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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

I just returned from Come See Columbia Day at the seminary, and it was a joyous time seeing old friends and colleagues. Jim, Debbie Durden, and I attended from Philadelphia, and we enjoyed the sermon by one of the Columbia Friendship Circle scholarship winners. Dana Abu Ghazaleh is from Jordan, and in that country there is no such thing as a woman minister. She never thought about ministry until her husband was transferred to the U.S. And here she was today, preaching a wonderful sermon to over 150 of us. She introduced herself to us all at lunch and said that when she preached for the very first time, it was via Zoom, so she had her parents log in to watch. She is the first Palestinian Christian woman from Jordan to ever preach a sermon. An awe-inspiring day. If you get a chance next year, please join us for worship, a seminary class, and a wonderful lunch where we meet the scholarship recipients. The other scholarship recipient is Nicole Jiskoot who assisted in worship. She was a middle school history and English teacher for 17 years before being called to the ministry. She had her second child the day after classes started several years ago and took one class via Zoom while she was still in the hospital!

Dr. Victor Oloyo, the new seminary President, also spoke to us. I am proud of being an alumnus from this fine institution and it always does my soul good to go back and learn something new. Speaking of new, Debbie, Jim and I sat in on Dr. Bill Brown's class on "The Seven Ecological Hits of the Bible." He only got through four, and now we all MUST find out what the other three are!!! A short recap of the first four: Genesis 1 (the 7 day Genesis Code of creation), Genesis 2 (Adam's creation), Hosea 4 (the land mourns), and Psalm 148 (all creation praises God). When I find out the other 3, I'll let you know.

I hope you will be inspired this spring and summer to learn something new about the Bible and your faith!

Mark this date NOW- the 200th Homecoming of PPC is Oct 12, 2025!

Jeanne

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

03/ Parveen Yusufji
07/ Rusty Taylor
08/ Diane Banke
12/ Annelle Maxwell
25/ Kathy Banke
27/ Philippe Karka
30/ Dinah Bingham

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!

- 03/05 Carole Cabe (Fred's sister) – chemo for stage 4 lung cancer
- 04/09 Bill Hines – recovering from a fall
- 03/21 Dan Kadel (Joyce Smith's brother-in-law) –Lymphoma – hospice care at home**
- 04/16 Chuck Kovach – Kathy & Hal's friend) – collapsed at home, receiving pacemaker
- 04/23 Cheri Moore – (former member) – in rehab from seizures and Alzheimers**
-bulletin board has address
- 04/25 Connie McWilliams—cataract surgery on 04/31.**
- 04/09 David & Barbara Omerod – both had recent falls. David having cataract surgery soon
- 04/22 Nancy Phillips –metastatic cancer, 3rd treatment delayed, testing
- 03/12 Donna Randolph – additional surgery on knee
- 04/21 John Randolph—second biopsy looks good, full results ahead**
- 03/19 Ron Suchalla (Tom Smith's son-in-law) –heart attack, has new pacemaker, doing better
- 02/25 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, in hospital with leg infection**

OUR HOMEBOUND: Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information

Nell Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith



WORKDAY

Saturday

May 20 — 9am

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

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.



Thank you so much, dear church family, for the calls, cards, gifts, words and prayers of comfort extended to us upon the death of our granddaughter, Meagan, Danny's family member, and two good friends. Ya'll are just the sweetest and most loving church family ever!

Danny & Cathy Morris

CRAFT GROUP

MAY 09 – 11:30am @ Applebee's Hwy 138, Stbg

MAY 23 – 11:30am @ Cracker Barrel, McDonough
Exit 218, left then left at Walmart entrance



Best Sausage Gravy

Some of you asked for the recipe Fred used for the Sausage Gravy served at our Easter Breakfast. Please find a copy on the back of the May Calendar.

Hope you enjoy,
Jennifer Rohrbach



Sunday
May 28
12:15pm

To Celebrate Pentecost and our Mothers and Fathers.

Bring a covered dish or two and join in the fellowship.

PW MESSAGE CORNER:



MAY 13—10:30AM—Circle One

MAY 16—10:30AM —Busy Bees Circle

MAY 18—07:00PM—Mary & Martha Circle (virtual)

In May, our Philadelphia PW will collect contributions to the annual PW Birthday Offering. Please contribute to these 2 worthy projects: 2023 PW Birthday Offering Recipients

Making Miracles Group Home Phase II Group Home, Tallahassee, Florida: Making Miracles Group Home (MMGH) helps young mothers break the cycle of abusive relationships, addiction, incarceration and early motherhood—a repeating pattern that is difficult to break and overcome. Since its inception in 2010, MMGH has served over 100 women and their children by providing a one-year, live-in program designed to support young mothers and help them develop skills to live independently and care for their children. Current eligibility criteria require residents to be pregnant and/or have a single child up to age three, but mothers who have a single child older than age three or multiple children often seek help. With the Birthday Offering grant, MMGH will purchase a second group home to serve an additional five families who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. With loving support and tools to establish stable, permanent housing, these families can look forward to a hopeful and successful future.

Berhane Yesus Elementary School Kindergarten School Construction. Berhane Yesus Elementary School, located in the western highlands of Ethiopia, seeks to change lives by sharing the “Light of Jesus” and by providing the best possible educational experience for the children of Dembi Dollo. Berhane Yesus provides children with the possibility of a better future by preparing them for a rigorous high school education and a life of Christian service. The school is the first entry point to education for children of subsistence farmers, migrant workers and displaced groups of people. This K-8th grade school has been serving the community and been a part of the Presbyterian Church in this rural community since 1921. A kindergarten was added to the school in 2012, but with no available space for class, the children met in the chapel. Over the years the number of kindergarten students has increased and now space of their own is not only needed but is required by the government to remain open. Western Wollega Bethel Synod provided land for the classroom and the Birthday Offering grant will provide all necessary funding for its construction.

Thank you, Debbie Bray

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. See the bulletin board for a list.

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**

PPC Clerk's Corner...

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Happy Mother's Day to all the moms!!! I hope you get treated to a special lunch or dinner and you get the opportunity to spend some quality time with your children this month.

The Session did meet on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of March, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$93,354.16

Monthly Total Revenue – \$13,041.40

YTD Revenue – \$41,966.00

Monthly Total Expenses – \$15,315.14

YTD Expenses – \$38,064.03

As always, your continued financial support is greatly appreciated!!! Your faithful tithing is truly a blessing.

I wanted to update you on Homecoming. So, a date has been chosen – October 12, 2025. We are excited to have a date, and we know it's going to be a great time! While Homecoming is still over two years away, we want to start working on some of the projects that may need to be done before the event. Here's where your help is needed. We need you to start looking around the Church – inside and out – to see what needs to be spruced up. We may need to replace items, paint various rooms, etc. and you may see something that someone else doesn't. If we start working on items now, then it will not be so overwhelming to accomplish in 2025. There will be a “Possible Project” Sheet in the Narthex. As you see something that you feel may need to be worked on or replaced, please put it on the Project Sheet. You can also email Fred at firohrbach@gmail.com if you would rather do that.

Please don't forget that we are still seeking members to help us prepare for our Homecoming Celebration in 2025. Many thanks to those members who have offered to help! We hope that you will consider helping us as we plan for this wonderful event. Please don't forget that we are going to need your help with locating former members so that invitations can be sent. If you have current addresses for former members, please let me know. If any of you want to help us with planning Homecoming, please let either Reverend Simpson, myself, or one of the other elders know. This is going to be a wonderful celebration and one I am truly looking forward to.

Once again, Happy Mother's Day to the moms in our Church! May you be blessed this month and find joy in this season! Please know that you are loved and that you make our church and our world a better place!

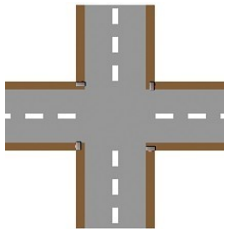
Much love,
Jennifer

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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