



THE CROSSROADS

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185 Years of Serving God's People

Homecoming—September 26, 2010

Join us as we celebrate

Registration Begins at 9:30 am

Meet and Greet until 10:30 am

Worship at 11:00 am

The Rev. Wayne Morrison,

Featured Speaker

Covered-Dish Lunch to Follow

(Meat and Beverage Provided)



Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
Oglethorpe County, Georgia—Organized 1825

Our vision is to be a light in the community that brings all people to God through Christ-centered worship and ministry, and nurture their faith in order to extend his kingdom.

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After months of hard work and preparation, members of Philadelphia are finally ready to welcome back former members and others whose participation made an impact on our church family and in our worship. We encourage you and members of your extended family to be with us for this joyful celebration.

As we did with the "save the date" cards, we are making available post card invitations if you would like a supply to mail to family members. You may obtain them by contacting Lynn Vandiver at 770-707-2030 or lynn_vandiver@bellsouth.net.

Grateful appreciation is extended to all those who have worked so diligently in preparation for Homecoming. "Many hands make light work." You are appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you ALL there!

OUR MISSION: To exhibit the kingdom of God to our community by being a witness to everyone who is within our reach that Jesus Christ is LORD. To proclaim the gospel by telling the good news of Jesus Christ while equipping all who will to be evangelist so the church will grow. To provide for the worship of God through traditional Sunday morning worship and offer alternative times and styles of worship to the community. To promote the ministry of compassion by providing opportunities for ministry and encouraging others to seek God's call for compassionate service. To preserve the truth of God's word by defending the faith against any deviation from the bible as objective truth. To educate the members of the body of Christ so they are equipped to live as becomes the followers of Jesus. To maintain the spirit of unity through the fellowship of the children of God. To expand the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Thank You!

Thank You for your generous donations of school supplies for Kinship Care Resource Center. They truly appreciated them. I appreciate your support of Community Missions projects. **Nancy Kemper**, Community Missions

Church Family,

Many, many thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards sent my way after my surgery. A special thanks to Nell for the meal that was so very helpful and appreciated by all my family while recovering at mom's house the first two weeks. I still have a long recovery due to the therapy to regain the ability to chew. Not surprising to some, I am talking quite well and have returned to work. With loving gratitude, **Erin Banke Randolph...and Diane, too**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Matthew J. Ashmore** who recently graduated from the Memphis, TN Police Academy following an intensive 21 week training program. At commencement Matthew received awards for physical fitness and firearms proficiency, also known as "Top Gun." He is currently a Patrol Officer for the Memphis Police Department. Matthew's proud parents are Stan and Jenni Ashmore. His proud grandparents are Buddy & Jane Ashmore.

Congratulations to **Megan Beck** for being recognized as a Student of Excellence" by the United States Achievement Academy. This is a prestigious honor very few students can hope to attain. Fewer than 10% of students are eligible for this award. She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's Official Yearbook which is published nationally. Megan's proud parents are Richard and Kelli Beck. Her proud grandmother is Nell Cates.

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

October 10, 2010 is our Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday at PPC. This special service honors women who contribute their gifts to the church and community and lifts up issues of women's rights. Eve, the mother of all living, through the tears of Ester, through an angel to Mary, through Mary and Martha at their brother's death, through the women who came to the tomb, through Priscilla during the time of Pentecost, through women in the church today, God's word is kept alive. From sermons preached to lessons taught, from emails sent to text messages received, from inscriptions on papyrus to internet blogs, the message is still being sent and received by women. We rejoice in and celebrate God's message to women, along with the way women continue to keep God's word alive.

Join us, this day when we will present a "Life Membership Award" to a deserving woman in our congregation, followed by a covered dish dinner in her honor.

2010 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

January thru June

Budget to Date:	\$96,178
Received to Date:	\$99,628
Spent to Date:	\$105,369

The Craft Group's September Schedule

9/14—11:30am—Red Lobster, Tara Blvd

9/28—11:30am—O'Charleys, Stockbridge
Carpool from church at 11:00am

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

Throughout September, we will again collect paper goods and soap for Securus House. They need all manner of paper products: paper plates, paper towels, napkins, tissues, toilet paper, diapers, 9x12 manilla envelopes, writing paper, etc. They also need all kinds of soap: liquid & bar soap (but not hotel soap), laundry detergent, hand sanitizer, dish-washing detergent (hand & machine), and so forth. *Nancy Kemper*

COUPONS FOR THE TROOPS

The three circles will be sorting the coupons in food and non food categories when they meet in September. If you have coupons you would like to donate, please give them to one of the circle members, Busy Bee's, Circle One or Mary & Martha. or leave them in the box by the bulletin board in the hall way.

Thank You, Barbara Barlow

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A Congregational Meeting is scheduled following the worship service on Sunday, September 19 for the purpose of electing elders, hearing a report from the Cemetery Committee, hearing the annual corporate report, and for hearing suggestions for recipients of undesignated memorial funds.

BUSY BEES NEW BIBLE STUDY

The Busy Bees Circle will begin a new Bible Study on September 21. The study of Revelation will be lead by Spencer Frye. Plan now to come and join in this study.

FROM THE CLERK

Another update to keep you informed...

At our August Session meeting on the 15th, Pat Randolph and Fred Rohrbach reported on their attendance at the Presbytery meeting held July 22 at Calvin Center. (You will remember that Spencer was unable to attend due to an auto accident on the way to Calvin that morning in which he totaled his car and ended up with a concussion!) While we are celebrating 185 years, this year marks Calvin Center's 50th anniversary. Young day campers from Calvin received the offering and performed a skit for those in attendance. A new style of presbytery meeting was observed during which communion was served in circles. There were no items on the agenda for a vote.

The Session discussed the length of our published prayer list and, after deliberation, decided that names may continue on the list for a period of two months and will then be removed. They may be reinstated for additional two month periods by request.

The Property Committee reported that in one week we had passed our annual fire inspection (Monday); a water spigot was replaced in the Memory garden (Tuesday); insulation was blown into the attic (Wednesday); and that a restoration workday was scheduled on Saturday.

Two pine trees in the Memory Garden need to be removed to the tune of \$2,400 and an oak overhanging the new roof in front of the fellowship hall needs to be removed for an additional \$1,000. High cost is because a special "cherry picker" truck will have to be used for removal in order to avoid damaging surrounding trees/plants. Hummm.....Perhaps they can plant a money tree in the garden to replace the pines so we can just go outside and shake as needed!

We have only three recognized memorials at Philadelphia: the Memorial Library, the Memory Garden, and the Memorial Fund for which there is no stated use. On occasion, contributors have made donations specifically to our choir, the cemetery, or to the Bereavement Committee or families have asked that large funds be used for a specific purpose. Following the recent death of a member, donations were received which were specified for some of the existing memorial funds. Others donations were received undesignated. A motion was made and passed at the Session meeting that we place those undesignated memorial monies, in this particular case, into the long-term maintenance fund. At the congregational meeting scheduled September 19, the Session would like to hear any *suggestions* that members might have for use of undesignated memorial monies when received. Be thinking about that.

It's time to elect elders again. The Session appointed Pat Randolph (Chair) and Barry Billington to represent the Session on the Nominating Committee. Nancy Phillips will serve by virtue of her office as co-moderator of Presbyterian Women. Dot Pearce and Buck Maxwell were elected at the congregational meeting to represent the congregation. Please support this committee with prayer and if you are asked to serve, please give the request your prayerful consideration.

Blest be the ties that bind, Lynn Vandiver



Happy Birthday to . . .

- 03—Dot Pearce
- 06—Pam Langley
- 07—Jeff Foster
- 08—Gwen Steele
- 11—Jean Ray
- 11—Greg Durden
- 13—Zareen Nevrekar
- 16—Dakota Coddington
- 20—Sherri Frye
- 20—Matt Ashmore
- 21—Lindsey Johnson
- 23—Aurora Staats
- 24—Zara Nevrekar
- 26—Daniel Banke
- 27—Nell Cates
- 28—Blake Phillips

Happy Anniversary to . . .

- 17—Stan & Jenni Ashmore
- 20—Jeff & Donna Foster
- 20—Tony & Diane Kitchen
- 22—James & Jean Ray

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Workers

- 9/5—Joyce Smith
- 9/12—Evelyn Murdock
- 9/19—Serena Staats
- 9/26—Guest

Ushers

- Jim Phillips*
- Tom Murphy
- Darr Johnson
- Emory Pearce

** Head Usher*

Core Values of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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)

WE'RE ON THE WEB AT WWW.PPC-USA.ORG



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TO BE REMEMBERED IN PRAYER AND WITH CARDS (new info in bold)

Please notify us concerning updates. Inquiring minds – and prayerful hearts – want to know!

Henry Allen (Dot Pearce's brother-in-law – complications from diabetes, right foot amputation)

Bobby Ballew (Joyce & Tom Smith's friend – bladder cancer – resuming chemo treatments)

Kathy Banke (recovering from foot surgery on 7/23)

Mack Bethea (Spencer & Sherri's friend – cancer, prognosis not good)

Jayne Bray (Kathy Banke's friend – colon cancer, finished treatment, awaiting surgery)

Beth Brogdon (Patty Boone's cousin – double knee replacement surgery)

Tye Bryant (back surgery, back in hospital with infection, antibiotic treatment)

Jenny Chambers (Becky Huie's sister-in-law - doctors still struggling to save her leg)

Christy Church (Spencer's friend—brain tumor , chemo treatments)

Sara Cleveland (Tom and Joan Murphy's friend - chemo for breast cancer)

Besse Cooper (Angie Tharp's 113-year-old mother - not doing well; dementia)

Don Curlee (Karen Kelly-Nelson's friend - bone cancer)

Gail Downing (Judy Baird's sister – struggling to keep weight at 99 but holding her own)

Spencer Frye (recovering from auto accident on 7/22 – no major injury)

MaryAnn Garwood (Joyce Smith's friend – surgery for colon cancer)

Barbara Gibson (broke ankle – recovering from surgery)

Jean Hale (Dot & Emory Pearce & Barbara Barlow's friend – multiply myeloma – chemo)

Charlie Harkleroad (Andrew Durden's friend – cancer survivor/questionable spot on kidney)

Billy Harris (Louise Etheridge's nephew – leg injury, home now, facing more surgery)

Donna Henderson (requested by Barbara Barlow – cancer)

Elizabeth Hollandsworth (Judy Baird's friend - inoperable liver cancer)

Shannon Hubbell (Tony Kitchen's sister –7th surgery on knee – working, rehab soon)

Sandra Huie (Bob & Becky's daughter-in-law – Crohn's Disease, trouble with meds, painful)

Monetta Metzker (Fran Youngblood's friend – oral cancer, has fractured hip, facing surgery)

Joan Murphy (started out-patient physical therapy on 8/19 for knee replacement)

Ann Nesmith (improving. still under care at Pain Care Management)

Regina Page (Dot Dunn's friend – cancer, undergoing harsh bi-weekly chemo)

Kera Parr (Pat Randolph's friend – 16 year old with life threatening cancer)

Dan Payseur (Louise Etheridge's son-in-law – inoperable throat cancer, radiation & chemo)

Jan Peavy (Pam Langley's friend's wife – breast cancer, chemo now, double mastectomy later)

Landy Ponder (friend of Spencer Frye – 3 brain tumors)

Lamar Shields (The Ashmore's & Betty Foster's friend—cancer of the esophagus—chemo)

Rusty Taylor (surgery on 8/3 and 8/23 for skin cancers)

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Mary Binkney

Tye Bryant

Martha Conrad

Joan Cushing

Nella Ree Dunn

Doris Ellis

Marie Foster

Myrtice Ormond

James Ray

Bert Tatzel

JoAnn Tatzel

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