

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you are enjoying the week of July 4 and the remembrance of our declaration of independence from Great Britain. Independence is usually hard fought and hard won, and our war to obtain independence was no different. It lasted 8 years and many lives were lost. The newly formed United States of America had to work hard for several more years to figure out who we would be as a country – would there be a king? Or would we be a republic with elected officials. You know the outcome, but it was all considered experimental at the time. The experiment has now lasted 250 years, and we have been through many trials and tribulations to make sure that all have freedom to vote and participate in society, and that our Bill of Rights and Constitution survive through a number of tests. But here we are, still able to elect our officials and have a say in government.

We will meet again at Eggs Up for a church breakfast on Tuesday, July 18, at 9:30, and then will go back to the first Tuesday of the month for yummy food and good fellowship. Please join us!

Our offerings are running ahead of our expenses, so please keep up the good work, especially since now we have an extra \$200 per week in security expenses and Fred and the Property Committee have already dealt with several A/C issues.

Kudos to Jennifer Rohrbach, whose faithful minutes passed the Presbytery review with flying colors and no exceptions! Being Stated Clerk can be a hard job, and Jennifer does it well.

We are starting back the muffins for school teachers and staff when they first return to school, so if you can, bring in individually wrapped muffins on July 23 – we need 200 for Babb Middle School and A.C. Haney Elementary School.

Again, thanks for your generosity in both your mission giving and your offerings – once again, this small church does great things! And enjoy some fresh ‘maters this summer!

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

06/ Rachel Rohrbach
08/ Joan Murphy
12/ Cathy Morris
12/ Thomas Thigpen
12/ Fred Rohrbach
13/ Wallace Dunn
26/ Beverly Johnson
27/ David Hatch
31/ Rick Pierce

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

15/ Joyce & Tom Smith
16/ Kathie & Rick Pierce
21/ Pat & John Randolph

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!

Christian Sympathy is extended to Danny & Cathy Morris in the death of their granddaughter, Ivey Amerson.

05/25 Carole Cabe (Fred's sister) –stage 4 lung cancer— begins immunotherapy in July
06/26 Sidney Cooper (Angie Tharpe's brother) - diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia
05/21 Dan Kadel & wife, Brenda (Joyce Smith's brother-in-law) –Lymphoma – hospice care at home
05/28 John Lovern – (former member, Tom & Joan Murphy's BIL) – hospice care for heart failure
05/25 Connie McWilliams – cataract surgery, recovering from theft
06/21 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – referred to specialist for kidney issues
06/23 Cheri Moore (former member) – in rehab from seizures and Alzheimers -bulletin board has address
06/22 Nancy Phillips –metastatic cancer, ongoing treatments
06/21 John Randolph—6 weeks preventive treatment of bladder after cancer surgery
05.28 Joyce Smith – recovering from broken wrist
05/25 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, family needs our prayers as well
05/21 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) – recovering from heart cath and 2 stints placed in heart

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.



Man of the Year - 2023 - Eliot Lawrence

On Father's Day, June 18, 2023, we added another Man of the Year to those our Philadelphia Church's Presbyterian Women have honored in the past. In 2019 our Presbyterian Women honored our first Man of the Year – Fred Rohrbach. In 2020 we honored Jim Phillips. In 2021 we honored Greg Durden. And last year in 2022 we honored Rick Pierce. Over the almost 200 years of our Church history, there have been many men who have shown their love of God by serving our Church in many ways – we couldn't have done it without them! On this Father's Day, our Presbyterian Women honored our 5th annual Man of the Year, a gentleman who has definitely shown dedication to God by service to our Church and community. This year's Man of the Year, Eliot Lawrence, has been a member of our Church for many years. He was baptized on Christmas Day when he was 14 years old. He is a father and grandfather. He has served on the Session as an Elder for numerous years now, being ordained in 1989 (34 years ago) and has also served several of those years as Clerk of the Session. He is currently our Elder serving as chair of the Administrative Committee. For many years he has also volunteered to serve our Church as our organist, and he adds to the wonderful music in our worship service each Sunday. And his work on our most recent community project – The Babb Project – shows his care and concern for those in need in our community. He lives his life dedicated to God, our Church and community, and his family. Eliot's Man of the Year Honor was presented to him on Father's Day, June 18, 2023, in our worship service, with a certificate which states "For Dedication to God, our Church, and Family". Eliot was also presented with a \$75 gift card for a nice dinner out. Eliot, Thank You for ALL You Do for Our Church! We All Really Appreciate You!!!

To the wonderful Presbyterian Women of our church.

I don't know what to say except Thank You! I am moved beyond belief at your thoughtfulness and generosity. I really appreciate so very much, the amazing gifts you gave me. The Vera Bradley purse and wallet are beautiful and I will think of you all the time as I use them daily. The wallet, which matched the stolen one, is so very meaningful. The neutral black purse will go with everything, so I know I'll get a lot of use from it. My heart is so full and I feel so appreciative of all of you.

The monetary donations that were collected for me were absolutely amazing. I will be forever grateful to each and every one of you.

You turned an incredibly terrifying event into one with an uplifting memory attached. You have given me the gift of encouragement and hope in a difficult time. I am so grateful for your support. I am so blessed to have you all in my life!

Connie

PW MESSAGE CORNER:



*No PWCT meeting in July, meet next Aug. 6
July 7—11:30am—Mary and Martha Circle will meet in person at Cheddars on Jonesboro Rd., McDonough.
July 8—10:30AM—Circle One

SAVE THE DATE: Philadelphia Church's annual PW Retreat date has been changed and the new date for this fall is October 21st. Save the date on your calendar and plan to join us in Geneva Lodge at Calvin Center for a wonderful time together.

--The annual PW Bible Study Seminar at Columbia Theological Seminary is Monday-Wednesday, August 7th - 9th. The Bible Study is "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts". The seminar is designed to prepare leaders to facilitate this year's Bible Study and to introduce the Bible Study to our women. Rev. Olive Mahabir, author of the Bible Study, will lead the Seminar. The fee is \$235. Debbie Bray has more information registration details for those interested in attending.

--On Saturday morning, August 19th, we have an opportunity to attend (via Zoom) workshops on PW leadership positions of Moderator and Treasurer, plus workshops on our next year's Bible Study, Mission Opportunities, and Book Review. Contact Debbie Bray for more details and the Zoom link.

--All women in our Church are invited and encouraged to attend a PW Retreat of all our sister churches in the Atlanta Presbytery of Greater Atlanta on Saturday, August 26th at Fayette Presbyterian Church (791 Forrest Ave., Fayetteville, GA) from 9:30am till 2:30pm. The theme for this Retreat is Caring for Our Elders and Ourselves and the Retreat will include several speakers and workshops. It is wonderful that this Retreat is just a little down the road from us (so to speak) so we are looking forward to having several of our women attend. Debbie Bray will have more details and registration information in early August.

CRAFT GROUP

JULY 11—11:30AM @ Sonny's BBQ, Mt. Zion Rd., Morrow

JULY 25 - 11:30am @ LongHorn Restaurant, Mt. Zion Rd., Morrow

PLEASE NOTE: The Craft Group will not have our annual Peach trip this year due to the freeze last March. Gregg's Orchard will not be open. We will go back to our usual schedule on Tuesday and meet at LongHorn.

Muffins



We will be supplying 200 muffins to the teachers and staff at Babb Middle School and B.C. Haney Elementary School July 24. Please bring muffins, individually wrapped, to the church on July 23 so they can be delivered the next morning.

WORKDAY

Saturday

July 15 — 9am



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

The Babb Project



We have partnered with Babb Middle School in Forest Park to provide items for weekend food bags provided for homeless or very low income students. Thru the summer, make sure that the expiration date on these items is August 2023 or after.

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**



KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

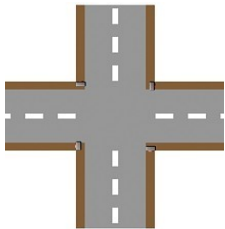
Kinship Care Resource Center is a local organization that supports grandparents raising grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In July each year, we collect school supplies for the children returning to school. A list of the types of supplies they need is on the back of the calendar. Anytime you may find any of these items on sale and discounted, you may bring them in. The collection bin is in the Narthex. Please bring in by July 30.

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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PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Happy Summer and the 4th of July!!! I hope you are each enjoying the summer weather. June wasn't terribly hot, but I have a feeling it's getting ready to be really warm.

The Session did meet on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of May, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$98,640.60

Monthly Total Revenue – \$19,544.13

YTD Revenue – \$73,175.21

Monthly Total Expenses – \$12,901.23

YTD Expenses – \$63,430.30

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

My apologies to each of you. I truly forgot to place a "Possible Project" sheet in the Narthex!!! So, you will now find a sheet in the Narthex to start 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 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. 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 frohrbach@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.

Happy 4th of July to each of you!!! I hope that you continue to enjoy your summer. May you be blessed this month and find joy in this season!

Much love, Jennifer

KINSHIP CARE



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Suggested school supplies are:

large book bags
clear book bags
3-ring binders (1-inch to 3-inch)
5-tab divider sets
pens (blue, black and red)
highlighters
mechanical pencils and refill pencil lead
colored folders (with and without prongs)
calculators (Scientific for high school)
hand sanitizer
tissues (small packets)
crayons (24-count only)
white out
composition books
dry erase markers

wet ones wipes
wooden pencils, erasers, & sharpeners
rulers, compasses and protractors
spiral notebooks (1-subject, 3- and 5- also)
notebook paper (wide & college rule)
index cards (3x5; ruled; white and colored)
colored pencils
staplers and staples
markers (10-pack)
copy paper
tri-folder notebook with 3 sides
Trapper Keepers
tape, glue sticks. Scissors