' older brother, John Silvey, who was a wealthy mercantile store owner in Atlanta, was against the war and was arrested for being a “Secret Yankee.” He was imprisoned in Milledgeville and had to pay \$3000 to post bail and return home. Meanwhile, his brother in law was in charge of arresting other Yankee sympathizers in Atlanta. Several of those family members who were involved in the war are buried in Oakland Cemetery. John helped found First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta. He lived next door and paid an undisclosed sum of money so that the church would NOT put a bell in the bell tower – so he could sleep in peace!

War divides families and nations, and as we remember our independence from Great Britain, we need to always remember the families who suffered hardships, in addition to our soldiers who fought. And in today's world, we remember Ethiopia and Yemen, who are in the midst of civil war, and the invasion by Russia in Ukraine. All suffer when their lands are invaded. May God help this world become a place where war is a thing of the past.

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

- 06/ Rachel Rohrbach
- 08/ Joan Murphy
- 12/ Cathy Morris
- 12/ Thomas Thigpen
- 12/ Fred Rohrbach
- 13/ Wallace Dunn
- 19/ Ed Murphy
- 26/ Beverly Johnson
- 27/ David Hatch
- 31/ Rick Pierce

ANNIVERSARIES

- 01/ Mary & Willie Smith
- 04/ Zareen & Anand Nevrekar
- 12/ Betty & Henry Brock
- 15/ Joyce & Tom Smith
- 16/ Kathie & Rick Pierce
- 21/ Pat & John Randolph

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!

- 06/12 Buddy & Jane Ashmore (former members) – recovering from COVID
- 05/31 Van Banke –recovering from back surgery and infection. still on IV antibiotics
- 06/12 Priscilla Fullerwood (Mary Smith's niece) – recovering from COVID
- 06/07 Becky Huie – recovering from a stay in the hospital with heart issues
- 05/24 Cleveland Lamon (Mary Smith's brother in law) – eye surgery, beginning to regain eyesight
- 06/12 Stan Meares (Danny Morris' brother-in-law) – home from hospital & on dialysis for kidney issues
- 06/12 Louis Morgan (Angie Tharpe's brother-in-law & Kathy Banke's uncle) – in ICU in Lucedale, Ms. Hospital, wife Nancy has COVID and cannot visit him
- 06/15 Sandy Staats (Guy's mom) – back in Ohio for a while, fell and broke arm
- 04/15 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment with bad side effects

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.

To my PPC family,



*Many thanks for your thoughts, prayers, and cards over the last 4 months, as I have recovered from my fall and surgery. I hope to be able to attend church the 2nd week of July.
Emory Pearce*

Thank You!

Because of your generosity, we were able to donate 14 slightly used pieces of luggage to the local women's shelter, Secur'us House, with an estimated value of \$430.00.

**Connie McWilliams,
Community Missions**



2022 Man of the Year

On Father's Day, Sunday, June 19th, Presbyterian Women honored **Rick Pierce** as our 4th annual Man of the Year.

Rick came to our church when he married Kathie, a dear lady who has been a long time member of our church, when his children and her children were small. He fit into the Philadelphia Church Family right away. He has served on the Session as an Elder for many years now and has served several years as Clerk of Session. When the church office has a technical problem with the computer systems, he is our solution man. He has been instrumental in setting up our church's Facebook page and keeping it up to date. He is the one who films our Sunday Worship services and posts them to the Facebook page, enabling those unable to come to church to still be part of our worship services – which was especially appreciated when Covid hit. Even him getting both knee replacements only kept him from being at church for a couple of weeks. His dedication is much appreciated by everyone. He lives his life dedicated to God, our church, and his family. Rick was presented with a Certificate for Man of the Year and a restaurant gift card so he and Kathie can enjoy a nice dinner.

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

- **NOTE:** There will be no PWCT meeting in July. The next meeting is August 7 after worship.

- July 9 – 10:30am—Circle One

- There will also be no Busy Bees or Mary & Martha Circle meetings in July.

Save The Date! Our Annual PW Women's Retreat is set for Saturday, October 29th, beginning at 8:30am with breakfast, includes lunch, and ends at 3pm. More details will be available closer to the Retreat date. Put this date on your calendar and plan to join us!

KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

In July, we will be collecting school supplies for Kinship Care Resource Center, a group that helps grandparents who are raising their grandchildren. A list of the types of supplies they need is below. You may leave your donation in the narthex on or before July 24. *If you wish to make a monetary donation, see:*

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**Suggested school supplies are:**

large book bags
clear book bags
3-ring binders (1-inch to 3-inch)
5-tab divider sets
pens (blue, black and red)
highlighters
mechanical pencils and refill pencil lead
colored folders (with and without prongs)
calculators (Scientific for high school students)
hand sanitizer
tissues (small packets)
crayons (24-count only)
wooden pencils & pencil sharpeners
pencil holders/bags for inside notebooks
envelopes—white, small & large
rulers, compasses and protractors
spiral notebooks (1-subject mainly, also 3- & 5-)
notebook paper (wide & college rule)
index cards (3x5; ruled; white and colored)
colored pencils
staplers and staples
markers (10-pack)
copy paper
tri-folder notebook with 3 sides
Trapper Keepers
tape, glue sticks, scissors

Thank you for all your support.

PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

I hope this finds you well and staying cool during this very hot summer. It's almost too hot to work in the yard except for early in the morning.

The Session did meet on Monday, June 20, 2022, via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of May, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$76,858.25

Monthly Total Revenue – \$14,330.14

YTD Revenue – \$66,057.91

Monthly Total Expenses – \$11,956.71

YTD Expenses – \$58,330.77

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated!!!

While Reverend Jeanne is on vacation, Reverend Westlund is going to be with us on several Sundays. As always, we greatly appreciate him coming and preaching.

Don't forget - if you know of someone who is in need, please let 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. If you are working on any projects – like me – I hope you are seeing progress. Remember, God gave us projects to do.

Love,

Jennifer

CRAFT GROUP

July 12 - 11:30am @ Monterrey Mexican Rest., 6590 Tara Blvd, Jonesboro

July 26— 11:30am @ Barnstormer's Grill, 349 Jonathans Roost Rd, Williamson, then to peach orchard

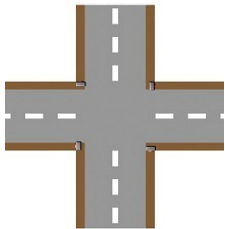


OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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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