

# THE CROSSROADS

## Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

351 Morrow Road, Forest Park, Georgia 30297

*Our vision is to be 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.*

### WHY DO PRESBYTERIANS SAY "DEBTS" IN THE LORD'S PRAYER?

The New Testaments gives us two versions of the lord's Prayer. In Luke 11:1-4 we learn to ask God to "forgive us our sins," but most Presbyterians follow Matthew 6:9-13 and pray, "forgive us our debts." The root meaning of the Greek word for debt is the money a borrower owes to a lender, often with the idea it is way past due. In religious context the word is not usually not about money, but about the unfulfilled debt we owe God. Our failure to discharge our obligation to God becomes a synonym for sin. So when we pray using the word "debts" we are asking for pardon for not meeting our covenant responsibilities to God. It makes no difference whether we ask to forgives us our debts, trespasses or sins- these are all the same. Still there can be a significant devotional strength to the word "debt," if we let it remind us that our relationship with God is not one of happenstance, but one that carries a sacred duty.

*Pastor Spencer*

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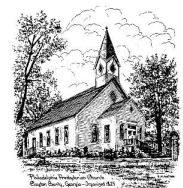
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**The Good Shepherd Clinic invites everyone to its ninth annual Tomato Sandwich Party fundraiser on Saturday, August 6 at the Morrow Center located at Southlake Mall. This year's Tomato Sandwich Party will be held from 5-7:30 p.m. A minimum donation at the door will be \$10 per person and includes a variety of food and drink featuring make-your-own tomato sandwiches, a pickle bar, and dessert. Local entertainment will be provided by Eldrin Bell, The Jonesmen, and Faculty Grass.**



**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

Our 4th of July cookout/Luncheon was a great success. There were almost 100 people in attendance. Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this a great day, the men who cooked hamburgers and hot dogs, the people who help decorate, and the set up & clean up crew. The food was delicious and everyone had a good time.

Dear Congregation,

I would like to thank you for coming to our luncheons and donating however much you could. And thank you Mrs. Jennifer for taking time to put the luncheons together. This was my best year at camp!

Sincerely, *Felicia Mann*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your support and assistance to allow Kaylynn and I the opportunity to attend camp at Camp Calvin. Kaylynn's favorite activity was swimming and mine was arts and crafts. We look forward to going again next summer.

Love, *Diane Kitchen and Kaylynn LaFoy*

### Congratulations!

To **Jackson Randolph**: (parents: Jeff and Erin Banke Randolph) for *Perfect Attendance* for the Year Award- No absences, no check-outs, no tardies for the entire year. *Good Conduct Award*, All "A" *Honor Roll* For the Year Award *Accelerated Reader Award*, *Sportsmanship Award Metal* - from physical education dept., one boy and one girl receives it each year. *Gold Metal* from physical education dept. for outstanding achievement for all the fitness tests for the year (He received the bronze last year and was very excited. So getting the gold this year was tremendous achievement. Only 2 golds were handed out.)

To **Van Banke**: On his retirement as Clayton County Chief Juvenile Court Judge on June 30th, 2011.

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A short Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the worship service on Sunday, August 21 for the purpose of selecting two members from the congregation to serve on the Elder Nominating Committee.

### PW Message Corner . . .



**Attention Ladies:** I am currently working on the slate of officers for 2012 for the PW Coordinating Team. There are still various positions that need to be filled. If you would be interested in serving on the coordinating team please contact me by August 14, 2012.  
*Jennifer Rohrbach - Search*

Sunday, September 11, following the worship service -- **Presbyterian Women (PW) Annual Meeting** for all women in Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. This will be a short meeting for election of our 2012 PW Officers and presentation of the 2012 PW budget.

### Happy 20Th Anniversary Craft Group

August 1991, we formed the Craft Group to learn Cross Stitch. We decided to meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 11:30--2:30. By 1994 most of us had mastered the art. Our first trip was May 24, 1994, to the Whistle Stop Cafe in Juliette, Georgia, we had a great time. By 1995, we were scheduling a trip once a month.

In 1998, we decided to travel full time and leave our crafts behind. We have traveled to Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee and countless towns and cities all over Georgia. What goes on in the Craft Group stays in the Craft Group. (snitches will be dealt with appropriately).

Through the years members have moved away, and some have gone to be with the Lord: Louisa Myers, June Jones, June Shannon, Belle Lawrence and Nella Ree Dunn.

Some of you may not be aware of the fact we have had intruders through the years, or I should say some have tried. But we remain a LADIES ONLY group. All ladies of the church are welcome to join us at any time. The schedule is listed in the bulletin and Cross Roads. Husbands are invited to join a meeting here and there, but its by invitation only, invitations are rarely issued. I hope this clears up any false information or rumors going around.  
*Barbara Barlow*

### Clerk's Committee Meeting

The Clerks Committee will meet in the church library on Sunday, August 7, immediately following the worship hour for the purpose of discussing/ planning the new pictorial directory.

### PLOT LUNCHEON

The next PLOT Luncheon will be Sunday, August 14, immediately following worship. The menu is a Salad Bar. Proceeds go to our summer camp fund. Come and join in the fun and fellowship

## ***From the Clerk . . .***

The vote is in. If you have been following the issues before our denomination related to changes in the Book of Order/Book of Confessions you have no doubt heard the results. A majority of the presbyteries in the General Assembly have voted not to include the Confession of Belhar in our confessions, to include changes in the form of government (Section G of the Book of Order), and to remove the "fidelity and chastity" in ordination standards. Perhaps the most hotly contested was the latter, being debated and voted over several decades.

What you may not know is that a group of like-minded Presbyterian ministers have joined together to address "the steady decline for 45 years" of our denomination which could well be the result of disputes over some of these issues. It is the goal of this "Fellowship" to change the course of the denomination. As of March, 219 pastors had signed on. "A meeting has been planned August 25-27 at Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina, Minnesota, for like-minded pastors and elders to explore joining the movement and shaping its character." (The Layman, March 2011) The Session of Philadelphia has approved and will fund Spencer's attending this important meeting.

I have and would be willing to share with you via email or hard copy:

- a two-page letter and attachment from Tom Evans, Executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta, which explains the new language resulting from the passage of Amendment A and the change in ordination standards.
- a summary from the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, Donna Wells, regarding changes in the form of government.
- the March issue of The Layman containing articles on the Fellowship of Pastors movement.

At our July 17 Session meeting we addressed the issue of lapses in building security. We have an alarm system as well as security cameras but while we have designated folks who are kind enough to lock the building following worship services, any additional activities are the responsibility of those hosting a meeting, meal or event. Please make sure that you either have a key and alarm code or that you have arranged for someone who does to lock up after your event.

In other Session business, we approved a request from the Worship Committee to send our old choir robes to First United Methodist Church in Gainesville, Texas where long-time Philadelphia member Daniel Banke is the Director of Music Ministries. How nice to be able to put them to good use!

We approved a request to continue our once-a-month meals sponsored by the youth to raise funds for camp scholarships. This year, however, we will be changing the meals from the third to the second Sunday of each month. Mark your calendars! Get ready for some yummy meals. (My personal favorite is when they do Mexican!)

We approved a request from the Huie family to hold their annual reunion the third Saturday in October. They have been celebrating here on the third Sunday of October for years and years and years. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all families celebrated their heritage in such a manner!

Work is progressing on our new pictorial directory. Fred has completed photos of most of our members and faithful visitors and Cindy has imported them into the computer program. If you are one of the few who has not had your photo taken, won't you please reconsider? A photo directory is such a help to the new among us and, praise God, we have been blessed with several since the first of the year!

Another interesting thing of which you might not be aware...The Property Committee, under the direction of Rick Pierce, is looking into the possibility of having our unused ball field become a community garden – not this year, of course, but next. Soil samples have been sent for analysis and we are awaiting the results. A community garden could be of double benefit – providing a service to our community (always one of our goals) and introducing members of the community to the life and activities of our church.

A sure sign that fall is coming is the upcoming selection of a new class of elders. Debbie Durden and Darr Johnson will represent the Session on the Elder Nominating Committee. A Congregational Meeting will be held following the worship service on August 21 for the purpose of selecting two members from the congregation; and either Debbie Bray or Nancy Phillips, Co-moderators of Presbyterian Women, or someone they appoint will serve to represent PW. A follow-up Congregational Meeting will be held in September to elect elders. Please give prayerful consideration to serving on this committee if you are asked and also to serving as an elder if you are approached by the committee. God will equip you to serve.

Whew! I think I'm done.

I pray God's continued blessings on each and every one of you. Remember, you are loved at Philadelphia and our God is good ...all the time!

Lynn Vandiver, Clerk of Session



**AUGUST VOLUNTEERS**

**Nursery Workers**

**Ushers**

07 / Serena Staats

Emory Pearce

04 / Nancy Kemper

Bob Huie

21 / Emily Lyle

Pat Randolph

28 / Joyce Smith

Buddy Ashmore

***Happy Birthday to ...***

- 01 / Doris Ellis
- 04 / Kwadwo Totimeh
- 19 / Glenda Taylow
- 20 / Elizabeth Ford
- 22 / Betty Brock
- 22 / Stan Ashmore
- 23 / Marie Foster
- 24 / Donna Foster
- 27 / Don Ford
- 30 / Brooke Lloyd

***Happy Anniversary to ...***

- 06 / Bud & Mona Steele
- 24 / Emory & Dot Pearce
- 25 / Erwin & Ruth Gettys

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**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)



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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!***

7/5 **Ken Brown** (Joyce Smith’s brother-in-law) recovering from surgery for aneurysm

6/20 **Bill Hines** (Kayre Pierce’s dad) – complications from cataract surgery

7/17 **Baylee Holder** (Wes & Lisa’s daughter) – in and out of hospital with leukemia

6/20 **Landy Ponder** (Spencer’s friend) – continued complications from tumors

6/26 **Bill Stanton** (Cathy Morris’ brother) – recovering from surgery for blocked carotid artery

6/26 **170th Infantry Brigade Combat Team** in Afghanistan lost 8 soldiers since February  
(their families are located on Germany and receive our coupon donations)

**OUR HOMEBOUND:**

<b>Mary Binkney</b>	<b>Marie Foster</b>
<b>Tye Bryant</b>	<b>Myrtice Ormond</b>
<b>Joan Cushing</b>	<b>Bert Tatzel</b>
<b>Doris Ellis</b>	<b>JoAnn Tatzel</b>

*Addresses of our homebound are on the bulletin board.*

To make a prayer request, you may call the church office at 404-366-1851, send an email to [secyppc@bellsouth.net](mailto:secyppc@bellsouth.net) or click on the prayer request button on our website at [www.ppc-usa.org](http://www.ppc-usa.org).