

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

What an incredible December we have had! Because of the calendar, the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas Eve were on the same day, and that compressed all the other things we normally do. And we did a lot. Generous gifts to Securus House, new hoodies for all 24 of the middle schoolers we sponsor at Babb Middle School (in addition to their weekend food bags and extra for the Christmas holidays), the setup of the Uniform Closet at Babb with over 100 shirts and almost 150 pants purchased, and support for the PCUSA Joy Gift offering. The church has contributed \$7000 more in missions this year than last year. I am constantly amazed at how seriously you take our mission projects. You step out over and over to do more. Thank you.

Well, PPC spent December singing and eating, singing and eating, and singing and eating. Breakfasts and lunches and receptions and snacks of doughnuts and cookies and candy, and chocolate. This church knows how to cook and how to celebrate. Thanks to Connie and crew for beautiful decorations for our meals, and to Greg and Debbie for the beautiful trees. We've had great fun harassing Greg about the advent wreath candles not wanting to light, and I'm glad to say we resolved it with an old fashioned solution – matches.

As we all try to work off our extra pounds and lower our sugar levels, I hope you will have some time the beginning of this year to relax and enjoy each other and be grateful for the support of the church in our lives. Jim and I will miss you and pray for you as we journey "down under." I know you will support Jack and Katie as they step up to fill in for me.

Yours in Christ,

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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

01/11 Debbie Durden
01/13 Celestine Karka
01/21 Tom Murphy
01/22 Becky Huie

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

01/01 Jeanne & Jim Simpson
01/01 Frances & Darrell
Youngblood
01/22 Nancy & Jim Phillips

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Jim Phillips
Philippe Karka
Tom Murphy
Cathy Morris



SECUR'US HOUSE

Thanks to your generous gifts, Secur'us House is able to make Christmas just a lightly brighter for the children.

We donated 3,019 items valued at over \$4,384.00, including supplies for the center.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

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!

- 12/22 Gerri Bradley (Mary Smith's sister) – lung cancer treatment
- 12/12 Pam Langley – recovering from fractured toe & sprained ankle
- 12/07 Eliot Lawrence –at home, rehab for leg amputation below knee
- 12/04 Angela McWilliams (Connie's Daughter) – rash on hand & foot, doctors can't identify
- 12/10 Mark McWilliams (Connie's son) – many health issues with recovery from fall
- 12/14 John Randolph – tumors not invasive but will require chemotherapy
- 12/04 Wayne Smeltz (Ann NeSmith's son-in-law) – recovering from amputation right leg below knee
- 12/03 Barbara Sutton (Joyce's niece) spine cancer spread to other bones, new meds.
- 12/03 Charles Trotter (Joyce's brother) –heart & breathing issues, pacemaker insert delayed, weakness

OUR HOMEBOUND: *Please refer to the Church Directory for contact information*

Neil Cates Patty Boone Becky Huie Ann NeSmith

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email secyppc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

We are accepting soups, canned goods and non-perishables to be donated to a local food pantry during the months of January & February. Cash donations are also accepted. Just mark your check or envelope as Souper Bowl.



Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

The Babb Project—Community Outreach



We are now forming a "uniform closet" at the school for homeless and other transient or disadvantaged students who have no uniforms. By their return to classes in January, we will be well on our way to stocking it.

We are always in need of **food items** for the bags we give them each week. See the bulletin board for a complete list. 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.

WORKDAY

SATURDAY, JAN 20 @ 9AM

Many things to do. Please help out if you can



The Craft Group

JAN 09 - 11:30 am @ Red Lobster, 19-41 Jbo

We will go to the Church Plot Room afterwards and plan our calendar for the year.



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

- JAN 11—07:00pm—Mary & Martha Circle (virtual)
- JAN 13 —10:30am—Circle One
- JAN 16—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle

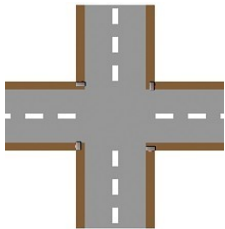


OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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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