

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jim and I returned from a trip to the mountains in awe of the beautiful leaf colors this year. They seem brighter than usual – pure yellows and golds and reds. We were particularly struck by an occasional solid scarlet red tree. We knew these weren't dogwoods or red maples, but couldn't figure out what they were. We came home and I began "googling," and finally figured out they're black gum, or tupelo trees. In fact, we have a skinny one in our yard! It was so nice being surrounded by these beautiful colors with a clear gorgeous blue sky above. I love bright colors so this is one of my favorite times of the year. We also got some great apples to eat.

It's the time of year when we go back to eating good, hot soup and start to stack up the firewood. I reluctantly give up my shorts and sandals, but I also enjoy wearing my warm sweaters. I always think of the fall season as one of "fullness." Everything seems to burst with flavor and color and smells. I start to yearn for that Thanksgiving turkey and cranberry sauce and dressing. I like seeing all the different kinds of pumpkins. It's like God flings out this glorious display for us before putting everything to bed for the winter. I hope you can go out every day and just stand there and enjoy this wonderful gift!

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

- 11/05 Emory Pearce
- 11/06 Debbie Bray
- 11/07 Ruth Gettys
- 11/12 Elizabeth Clayton Truex
- 11/20 Ray Morgan
- 11/23 Nancy Phillips
- 11/25 Bob Huie
- 11/26 Janice Lockhart

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

- 11/11 Erin & Jeff Randolph
- 11/14 Cathy & Danny Morris

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!

- 09/24 Mallory Banke – surgery complication with nicked pericardium
- 10/22 Gerri Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) – evaluating for new lung cancer treatment, chemo not working
- 09/26 Sidney Cooper (Angie Tharpe's brother) – new leukemia meds
- 09/20 David Hatch – recovering from surgery to remove a cancerous growth
- 09/17 Celine Karka (Philippe's sister) - very ill in Togo
- 10/01 Becky Huie – suffering with severe vertigo
- 09/10 Eliot Lawrence – home recovering from foot surgery & infection
- 10/21 John Lovern – (former member, Tom & Joan Murphy's BIL) – hospice care for heart failure
- 09/10 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – many health issues with recovery from fall
- 10/08 Jo Nelson – home still recovering from breaks in both legs
- 10/03 Bill Stanton (Cathy Morris' brother) – evaluating for various health issues
- 10/03 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer spread to other bones, looking for new meds.
- 10/03 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) –seeing specialist for lung problems, tests show polynoid fibrosis

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.

SECUR'US HOUSE

SECUR'US HOUSE is Clayton County's refuge for abused women and their children. Each Christmas we ask everyone, who's able, to bring a gift for the children. The children range in age from babies to 17. Do not wrap them so Securus can direct their distribution.

Some suggested gift items are: toys, games, cars, trucks, baby dolls, puzzles, crayons & coloring books, all kinds of children's books.

We will also be collecting some of their needed supplies. You may bring your donations in right away. Place them in the collection bin in the narthex.

PLEASE NOTE: *You may make monetary donations. Make your checks payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian and mark for Securus House. Place them in the offering plate or mail to the church office. All donations and gifts must be received by Sunday, December 10.*

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE FACILITY

Items for infants & children include: diapers (all sizes, but esp. large & x-large) ,baby oil, baby wipes & Vaseline, bottles with nipples, socks, underwear & undershirts (all sizes), crayons, coloring books, markers

Items for the women include: new underwear (all sizes), pajamas, gowns & slippers (all sizes), personal hygiene products, hair blow dryers, hair care products for women of all color

Items for the shelter include: toiletries (deodorant, shampoo, bar soap), paper towels, toilet tissue & facial tissues, tooth brushes, toothpaste & mouthwash, first aid products, lip balm



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

NOV 5—12:15pm—PWCT

NOV 8—07:00PM—Mary & Martha Circle (virtual)

Change from normal date

NOV 11—10:30AM—Circle One

NOV 21—10:30AM—Busy Bees Circle



PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Happy Thanksgiving! It is hard to believe that we will celebrate Thanksgiving in just a few weeks. We each have so much to be thankful for, and I hope you will have the opportunity to celebrate Thanksgiving with those you love.

The Session met on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of September, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$92,123.08

Monthly Total Revenue – \$16,300.99

YTD Revenue – \$125,653.42

Monthly Total Expenses – \$13,440.02

YTD Expenses – \$122,982.53

You each truly bless our church and the missions that we support. We could not help as many organizations that we do if it weren't for you. Thank you so very much!!!

Many thanks to Debbie Bray, Pat Randolph, Rick Pierce, and Fred Rohrbach for serving on the Elder Nominating Committee. We are looking forward to the new Session members that will officially start in January.

Don't forget that we will celebrate 200 years on October 12, 2025. While that is still almost 2 years away, we are trying to get a jump on projects that may need to be done before Homecoming. If you see something that you think needs to be repaired/updated, please let Fred Rohrbach know. Also, we want to reach out to as many former members as possible. We are going to need lots of help gathering names and addresses, so if you are in touch with former members, please let them know about Homecoming. We also will need their addresses so that we can mail them a "Save the Date" card as we get closer to Homecoming.

A few weeks ago, Reverend Jeanne shared that we had received a grant to help support the Babb project. While we are very excited about the grant and the help it will provide, we still need your support for Babb. I hope that you will continue to support this very important mission. You are making a difference in children's lives!

Last but not least, I wanted to take a moment to thank you – our congregation. Your prayers, support, and care for one another are what make our Church a family. Happy Thanksgiving to you all!

Much love,

Jennifer

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Sunday, November 12, we will gather for a Thanksgiving Luncheon immediately following Worship. The Session will provide the meats. Please bring side dishes & desserts to share and join in the fellowship.



The Babb Project—Community Outreach



We have 22 students in the Babb project this year, among the most impoverished in our community, and we want to help them have success at school. **Current needed items: Ramen Noodles in cups, Vienna Sausages, Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Pop Tarts, shelf stable Milk & Juice Boxes.** Keep in mind that the food items we give the students need to be in cups or containers that can be eaten out of and be individually wrapped when purchased. It is better if the milk is in bottles that are easily poured from. 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

Craft Group Members

NOV 14—11:30am @ O'Charley's, Hwy138, Stockbridge
Please note: We are only having 1 outing this month due to Thanksgiving. Thanks

WORKDAY



Saturday, NOV 18 — 9am

Please help if you can.



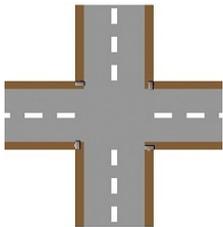
Tuesday, NOV 7, 9:30am
@ Eggs Up, Morrow.
We would LOVE to see you there!

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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