

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

I'm praying for cooler weather. My weeds are getting bigger, and it's just too hot to go out there and get them under control. I'm also praying for rain. I always look forward to the transition in the fall to cooler mornings and evenings so I can weed in the morning and sit outside in the evening. So I have hope for the first days of September.

Speaking of hope, our fall Sunday School study is about hope – something I think we often forget about. We have all kinds of emotions – fear, worry, worry, worry, worry, joy, peace, but we forget about hope. Hope is what gets me up every morning and why I pray at night. I hope in the Lord. I hope that the God of Israel will somehow bring an end to violence there, and somehow prevent an epidemic of polio in Gaza. I hope that our leaders will be civil to each other, a skill we seem to be losing as a society. I hope that folks in our church who are ill will get better. I hope that I can keep a sense of childlike wonder when I look at the stars and at the flowers blooming. I hope that the watermelon and tomatoes stay flavorful for a while longer.

Hope is the fuel that keeps me running. The Bible is full of hope:

Isaiah 40:31 - But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Micah 7:7 - But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD, I wait for God my Savior; my God will hear me.

Romans 5:3-4 - Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

So I hope you will practice remembering that hope comes from the Lord, always. We hope in the Lord and the Lord will renew our strength, hear us when we cry out, and give us perseverance in our faith. May you have hope this September, as we enter a new season.

Jeanne

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

09/03 Dot Pearce

09/06 Pam Langley

09/10 Eliot Lawrence

09/11 Greg Durden

09/27 Nell Cates

09/29 Jim Simpson

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!

07/16 Chris Banke - biopsy of liver to determine cause of problems

07/21 Tony Bray (Debbie's brother) -Long recovery ahead for injuries from fall

08/20 Judy Etheridge Dortch (Glenda's sister) - facing heart surgery to implant a defibrillator/pacemaker on 09/5.

07/23 Ruth & Erwin Gettys—continuing health problems

07/23 Annelle Maxwell—testing & treatment for breathing & heart rate issues

08/14 Don & Jo Nelson – Don is in ICU with complications at Piedmont Henry hip fracture found from fall. Jo is staying at the hospital with him

07/14 John Randolph -tests inconclusive, 3 more months of chemo, then test again

07/10 Pat Randolph – right hip replaced on Aug. 21 at Piedmont Newnan

07/21 Serena Staats—dealing with constant pain, awaiting knee replacement

07/14 Angie Tharpe – recovering from deep vein blood clot, can move around now

07/17 Bob Uhlin (Mary's daughter's coworker) - heart attack & heart surgery

08/21 Feroze Yusufji-home from hospital, recovering well

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.

Chank You

Because of your generosity we were able to donate 1848 items of school supplies at a value of \$1,565.94 to Kinship Care, which is a group of grandparents in Clayton County that are raising their grandchildren. We are the only ones helping them at this time so the items were much needed.

Connie McWilliams
Community Missions

Thank You

Dear PPC family,

Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and encouragement during my recent illness. The thoughts and prayers were definitely felt! I am so thankful for my church family!

Blessing to you all,

Kathie Pierce

Chank You

Many thanks to all of you who have been praying for our friends and former neighbors Arvis, Martin, and baby Mallen Smith. Little Mallen just turned three months old, is thriving and doing well. Mom Arvis has continued to battle occasional infections but hopes to be in good shape for surgery to reconnect her ureter scheduled the end of September. Your prayers are so appreciated.

Thanks much, Lynn Vandiver

PW MESSAGE CORNER:

SEP 12—07:00pm—Mary & Martha Circle –virtual

SEP 14—10:30am—Circle One

SEP 17—10:30am—Busy Bees Circle





WORKDAY, SATURDAY, September 21, @ 9:00AM. Please help out if you can.

The Craft Group

Sept 10—11:30am @ Gabinos Mexican Grill, Rock Quarry Rd., Stbg

Sept 24—11:30am @ Italian Oven, Eagles Landing Pkwy, Stbg



Tuesday, Aug 6, 9:30am @ Egg's Up, Morrow. See you there!

The Babb Project—Community Outreach

We are always in need of food items for the bags we give the students each week. See 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.

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

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

We have recently discovered that some of our membership/regular attenders have changed phone numbers and/or have done away with their home phones. We need to make sure we have all the contact information up to date before we send out a new Church Directory in October. Please take the time to fill out a new Membership Profile and place it in the offering plate, mail it back in, or bring by to the church office so our files can be updated.

Forms will be provided in the narthex. Thanks!



<u>OUR MISSION:</u> 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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