

# **PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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## **THE CROSSROADS**

It's almost here! Our big birthday party! We're going to have some special guests, one of our own PPC "kids" is going to preach, and we're going to have a wonderful catered meal that no one had to cook! I am astounded at the hard work that church members have put in to make the church look good – from painting inside and out to new flooring to specially decorated bulletin boards to special choral music (including a special commissioned anthem for the occasion) to decorating the cemetery with flowers on the graves to – I can't even think of everything that's being done. People are here all week long cleaning baseboards and bathrooms and display cases and the kitchen. They are going room by room and cleaning up and throwing out stuff that may not be 200 years old, but seems like it! I'm afraid to list all the people because I know I'll miss some, but suffice it to say that almost every able bodied person who attends church is going above and beyond to make this church a place you can be proud of when you come.

You will see plenty of folks with special blue anniversary shirts on. You have an opportunity to order a special brick for our front azalea and rose garden path with your names or whatever you'd like to commemorate on it. We will meet at 9:30 for registration, muffins and beverages, and fellowship. Then we will worship with music that will be familiar to you, familiar words of worship, and a sermon by Rev. John Westlund. Then we shall feast and talk and enjoy a time where we visit with the PPC family that has come home to celebrate 200 years of service and fellowship. We can't wait to see you.

Yours 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

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

### THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

06/ Pegge & Ed Murphy  
12/ Joan & Tom Murphy  
21/ Parveen & Feroze 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!*

08/31 James Brady (Joyce Smith's BIL) – light stroke, home now with in home therapy.  
08/10 Debbie Durden - recovering from fractured right arm  
08/10 Jeff Foster (Debbie & Dinah's brother) –chemo treatments continuing  
08/16 Cathleen Hatch (Cathy Morris' daughter) recovering from foot surgery  
09/03 Connie McWilliams recovering from eye surgery  
08/10 Luis Mendez (Senda de Salvacion pastor) – no weight on broken leg and ankle for 6-8 months  
08/10 John Randolph – metastatic bladder cancer  
09/10 Jim Simpson— severe pressure wound on foot  
08/10 Serena Staats – rotator cuff surgery to be rescheduled  
08/13 Bill Stanton (Cathy Morris' brother) – failing from COPD and other health issues  
08/31 Bobby Stanton (Cathy Morris' brother) – broke hip and pneumonia, improving  
09/07 The Westlunds – Jack is recovering from hip replacement & Ginger, reaction to antibiotics

**Please pray for the AA Participants meeting at our church**



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

### **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 [secypopc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secypopc@bellsouth.net) or call a Session member or Shepherd.**

## HOMEcoming 2025

**We are celebrating our 200th birthday on October 12.**

**The PPC web page still has the information to make a purchase of several commemorative items.**

**To see everything offered, go to our website at [www.ppc-usa.org](http://www.ppc-usa.org) and click on [More Info and Register here].**

### **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 week-end food bags for 14 homeless students. We also plan to purchase school uniforms for them as well. In August we spent \$414.16 for the food items needed for the bags. We are always in need of **food items** we give the students each week. **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 micro-wavable 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.**

### **PW MESSAGE CORNER:**

OCT 8—07:00pm—Mary & Martha Circle—virtual

OCT 11—10:30am—Circle One

OCT 21 Busy Bees—TBA



### **Craft Group**

OCT 14—11:30 Craft Group @ Longhorn Rest., Morrow

OCT 28—11:30AM Craft Group @ Biguns BBQ Rest.,  
362 Carnes Mill Rd., Talking Rock, GA 30175  
then to Panorama Apple Barn, Ellijay

### **ANNUAL APPLE TRIP**

Craft Group will be going on our annual Apple Trip on October 28. We will meet at the church to carpool at 9:30am. Husbands and/or boy-friends of Craft Group Members are invited (drivers needed). RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Please contact Barbara Barlow no later than Sunday, October 26.



### **WORKDAY— 9:00AM SAT, October 4 & 11**

We are putting on the finishing touches to the building for Homecoming. Workdays start at 9:00 a.m. and all help is greatly appreciated.



## **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,

Happy Fall Y'all and Happy Homecoming!!! Homecoming is here, and we are ready – almost. I am definitely ready for the beautiful colors and cooler temperatures of the Fall season. I want to take a moment to thank each of you. You have come and helped on Saturday workdays, come and worked during the week, served on committees, and prayed for our church as we get ready to celebrate 200 years. It absolutely amazes me that our church has been here for 200 years and that we continue to do good work within our community. While we are a smaller congregation currently, we are still shining our light in our community and strive to provide help whenever possible. So, Thank You!!! None of this would be possible without you!

The Session held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2025. We met via Zoom. For the month of August, our financial information was as follows:

**Total Assets - \$82,537.06**

**Monthly Identified Offerings – \$11,174.00**

**YTD Identified Offerings – \$84,888.59**

**Monthly Total Expenses – \$15,672.35**

**YTD Expenses – \$132,329.67**

**Monthly Surplus/Deficit – (\$2,338.69) – deficit**

**YTD Surplus/Deficit – (\$21,313.39) - deficit**

As you can see our monthly expenses in August were more than our identified offerings. As always, we greatly appreciate your financial support.

Homecoming is here!!! On October 12, 2025 we will gather together and celebrate 200 years of service to God and our community! Our lunch that day is being catered so that we can just enjoy the meal and time together and we don't have to cook. **The lunch menu is Pulled BBQ Pork, chicken tenders, coleslaw, baked beans, Mac and cheese, green beans, and rolls for the BBQ if you want to make it a sandwich.** We will also have cake for dessert. We still have a couple of workdays prior to Homecoming so if you are able to come and help please do so. **All help is greatly appreciated.** If you signed up for lunch but have not paid for it yet, you will be able to do so on Homecoming Sunday or you can put your payment in the offering on Sunday and just mark it for Homecoming lunch.

We are now in search of elders for the upcoming term. Please pray about serving as an elder.

Hope to see you at the remaining workdays and at Homecoming!!!

Much love,

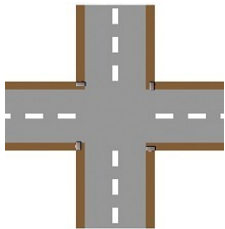
**Jennifer**

**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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