

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

I can tell Thanksgiving is coming because I smell pumpkin spice everywhere I go – who knew that you could put it in everything? I’m not a real fan of it – I was raised on sweet potato and pecan pies. But I look forward to turkey and dressing (and yes we call it dressing because we don’t put it IN the turkey – that’s stuffing – we make a separate pan of it in a black iron skillet).

I like fall colors and the arrival of good crisp apples. This is the time of year for cornbread and peas and greens, with hot pepper sauce or chow chow. I think God produces all those colors on our trees as one last hurrah before the barrenness of winter, and I like to track which trees in the yard are changing – so far the sourwood and the dogwoods have started.

I hope you will join us for Thanksgiving luncheon after church on November 17 – this year we finally have all the Sundays in Advent in December. We will have special treats this year – a joint Christmas Eve service with Morrow’s First Baptist and others with a big choir – and Lessons and Carols during church on Dec 15 with the cookie reception afterwards. And don’t forget our Christmas breakfast December 22.

We’re getting ready to eat like kings and queens – you’d think we were storing fat for hibernation this winter! I am thankful for these wonderful blessings from God, and for all your support and hard work to spread the good news.

In Christ,

Jeanne

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

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

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

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

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

- Fred Rohrbach
- Mary Smith
- David Hatch
- Debbie Bray



DECORATE THE CEMETERY FOR HOMECOMING

It would be really nice if we could place flowers – artificial – on the graves in the cemetery before Homecoming in 2025. Members may “adopt” a cemetery plot and provide flowers for that plot. We will schedule a Saturday before Homecoming to place the flowers and spruce up the cemetery.

We would like to do as many as possible – especially in the sections that are most visible from the parking lot.

Fall arrangements are currently on sale and will soon be on clearance so you can even purchase arrangements now if you wanted. We can store at the church any flower donations made so that you don't have to keep them at your house. If you are interested in this project please let me know. **Jennifer Rohrbach**

The Craft Group
NOV 12—11:30am @ LongHorn Steak-house, Mt Zion Pkwy, Morrow

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!

- 09/23 Ruth & Erwin Gettys—continuing health problems
- 10/16 John Randolph –metastasized bladder cancer, chemo treatments
- 10/09 Pat Randolph – recovering from hip replacement, walking w/o assistance
- 10/16 Jim Simpson recovering from surgery

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, November 2 and 16, @ 9:00AM. Our plan to continue this 2 per month schedule in 2025. Once the painting in the Fellowship Hall has been completed, we are going to work on the 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**

The Babb Project—Community Outreach



Thanks to your generosity, we were able to start this school year with 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 below 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**.*



*Tuesday, November 5,
9:30am @ Egg's Up, Mor-
row. See you there!*

Thanksgiving Luncheon

Sunday, November 17, 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.

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

- NOV 14—07:00pm—Mary & Martha Circle –virtual
- NOV 16—10:30am—Circle One
- NOV 19—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle



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



Poinsettias

Each Christmas we decorate the sanctuary with poinsettias in honor or memory of someone special. We will order red plants this year. The cost will be determined. You may order a plant in honor or memory of someone by filling out the order form. It is not necessary to purchase more than one plant in order to honor more than one person. Make checks payable to Connie McWilliams and not to the church.

The deadline to order is Sunday, December 8.

You will find an order form in your bulletin



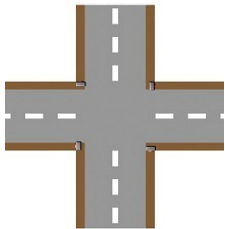
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