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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, my heat just came on. What a shock from several weeks ago, when I didn't think the heat would ever let up. The yard is full of orb weaver spiders, who look terrifying but I'm told are harmless. The only problem is that they're everywhere – and I can break the web so I can get through a path or in the garden gate, and the next day the web is back. I've taken to carrying something out in front of me to clear the way as I wander in the yard or go out to get the paper or mail. I feel like I'm trekking through the wilderness with a machete clearing noxious plants out of the way! Yesterday one spider had captured what looked like a monarch butterfly, and I got really angry. But no matter what I did to the web, the spider would not let go. I guess all God's critters have to eat something, but I sure wish it wasn't a butterfly!

I'm also watching the hummingbirds fatten up to take off south for the winter. They finally have quit fighting so much with each other and are letting each one have a turn at the feeder. However, the doves have taken over my bird feeder. They line up in a perfect row on the roof of the gazebo and then march down one by one and slurp up way too much food, running off all the smaller birds in their wake. When I run them off, they stay away long enough for all the other birds to take a turn.

It's that time of year to look at church annual budgets, elect the elder nominating committee, and have our annual congregational and corporate meeting, where we will also elect elders for the next 2 year term. If you're interested in serving on either the committee or as an elder, please let me or Jennifer Rohrbach know. We have a wonderful group of folks on session, we don't have fights, and we get work done pretty efficiently – so if you'd like to have a voice and can attend a zoom meeting once a month, sign up!!

The ladies are going to the apple orchard Oct 24, and I remind the men that you are also invited. Come have a wonderful lunch, see some pretty leaves, and get some wonderful apples! I hope your fall is full of color and coolness!

Jeanne

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

09/ Connie McWilliams
16/ Jim Phillips
17/ Feroze Yusufji
30/ Pam Rountree
31/ Karen Kelly Nelson

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

6/ Ed & Pegge Murphy
12/ Tom & Joan Murphy
21/ Feroze & Parveen Yusufji

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Jim Phillips
Philippe Karka
Tom Murphy
Debbie Bray



ANOTHER TOMATO SANDWICH PARTY SUCCESS STORY

2023 marked the 20th anniversary of the Tomato Sandwich Party fundraiser for the Good Shepherd Clinic. This event alone is the backbone of the finances necessary to keep the Clinic open. I have felt for years that this event has the capacity to raise \$100,000. This years event has been the most successful one yet. As of September 12, 2023, the total raised is \$85,000 and funds continue to arrive daily. Thanks to everyone here at PPC for your continued support of this local mission.

Jim Phillips

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 Alisa Kirk and family in the passing of her father, James Robert on September 15.

- 08/23 Mallory Banke – recovering from surgery, biopsy was negative
- 08/25 Carole Cabe (Fred's sister) –hospice care for lung cancer
- 08/30 Gerri Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) – taking oral meds for lung cancer
- 08/30 Helen Carter (Pat & John's daughter) – unsuccessful surgery to repair elbow, therapy now
- 08/26 Sidney Cooper (Angie Tharpe's brother) – in rehab, doctors search for new leukemia meds
- 09/17 Celine Karka (Philippe's sister) - very ill in Togo**
- 09/01 Becky Huie – suffering with severe vertigo
- 09/10 Eliot Lawrence – at home, recovering from toe amputation and infection
- 08/21 John Lovern – (former member, Tom & Joan Murphy's BIL) – hospice care for heart failure
- 09/10 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – multiple injuries from 40 foot fall, in ICU in Macon
- 09/17 Larry Parker (Connie McWilliams BIL) suffered a stroke on 9/16**
- 08/08 Randy Randolph – recovering from knee repair surgery
- 09/03 Bill Stanton (Cathy Morris' brother) – advanced COPD, pneumonia, blood infection, & mild stroke
- 08/21 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer, doctors are looking for new treatment
- 08/21 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) – improving from heart procedure and 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.

Craft Group Members

Oct 10—11:30am -@ Logan's Roadhouse, McDonough

Tuesday, October 24 is our annual Apple Trip. We will meet at the church at 9:15 am to carpool. (drivers are needed) Alisa Kirk has invited us to have lunch at her place in Cherry Log. We should arrive there by 11:30. Afterwards we will go to the Panorama Apple Barn on 515, South of Ellijay. Husbands and/or boyfriends of Craft Group Members are invited to join us. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Either call, text, email or see me in person on or before October 22nd.

Barbara Barlow

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

October 29, 2023

The purpose for this meeting will be to elect 3 new Elders and to hear annual reports.



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

OCT 12—07:00PM—Mary & Martha Circle (virtual)

OCT 14 —10:30AM—Circle One

OCT 17—10:30AM—Busy Bees Circle



Attention Ladies! The Women's Fall Retreat is rapidly approaching. The Retreat will be held at the Calvin Center in the Geneva Lodge on Saturday, October 21, 2023 and we want you to join us! Breakfast will be provided from 8:15-9:00 a.m. and then we will start our lesson at 9:00 a.m. Reverend Jeanne will be our Retreat Leader and we will learn about the song Amazing Grace. For lunch, I am asking for you to bring a favorite salad to share - taco salad, spinach salad, chicken salad, tuna salad, etc. and desserts will be needed, too.

I will place a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for you to indicate what kind of salad and/or dessert you are bringing.

The cost of the retreat is \$20 and you can either pay by cash or check. If paying by check please make the check payable to Jennifer Rohrbach. Please pay no later than Sunday, October 15, 2023. I hope you will make plans to join us. We always have a lot of fun and I just know that the study will be full of "Amazing" information!

Jennifer Rohrbach



PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

It's Fall!!!! This is my favorite time of the year for many reasons. The weather is cooler, the trees are showing off their vibrant colors, and we are getting closer to Advent. I hope as we go through the Fall season you will have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty that God provides us in nature.

The Session met on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, via Zoom to conduct our monthly business. For the month of August, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets - \$89,158.47

Monthly Total Revenue – \$8,726.49

YTD Revenue – \$109,352.43

Monthly Total Expenses – \$16,314.90

YTD Expenses – \$109,542.21

As always, your continued financial support is greatly appreciated!!! Thank you so very much!!! We could not do the work of the church without your support.

It's that time of year to elect members to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee. We will have a Called Congregational Meeting right after service on Sunday, October 1, 2023 and the purpose of the meeting will be to elect 2 Congregational members to serve on this committee. Then on Sunday, October 29, 2023, we will have our Annual Congregational Meeting as well as the yearly Corporation Meeting. At the annual meeting we will also elect 3 new elders for the upcoming term.

Please don't forget that we are trying to get a jump on projects that may need to be done before Homecoming in 2025. If you see something that you think needs to be repaired/updated, please let Fred Rohrbach know. Don't forget that we have set a date – October 12, 2025. If we start working on items now, then it will not be so overwhelming to accomplish in 2025. Many thanks to Mary Smith, Eliot Lawrence, and David Hatch as they continue to put food bags together for the students at Babb Middle School. Food insecurity is a huge problem within our community, and children are greatly impacted by this every day. Your support is making a difference in these children's lives.

Last but not least, I wanted to take a moment to thank Reverend Jeanne for ALL that she does for our Church!!! October is Pastor Appreciation Month, and we have been truly blessed to have her as our pastor. I hope you will take a moment during October to send her a card, an email, call her, or talk with her in person and thank her for all her hard work. Thank you, Reverend Jeanne, for your hard work and dedication to our Church!

Much love,
Jennifer

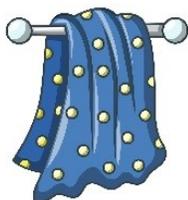
The Babb Project—Community Outreach



We have 22 to 24 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. School Uniforms: The school staff are having to wash shirts at school to keep them outfitted.** 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

SECURUS HOUSE – CALL FOR EMERGENCY NEED:

Help us collect Bath Towels & Wash Cloths (new or slightly used) of **any color** for the women's shelter. Bring them in and leave in the narthex as you are able. We will take them to Securus House as we receive them until Sunday, October 29. Thank You!



Tuesday, Oct. 3, 9:30am
@ Eggs Up, Morrow.
We would LOVE to see you there!



WORKDAY

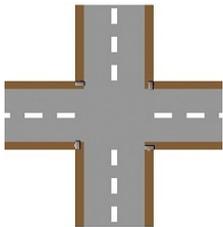
Saturday, Oct. 28 — 9am
Please help if you can.

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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