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Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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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.

A MOUSE AND A MOUSETRAP

A mouse looked through the crack in the wall to see the farmer and his wife open a package. What food might this contain?" the mouse wondered - - - he was devastated to discover it was a mousetrap.

Retreating to the farmyard, the mouse proclaimed the warning:

There is a mousetrap in the house!

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The chicken clucked and scratched, raised her head and said, "Mr. Mouse, I can tell this is a grave concern to you, but it is of no consequence to me. I cannot be bothered by it."

The mouse turned to the pig and told him,

"There is a mousetrap in the house!

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The pig sympathized, but said, "I am so very sorry, Mr. Mouse, but there is nothing I can do about it but pray. Be assured you are in my prayers."

The mouse turned to the cow and said,

"There is a mousetrap in the house!

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The cow said, "Wow, Mr. Mouse. I'm sorry for you, but it's no skin off my nose."

So, the mouse returned to the house, head down and dejected, to face the farmer's mousetrap . . . alone.

That very night a sound was heard throughout the house –like the sound of a mousetrap catching its prey. The farmer's wife rushed to see what was caught.

In the darkness, she did not see it was a venomous snake whose tail the trap had caught.

The snake bit the farmer's wife. The farmer rushed her to the hospital, and she returned home with a fever. Everyone knows you treat a fever with fresh chicken soup, so the farmer took his hatchet to the farmyard for the soup's main ingredient.

But his wife's sickness continued, so friends and neighbors came

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Appreciation Month

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.

to sit with her around the clock. To feed them, the farmer butchered the pig.

The farmer's wife did not get well; she died. So many people came for her funeral; the farmer had the cow slaughtered to provide enough meat for all of them.

The mouse looked upon it all from his crack in the wall with great sadness.

So, the next time you hear someone is facing a problem and think it doesn't concern you, remember ---- when one of us is threatened, we are all at risk.

We are all involved in this journey called life. We must keep an eye out for one another and make an extra effort to encourage one another.

REMEMBER.

EACH OF US IS A VITAL THREAD IN ANOTHER PERSON'S TAPESTRY; OUR LIVES ARE WOVEN TOGETHER FOR A REASON.

The best things to hold onto in this world are FAMILY and FRIENDS!!! Even better is to turn to God and ask for help and he will use FAMILY AND FRIENDS as His hands and feet to be there for you.

1 Timothy 5:8 RSV

If any one does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his own family, he has disowned the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

John 15:13 RSV

Greater love has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Your Pastor Spencer

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support of the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Pop Tab Program. The success of this program depends on volunteers like you.

To date, over \$80,487 has been raised by pop tab recycling. These funds are used to help us provide a home away from home for families with ill or injured children who are being treated in Atlanta area hospitals.

Thanks again for all your support and hard work!

Virginia Ogle, Volunteer

Ronald McDonald House

Dear Philadelphia Friends,

Thank you for your faithfulness in sending get well cards and remembering me in prayer during all my broken bones. I must be the clumsiest Philadelphian – although I hear Spencer is trying to catch up with me. I am now part bionic with plates and screws holding me together. I would definitely shut down security at the Atlanta airport.

But seriously, I do appreciate all your thoughtfulness. As soon as I recover from cataract surgery (I slipped that one by you), I hope to be able to drive on 285 and come to church.

With love to you all,

Barbara Gibson

CRAFT GROUP SCHEDULE

September 11—11:30am at Lynn Vandiver's home—carpool from church at 11:00am

September 25—Daytrip to Blairsville—carpool from church at 9:00am

From the Clerk...

Can you believe it's the last quarter of the year? I can't! And the last quarter is always jam-packed with activities at the church. October brings our annual Stewardship emphasis, the Craft Group's fall trip to the mountains, our Women's Retreat and this year a very special luncheon for the entire congregation hosted by the family of Anne Dunivin to honor her birthday. November will bring the beginning of the holiday season with Thanksgiving and Advent, December will be a whirlwind and next thing you know it will be New Years and 2012.

I want to speak in particular about our Stewardship luncheon scheduled October 23. It is important that each of you plan to be with us on that Sunday. In addition to presenting the budget for 2012 for your information, Spencer plans to discuss his attendance at the Fellowship of Presbyterians meeting held in Minnesota in August. He will distribute copies of his notes from the meeting and share with you his thoughts on the purpose of this movement and how it concerns our church. Three hundred people were expected to attend. Almost 2000 participated, representing more than 800 churches and all but one of the states. Spencer plans to attend the next meeting to be held in Orlando in January and it may be that following the January meeting our congregation will have to decide if it wants to participate with this group as part of "a new reformed body."

The Presbytery of Greater Atlanta is well aware of the impact caused by recent changes to the Book of Order and has established a task force to see how the presbytery "might adopt a more flexible form of governance...that honors or common tradition, mission, and heritage, and also leaves room for differences in interpretation, practice, and conscience." If you would like to learn more about flexible governance in presbyteries and synods, check out on online blog at <http://pcusa-oga.typepad.com/mgbcmm/>

I encourage each of you to join with Spencer and the Session in prayer for the future of our denomination.

Lynn Vandiver
Clerk of Session

PW Message Corner . . .



- PWCT will be October 2 at 12:15pm
- Circle One will meet on October 8 at 10:30am
- PW Ladies Retreat will be October 22

COMMUNITY MISSIONS

I will be collecting used in style clothing for **Mission Haven**, the Presbytery's clothes closet. They accept clothing for men, women and children. You may leave your donation in the narthex.

Nancy Kemper, Community Missions



Ladies of Philadelphia

Please plan to attend the annual retreat at Calvin Center on October 22nd. What better way to celebrate the beauty of autumn than to enjoy the

lakeside view as we do each year! The retreat begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends around 3:30 p.m. The cost will once again be \$25 per woman and includes continental breakfast, a full lunch, study materials, and insurance. We encourage you to invite your mothers, sisters, daughters, friends, and neighbors for a wonderful day of fellowship and study. Visitors are always welcomed. Please make checks payable to Debra Durden and submit them by Sunday, October 16th.

Our newest **Elders** were elected in the Congregational Meeting held on September 18. They are **Darr Johnson, Fred Rohrbach & Lynn Vandiver**. Their term will end in 2014.



OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Happy Birthday to ...

- 03/ Ethel Lynn Keeton
- 09/ Connie McWilliams
- 12/ Blondell Brown
- 13/ Gloria Dossouvi
- 16/ Jim Phillips
- 17/ Anne Dunivin
- 17/ Feroze Yusufji
- 18/ Jenni Ashmore
- 18/ Beth Moore
- 21/ Bert Tatzel
- 21/ Jessalyn Murphy
- 21/ Kaylee Lloyd
- 25/ Lynn Vandiver
- 30/ Bud Steele
- 31/ Karen Kelly Nelson

Happy Anniversary to ...

- 06/ Ed & Pegge Murphy
- 12/ Tom & Joan Murphy
- 21/ Feroze & Parveen Yusufji

Nursery Workers

- 2/ Serena Staats
- 9/ Nell Cates
- 16/ Dot Pearce
- 23/ Evelyn Murdock
- 30/ Barbara Barlow

Ushers

- Jim Phillips
- Tom Smith
- Rick Pierce
- Don Nelson

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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!*****9/19 Erin Banke – facing additional jaw surgery in November**

8/30 Debbie Bettis (Jennifer Rohrbach's cousin) - has had a stroke

8/30 Phylis Gaddy (Joyce Smith's niece) – recovering from breast cancer surgery

9/18 Cliff Hewitt (friend of Murdocks) – colon cancer has returned - chemo

9/06 Bob Huie – recovering from hip replacement surgery

9/18 Vanita Knight (friend of Murdocks) – breast cancer

09/07 John Lovern (Tom Murphy's brother-in-law) – recovering from open heart surgery

9/06 Linda Moats (Doris Ellis' daughter) – rare virus, must be quarantined 4 months

9/06 Lamar Shields (Foster & Ashmore family friend) – cancer of esophagus

8/10 Max Weems (Dot Lenderman's grandson) – had to be deployed overseas

9/18 Ron Whiddon (friend of Murdocks) – reoccurring cancer**OUR HOMEBOUND:**

Mary Binkney	Marie Foster
Tye Bryant	Myrtice Ormond
Joan Cushing	Bert Tatzel
Doris Ellis	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.