



PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Fall is coming, and the temperatures are already cooler. And with fall, not only do we have the business of school starting, but we crank back up circle lessons, budget preparations, congregational meetings, election of officers for 2023, and special events in the life of the church. We have Labor Day, World Communion Sunday, Reformation Sunday, All Saints Sunday, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and then it's Advent!

So here are a number of upcoming events to get excited about:

Some of us PW will be at Epworth by the Sea October 21-23 for the triennial Synod PW gathering. If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late! The Bible Study author, Carol Bechtel, will be there, as well as other great preachers and workshops. The women will also have a retreat at Camp Calvin Saturday October 29, and I will lead a discussion of the different themes of the Psalms. All ladies are welcome, and I encourage you to bring a friend!

On Reformation Sunday, October 30, we will once again have a bagpiper and celebrate our reformation heritage – not just the Scottish church, but all reformed churches – so wear your kilt, your tartan, your Cameroon or Togo or African attire, your Irish shamrock scarf, your British tie, your Indian sari, or whatever it is that you want to share from your ethnic background. All the different cultural symbols just show how widespread the church that was founded in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago has become. We are indeed the Christian church in all the world.

We will also have a Thanksgiving luncheon this year on November 20 after a couple of years off due to Covid – the session members will provide the meats and you can bring something pot luck to go with it! Then the very next Sunday is the first Sunday in Advent, when we will have "Hanging of the Greens" again – with a fresh, wonderful smelling Christmas tree.

On December 17 at 3:00, the choir will treat us to a Christmas Cantata and we will have a cookie reception afterwards. This will be on a Saturday afternoon like last year.

December 24, Saturday, is the Christmas Eve service, and December 25 is Sunday this year. Watch for a poll from Greg Durden in the next few weeks to see if a 3:00 time for Christmas Eve would be better, and if you would prefer that I post a Christmas message on Facebook for Christmas day rather than having services at the church.

So buckle your seat belts – it's going to be a fun but fast ride the rest of the year, and we will have some great opportunities to worship God in special ways!

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

03/ Dot Pearce
06/ Pam Langley
10/ Eliot Lawrence
11/ Greg Durden

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!

07/31 Barbara Barlow – recovering from lumpectomy, doing well

07/31 James Ballew (Joyce Smith's son) – doctors took him off one drug causing symptoms, doing better now

07/17 Gerri Dean Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) – cancer cells, immunotherapy

07/24 Philippe Karka – at Laurel Park, recovering from colon surgery, stronger

07/12 Stan Meares (Danny Morris' brother-in-law) –dialysis for kidney issues

07/12 Louis Morgan (Angie Tharpe's brother-in-law & Kathy Banke's uncle) –home hospice care

08/21 Nancy Phillips—recovering from COVID, doing good

07/15 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment with bad side effects

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 or call a Session member or Shepherd.

Thank You!

Thanks to your donations, we were able to send 57 items of can goods & non-perishables to the Morrow Food Bank this month.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all of your cards, prayers, and calls. We would also like to thank you for the gift basket that you put together. Your generosity and friendship is truly appreciated. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as Philippe continues to recover.

Love,

Celestine and Philippe

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, all the cards with words of encouragement, the phone calls and to my Busy Bee Circle for their cards and gift. Your love and support is helping me get through this very difficult time. Please continue to pray as I start the next phase of this journey which will be the therapy.

Sincerely, Barbara Barlow

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

SEP 8—07:00pm—Mary & Martha Circle-virtual
SEP 11—12:15pm—Annual PWCT meeting
SEP 17 – 10:30am—Circle One
SEP 20—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle



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. **Reverend Jeanne** has graciously agreed to once again lead the retreat this year. More details will be available closer to the retreat date. Mark your calendar & plan to join us!

CRAFT GROUP

September 13—11:30am @ Long Horn Restaurant, Mt Zion, Morrow

September 27—11:30am @ Silver Bay Restaurant, 138/No Henry Blvd, Stockbridge



Workday
September 17
9:00am

September 18 is Evangelism Sunday.
Join in God's mission of healing and wholeness by sharing the gospel with others.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

September 25, 2022

The purpose for this meeting will be to elect the Nominating Committee to search for 3 new Elders.

PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

I hope this finds you well. Before you know it, Fall will be here, and we will get to enjoy cooler weather. Of all the seasons, Fall is my favorite. There's just something about the cooler temperatures and the leaves changing colors. Those colorful changes always remind me of how artistic God is.

The Session did meet on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of July, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$72,326.65

Monthly Total Revenue – \$12,664.69

YTD Revenue – \$91,181.78

Monthly Total Expenses – \$12,138.17

YTD Expenses – \$87,048.65

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated!!!

If you were at Church on Aug. 21st then you had the opportunity to experience our Fire Drill. Please know that we will continue to have unannounced Fire Drills, as well as Tornado Drills, and Active Shooter Drills. It is my hope and prayer that we will never actually be faced with any of these situations, but we need to be prepared just in case. Please don't forget - if you haven't given Cindy an Emergency Contact person and their phone number, please do so as soon as possible.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 25, 2022. We will have a Congregational Meeting to elect the Nominating Committee Members. The Nominating Committee will have the responsibility for searching for 3 new elders. Please don't shy away from serving. Our Church needs members who are willing to serve on both the committee and on Session.

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.

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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