

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's hard to believe, but Lent is coming. We will celebrate Ash Wednesday February 22 at noon with communion and the imposition of ashes. The palms from last Palm Sunday are dried and patiently waiting in my garage for Jim to burn them so I can mix the ashes with some oil. Last year was my first year doing this, and I started with not enough oil, and ended with too much oil. So let's hope practice makes perfect!

We will celebrate Souper Bowl Sunday on February 5 with a chili/soup cook off, so bring your favorite recipe, don't tell anybody which is yours, and folks will taste and see who's the best at chili and soup!

I am looking out at camellias and lenten roses starting to bloom in my yard, and trying to understand how we could have been so freezing cold right before Christmas and look like spring now. I even have buds on jonquils. Let's hope the really cold weather is behind us and that the groundhog won't see his shadow so we can have an early spring.

We are closing out the books for 2022 and are glad to once again be in the black financially, due to your generous offerings. We also have supported missions at higher than our goal of 10% of our general, undesignated revenue, so once again you make me proud. Very few churches in the Atlanta area provide that kind of percentage of outreach giving. That doesn't even count all the supplies for the Morrow Food Bank, Kinship Care, Securus House, and the Babb project.

We hope to settle in to continuing care for the children at Babb Middle School, and to be able to forge relationships with the teachers and staff there. So thank you in advance for helping with uniforms and weekend meal support for these children who have so little.

Presbytery meeting is February 11 at Covington Presbyterian church, where numerous amendments to the Book of Order will be reviewed and voted upon. And from February 23-25, all of you are invited to come down to Epworth by the Sea to the Synod meeting. There will be preaching and workshops for all interests in that beautiful setting on the Marshes of Glenn, and you won't have to cook a thing! See me if you need the info on how to register for either of these events.

Happy upcoming Valentine's Day. May your hearts be full of love from family and friends.

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

10/ Jeff Randolph
11/ Mary Smith
18/ Hal Banke
21/ Barbara Barlow

ANNIVERSARIES

10/ Bob & Becky Huie

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Fred Rohrbach
Rick Pierce
Mary Smith
David Hatch

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!

- 01/08 Jeff Foster (Betty's son) – recovering from heart attack & stint surgery
- 01/01 Dan Kadel (Joyce Smith's brother-in-law) – serious condition Lymphoma & liver failure
- 01/01 Mark McWilliams – (Connie's son) – recovering from prostate cancer surgery
- 01/02 Nancy Phillips –treatments for metastatic cancer
- 01/25 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment pills now

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.



WORKDAY

Saturday

February 18

9am

We will work on some projects inside.
Please come and help if you are able.

THANK YOU

Because of your generosity, we were able to take Christmas gifts and shelter supplies to Securus House valued at \$2,424.08 the week of Christmas.
Connie McWilliams
Community Missions

THANK YOU

The food items and cold weather gifts you provided for the Babb Project during the month of December 22 totaled at \$583.12. Thank you.
Mary Smith
Community Outreach

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Philadelphia Presbyterian has been a witness to Christ and a blessing to so many people—maybe more than you remember.

The first years of my life I was part of the community, making my public profession of faith on October 4, 1964. I saw and learned so much and those years continue to have great influence on my life as today I continue to work and worship as I learned there. I am grateful.

My grandmother loved to visit the church when she came to see us and wanted to be buried there. Her grave, along with my grandfather's and my parents' are there. Generously tended for many years. We visited this past summer bringing flowers from my grandson's wedding. I am grateful.

I have many great memories! My Sunday school teacher, Winnie Orr. Mrs. Banke singing the day of my brother's baptism. The first time my father served communion. My sister, Mary, dropping a box of fireballs that rolled all the way to the front of the sanctuary—Mr. Alexander didn't miss a beat. Bible school. Meals together—well—I'll stop now! I am grateful.

Thank you for your ministry in the past and the present. May God bless your future.

May you have a peaceful Christmas and a very happy New Year!

Julie Lipscomb & Mac Lenore

Note: This letter was received in January but was mailed in November, along with a very generous gift. Some of you may remember this family. The attached information on the check says c/o Curtis Sinclair Wells, Jr. and memo says Sid & Julie Wells. The original letter is on the bulletin board for you to see.

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

NO PWCT meeting in February. Our next meeting is Mar.5

FEB 11—10:30AM—Circle One

FEB 16—07:00PM—Mary & Martha Circle (virtual)

FEB 21—10:30AM—Busy Bees Circle



CRAFT GROUP

FEB14 – 11:30am @ Cravens Country Cooking, Hwy 20,
(Publix Shopping Center) near Hampton

FEB 28 – 11:30am @ Gabino's Mexican Restaurant, Rock Quarry,
Stockbridge



Community Outreach—The Babb Project

Each Friday afternoon, the staff at Babb Middle School send home bags of food items with some of the students who are homeless or very low income so that they can eat over the weekend. We have partnered with them to provide some of the needed items for these bags.

Breakfast Items: Individually wrapped cereal, Pop tarts

Cereal bars, Granola bars, Nutria-grain bars, Individual packs of Grits or Oatmeal, etc.

Lunch Entrees: (in microwavable containers) Ravioli with Meat Sauce, Spaghetti O's with Meatballs, Individually wrapped Mac and Cheese, Vienna Sausages, Beef Stew, Red Beans and Rice, Beans and Franks, Beef a Roni, Soup, Corn Beef Hash, Ramen Noodles, etc.

Juice Boxes, Milk Boxes (shelf-safe)

Snacks: Dried or canned fruits, fruit chews, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, goldfish, pudding or jello cups, mini microwave popcorn, etc.

Monetary gifts are also welcomed. Make your check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. For more info, see **Mary Smith** or **Eliot Lawrence**.

Community Outreach



The Super Bowl luncheon and Chili Cook-off is the 1st Sunday of February. If you don't wish to enter the cook-off but would still be joining us, please consider bringing side dishes, dessert, or drinks. You may find the signup sheet in the narthex. Our campaign to donate canned goods and non perishables will be on that day as well. If you wish to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church and mark it for Super Bowl/Food Pantry. If you have questions, see Connie McWilliams or Mary Smith.



SECRET PALS

The Secret Pal Club will meet February 12, following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We will bring gifts for the Revealing Party and have a covered dish lunch. If you are not a member of this group and would like to join, please contact any member and join us for lunch. We draw a name, send cards and pray for this person all during the year. There are only two gifts to buy, one on your Secret Pals birthday and the other for the Revealing party. We have a great time trying to keep our identity a secret. There are some very creative ladies in this group. Join us for fun and fellowship.

Barbara Barlow

Exciting News:

Our Philadelphia Presbyterian Women have contributed a brand new Bunn commercial grade coffee maker with 3 pot warmers to Calvin Center's Geneva Lodge. The staff at Calvin Center were overjoyed when I delivered it to them on Jan. 23rd! Paul, who does maintenance there, was delighted to see it and could not stop thanking us while he unboxed it and set it up in Geneva Lodge. Our PW contributions to the Geneva Lodge Fund in 2022 of \$225, plus \$300.93 remaining in the PW account at the end of 2022 after all PW expenses and benevolences were paid, were used to buy the coffee maker, 3 coffee pots, and 1000 Bunn filters. I wish it had made it in time for our annual PW Retreat there in January, but it will be there for our next retreat this fall. And all the groups that use Geneva Lodge will enjoy it too.

Thank You Ladies!!!

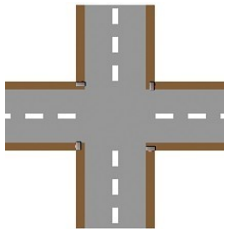


OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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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