

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

March is going to blow in at the beginning of Lent and ease out with Palm Sunday. We will go from ashes burned from last year’s palms to palms in the sanctuary strewn about as we remember Jesus’ journey into Jerusalem.

In between, we celebrate World Day of Prayer March 3 and the Gifts of Women on Sunday March 5, spring forward on March 12 for daylight savings time, have some pie on Pi day March 14, wear some green on March 17 for St. Patrick’s Day, and celebrate Mr. Rogers on March 20. Lots of things to celebrate and think about as we begin the journey toward Jerusalem with Jesus. As we meditate on that journey, we can also look at new life springing up all around us. It’s OK to have joy and celebrations during Lent – that is what Jesus would want us to do. He loved to speak with people and eat with them, so we can think about his life that was so full of everyday experiences.

Jesus would probably enjoy sitting in my sun room watching the rufous sided towhee back again this spring to attack the gazing ball in the garden or one of our den windows. This is one not so smart bird. But the birds are back and beginning to sing. They sing when it is mating season, so we will once more wake up to those lively songs. Passover and Ramadan always occur in the spring, when the lambs are born and the flowers bloom and the wheat can be sown. Sometimes I wonder why Jesus didn’t die in the middle of the cold winter, but then I remember that resurrection is appropriate for spring – a time of newness and joy and life.

I hope as we journey together through March, that you will take some time to stop and look around you at the beauty of the earth and remember that every day that God gives us is a celebration.

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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

- 02/ Chris Banke
- 03/ Jennifer Rohrbach
- 05/ Rose Enow
- 15/ Angie Tharp
- 18/ Diane Kemper
- 19/ Don Nelson
- 19/ Andrew Durden
- 20/ Pat Randolph
- 24/ Pegge Murphy
- 26/ Henry Brock
- 28/ Erwin Gettys

ANNIVERSARIES

- 20/ Howard & Karen Nelson
- 28/ Philippe & Celestine Karka

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

- Emory Pearce
- Danny Morris
- Celestine Karka
- Thomas Thigpen

WORKDAY

Saturday

March 18

9am



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

THANK YOU

The food items you provided for the Babb Project during the month of January 2023 totaled at \$208.53. Thank you.
Mary Smith
Community Outreach

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!

001/08 Jeff Foster (Betty's son) – recovering from heart stint 2nd surgery

02/19 Becky Huie & her daughter —recovering from stroke

01/21 Dan Kadel (Joyce Smith's brother-in-law) – serious condition Lymphoma & liver failure

01/21 Mark McWilliams – (Connie's son) –prostate cancer surgery on 02/28

01/22 Nancy Phillips –treatments for metastatic cancer

02/21 John Randolph—scheduled for bladder biopsy soon

01/25 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, chemo treatment pills now

02/07 Vonrita Williams (Mary Smith's friend) – in coma

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.

BECAUSE YOU ASKED...

Dot Pearce is sharing her recipe for a special French Toast she served at Christmas.

Overnight Caramel French Toast

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| 1 cup packed brown sugar | 1/2 cup butter |
| 2 TBSP light corn syrup | 12 slices of bread |
| 1/4 cup sugar | 1 tsp. Ground cinnamon, divided |
| 6 eggs | 1-1/2 cups of milk |
| 1 tsp. Vanilla extract | |

In a small saucepan, bring the brown sugar, butter and corn syrup to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Remove from the heat. Pour into a greased 13x9x2 inch baking dish. Top with six slices of bread. Combine sugar and 1/2 teaspoon of cinnamon, sprinkle half over the bread. Place remaining bread on top. Sprinkle with remaining cinnamon-sugar; set aside. In a large bowl, beat the eggs, milk, vanilla and remaining cinnamon. Pour over bread. Cover and refrigerate for 8 hours or overnight. Remove from the refrigerator 30 minutes before baking. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Yield: 6 servings.

PW MESSAGE CORNER:



MAR 5—12:15PM—PWCT
MAR 09—07:00PM—Mary & Martha Circle (virtual)
MAR 18—10:30AM—Circle One
MAR 19—Atlanta Presbytery PW Annual Gathering at Clairmont Presbyterian Church (also via Zoom)
MAR 21—10:30AM—Busy Bees Circle

Save the dates: April 20 is Come see Columbia Day
November 4 will be our annual PW Retreat
in Geneva Lodge at Calvin Center

CRAFT GROUP

MAR14 – 11:30am @ Mellow Mushroom—Hudson Bridge in Stockbridge

MAR 28 – 11:30am @ Bay Breeze Seafood in Lovejoy

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 popcorn, 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**.

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PPC Clerk's Corner...

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Hello All,

I hope this finds you doing well and ready for Spring. Hard to believe that it will officially be Spring in just a few short weeks. While we haven't had a bad winter in my opinion, I'm ready to start working in my yard.

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

Total Assets - \$93,220.34
Monthly Total Revenue – \$15,267.07
YTD Revenue – \$15,267.07
Monthly Total Expenses – \$11,576.88
YTD Expenses – \$11,576.88

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

As Spring approaches, we find ourselves with new opportunities to “bloom” in a variety of places. The Babb Middle School is going extremely well, and whether you realize it or not your help is blessing so many people!!! Speaking of opportunities – you have an opportunity to help us plan for our next Homecoming. In 2025 we will celebrate 200 years and there is much to be done to get ready. We are looking for members to help us with a variety of projects – sending out invitations, working on projects around the church, planning the decorations, etc. If any of you want to help us with this 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 the little things! Please know that you are loved and that you make our church and our world a better place!

Much love,

Jennifer



March 12—Daylight Saving Times begin.

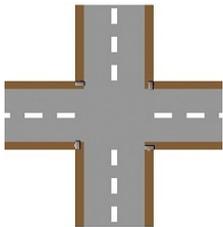
Don't forget to set your clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed the night before.

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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