



THE C R O S S R O A D S

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.

“IN BETWEEN”

There is such a place in Georgia called “Between, Georgia.” It would be hard to tell someone where you are from like, “Hey you where you from? Between. Between what? Between, Georgia. In Between Georgia and what?” It is actually a town you can pass through from Atlanta to Athens. We are sort of in between church seasons right now. This is supposed to be Epiphany which runs until Lent. I do not cater to church seasons that much. Between seasons of the church and Holidays there are not many Sundays left to preach what God may be speaking to you at the moment. That is also why I do not follow the “Lectionary.” A Lectionary is a book or listing that contains a collection of scripture readings appointed for Christian or Judaic worship on a given day or occasion. A lot of ministers use them, I do not. I like being in between. The fact is we all find ourselves in between something all the time like a rock and a hard place or between one job and another or between yesterday and today. It is an odd place to be and we do not know what to do when we are between something. Here is what I like to do.

1. Relax and do something different to fill the time. Memorize the Word. Dt. 11:18 : “You shall therefore lay up these words of mine in your heart and in your soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.” The Word is fun piece of literature as well as wisdom for your life. Read something you have never considered reading before.
2. In between friends? They do come and go. Make some new ones. Invite a mixture of old friends with new friends to come over to you house and play some card games. Between means to contrasting conditions. See how your new and old friends would work out. Hebrews says, “do not neglect to meet together as is the habit of some.” That was not just about church but about gathering in groups. A good friend, who was a part of our Friday night card game, moved to Macon. It is a surprise birthday party for his 60th birthday. While I am in between funerals and Presbytery meetings, this is an ideal choice to make while I am in between.
3. Go somewhere and do something. The travels of Paul are amazing to me. No I do not mean go to Rome. Well maybe go to Rome Georgia. I used to take my in between times and take sail plane lessons in Rome, Georgia.. That was fun though I never followed through after about six months. (My money ran out.) Ask God what he might have you do with your in between times. Romans 8:5, “But those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.” I think the Spirit led me to fly in sail planes. They go up to 5000 feet and, with no motor, we just float along, find a thermal of hot air and zoom in the sky seemingly unsupported. Mush like I hope it will be in heaven!

Well that is it. Find your in between, let the Word lead you and go and you will be blessed.

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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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

Christian Sympathy is extended to the families of:

Nella Ree Dunn

Judy Baird

Douglas Chapman

(Serena Staat's dad)

William Staat

(Guy Staat's dad)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Lauren Fleming for making the dean's list at Gordon College the last semester. Way to go Lauren! Lauren is the daughter of Glenda Taylor and the granddaughter of Louise Etheridge.

FROM YOUR FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee wishes to thank each you as the members of Philadelphia Presbyterian for your generous contributions. Even with all the renovation expenses of late, we were able to give \$18,000 to benevolences for the year 2010, which met and exceeded our goal of 10%. The Lord continues to blessed our generosity.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for all your cards, prayers, phone calls, and thoughts as I recover from my foot/ankle surgery. It is supposed to be three months of non-weight on that foot and we are about halfway there. With a little patience and your prayers, the three months will be here quickly.

Thanks, **Joan Murphy**

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for all the cards and well wishes after my recent foot surgery.

Love, **Diane Kitchen**

Dear Church Friends,

I am doing very well, keeping walking every day. But do not know when I can get back home. Thank you, ladies at church, for my nice cards and well wishes. I pray for all friends and families. My wish is that I can get back home again soon. Please keep us in your prayers. May God Bless you all now and always.

Love to all, **Mary Binkney**

How Do You Say Goodbye

How do you say goodbye

To a friend who's always here
I cannot even try
As I brush away this tear.

We wanted to be there

With you to help ease your pain
And show you how we care
But, it was only in vain.

You left us before you did

Actually go away
We never wanted to bid
You farewell on that day.

Why, why, did you have to go

You had so much to give
And, so much that you could sow
Had you been left to live.

Only God knows as to why

You had to pass away
We love you, miss you, we cry
As we mourn you today.

How do you say goodbye

To a friend who's always here
I cannot even try
As I brush away this tear.

To Judy With Much Love,

From your friend,

Cathy S. B. Morris

Jan. 15, 2011

Secret Pals

On February 13th at 12:30pm, former participants in the Secret Pals will meet for a covered-dish lunch and exchange of gifts. Anyone attending should bring one covered dish item and 1 wrapped gift. We will discuss the future of the Secret Pal program at the luncheon.

Betty Foster & Dinah Bingham—hostesses

YOU ASKED FOR IT!

Santa Fe Soup

2 lbs. of ground beef (I use ground turkey)
 1 onion, finely chopped
 2 packages (.5 oz each) Ranch style Dressing Mix
 2 packages (1 1/4 oz each) Taco seasoning mix
 1 16oz can black beans, undrained
 1 16oz can kidney beans, undrained
 1 16oz. can pinto beans, undrained
 1 16oz can diced tomatoes with green chilies, undrained
 1 16oz can diced tomatoes, undrained
 2 cans - 16oz. white corn, undrained
 2 cups of water

Cook the meat and onions together until the meat is browned. Stir Ranch dressing mix and taco seasoning into the meat mixture. Add remaining ingredients and all of their juices. Stir in the water. Simmer for 2 hours. You can shorten simmer time if needed. If mixture is too thick, add additional water - this is not usually necessary. Garnish each serving with shredded cheese, sour cream, and chopped green onions. Serve tortilla chips alongside this dish. This makes a gracious plenty and will easily feed a crowd.

- Recipe from Jennifer Rohrbach

PLOT Luncheon

Many thanks to everyone who joined us for lunch on January 16th. Your generous donations will be used to send our youth to camp this summer.

Our next luncheon will be on February 20, 2011. Lunch will consist of a potato bar and salad bar. If you are planning on joining us for lunch, please sign up in the Narthex by February 13, 2011. That way we can make sure we purchase enough potatoes.

Jennifer Rohrbach

Diane Kitchen



Please don't forget to bring in your canned goods/non perishable items for our "Souper Bowl" food drive. We will collect items through February 6, 2011.

On Sunday, February 6, 2011 we will also collect any monetary donations that you would like to give. Thank you for supporting this Outreach program.



FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery Workers

Ushers

06 / Nell Cates

Tom Murphy

13 / Dot Pearce

Emory Pearce

20 / Evelyn Murdock

Tom Smith

27 / Juanita Debey

Barbara Barlow

Happy Birthday to ...

- 10 / Jeff Randolph
- 17 / Lauren Fleming
- 17 / Kalynn LaFoy
- 18 / Hal Banke
- 21 / Barbara Barlow
- 22 / Billie Goldwire
- 28 / Dot Dunn

Happy Anniversary to ...

- 10 / Rebecca & Charles Huie
- 14 / Juanita & Timothy DeBey
- 25 / Sherri & Spencer Frye

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WWW.PPC-USA.ORG

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!

12/1 Besse Cooper (Angie Tharp's 114-year-old mother) not doing well; dementia

1/18 Mary Lou Fuller (Demester's friend) – recovering from surgery due to life threatening fall on ice

1 / 25 Barbara Gibson—Cataract surgery on February 22

1/19 Nancy Kemper – fluid buildup in lungs

12/7 Diane Kitchen – recovering from foot surgery

12/6 Joan Murphy – recovering from foot and ankle surgery

1/12 Jim Phillips – recovering from pneumonia & acute bronchitis

1/2 Landy Ponder (Spencer's friend) – blindness caused from cancer medication

1/9 Michael Turner (Joyce Smith's nephew) heart problems and tumor in lung

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Mary Binkney

Tye Bryant

Joan Cushing

Doris Ellis

Marie Foster

Myrtice Ormond

Bert Tatzel

JoAnn Tatzel

*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 or click on the prayer request button on our website at www.ppc-usa.org.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Rose Enow Akouele Dossouvi Koko Dossouvi

Kekeli Dossouvi Gloria Dossouvi

Join us in welcoming these to the Philadelphia Presbyterian family. You may find their addresses on the bulletin board.