

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE CROSSROADS

I really hoped winter would kinda skip us this year, but it just hit with a vengeance. I had to pull out the really heavy coat and gloves, even. I thought I'd left all that behind when I left my brother's in Minnesota a couple of weeks ago. What I AM enjoying, though, is the cardinal that's hanging around my bird feeder. This bright spot of red in the middle of mostly gray. It makes me notice the bird more. Did you know that red is the longest wavelength of any color, and it lasts the longest? We have symbols of danger and excitement in red. We think of blood and seduction and warning when we see it. It's also supposed to stimulate the appetite, so it is used by many food brands in packaging.

We only use red paraments one Sunday a year – for Pentecost – and it generally portrays the Holy Spirit in the church. As we move through these cold, gray days, I plan to look for red and other bright colors around me. They remind me of God's gifts that stimulate me – red berries and green evergreens and the bright morning sun and orange/pink setting sun. Full moons and Jupiter shining near.

The days are already getting longer, and some of my spring bulbs are up. My narcissus are already blooming, and one brave Escort azalea has a beautiful pink bloom displayed. So I shall enjoy the colors amidst the cold and thank God for his presence in these days of quiet and what I think of as nature's gestation period. May you be blessed this winter with warmth and God's gracious love.

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THIS MONTH'S BIRTHDAYS

10/ Jeff Randolph
11/ Mary Smith
18/ Hal Banke
21/ Barbara Barlow

THIS MONTH'S ANNIVERSARIES

10/ Becky & Bob Huie

THIS MONTH'S USHERS

Fred Rohrbach
David Hatch
Debbie Bray

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!

- 01/04 Barbara Barlow – home and recovering from broken arm. In good spirits-no visitors please
- 01/04 Tabatha Cantrell (Jennifer & Fred's niece)-recovering from surgery to remove kidney stone
- 01/18 Zenas Carteret – Xavier's brother – surgery was successful and his kidney function is improving
- 11/16 Greg Durden—recovering from ablations on back due to pain
- 11/23 Tammy Espe (Fran & Darrell's daughter) chemo therapy for stomach cancer
- 01/04 Jeff Foster (Debbie & Dinah's brother) –has completed chemo
- 01/11 Stan Meares – Danny Morris's nephew – cancer has metastasized to his brain. He was in ICU but has been moved down one step below ICU.
- 01/04 John Randolph – home under Hospice care. He's comfortable and resting
- 11/16 Fred Rohrbach Sr— physical therapy for rotator cuff surgery
- 12/14 Tom Smith – fell and broke 2 ribs
- 11/14 Serena Staats – physical therapy for rotator cuff surgery

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

Babb Project Report

Thank you to everyone who has supported and continues to support the Babb Project. Because of your generosity, we are able to supply weekend food bags for 13 homeless students. 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 Debbie Durden for details.**



PW MESSAGE CORNER:

FEB 11—Mary & Martha —7:00pm

FEB 14—Circle One— 10:30am

FEB 17 — Busy Bees—10:30am



A Few Reminders:

- We're collecting Blessing Boxes in February.
- PW Coordinating Team will meet on March 1st
- Come See Columbia Day is 3/19/26



This year's Super Bowl luncheon and Chili Cook-off is on Sunday, February 8, 2026 which is the actual day of the Super Bowl. If you don't wish to enter the cook-off but will still be joining us for lunch, please consider bringing side dishes, dessert, or drinks. You may find the signup sheet in the narthex. *Thomas Thigpen, CE & Fellowship*

FOOD DRIVE

We are accepting soups, canned good, and non-perishable items to be donated to a local food pantry during the months of January & February. If you wish to make a monetary donation, make your check payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church and mark it for Super Bowl/Food Pantry.

Connie McWilliams, Community Missions.

9:30am on Tuesday, February 3rd @ Egg's Up, Morrow. See you there!



PPC Clerk's Corner

Greetings from the Clerk of Session,

Happy Valentine's Day! While the winter months are important for many reasons, I think I am ready for Spring. I enjoy being able to snuggle under warm blankets, drink hot chocolate, and either read, watch movies, or cross stitch. However, I am starting to get antsy for warm weather. Spring brings about new growth and new opportunities both of which are important to the church. So for now, enjoy the warm blankets, hot chocolate, and the time to be still because Spring is coming and there will be work to do. Now down to business.

The Session held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2025. We met via Zoom. Please know that at the time of this publication we have not closed out the 2025 year regarding finances. We will close 2025 out the week of January 26th. I will have final numbers for 2025 in the March Crossroads.

We welcome Debbie and Greg Durden back to Session, and are thankful that Rick Pierce and Thomas Thigpen agreed to another 2 year term.

Stay warm and enjoy winter for the next few weeks. Spring is coming soon.

Love,

Jennifer



WORKDAY— Saturday, Feb 28th
@ 9:00am



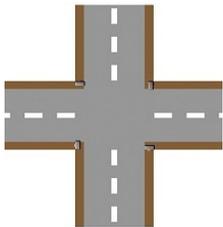
Craft Group

Hoping to resume in March

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