

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Well, we feasted for Thanksgiving, and we're getting ready to feast several times for Christmas. Thank you for your generous home made specialties that make me salivate every time we have a meal together. We enjoyed eating all these wonderful things and spending time together, and there is more to come. This year the Presbyterian Women will once again generously treat the choir and all of us after Lessons and Carols, Sunday morning, December 15. This time, though, there will be light sandwiches along with the traditional cookies. And then on December 22 we will have breakfast together at 10:00 before church, with men cooking pancakes and your contributions of all kinds of other dishes.

It's time to shop, so I urge you to pick up a toy for Secur'us House, along with other toiletry and household items for those homeless families. I enjoy the toy shopping, since all the little ones in the family have crossed over into tween ship. Each year I marvel at all the new things that have been produced to entice our children – and me! If you want to read a cute story about the debate over Christmas generosity, take a look at the June B. Jones Christmas book: [Jingle Bells, Batman Smells! \(P.S. So Does May\)](#). May is a little prissy tattletale in Junie B.'s first grade class who always tells on Junie B. Junie B. manages to get into trouble at least once a day at school. The class draws names for Secret Santa, and you can guess who Junie B. gets! The real question is, will she be generous with a gift for busybody May or not? Read it and find out!

Enjoy the holidays with the sights, smells, food, and fun gifts to get for others – and most of all, take some time when you come to church to sit and admire the Chrismon tree and manger, which starts out with few figures but fills up as the time gets closer to Christmas. Enjoy the Christmas music, the timeless story of the Nativity, and know that God loves you.

In Christ,

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

08/ Joyce Smith
20/ Guy Staats
21/ Van Banke
25/ Frances Youngblood
29/ Ann NeSmith

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

01/ Kathy & Hal Banke
01/ Debbie & Greg Durden

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Danny Morris
Thomas Thigpen

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!

- 11/23 Ruth & Erwin Gettys—continuing health problems
- 11/16 John Randolph –metastasized bladder cancer, chemo treatments
- 11/09 Pat Randolph – recovering from hip replacement, walking w/o assistance
- 11/12 Pam Rountree – surgery, melanoma on left arm, physical therapy, torn meniscus, rt knee
- 11/27 Serena Staats – recovering from knee replacement, at home

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.

PREPARING FOR HOMECOMING 2025

WORKDAYS



SATURDAY, December 7 and 21, @ 9:00AM. Our plan to continue this 2 per month schedule in 2025. We are going to work on the Fellowship Hall, old Embassy Classroom and refresh the paint in the bathrooms. Please know that help is needed to get things ready for Homecoming. I hope you will come and help as you can over the course of the next year. If you have any questions, suggestions, or recommendations please let me know. **Fred Rohrbach**



Nell Cates has moved to assisted living in Peachtree City. She no longer has her home phone number so please send her cards or notes when you can. See the bulletin board for her new address. Thanks!

The Babb Project—Community Outreach



Thanks to your generosity, we were able to spend \$364.71 during September and \$414.90 during October for food bag items for our homeless students. We are always in need of **food items** for the bags we give the students each week. See the list on our bulletin board. **Monetary Gifts** are also welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. For more info, see **Cathy Morris**.

Mary & Martha Circle

The Mary and Martha Circle members will be meeting in person on Thursday, December 12th. We will meet for lunch at the City Cafe in Fayetteville at 11:30. Please let Kathy Banke know if you will be able to attend so she can reserve a table for that day. Thank you.



**Tuesday, December 3,
9:30am @ Egg's Up,
Morrow. See you there!**

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for all your love and prayers for my beloved brother, "Charles" and all the cards, calls, and visits since his passing. We love each of you!

With Love & Prayers, Tom & Joyce Smith



Craft Group

The Craft Group will have their annual Christmas Party at the Meridian Club House on December 10, 11:30 am. This is a covered dish lunch. Husbands and/or boyfriends of members are invited. Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Barbara Barlow by December 8th.

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

Dec 12—11:30am—Mary & Martha Circle –see notice

Dec 14—10:30am—Circle One

NOTE: Busy Bees Circle is not meeting in December



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.

Shelter items needed:

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

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 15.**

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions



Christmas at Philadelphia

The Advent season will be busy for Philadelphia.

Please mark your calendars with the following events:

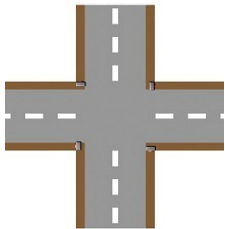
- Dec 1 - 11:00am— Hanging of the Green
- Dec 8 - 12:00pm—Staff and Elder Luncheon
- Dec 15 - 11:00am—Lessons and Carols with light lunch reception
Bring you Secur'us House gifts this day
- Dec 22 - 10:00am—Christmas Breakfast
- Dec 24 - 05:00pm—Joint Christmas Eve service at FBC, Morrow

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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