

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Hot. It seems to be the most critical thing on my brain these days. I can't go outside and weed. I can't go outside and sit in the gazebo and look at the flowers. I can barely go outside and hand water the things that need it. I watch plants wilt that I can't really water well. I got spoiled in the wet spring – no need to water, things growing lushly – and now, the lush things stay thirsty all the time. I love summer for the tomatoes and okra and fresh produce, but I hate summer for the heat. Other people can go outside and work in the heat and have a slight bead of sweat on their brows, while I stand there dripping like an open faucet wiping my eyes continuously so I can get the stinging sweat clear. If I take out my contacts so my eyes don't sting so much, then my glasses fall off every time I lean over. I'm soaking wet in no time at all, and quite miserable.

Now spring – that's more my style. And autumn. Even winter doesn't bother me too much, because I like sweaters and a fire in the fireplace. But summer – give me 76 degrees max and I can stand it. So I'm trying to stay inside in the middle of the day, and I thank God every single day for air conditioning and cold water. I hope you stay cool during this heat, I hope we don't have too many bad storms, and I hope the watermelon keeps tasting good. And God, I apologize for griping about the heat, because I know that's what gives us these wonderful fruits and vegetables. May you enjoy good summer produce, because let me tell you, God knew what he was doing when he decided to give us tomatoes.

In Christ,

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

07/06 Rachel Rohrbach
07/08 Joan Murphy
07/12 Cathy Morris
07/12 Thomas Thigpen
07/12 Fred Rohrbach
07/13 Wallace Dunn
07/19 Ed Murphy
07/26 Beverly Johnson
07/27 David Hatch
07/31 Rick Pierce

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

07/12 Betty & Henry Brock
07/15 Joyce & Tom Smith
07/16 Kathy & Rick Pierce
07/21 Pat & John Randolph

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Jim Phillips
Tom Murphy
Cathy Morris

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!

- 06/16 Chris & Mallory Banke – doctors are testing Chris to determine cause of jaundice
- 06/11 Van Banke – home recovering from kidney stone and infection
- 05/23 Ruth & Erwin Gettys—continuing health problems
- 06/09 Gail Harris (Rohrbach family member) – stomach, pancreatic, liver cancer spread, sepsis
- 05/07 Catherine Jones (Jennifer's friend) – diagnosed with breast cancer
- 06/16 Diane Kemper – recovering from surgery on 06/27 to repair broken left wrist
- 06/16 Joan Murphy – recovering from gallbladder surgery
- 06/14 John Randolph –soon to complete treatment for tumors in bladder
- 06/16 Arvis & Martin Smith (friends of Lynn Vandiver) –birth or premature baby, hysterectomy, cut ureter. She is scheduled on July 24 for surgery to reattach ureter.

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.

The Babb Project—Community Outreach

We will begin again in August



We are always in need of **food items** for the bags we give the students each week. See below for an updated list. Please keep in mind that if you donate food, make sure it's use by date is after July 31. Monetary gifts are also welcomed.

NEEDED ITEMS

Breakfast Items: Individually wrapped cereal, Pop tarts Cereal bars, Granola bars, Nutria-grain bars, Individual ready to serve cups 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 (in pourable containers & shelf-safe)

Snacks: Dried or canned fruits, fruit chews, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, goldfish, pudding or jello cups, mini microwave popcorn, etc. in individually wrapped bags.

Monetary Gifts are also welcomed. Make you check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. For more info, see **Cathy Morris**.

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

**JUL 13 —10:30am—Circle One
No Busy Bee meeting in July**



There is no Mary and Martha Circle meeting scheduled for July or August. Circle members will be invited to meet for lunch (in person!) on a date that has yet to be determined.

The Craft Group

JULY 09—11:30AM @ Serafino's Italian Restaurant, (in the Publix shopping center on Eagles Landing, Stbg

JULY 24—11:30AM @ Barnstormers Restaurant, Williamson & then Gregg's Peach Orchard

WORKDAY

**SATURDAY, July 20, @
9:00AM**

Please help out if you can.



*Tuesday, July 2, 9:30am @ Egg's Up,
Morrow. See you there!*



**Mark your calendars
for**

**Tomato Sandwich
Party**

Saturday, Aug 3

5:00pm to 7:00pm

at

**The Morrow Center
1180 Southlake Cir.**

Morrow, GA

To benefit

**Good Shepherd
Clinic**

Man of the Year – 2024 – Tom Murphy

On Father's Day, our Presbyterian Women honored our 6th annual Man of the Year, a man who has shown dedication to God by service to our Church and community over most of his lifetime. Tom Murphy, this year's Man of the Year has been a member of our Church since he was 10 years old. He is a descendant of the Huie family who were among the founders of this Church 199 years ago -- one of the few members left. And he has currently been a member of our Church longer than anyone else. He was first ordained as a Deacon (which we don't have Deacons anymore) in 1961, and then as an Elder in 1974. He has served on the Session a great number of the years since; on the Finance Committee, Clerk's Committee, Christian Education Committee, as Assistant Treasurer, and more. And he is a faithful Usher on many Sunday mornings. But one of the most memorable ways he has served our Church is as a Youth Leader. When we had a large Youth Group, he and Erwin Gettys helped with the Youth Program here at the Church every Sunday evening for many years. He went with the Youth on Camping Trips, outings, and recreation events. He was very familiar with our rattily old church bus that the youth traveled in, full of our Church's teenagers, to numerous youth events. He has some good stories of those days! Many Thanks to Tom for his years of dedicated service to God, our Church and community, and his family.

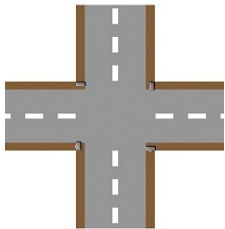


OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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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KINSHIP CARE RESOURCE CENTER

Kinship Care Resource Center is a local organization that supports grandparents raising grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In July each year, we collect school supplies for the children returning to school. A list of the types of supplies they need is below.. Anytime you may find any of these items on sale and discounted, you may bring them in. The collection bin is in the Narthex. Please bring in by July 28.

Suggested school supplies are:

large book bags	wet ones wipes
clear book bags	wooden pencils, erasers, & sharpeners
3-ring binders (1-inch to 3-inch)	rulers, compasses and protractors
5-tab divider sets	spiral notebooks (1-subject , 3- and 5- also)
pens (blue, black and red)	notebook paper (wide & college rule)
highlighters	index cards (3x5; ruled; white and colored)
mechanical pencils and refill pencil lead	colored pencils
colored folders (with and without prongs)	staplers and staples
calculators (<u>Scientific</u> for high school)	markers (10-pack)
hand sanitizer	copy paper
tissues (small packets)	tri-folder notebook with 3 sides
crayons (24-count only)	Trapper Keepers
white out	tape, glue sticks. Scissors
composition books	
dry erase markers	