

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's getting closer. The 200th anniversary of our church is in 1825. Rev. John Westlund, who was a member of this church when his father served our church, will preach. On August 13, the oldest church in the Atlanta Presbytery, Fairview in Lawrenceville, will celebrate its 200th anniversary, and then we're next! I just read the history of the Fairview church and the surrounding Gwinnett County community, and it is fascinating. Hopefully, we will have a history to match!

Speaking of the 200th anniversary homecoming, Fred Rohrbach and Jim Phillips have begun updating things around the property. Take a look at our new faucets in the bathrooms! Next, they will work on the lights in the fellowship hall, to convert them to LED. If you spot something that needs sprucing up, note it on the list in the narthex, and our property committee will get on it!

Thank you for your support of Kinship Care school supplies, and for your Pentecost offering to PCUSA. We get to keep 40% of that offering for children and youth projects, and the Session voted to use it to help with those school supplies. Thanks also for your generous contributions of muffins for the staff and teachers at two schools, and for continuing support for the Babb Project. School starts back August 2, so those children will need weekend meals and probably school uniforms. And don't forget to go to Good Shepherd's Tomato Sandwich Party on August 12 to help raise funds for the clinic.

Soon PW will start their new Bible study on Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts, by Olive Mahabir. Olive recently served Jonesboro Presbyterian, so it is nice to have a "local" as our author!

Presbytery meeting is August 15. Eliot Lawrence will represent us, as I will be on vacation out of the country, visiting some old Presbyterian churches in Scotland and attending the Scottish "Tattoo" at Edinburgh Castle. If you want to know what a "Tattoo" is, Google it! Jim will be in full MacLeod uniform (except for the sgian dubh, which will NOT make it through TSA screening at the airport!).

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, although the students and teachers probably feel like theirs has been cut way short!

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

19/ Glenda Taylor

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

24/ Dot & Emory Pearce

25/ Ruth & Erwin Gettys

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!

07/25 **Carole Cabe (Fred's sister) – immunotherapy for stage 4 lung cancer, full body scan**

07/30 **Gerri Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) – taking oral meds for lung cancer**

07/30 Helen Carter (Pat & John's daughter) – recovering from elbow surgery

07/04 Nell Cates – fractured rib from a fall

06/26 Sidney Cooper (Angie Tharpe's brother) - acute myeloid leukemia

07/21 Dan Kadel & wife, Brenda (Joyce Smith's brother-in-law) –Lymphoma – at hospice facility

07/21 John Lovern – (former member, Tom & Joan Murphy's BIL) – hospice care for heart failure

07/21 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – seeking treatment for kidney issues, also spot on lung

07/21 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer chemo, family needs our prayers

07/21 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) – recovering from heart procedures, now spot on lung

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.



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your love and care for us and our loved ones at this time. We love each of you.

Thank You,

Tom & Joyce Smith

NEW OFFERING ENVELOPE INSTRUCTIONS

Because we are now under a new bank policy for checking accounts. We are only allowed 150 transactions per month before we are charged a service charge. Before we encouraged you to write a check for each contribution received.

We now request that when you have multiple gifts, you write one check for all gifts each time you give. Your envelope should look as follows:

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Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
Forest Park, Georgia

**MY WEEKLY OFFERING
FOR GOD'S WORK**

(over)

Name _____ Contributor's Name _____ \$ Total Amount _____

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(Back of Envelope)

(examples)

General Fund: \$ _____

PW: \$ _____

Christmas Joy \$ _____

The Funds on the back should add up to the total on the front of envelope.



Dear Church Family,

We want to thank all of you for your kind expressions of sympathy shown to us in the loss of our granddaughter, Ivey. Having lost two granddaughters months apart has been a lot to bear. Having the loving support from our sweet church family has been a great comfort to us.

Love,

Cathy and Danny Morris

PW MESSAGE CORNER:



Aug. 6 —12:15pm—PWCT
Aug. 12 —10:30AM—Circle One

SAVE THE DATES:

- September 10, 2023 will be our PW Annual Meeting, following the worship service, for the election of officers and approval of the 2024 budget. All women in our Church are invited and encouraged to attend this short meeting.
- October 21, 2023 will be our Annual PW Retreat at Calvin Center, in Geneva Lodge from 8:30-9:00 till 3:00 in the afternoon. Please plan to come and join us!



WORKDAY

Saturday

August 19 — 9am

We will work on some projects inside and out. Please come and help

The Babb Project—Community Outreach

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 provide the needed items for these bags.



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

CRAFT GROUP

Aug 8 —11:30AM @ OCharley's, Hwy 138, Stockbridge

Aug 22— 11:30am @ Gabino's, Rock Quarry Road



The Breakfast Club

Tuesday, August 1, 9:30am

@ Eggs Up, Morrow

We would LOVE to see you there!

Tomato Sandwich Party



To Benefit **Good Shepherd Clinic**

Saturday, August 12, 2023—5pm to 7pm

The Morrow Center, 1180 Southlake Circle, Morrow

PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Well, summer has finally decided to show up with its heat and humidity. Just in time for teachers and students to return to school. I hope you are enjoying the summer still even though it has become quite warm most days.

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

Total Assets - \$95,257.49

Monthly Total Revenue - \$12,002.42

YTD Revenue - \$85,177.63

Monthly Total Expenses - \$15,942.03

YTD Expenses - \$79,372.33

As always, your continued financial support is greatly appreciated!!! For a small church, we are mighty faithful with our tithing. Thank you so very much!!! We could not do the work of the church without your support.

In the Narthex you will now find the Church Project sheet as promised. Please help us by listing ideas for things that need to be repaired/updated before Homecoming. Don't forget that we have set a date - October 12, 2025. Please start looking around the Church - inside and out - to see what needs to be spruced up. We have now replaced all the faucets in the bathrooms and are now looking at repairing the steps at the entrance to the church. There has also been a tree removed from behind the sanctuary in the Memory Garden and trees have been trimmed along the drive going into the cemetery. If we start working on items now, then it will not be so overwhelming to accomplish in 2025. 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 fjrohrbach@gmail.com if you would rather do that.

Don't forget that we are still collecting food items for the Babb Project. Students return to school on August 2, 2023, so we will start helping students very soon. Food insecurity is a huge problem within our community, and children are greatly impacted by this every day. Many thanks to Mary Smith and Eliot Lawrence for heading up this project!!!

Also, thank you to everyone who brought in muffins for the staff at two of our local schools. We received 293 muffins and were able to bless those staff members. Once again, your generosity is blessing so many others. Thank you for supporting that Outreach Mission.

Much love,

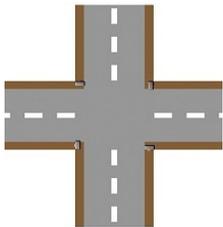
Jennifer

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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