

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are officially in fall, although the last weeks of September have gotten hot again, but hopefully we'll have some pretty leaf color. We are in the heart of football season, and I know you rabid bulldogs and crazy techies are reveling in sitting in front of a large screen TV on a Saturday and watching your favorite team play.

October 6 we celebrate something different – church music – with Hymnfest. Our choir will sing with First Baptist of Morrow's choir and we will hear old favorites and other new things. And while we do that, we can think about the place of church music in our worship and why humans love song. It activates a different part of our brain from that of speech, and we are unique among the primates in being able to sing. I always think of song as a gift from God. I've always sung easily and fairly well, so it rarely dawned on me that some people couldn't do this. However, my mother couldn't carry a tune in a bucket and would end up singing in a sort of tenor/baritone unharmonious blend. My brother doesn't sing. My father didn't sing well. Just me. How come? I don't know, except that my maternal grandmother and great grandmother were church organists and loved to sing, so maybe I inherited the gene somehow.

As we sing in church this fall and move toward Advent and Christmastide, I hope you will sing with gusto! Our bagpiper will be back with us for Reformation Sunday on October 27, so wear your tartan or native garb from your heritage and sing Amazing Grace to the pipes! God loves to hear our voices raised in praise and thanksgiving – so sing out! And thanks to Xavier and the choir for letting us listen to wonderful music.

In Christ,

Jeanne

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

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

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

10/06 Ed & Pegge Murphy
10/12 Tom & Joan Murphy
10/21 Feroze & Parveen Yusufji

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!

- 07/23 Ruth & Erwin Gettys—continuing health problems
- 09/04 Denise Morgan (Thomas Thigpen’s sister) – diagnosed with leukemia
- 09/14 John Randolph –3 more months of chemo, then biopsy in October
- 09/04 Pat Randolph – recovering from right hip replacement, doing better
- 09/17 Charles Trotter (Joyce’s brother) – palliative care, pulmonary fibrosis, weak heart

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**

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to start this school year with \$257.47 worth of food bag items for our homeless students during the month of August. We are always in need of **food items** for the bags we give the students each week. See the below list.

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**.



**PREPARING FOR
HOMECOMING 2025**

We are now 1 year away from our next Homecoming, and we still have many projects that we want to get done as we prepare to celebrate 200 years. For the remainder of 2024, we will have 2 workdays each month and will plan to continue this in 2025. Here is the schedule for the remainder of 2024:

- October: Sat.urday, Oct. 5th and Oct. 26th
- November: Sat.urday, Nov. 2nd and Nov. 16th
- December: Sat.urday, Dec. 7th and Dec. 21st.

Our plan is to have all the painting completed in the Fellowship Hall by Oct. 26th if not sooner. Once 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



**DECORATE THE
CEMETERY FOR
HOMECOMING**

It’s hard to believe that in a year, Philadelphia will celebrate 200 years of service to God and our community. There are many areas that need attention and one area that we want to include is the cemetery. It would be really nice if we could place flowers – artificial – on the graves in the cemetery before Homecoming in 2025. The idea is for members to “adopt” a cemetery plot and provide flowers for that plot. We would then schedule a Saturday before Homecoming to place the flowers and spruce up the cemetery. While we may not be able to place flowers on all of the plots, 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 find a place at church to store 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

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

OCT 10—07:00pm—Mary & Martha Circle –virtual
OCT 12—10:30am—Circle One
OCT 15—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle
OCT 26—PW Retreat @ Geneva Lodge, Calvin Center
Breakfast begins at 8:00am



The Craft Group

OCT 08—11:30am @ Twisted Taco, 115 Glynn St. S, Fayetteville
OCT 22—11:30am @ Biguns BBQ Rest., 362 Carns Mill Rd, Talking Rock. Then to Panorama Apple Bard, Hwy 515, Elijah (see note below)

WORKDAYS



SATURDAY, October 5, and October 26,
@ 9:00AM. Please help out if you can.



Tuesday, October 1, 9:30am @ Egg's Up, Morrow. See you there!

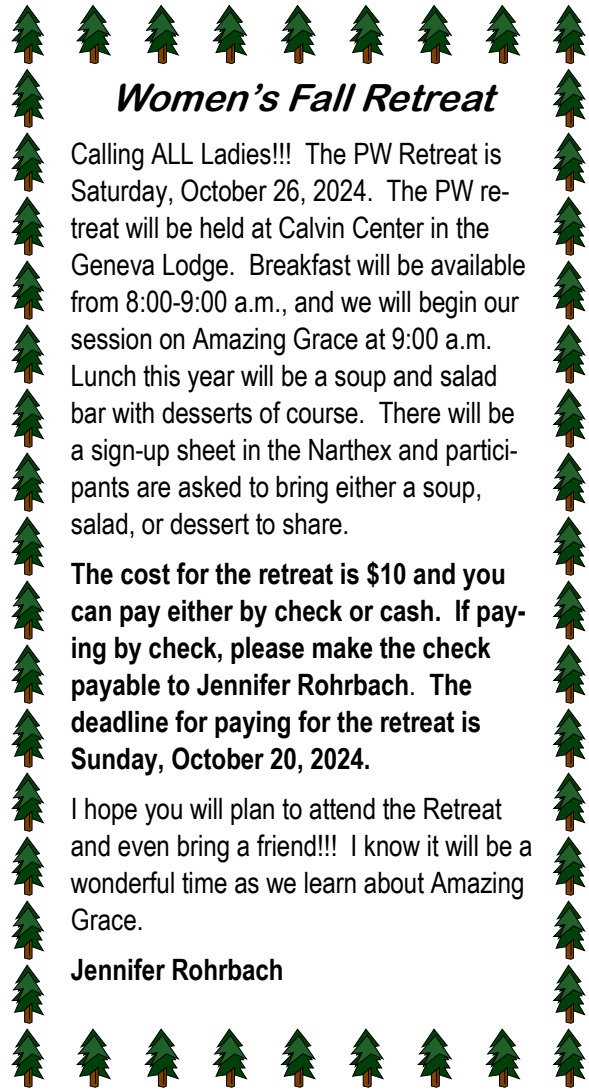
Annual Apple Trip

The Craft Group will be going on our annual Apple Trip, Tuesday, October 22, We will meet at the church, 9:30 am to carpool. Our first stop is lunch at the Biguns BBQ Restaurant, 362 Carns Mill Rd, Talking Rock (just off 515 South of Elijah). After lunch we will go to the Panorama Apple Barn. Craft Group members **PLEASE RSVP to Barbara Barlow** in person, by phone, text or email as soon as possible. Husbands and/or boyfriends are invited, Drivers are needed.

REFORMATION SUNDAY

Remember that: Sunday, October 27, we will celebrate Reformation with Kirkin' of the Tartans - so wear your native dress and come prepared to look at our Presbyterian heritage. Church-wide covered dish luncheon to follow.

Women's Fall Retreat



Calling ALL Ladies!!! The PW Retreat is Saturday, October 26, 2024. The PW retreat will be held at Calvin Center in the Geneva Lodge. Breakfast will be available from 8:00-9:00 a.m., and we will begin our session on Amazing Grace at 9:00 a.m. Lunch this year will be a soup and salad bar with desserts of course. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and participants are asked to bring either a soup, salad, or dessert to share.

The cost for the retreat is \$10 and you can pay either by check or cash. If paying by check, please make the check payable to Jennifer Rohrbach. The deadline for paying for the retreat is Sunday, October 20, 2024.

I hope you will plan to attend the Retreat and even bring a friend!!! I know it will be a wonderful time as we learn about Amazing Grace.

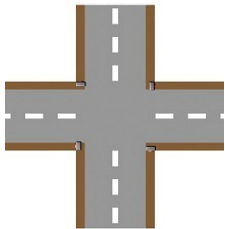
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OUR CORE VALUES:

- 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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