

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

**THE CROSSROADS**

***Dear Friends in Christ,***

We are entering the season where we look at budgets, elect nominating committee members, evaluate our outreach programs, and basically do some ministry-related housekeeping. As we prepare for a busy season of special Sundays like Reformation Sunday, and meals like our Thanksgiving dinner, we also look at where we are going as a church, and what we need to do to get there.

We had a recent scare with the air conditioning system. When we were quoted \$28,000 -35,000 to replace the sanctuary A/C, I started praying. And thankfully, another company was able to repair the one we've got for about \$5000, so we have some relief for a while. I'm impressed by the stewardship of our Session and our Treasurer. They guard our money carefully and try to make our limited dollars go further. But occasionally things happen – like lightning that damaged part of our equipment, and just the age of our infrastructure. So as we begin our stewardship season, I hope you will prayerfully consider what you can offer the church next year.

We not only need funds, we need your time and talents. We need three new elders, and we've made it easier for you to serve. Terms are two years in length, not three, and we hold our session meetings via Zoom on Tuesday evenings for a little over an hour. We value your time and we are aware that most of you have served before and are familiar with how PPC works. We need elders to oversee our worship, finances, and ministries, and we need elders who have wisdom. We value your recommendations, and your volunteerism! Please consider serving, especially if it's been a while. We won't make you come back to the church for night meetings, we won't make you give speeches or sing solos (if you don't want to), and we won't make you go out and beg folks for money. But we do need three good souls who believe in our mission as a church and want to help keep us on the right path. So think about it! And as that blonde lady in Cumming who sells Toyotas says on TV, "Don't make me come get you!"

Blessings on you in this fall season,

***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**

03/ Ethel Lynn Keeton  
09/ Connie McWilliams  
16/ Jim Phillips  
17/ Feroze Yusufji  
30/ Pam Rountree  
31/ Karen Kelly Nelson

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**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!*

- 07/31 Barbara Barlow – recovering from lumpectomy, doing well
- 07/31 James Ballew (Joyce Smith's son) – adjusted meds that caused symptoms, doing better
- 08/28 Andrea Briggs ( Frances' daughter) – possible stricture in only kidney, awaiting tests
- 09/18 Rose Enow – home from short hospital stay with digestive issues**
- 08/24 Philippe Karka – at home, recovering from colon surgery, can eat anything, doing better
- 09/18 Cathy & Danny Morris – recovering from COVID**
- 08/28 Connie McWilliams – recovering from knee replacement surgery, doing well
- 08/21 Nancy Phillips—recovering from COVID & fluid in lungs
- 08/25 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment pills now
- 08/09 Rose Thigpen – recovering from hip replacement surgery, in some pain

**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.**

*Calling ALL Ladies!!!*

**It's time for our PW Women's Retreat!**

Our retreat will be on Saturday, October 29th and will be at Calvin Center in the Geneva Lodge – same location as last year.

Reverend Simpson will once again lead our retreat, and this year we will be discussing Psalms. Breakfast will be provided and served from 8:30-9:30a.m. We will begin our study at 9:30a.m. Lunch this year will be a Soup, Salad, and Sandwich theme so please bring either a soup, salad, or sandwiches to share with others. Keep in mind that if you bring a soup you will need to bring a Crockpot to keep it warm in.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and on the sheet you can indicate whether you are bringing a soup, salad, or sandwiches. The cost of the retreat is \$15.00 and needs to be paid by October 23, 2022. If you pay by check, please make the check payable to Jennifer Rohrbach. I look forward to seeing you at the Retreat and I hope you will bring a friend! If you have any questions, please let me know.



*Jennifer*



**World Communion Sunday is October 2.** We will be receiving our annual Peace & Global Witness Offering. This offering supports peacemaking and reconciliation ministries in congregations and throughout the world.

## PW MESSAGE CORNER:

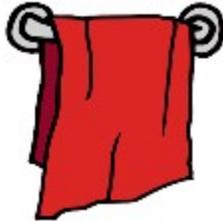
OCT 8—10:30AM—Circle One  
OCT 13— 07:00PM—Mary & Martha Circle – virtual  
OCT 18—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle  
**OCT 29— Women's Retreat: see info on page 2!**



## TOWEL DRIVE

Secur'us House is in need of some towels so we are collecting them through the month of October. Bring them in any Sunday and place in the bin provided for collection.

Thank You for always providing donations when a community need arises.



## CRAFT GROUP

**OCT 11**—11:30AM @ Olive Garden, Jonesboro Rd., McDonough

**OCT 25**—Annual Fall Apple trip beginning @ Bigun's BBQ, then to Panorama Apple Barn, Elizay (we will carpool from the church at 9:30am, need drivers)



**Workday**  
**October 22**  
**9:00am**

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**October 16, 2022**

The purpose for this meeting will be to elect 3 new Elders and to hear annual reports.



## PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

It's Fall!!! Well officially it is but in the South the temperatures don't always get that message. I always look forward to all that Fall brings – colorful leaves, cooler temperatures, and of course the World Series – which I hope the Braves will be in once again.

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

**Total Assets - \$75,619.44**

**Monthly Total Revenue – \$15,415.63**

**YTD Revenue – \$106,597.41**

**Monthly Total Expenses – \$12,217.92**

**YTD Expenses – \$99,266.57**

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated!!!

As we go into the Fall season, our Church calendar really starts to fill up. We have World Communion Day on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, our Annual Congregational Meeting will be on October 16<sup>th</sup>, and Reformation Sunday will be on October 30<sup>th</sup>. November has several activities planned and before you know it, we will be in December. So there will be lots for all of us to enjoy.

Please know that if you mailed in a contribution, a card, etc. during the month of September, we may not have received it. Our mailbox was broken into twice, so if it was a contribution of any kind, check with your bank to see if your check has cleared. You can also check with Cindy to see if she received it. Session is working to correct this problem. Also, earlier in September we were having issues with our air conditioner in the Sanctuary. It is now fixed and cooling! Many thanks to Jim Phillips and Fred Rohrbach for getting this problem handled.

Please don't forget that the Session is now looking for members to serve on the Session. We will need 3 new elders to join us. We ask that each of you consider serving our Church. The Nominating Committee will be contacting members, and we hope that you will answer yes.

As always, if you know of someone who is in need, please let an elder know or that person's shepherd. If you have an idea as to how we can help one another or an organization within our community please share your idea(s). Together we can accomplish much.

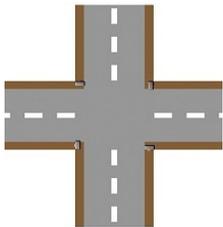
Love, Jennifer

**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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