

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's a new year and it sure seems to have come so fast. Hopefully the severe cold will not return, but I must admit, I do like a fire in the fireplace and wearing my sweaters, of which I have way too many. Thanks to all of you for your generosity – Joy Gift, toys for Securus House, gifts and cards to each other, and food for our Lessons and Carols reception and Christmas breakfast. We have indeed feasted! And a special thanks to Xavier and the choir for all the beautiful music.

We had a very busy December, and January will be also. The elder retreat is January 7, we celebrate Epiphany (when the wise men came) on January 8 and install elders, Elizabeth Clayton's wedding shower is January 8 after church, the Clayton-Truex wedding is January 13 in Dahlonga, and the PW retreat is at Camp Calvin on January 14.

January 8 will be our last singing of Christmas carols, and then all the wonderful decorations are officially done. The wise men and all the other characters will be put up for another year, and we will miss the gorgeous live tree that the Durdens generously get for us each year. I will miss that smell of balsam – that's always one of my favorite things about Christmas.

But a new year has come, and it is time for us to move into "ordinary" time and begin to look at Jesus' ministry. We have moved from Lectionary Year C, Luke, to Lectionary Year A, Matthew. All too soon, February 22 in fact, it will be Ash Wednesday and we will move into purple paraments and Lent.

Jim and I celebrate our 41st wedding anniversary on January 1, and guess what? So do the Youngbloods! We both got married about the same time of day, and we've compared notes on where we went for Honeymoons.

I hope you stay warm and enjoy our worship services as we start down the road following Jesus. Please join us for Sunday School – we have wonderful studies that Debbie Durden teaches, and there's always doughnuts and coffee that Mary Smith provides. Come have some conversation about the Bible!

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

11/ Debbie Durden
13/ Celestine Karka
21/ Tom Murphy
22/ Becky Huie

ANNIVERSARIES

01/ Jeanne & Jim Simpson
01/ Francis & Derrell
Youngblood
22/ Nancy & Jim Phillips

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!

11/13 Dinah Bingham – dealing with arrhythmia, still some problems, back at church
11/13 Gerri Dean Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) –immunotherapy for lung cancer
10/28 Connie McWilliams – recovering from knee replacement, in therapy
12/20 Nancy Phillips – metastatic cancer—treatments start in January
11/25 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.

Bridal Shower

You are Invited!!!

Ladies and gentlemen, please make plans to join us for a Bridal Shower on Sunday, January 8, 2023. We will be honoring our very own Elizabeth Clayton. The shower will be held in the Fellowship Hall following Church Service on January 8th. A light lunch will be provided.



WORKDAY

Saturday

January 21

9am

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

Calling the Women of Philadelphia!!!

We will have our Women's Retreat on Saturday, January 14, 2023. We will meet in the Geneva Lodge. Reverend Jeanne will lead our retreat, and we will be learning about the Psalms. Breakfast will be provided from 8:15a.m. – 9:00 a.m. We will start our lessons at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided by Calvin Center.

The cost is \$15.00, and you can give your payment to Jennifer Rohrbach. Please try to pay by Sunday, January 8, 2023, however, if you need to pay the day of the retreat you may do so.



Thank You

Thank you for all the generous contributions to Securus House for Christmas. Watch you January bulletins for a total count.

*Connie McWilliams
Community Missions*



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

JAN 12—07:00PM—Mary & Martha Circle (virtual)
JAN ??—10:30AM—Circle One (to be announced)
JAN 14—09:00AM—PW Retreat @ Calvin Center
JAN 17—10:30AM—Busy Bees Circle



PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Happy New Year!!! It's hard to believe that we have now started 2023. Years ago, when I was a child, I use to think that I was going to be really old when the year 2000 arrived not to mention the year 2023. I've definitely come to realize that age is just a number, and how old we feel is a mindset – in my opinion.

The Session did meet on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of November, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$85,859.74
Monthly Total Revenue – \$15,171.06
YTD Revenue – \$161,254.76
Monthly Total Expenses – \$16,466.47
YTD Expenses – \$143,683.62

Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated!!!

The beginning of a new year brings with it endless possibilities and opportunities. We recently started a new outreach opportunity with Babb Middle School, and your support has been wonderful. The school is very excited to have our help and support. It is my hope that this continues to be a successful outreach project. As a church, we support so many different organizations, and I am always amazed by all that we do. Who knows, we may find other opportunities to serve this year.

As we start 2023, it is my hope and prayer that this year is filled with an abundance of blessings for each of you. May each of you be blessed with great health, wealth – not just financially, friendship, and love. Please know that you are loved and that you make our church and our world a better place!

Happy New Year!!!

Love, Jennifer

CRAFT GROUP

January 10 - 11:30am @Red Lobster Restaurant, Tara Blvd, Jonesboro
Meet in the Plot Room afterwards to plan our calendar for the year.

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



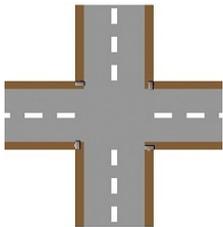
The Super Bowl luncheon and Chili Cook-off is the 2nd Sunday of February. Our campaign to donate canned goods and non perishables will be on that day so begin collecting. If you wish to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church and mark it for Super Bowl/Food Pantry. Watch your January bulletins for more information. If you have questions, see Connie McWilliams or Mary Smith.

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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