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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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What a month December is going to be! Each Sunday we will have something special for Advent, highlighted with Lessons and Carols during the worship service on December 14, with a light lunch and cookie reception afterwards. Please remember to bring Christmas cards and a gift for a child at Securus House on that Sunday as well. Then we will have our Christmas breakfast on December 21. Staff and session members will be treated to lunch by me on December 7 to thank them for their service. And speaking of staff, Cindy will be retiring after 16 years of service to our church, and Ed has been a partner in some of that work with her as well. We hope to acknowledge her/their service during one of our Sundays.

So we shall feast – on good food, on the sight of the huge Christmas tree, poinsettias, wreaths, and lights. We shall worship, singing those wonderful carols we love and listening to the choir treat us to special music. We shall visit with friends as we share cards and news. And we shall support the Babb project with hoodies and scarves for the 13 children we sponsor, Securus House with gifts, and PC(USA) programs, staff and retired ministers who need emergency support with our Joy Gift offerings.

As we come to the end of the year, please remember that for tax purposes, your offerings need to be in the church office by December 31. We can certainly use funds to support our budget. We've had to replace a huge A/C unit this fall, as well as pay for a large septic tank drain field repair. We are trying to replace outdated computer equipment in the office, and to make sure that Babb children have food for both weekends and the holidays when they will not receive breakfast or lunch at school. So please be generous, and we thank you in advance for your contributions toward the work of our church. We are 200 years old, but we have much work yet to do for God's kingdom!

May this season be one of joy and celebration.

Yours in Christ, who came to us as a babe in a manger. Isn't that the most remarkable miracle!

Jeanne

THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

08/ Joyce Smith
20/ Guy Staats
21/ Van Banke
25/ Frances Youngblood
29/ Ann NeSmith

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

1/ Hal & Kathy Banke
1/ Greg & Debbie Durden

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!

11/16 Chris Banke—recovering from gallbladder surgery
11/16 Greg Durden—recovering from ablations on back due to pain
11/23 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell's daughter) starts chemo therapy on Dec. 1st for stomach cancer
09/10 Jeff Foster (Debbie & Dinah's brother) –chemo treatments continuing
10/05 Bob Huie – has 5 fractures and is recovering after a long hospitalization and rehab
11/16 Jim Moore (Beverly's BIL) recovering from hip surgery due to a fall
10/14 Danny Morris' sister's son in stage 4 cancer
09/10 John Randolph – metastatic bladder cancer
11/16 Fred Rohrbach Sr— recovering from rotator cuff surgery on 11/26/25
10/14 Serena Staats – recovering from rotator cuff surgery
08/13 Bill Stanton (Cathy Morris' brother) – failing from COPD and other health issues

Please pray for the AA Participants meeting at our church

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 secypc@bellsouth.net or call a Session member or Shepherd.

9:30am on

Tuesday, Dec. 2nd
@ Egg's Up,
Morrow. See you
there!



Dear PPC Family,

*Thank
you!*

Thank you so much for all of your sweet cards, phone calls, text messages, meals, and hugs as we have mourned the loss of Pam. Pam absolutely loved this church and all of you and we do, too.

Jennifer and Fred

Babb Project Report

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Babb Project thru out the past few years. Because of your generosity, we are able to supply weekend food bags for 13 homeless students. In November, we were able to purchase them school uniforms, and in December we are purchasing warm hoodies and scarves. We are always in need of **food items** that we give the students each week. **Breakfast Items:** Individually wrapped cereal, Pop tarts, Cereal bars, Granola bars, Nutri-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**. Thank you to all who are able to come by on Wednesdays to help fill the bags and deliver them to the school. **See Cathy Morris for details.**

Craft Group

DEC 9—11:30—Craft Group Christmas Party will be at the Meridian Club House. This is a covered dish luncheon. Husbands/Boy Friends of members are invited to attend. Please plan to join us for fun and fellowship. We will have a special guest.

Reservations are required.

WORKDAY— 9:00AM SAT, December 6th

We are setting up for the Lessons and Carols reception on 12/14/25.



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

DEC 12—11:30am—Mary & Martha Circle—lunch at J. Henry's in Griffin

DEC —Circle One—TBA

DEC — Busy Bees—TBA

**Securus 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 14.*

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions

PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Merry Christmas!!! It's hard to believe it's December. This year has passed quickly and the new year is rapidly approaching. There's much to be done—shopping, wrapping, decorating, Christmas cards, baking, etc. Sometimes when we get in a hurry to do all of these things, we forget what the season is really about. I speak from experience. This year, I'm planning to take a few extra minutes to just be still and quiet, and reflect on all that I have to be grateful for, and I hope that you will do the same.

Now down to business. The Session held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025. We met via Zoom. For the month of October, our financial information was as follows:

Total Assets—\$90,245.63

Monthly Identified Offerings—\$19,554.95

YTD Identified Offerings—\$119,679.54

Monthly Total Expenses— \$22,124.53

YTD Expenses—\$168,946.06

Monthly Surplus/Deficit—\$4,431.73—surplus

YTD Surplus/Deficit—(\$13,493.34)

As you know, starting January 1, 2026 I will become the new church secretary. I am very excited for this opportunity, but I also know that I have big shoes to fill. Cindy has been with us for 16 years and has done an amazing job for our church. She is currently teaching me all of the many jobs and tasks that she handles so please be patient as I'm learning.

Since I am now going to be the church secretary, I will not be able to serve as an elder on Session but I am able to continue as the Clerk. This means that we need a new elder that will serve for a 1 year term. The Elder Nominating Committee will once again work on finding a member who is willing to serve on Session. Please consider serving.

Merry Christmas to each and everyone of you!!! May you be blessed and find that this month is filled with joy, laughter, and much love!!!

Love,

Jennifer

Dear Women of the Church,

Thank you for your continued support of the Campbell's soup label collection for Thornwell Orphanage and for the Stamps that you collect for the Stamp Ministry.

I wanted to take a minute to share a bit of information on the Stamp Ministry. The stamps that we collect are sent to a location in Florida where they are sorted and sold. The monies from the sale are used to continue support of preparing, publishing and distributing Spanish Language curriculum for Sunday Schools. Your stamps help impact churches of 40 different denominations and missions in 19 different Spanish speaking countries! The guidelines for stamp collection are much broader than what we have been collecting and I want you to have the updated information. The Stamp Ministry still asks that we leave a border of ¼ to 1/3" and to not remove any stamps from paper. They also will take stamps that are not on paper. The list of what they will take is long and the only thing that I see that they don't want is metered mail nor the permit number of businesses and organizations. A summary of what they will take is listed here for anyone interested in the details! They will take:

- Small common ½ cent through current postal rate including Hanukkah, Kwanza, EID, Purple Heart and Celebrate and etc.;
- Christmas stamps which includes Winter Birds, Winter Berries and Winter Scenes;
- High value stamps – anything over the current first class postal rate;
- Air Mail stamps;
- Presorted, pre cancelled, nonprofit and bulk rate (these are glued on stamps not information printed on paper);
- Large commemoratives stamps (usually rectangular or larger squares); Express stamps \$2.90, \$8.75, \$9.95, \$10.95 and up;
- Priority stamps \$2.40, \$2.90 and up; Love stamps; foreign stamps ON paper and OFF paper;
- Canadian stamps;
- Uncancelled stamps;
- Computer generated postage (with an illustration or a photograph or with a black mosaic rectangle);
- Stamps that are pre-printed on envelopes;
- Damaged stamps;
- Stamps off paper.

As you can see it is a long list! I also found out that they collect picture post cards both unused and used and request that if the post card is used to please leave the stamps on the cards.

I love how generous our community of women are and as I send off another full package of Stamps to the Stamp Ministry, I am grateful!

Kathie Pierce, World Wide Missions

P.S. As the temperatures cool down and you reach for that can of soup, remember that the entire label is needed so if it gets torn, include both sections. I am sending off a package of soup labels to Thornwell as well.



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November 30–11:00am–Hanging of the Green

December 7–12:15pm–Staff and Elder-Christmas Lunch

December 14–11:00am–Lessons & Carols with light lunch reception, Christmas Card Exchange, and deadline to bring gifts for Securus House

December 21–9:30am–Christmas Breakfast. Bring you favorite breakfast dish

December 24–5:00pm–Christmas Eve Service at First Baptist Church Morrow



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