

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's time to decompress and watch the final football championship games. Although, depending on whether your team is in one of them, it may be a little stressful! We will celebrate Epiphany on January 5 and the Baptism of the Lord on January 12, and then we will enter "ordinary" or "ordinal" time (because the weeks are counted as numeric "proprs" or church services) until March 5, when Lent begins with Ash Wednesday.

During ordinary time, I'm always reminded that we use the color green, which to me signifies fertility and growth. It's a time of studying our faith and celebrating our blessings. It's a time of sitting in front of the fireplace as the days get dark so much earlier. The darkness, though, is a warm space, where we can lean toward spring as we wait for winter to be over, and have some rest and peace. Once Eastertide ends with Pentecost June 8, we enter a longer ordinary time until Advent comes again. That second ordinary time to me always signifies reaping the bounty of the harvest, and a busy time of enjoying the blessings of gardens and fresh food.

I hope this winter you will use your ordinary time to just do some ordinary things, and enjoy them. God gives us this "hibernation" time to follow Jesus' journey in ministry and to examine our own journey. May you have peace during this green season of blessing.

In Christ,

Jeanne

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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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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

11/Debbie Durden
21/ Tom Murphy
22/ Becky Huie

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

01/ Francis & Darrell Youngblood
01/ Jeanne & Jim Simpson
Nancy & Jim Phillips

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Jim Phillips
Tom Murphy
Cathy Morris



**WORKDAY—SAT,
January 18, 9:00AM**

Please know that help is needed to get things ready for Homecoming. We 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**

Thank You Thank you, my church family, for all my Christmas cards this year. I love hearing from you.

Ann NeSmith



Tuesday, January 7, 9:30am
@ Egg's Up, Morrow. See you there!

Craft Group

January 14@ Long Horn Rest., Morrow
Plan to complete our calendar the the year, 2025, afterwards at the church.

January 28—TBA

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!

12/29 **Andrea Briggs (Frances' daughter) - recovering from kidney stone & sepsis, improving**

12/29 **Greg Durden—recovering from hip replacement surgery on 1/9**

12/23 Ruth & Erwin Gettys—continuing health problems

12/08 Cleveland Lamon (Mary Smith's BIL) – having kidney issues

12/29 **Danny Morris—back pain and sciatica**

12/16 John Randolph –metastasized bladder cancer, chemo treatments

12/09 Pat Randolph – recovering from hip replacement

11/12 Pam Rountree – surgery, melanoma on left arm, physical therapy, torn meniscus, rt knee

11/27 Serena Staats – recovering from knee replacement, at home

12/17 Bill Wood (Frances' brother) – home recovering from, pneumonia & sepsis

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



Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase hoodies for our students this Christmas. We are always in need of **food items** for the bags we give the students each week. See the 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**.

Because of your generosity, we were able to donate Christmas gifts & supplies to Secur'us House this year, the most we have ever given: 3,537 items valued at \$2,816.42.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

Jan 08—07:00pm—Mary & Martha Circle –virtual

Jan 11—10:30am—Circle One

Jan 21—10:30am— Busy Bees Circle

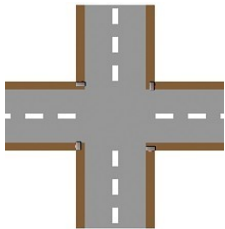


OUR MISSION: is to offer spiritual peace in a chaotic world through the stability of traditional Christ-centered teaching, worship and prayer.

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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