



**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

**THE CROSSROADS**

***Dear Friends in Christ,***

Welcome Xavier Carteret, our new Music Director! And thank you, thank you, thank you to Alisa Kirk who once again filled in during our interim period. She has played beautiful Offertories (and sung some) and led the choir in some great anthems and oldie goldies. We hope to see her occasionally as she fills in, but in the meantime, we hope she and Mike will enjoy their almost completed cabin in the mountains.

Our first luncheon of the year will be June 5, Xavier’s first Sunday and the celebration of Pentecost. Remember to wear red and bring your favorite pot luck item – there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex so we don’t have too many of one thing.

We also plan to have the July 4 picnic celebration Sunday June 26. Jim and I will be on vacation, so please eat plenty of hamburgers in our honor and welcome Rev. Jack Westlund, who will graciously fill in while we’re gone. This is a bucket list trip to Iceland and the Baltic that we planned and paid for in 2019, and we finally (well at least as I write this) are going to get to go.

The 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of PC(USA) begins June 18 with online plenary sessions. It continues off and on through July 9 with online meetings, so if you want to attend something online, use this link to view what is coming up -

<https://ga-pcusa.org/>

I attended seminary with two candidates running for Moderator – Shavon Starling-Lewis, and Marilyn Tucker-Marek. I would have a hard time choosing between them, and I am so glad that Columbia Theological Seminary is so well represented. Shavon is serving Memorial Presbyterian in Charlotte, and Marilyn is serving Forsyth Presbyterian in Flint River Presbytery.

I hope you enjoy your summer. I’m looking forward to the first local tomatoes and cucumbers! May our worship this summer reflect the bounty of God’s glorious creation.

***Jeanne***

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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**

06/ Jo Nelson  
06/ Patty Boone  
24/ Betty Foster  
25/ Katie Clayton

**ANNIVERSARIES**

05/ Diane & Van Banke

**THIS MONTH'S USHERS**

Emory Pearce  
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!*

05/11 Van Banke – recovering from back surgery, expects a long recovery  
04/02 Rick Burchette (Durden's daughter-in-law's dad) – recovering from major heart surgery  
04/25 Nell Cates – at home now recovering from hospital stay for back pain  
04/03 Bill Hines (Kathy Pierce's dad) – diagnosed with congestive heart failure  
04/24 Cleveland Lamon (Mary Smith's brother in law) – eye surgery, beginning to regain eyesight  
04/13 Emory Pearce— taking therapy after ankle repair, doing well  
04/12 Donna Randolph (Pat & John's daughter in law) – recovering from neck /spinal surgery  
04/10 Willie Smith (Mary's husband) – potassium levels ok now, but still walking issues  
04/15 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment with bad side effects  
04/26 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) – recovering from surgery for eye

**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](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or call a Session member or Shepherd.

Dear Church Family,



*Thank you for all the prayers and cards for all your Love and support and Concern for all my family. It seems When I take one off the list, two need to go on. Your Prayers are felt and keeps us going!  
God Bless you all.  
Love,  
Joyce Smith*

**Day of Pentecost, June 5, 2022**

*During the service, we will be receiving the Pentecost Offering which is used for ministry to children and young adults.*

*Remember to wear red and bring your favorite pot luck item for our 1st luncheon in a long time.*

*At this luncheon you will have the opportunity to meet our new choir director **Xavier Carteret.***



**PATRIOTIC SERVICE & COOK-OUT**

We will have our annual **4th of July Celebration** on Sunday, June 26th immediately following service. The new grill is ready for the burgers & dogs. Watch your June bulletins for more information. We hope you will be able to join us.

**PW MESSAGE CORNER:**

**JUNE 8**—11:30am—Mary & Martha Circle meet at Pasta Max, McDonough for lunch

**JUNE 11** – 10:30am—Circle One  
(out to lunch afterwards)

**JUNE 12**—12:15pm—PWCT  
(date change)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The PW Birthday Offering will continue to be collected through June. This year's 2 recipients are:

The McCleary House for people experiencing homelessness in Maine. Funds from the PW Birthday Offering will help renovations and provide space for individuals to begin the psycho-social, educational, and vocational work needed to move forward with their lives.

The Presbyterian Church in Lares, Puerto Rico, which has become the go-to place in the community for food, purified water, and personal items. Funds from the PW Birthday Offering will upgrade the appliances, wiring, lighting, and plumbing in the kitchen and it will be made ADA accessible. Solar panels will also be installed to provide uninterrupted electrical service and water availability.

Please help us support these worthy projects with your contributions to the PW Birthday Offering.

**Circle One**

On **June 11th**, Circle One will eat out after the Bible Study lesson - instead of having our usual potluck.

Our **September** Circle One meeting will be held on September 17th instead of the 10th.

**CRAFT GROUP**

**JUNE 14 - 11:30am** @ Gabino's Mexican Grill, 1745 Rock Quarry Rd., Stockbridge

**JUNE 28— 11:30am** @ Cracker Barrel, off Jonesboro Rd., Morrow

**WORKDAY**

**Saturday, June 18, at  
9:00am**

**Please come to help out.**

**PPC Clerk's Corner****Greetings from the Clerk of Session,**

I hope this finds you well and ready for summer. Summer-time always brings an opportunity for me to rest a little and to work on projects. I've come to realize that I am someone who enjoys having a project to work on and the sense of accomplishment I feel when I've completed it. Are you a project person? I do believe God gave us a few projects to do, too. He said we were to love one another, feed the hungry, help those less fortunate, etc. At Philadelphia we do an amazing amount of work within the community! We support many organizations both financially as well as through volunteer work. Our church could not help others if it weren't for each of you!!!

The Session did meet on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of April, our financial information was as follows:

**Total Assets - \$74,389.74**

**Monthly Total Revenue – \$14,676.31**

**YTD Revenue – \$51,727.77**

**Monthly Total Expenses – \$10,329.65**

**YTD Expenses – \$46,374.06**

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated!!!

We are back to having covered dish luncheons again which is exciting and this month we are having two of them. Our first luncheon will be on June 5, 2022 – Pentecost Sunday. At this luncheon you will have the opportunity to meet our new choir director Xavier Carteret. We are excited to have him as our new choir director and are looking forward to working with him. Then on June 26, 2022, we will have our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cookout/Celebration after service.

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. Remember, God gave us projects to do.

Love,

**Jennifer**

**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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