

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, I hope you are reading your Lenten devotions and worshipping with us as we journey with Jesus toward the cross. We have met interesting characters along the way in Sunday sermons – the Samaritan woman at the well; the man born blind; Lazarus, Mary, and Martha; Caiaphas, and the woman who anointed Jesus’ head with oil; and Judas. Judas, who turned Jesus over to Caiaphas and the authorities for 30 pieces of silver, after complaining about the woman wasting precious money on costly ointment that could have been given to the poor. I always wonder what he thought he was going to do with that money. He had Jesus arrested, and had to know that the Sanhedrin intended to put Jesus to death. So what was Judas going to do next, with Jesus gone? Was he going to go join some other group of zealots and give them the money for some purpose? We’ll never know, because he committed suicide after Jesus was condemned to death. He tried to repent, saying he had sinned by betraying innocent blood, but the Sanhedrin wouldn’t take the money back, and they wouldn’t undo the death sentence.

Please join us at noon on Good Friday to listen to the story of the events of Holy Week, and to ponder in quiet the death of Jesus. And then join us on Easter Sunday morning for breakfast together at 9:30 and a celebration of the empty tomb. May our walk during this time be one of thankfulness for the Son of God who came to claim us, to forgive us, and to love us.

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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

06/ Fred Rohrbach Jr.
08/ Erin Randolph
13/ Tom Smith
14/ Mallory Banke
17/ Kathie Pierce
23/ Serena Staats
24/ John Randolph

ANNIVERSARIES

15/ Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach
21/ Mallory & Chris Banke
24/ Glenda & Rusty Taylor

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!

- 03/12 Chris, Mallory & Christian Banke recovering from auto accident
- 03/05 Carole Cabe (Fred's sister) – testing for possible cancer
- 02/19 Becky Huie & her daughter —recovering from strokes
- 02/21 Dan Kadel (Joyce Smith's brother-in-law) – serious condition Lymphoma & liver failure
- 02/26 Cleveland Lamont (Mary's bro-in-law) – tests for medical issues
- 02/21 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) –recovering from prostate cancer surgery
- 02/26 Don Nelson – recovering from hernia surgery, doing well
- 02/22 Nancy Phillips –treatments for metastatic cancer
- 03/12 – Donna Randolph – additional surgery on knee
- 02/21 John Randolph—bladder surgery went well, awaiting lab test
- 03/19 Ron Suchalla (Tom Smith's son-in-law) - in hospital with heart attack**
- 02/25 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment pills now
- 02/07 Vonrita Williams (Mary Smith's friend) – out of coma now and improving

WORKDAY



Saturday

April 15 — 9am

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

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.

Souper Bowl of Caring totals for this year are:

245 food items worth \$491.73
Monetary donations collected \$385.00
All going to Morrow Presbyterian Food Bank

Thanks to your donations to the ongoing Babb Project, we were able to use \$290.70 for filling the bags of food in the month of February.

thank you

Sometimes the best medicine doesn't come in a bottle but by mail or a phone call. This has been our experience for the last few months. The assurance that prayers for healing are lifted up daily on your behalf brings a peace that no pill can match. We are grateful to all of you for those prayers and words of encouragement. The song "There Shall be Showers of Blessings" is so true when you have Philadelphia as your church family.

Nancy & Jim Phillips

PW MESSAGE CORNER:



APR 8—10:30AM—Circle One

APR 13—07:00PM—Mary & Martha Circle (virtual)

APR 18—10:30AM —Busy Bees Circle

APR 20—9:30AM—Come See Columbia Day

NOTE: There is a \$15 charge for lunch

The next meeting of the PWCT will be on Sunday June 4th. (There will not be a PWCT meeting in April or May.) In 2023, the PWCT is meeting on the 1st Sunday of the following months: March, June, August, and November. Plus, we will be having our Annual PW Meeting with **all the women of Philadelphia** in September (date to be determined).

SAVE THE DATE: November 4 will be our annual PW Retreat in Geneva Lodge at Calvin Center

CRAFT GROUP

APR 11 – 11:30am @ Olive Garden, McDonough

APR 25 – 11:30am @ Louisiana Bistro, East Point

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 pop-corn, etc.

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

Holy Week 2023

Palm Sunday Service—April 2—11:00am

Good Friday Service—April 7—12:00pm

Easter Breakfast—April 9—9:30am

Easter Sunday Service—April 9—11:00am

PPC Clerk's Corner...

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Hello All,

I hope this finds all of you enjoying warmer temperatures and the beauty of Spring. God is a wonderful artist, and the world is absolutely beautiful in the spring!

The Session did meet on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of February, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$95,809.50

Monthly Total Revenue – \$13,657.53

YTD Revenue – \$28,924.60

Monthly Total Expenses – \$11,172.01

YTD Expenses – \$22,748.89

As always, your continued financial support is greatly appreciated!!!

We wanted to let you know that we will once again have breakfast on Easter Sunday. We will eat breakfast around 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The congregation is asked to bring a breakfast dish to share with everyone.

The Babb Middle School Project continues to do well and is truly a blessing to those students. We have been able to purchase uniforms for these students. Both Mary Smith and Eliot Lawrence work diligently each week to make sure these students have nutritious food to eat.

Please don't forget that we are still seeking members to help us prepare for our Homecoming Celebration in 2025. We hope that you will consider helping us as we plan for this wonderful event. One thing we will need help with is sending out invitations. 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.

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

**Sunday, April 9,
at 9:30am**

**Bring a breakfast
dish to share**

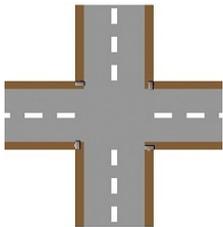


OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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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