



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you all take a deep breath from the hubbub of the holidays, I hope you can be grateful for time with your families. I am so glad we were able to have the Christmas Cantata this year and Christmas Eve services, in spite of ongoing COVID concerns. I pray for a new year with diminishing needs for separation. We need each other, and we all miss our luncheon get togethers!

Thank you for your generosity this past year to all our outreach programs. Securus house should be grateful for the outpouring of gifts for their families. You supported the Morrow Food Bank, Kinship care with school supplies, the Forest Park Ministry program to send food home with students for the weekend, and you were generous in support of the Shepherd Clinic. In addition to local programs, you gave money for Thornwell Home for Children, The One Great Hour of Sharing, Joy Gift, and other PC(USA) mission programs.

As we start the new year, I hope you will consider giving donations to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program, to help victims of the tornados in the Midwestern and Eastern states. The PDA program is active in Kentucky and other nearby states. In fact, the First Presbyterian Church of Mayfield, the first religious organization in Mayfield, established in 1832, completely lost its historic 1915 building in the recent tornado. The members were invited to use a wood cabinet manufacturing building nearby. The PDA disaster team reports that local areas in the path of these tornadoes are getting overwhelmed with donations of material goods, with few places to store them. The best way to help at the moment is to send funds to PDA so they can buy what is needed or pay for temporary housing. So please think about beginning the year with a donation. Just make your check out to Philadelphia Pres and put PDA in the memo line.

We are back in “ordinary” time (think green paraments) until Ash Wednesday begins the Lenten season March 2. That will mark my first anniversary with you as your pastor. It has been a wonderful year of getting to know all of you and your traditions. I love the old wooden communion trays, and the manger scene, where you add a character or two each Sunday during Advent until the baby and the Wise Men finally arrive. I have never in my life seen a Christmas tree as big and beautiful as the one Greg Durden procured for us. I’m hoping we will be back to Fourth of July picnic and celebration of our veterans, and that our Fellowship Hall is going to start getting some heavy use. Meanwhile, you all feed me with your grace and prayers. I thank God for each of you.

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

11/ Debbie Durden
13/ Celestine Karka
21/ Tom Murphy
22/ Becky Huie

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

01/ Frances & Darrell Youngblood
01/ Jeanne & Jim Simpson
22/ Nancy & Jim Phillips

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 Rohrbach & Langley families in the passing of Jennifer & Pam's uncle, Loyd Boler, and to the Foster family in the passing of Betty's cousin, Judy Shields.

12/31 Verena Anders—facing hip replacement surgery for avascular necrosis
11/30 Phyliss Allen (Randolph's friend) –heart surgery
12/19 Ray Morgan – recovering from intestinal surgery
12/15 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment
12/15 Sarah Trotter (Joyce's niece) breast cancer, taking chemo
12/28 ByeonSoon Yoon (Heawoon's mom) – diagnosed with cancer, Heawoon is in Korea

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 secypcc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.



THANK YOU

Thank you for all the donations and gifts to Securus House in December. Because of your generosity, we were able to donate 1,911 items valued at over \$4,000.00. This brings a little joy to the families in need.

As you can see from the picture, next time we may need a bigger truck. There was only room for the driver.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Happy New Year!!! It's hard to believe that we are starting the year 2022. As a child, I thought I would be so OLD when we reached the year 2000. Well, I'm here to tell you that I'm not that old and it's now 2022. I hope each of you had a wonderful Christmas and that your New Year has started off well. I truly believe that each day is filled with blessings – we just have to recognize them.

The Session did meet on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of November, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$70,888.41
Monthly Total Revenue - \$10,632.31
YTD Revenue - \$158,185.09
Monthly Total Expenses - \$13,609.04
YTD Expenses - \$133,870.88

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated! Your generosity is such a blessing not only to our church but also to the various charities that we support. When we had our annual meeting in November, Rick Pierce reported that we are in better shape – financially – this year compared to last year. Reverend Simpson mentioned recently that our Church had generously given to Community Missions. According to Connie McWilliams, our church donated \$8,698.84 to various community charities. These were either monetary gifts or items donated. You are the reason this has happened so THANK YOU!!!

Blessings come in many shapes and forms – a kind word, a smile, a card, prayers for loved ones as well as for strangers. We have the opportunity to make a difference every day. So, this year I am challenging myself to find ways to bless others. I challenge you to do the same.

As always 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.

May God bless you and your families this New Year. Happy New Year to you and may you see blessings and opportunities all around you!

Love, **Jennifer**



SOUPEL BOWL OF CARING

We are accepting soups, canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to a local food pantry during the months of January & February. Cash donations

are also accepted. Just mark your check or envelope as Souper Bowl.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions



Work Day

Saturday, January 15, 09:00am



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

JAN 8– 10:30am—Circle One
JAN 13 — 7:00pm—Mary & Martha (virtual)
JAN 18 — 10:15am—Busy Bees



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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