

**PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**THE CROSSROADS**

It's almost Easter, with all the spring colors and dyed eggs and chocolate bunnies. And with it will come our annual Easter breakfast, with Rick's pancakes and various casseroles. But we must journey through Holy Week first. Jesus' journey to Jerusalem on a donkey starts in triumph with waving palms and ends in what we call Passion Sunday, with the beginning of a week leading toward death and resurrection. While Jesus is in Jerusalem for the 8 day Passover celebration, he criticizes the Jewish leaders, cleanses the temple of the money changers, and predicts the destruction of the temple. So they begin to plot to kill him.

On the day we call Maundy Thursday, Jesus institutes what we call communion at his last Passover meal with the disciples, and when he goes out to pray on the Mount of Olives later that evening, he is arrested. Crucifixion follows on Good Friday, with silence and absence through Holy Saturday in what the church calls the Easter Vigil. And then, and then -- God's ability to perform miracles is displayed in all its splendor with an empty tomb on Easter morning, as we sing Alleluia. The earth resettles from emptiness and darkness into light and joy, and we came move on in God's grace.

I hope you will pray during Holy Week as we remember Jesus' agony, and then rejoice with us on Easter morning as the glory of the Lord comes among us.

*Jeanne*

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**THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS**

- 06/ Fred Rohrbach Jr
- 08/ Erin Randolph
- 13/ Tom Smith
- 14/ Mallory Banke
- 15/ Jeanne Simpson
- 17/ Kathie Pierce
- 23/ Serena Staats
- 24/ John Randolph

**THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10/ Andrew & Rikki Durden
- 15/ Jennifer & Fred Rohrbach
- 21/ Mallory & Chris Banke
- 24/ Glenda & Rusty Taylor
- 29/ Blake & Susan Phillips

**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!*

- 03/11 Barbara Barlow – physical therapy is going well and she's getting stronger
- 03/11 Margaret Brady – Joyce Smith's sister – not at Christian City. She is at a nursing home in Griffin and doing well.
- 03/25 Tony Bray – Debbie Bray's brother – has started chemo treatments which will last for 6 weeks**
- 03/02 Ann Bryant (Janice Lockhart's stepmom)-in rehab facility but hoping to go home on 3/6 and receive PT at home for her hip and her shoulder.
- 03/02 Clyde Bryant (Janice's dad) – dementia, mobility issues, multiple dr appointments
- 02/08 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell's daughter) chemo therapy for stomach cancer
- 03/22 Betty McDonald – back home and staying with Mike and Kim and is doing well**
- 02/24 Rick Pierce – procedure went well and waiting for results
- 03/25 Nancy Phillips – tumor has returned and pressing on spine. Biopsy has been done and now waiting on results**
- 03/22 Dot Pearce – recovering from a recent medical issue**
- 03/04 John Randolph – home under Hospice care. He's comfortable and resting
- 03/11 Tom Smith – waiting for dr to decide whether or not he can safely have pacemaker surgery and still having lots of difficulty with his knee.
- 03/01 Rusty Taylor – recovery going well. Cast should come off this month and will start therapy soon

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



**Breakfast Club**

Don't forget that we are now meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month. Please plan to join us for breakfast on Wednesday, April 1st at 9:30am @ Egg's Up, Morrow. See you there!

**Gospel Sing at First Baptist Church of Morrow**

The first Tuesday of each month the First Baptist Church of Morrow is hosting a Gospel sing a long. The sing a long will be from 10:30-11:30am and everyone is invited to come.

This month the sing a long is on Tuesday, April 7th

Prayer Request: Call 404-366-1851, Email [secyppc@att.net](mailto:secyppc@att.net) or call a Session member or Shepherd.

**Holy Week Services**

The following local churches are holding various Holy Week Services.

1. First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro – Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maundy Thursday/Tenebrae/Seven Last Words service @ 5:15pm in the sanctuary, communion offered
2. First Presbyterian Church of Covington – Maundy Thursday 6:00pm Worship – Seder Meal and Communion – Sanctuary
3. Grace United Methodist Church – Good Friday Noon service – soup and sandwiches to follow
4. Stockbridge Presbyterian Church – Maundy Thursday Meal and Service at 6:30pm, Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm



**PW MESSAGE CORNER:**

APRIL 8—Mary & Martha —7:00pm

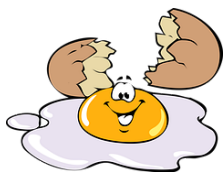
APRIL 11—Circle One— 10:30am



**A Few Reminders:**

- Come See Columbia Day has been changed to 4/23/26—Debbie Bray is going so let her know if you would like to join her.
- PW is collecting for Columbia Friendship Circle this month to benefit Columbia Student’s Scholarships.
- PW is collecting new towels and wash clothes—any color—for Securus House.

We will have our Annual Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 5th. Breakfast will start at 10:00 am so there will be no Sunday School that morning. Members are encouraged to bring their favorite breakfast dish to share with others. We always have plenty of food to share so we hope you will come and join us for breakfast!!!



**WORKDAY— Saturday, April 18th @ 9:00am**

**PPC Clerk’s Corner**

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying spring minus the pollen!!! Hopefully Mother Nature is done with the cold temperatures and the pollen will soon ease off.

The Session held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2026 We met via Zoom. For the month of February, our financial information was as follows:

- Total Assets-\$81,639.20
- Monthly Identified Offerings-\$11,596.00
- Monthly Total Income -\$14,791.24
- YTD Monthly Identified Offerings-\$19,943.35
- Monthly Total Expenses-\$11,790.73
- YTD Expenses-\$22,462.78
- Monthly Surplus/Deficit-\$3,810.51
- YTD Surplus/Deficit-\$2,420.15

As always, we greatly appreciate your financial support and we’re always looking for ways to trim our expenses.

Love,  
**Jennifer**

**Souper Bowl Update**

During our Souper Bowl canned goods drive, we collected 292 items for a total of \$821.38 in goods!!! We also collected an additional \$250 in offerings which gave us a total of \$1,071.38 contributed. Your generosity allowed us to help the Morrow Presbyterian Church Food Pantry with serving those in need within our community. Great job Philadelphia!!!

***The Babb Project –Community Outreach***

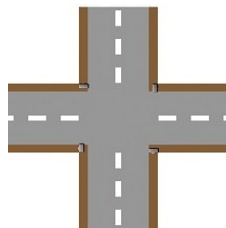
With your generosity, we were able to spend \$227.23 for food in February to support this ministry. We are always in need of food items for the bags we give the students each week. See the list on our bulletin board. **Monetary Gifts** are also welcomed. Make your check payable to PPC and mark it for the Babb Project. For more info see Debbie Durden or Danny Morris.





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