

# The Philagram

## Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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In his book, *Working the Angles*, Eugene Peterson advises (slightly tongue in cheek):

Be slow to pray. Prayer is not an enterprise to be entered into lightly. When we pray, we are using words that bring us into proximity with words that break cedars, shake the wilderness, make the oaks whirl, and strip forests bare (Ps. 29:5-9). When we pray, we use words that may well leave us quivering, soul-shattered, on our faces: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips...!" (Isaiah 6:5). When we pray, we have a more than average chance of ending up in a place that we quite definitely never wanted to be, angrily protesting, preferring death to the kind of life that God insists on recklessly throwing us into: "O Lord, take my life from me, I beseech thee, for it is better for me to die than to live" (Jonah 4:3). We want life on our conditions, not on God's conditions. Praying puts us at risk of getting involved in God's conditions. Be slow to pray. Praying most often doesn't get us what we want but what God wants, something quite at variance with what we conceive to be in our best interests. And when we realize what is going on, it is often too late to go back. Be slow to pray (p. 30-31).

I'll often hear someone say, "Let me offer a little prayer." There's no such thing as a "little" prayer. Prayer is communication with the almighty God, the creator of the universe, the Lord of all. There's nothing "little" about being in communication with God.

Sometimes, I think we have domesticated prayer into something that we manage, a way to get what we want. But prayer is not that at all; it is a way of putting ourselves in touch with what God wants. The good news about prayer is that even though we do not always get what WE want, we always get what GOD wants for us, and God knows what we need better than we ourselves do. We know that "in all things God works for good in the lives of those who love him" (Romans 8:28). What God wills for us is always best.

Trusting in God,

### From Lee Koontz, Associate Pastor

One of the things that always sits on the "front burner" for me and Chuck as pastors, as well as for us all as a caring church, is the reality of hospitalized members. Each week, someone ends up in the hospital. It may be for the treatment of a serious medical crisis or a long-anticipated surgery. It may be for something fairly minor, a routine procedure. I once had a friend who said, "There's no such thing as a minor surgery. It's only minor if it's not happening to you." I tend to agree, and we do our best to acknowledge the fact that even minor hospital procedures might not be so minor to those who are having them.

As a church family, I think we do an excellent job caring for our members. This is a credit to our Stephen Ministers, Deacons, Visitation Teams, Sunday School Classes, and simply concerned friends, all of whom make visits, send cards, make phone calls, and do their part to care for someone in the midst of a health crisis. As a part of the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church family you will, sooner or later, find yourself on the receiving end of all the care and support the church provides. When you experience a health crisis and have to spend some time in the hospital to get well again, your job (from our church's perspective) is simple: be cared for. You'll find a great deal of love, care, and compassion coming from your church family.

For this to happen, however, you do have to do one other thing: talk to us. Let us know when you end up in the hospital. Either give us a call or have a friend or family member call us to tell us you're there. I know there are some out here who would rather downplay their surgery, or would rather not have everyone at the church know that they're in the hospital. That's fine. I can only say that at the very least, Chuck and I would like to know if you're having a health crisis, and we maintain strict confidentiality with respect to sensitive health matters. For others who want people to know when they're in the hospital, we're happy to spread the word and let our church do what it does best: care for people.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about being hospitalized or being cared for by your church family, please let us know. We want to provide the best spiritual care that we possibly can. If you'd like to talk about being more involved in how we care for our members, we're happy to discuss that with you as well!

## PPC Birthday Endowment Fund

Celebrate your big day by sharing your blessings. Or remember anyone you love by giving a gift to the PPC Birthday Endowment Fund. Each donor and honoree will be acknowledged in the *Philagram*. By growing this fund, our church will be able to use the interest for much needed improvements and repairs to the buildings and grounds of our campus. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex of the sanctuary and chapel and outside the church office.

**The following donations have been made to the Birthday Endowment Fund:**

### *In Honor of:*

Elizabeth Griffin—From Grandmother & Papa  
Elizabeth Griffin—From Carolyn Irwin  
Augusta Newton—From Richard & Lisa  
Jamie Blanchard  
Ann Whaley  
Frances Epley (89th Birthday)—From John Epley  
Katie Newton—From Richard & Lisa



*If you made a donation to the Birthday Endowment and it is not listed, please contact the church office.*

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## Gifts to the Church

### *In Memory Of*

**J.W. McWhirter, Jr.**—Potter & Company, P.A., Mr. And Mrs. Robert Hord, Jr. (Zelma Bradford McWhirter Endowment Fund)

**Herman Bauermeister**—The Red Hat Society of Mint Hill (Sound System Maintenance), Lillian McAlister (Grounds Upkeep)

### *In Honor Of*

**Elizabeth Griffin**—Carolyn Irvin, Becky Griffin (Elizabeth Junker Scholarship Fund)

**Steve Davis**—Patsy Long & Judy Myers (Stephen Ministry)

**Dot Waltman**—Philadelphia Sunday School Class (Stephen Ministry)

**Mike Barkley**—Tom & Evelyn Moore (Stephen Ministry)



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## 2010-11 Book Club books

The book club meets the last Monday night of the month at Dilworth Coffee House at Hoods Crossroads (Idlewild and 51) at 7:00 p.m. The following books have been chosen for the next several months.

September	<i>Where Am I Wearing</i> by Kelsey Timmerman
October	<i>The Catcher in the Rye</i> by J.D. Salinger
November	<i>A Whole New Life</i> by Reynolds Price
January	<i>The Power and the Glory</i> by Graham Greene
February	<i>Same Kind of Different as Me</i> by Denver Moore
March	<i>A Reliable Wife</i> by Robert Goolrick
April	<i>The Year of Living Biblically</i> by A.J. Jacobs
May	<i>Once a Runner</i> by John L. Parker, Jr

## Thank You Notes

I wish to thank all the people who sent cards, calls, visits and other remembrances regarding Herman's death. You are a wonderful group, and I love each and everyone of you. Continue to call and visit!

Emily Bauermeister

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Thank you, thank you! You made me feel so special with all the prayers, meals, visits, and 2 rounds of get-well cards.

Sharing God's Love,  
Bill King

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## Bible Studies will begin in fall



If you are interested in participating in a Disciple Bible Study this fall, please contact Sonia Lee at the church office. These studies will begin in September.

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## Rally Day - C.E. Fair "Passing On Our Faith: Sharing His Story" August 29, 2010 8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

Rally Day will be a CE Fair this year. Every class and every CE program will have a designated table. It is up to you to design, decorate, and staff your booth in whatever way you would like. The idea is to promote your class to visitors and to those who don't attend Sunday School. You may want to have samples of your curriculum, pictures from your class socials, members available to answer questions, a sign-up sheet for more info, etc. The Kerr Building will be open the Saturday before so that classes can begin decorating their booths for the fair.

Be creative! Start planning now. Let everyone know what makes your class unique.

For more information contact Sonia in the church office or any member of the Christian Education Ministry.

## Celebrating an anniversary in July

- 1 Bob & Ginger Bourgeois
- 1 Kent & Jeanette Winslow
- 2 Don & Merle Price
- 3 Bob & Barbara Kistler
- 13 Steve & Linda Horton
- 24 Richard & Lisa Newton
- 26 Bob & Bernie Wilcox
- 28 Aubrey & Dot Bartlett

*If your name was omitted from the birthday or anniversary list, please contact the church office.*

## We need your help

Our children's worship bags have a way of walking off. We started with 36 and are now down to 22. We know how easy it is for them to go home with you after church. So please check the back seat of your car or in your children's toy box and see if you have one of the bags. You can bring it with you when you come to church on Sunday. Thanks for your help.



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|----------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Harry Jordan       | 10 Amy Ferguson         | 20 Catherine Andrews      |
| 2 Courtney Surret    | 10 David Hyatt          | 20 David Hodgin           |
| 2 Chloe Wood         | 10 Debbe King           | 21 Griffin Basden         |
| 3 Ann Brown          | 10 Susan Poe            | 21 Evelyn Moore           |
| 3 Jacquie Habenicht  | 10 Lee Robison          | 21 Mary Plummer           |
| 3 Elizabeth Jeffers  | 10 Barbara Williamson   | 21 Ginny Setzer           |
| 4 Thomas Blackwelder | 10 Travis Wilson        | 21 Linda Woody            |
| 4 Betty Hooks        | 11 Scott Jeffers        | 22 Jack O'Rourke          |
| 4 Jack Longworth     | 11 Cameron McClure      | 23 Scott Foster           |
| 4 Daniel Waltman     | 12 Pam Rosmon           | 23 Brenda McManus         |
| 4 James Black        | 13 Matthew Davis        | 24 William McWhirter, Sr. |
| 5 Marc Roberts       | 13 Jo Ann Frye          | 25 Cameron Morris         |
| 6 Kirby Dellinger    | 14 Margaret Morris      | 25 Shelby Watts           |
| 6 Matthew Rushing    | 15 James Alexander      | 26 Helen Anderson         |
| 7 Jacob Gallagher    | 15 James Blanchard      | 26 Fred Brown             |
| 7 Chris Johnson      | 15 Tammy Dayton         | 26 Scott Griffin          |
| 7 John Snell         | 16 Gerald Garner        | 26 Dale Reed              |
| 8 Henry Griffin      | 16 Mark Jetton          | 26 Deanna Vandeventer     |
| 8 Joanna Long        | 17 Colene Houck         | 27 Andrea Lomas           |
| 9 Robert Briner      | 17 Dick Lamb            | 27 Bill Tilley            |
| 9 Beverly Caldwell   | 17 Judy Myers           | 28 Brenda Mayberry        |
| 9 Pattie Gilbert     | 17 Kristina Simmons     | 29 William Furr           |
| 9 Kayla Wilson       | 18 Tab Broome           | 29 Saylor Guerin          |
| 10 Emily Davis       | 18 Chelsea Flowe        | 29 Sonia Lee              |
|                      | 18 Hunter Reed          | 29 Kimberly Tucker        |
|                      | 18 Nicklaus Vandeventer | 30 Gary Downer            |
|                      | 19 Levi Bruner          | 30 Ian Peston             |
|                      | 19 Jake Cooper          | 30 Rick Santiago          |
|                      | 19 Kathryn Frye         | 31 Ashlee Cox             |
|                      | 19 Mary Morris          | 31 Zachary Morris         |
|                      | 19 Gary Murphy          | 31 Sydney Truby           |



## Concerns of the Church

### Births:

**Kylie Makenna Taylor**, daughter of Jordan and Erin Taylor, born May 30. Chuck and Bev Taylor are Kylie's grandparents.

**Hannah Marie Johnson**, daughter of Melissa and David Johnson, born June 9. The proud grandparents are Rocky and Cindi Hoffner

### Baptism:

**Noah William Cogswell**, son of Eric and Elizabeth Cogswell, born September 5, 2009, baptized June 13, 2010.

### Death:

**James McWhirter, Jr.** - June 16

### New Member, joined June 13:

#### Matthew Hoover

9124 Kem Arbor Way  
Charlotte, NC 28227

Matt joined by reaffirmation of faith.

**Historical Church Records on DVD.** Our church has a long and rich history. Many of our historical records, which are on microfilm at the archives in Raleigh, have recently been copied into DVD format. These records, the oldest of which date back to 1816, contain many of the important decisions and events that helped to shape our church. A copy of this DVD is available for \$10. Just contact the church office.

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**Thursday, July 1**

6:00 p.m.—VBS—Kerr Building

**Friday, July 2**

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

**Saturday, July 3**

No Meetings

**Sunday, July 4**

9:00 a.m.—Church School

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

12:30 p.m.—Fathers House Church Service—Chapel

**Monday, July 5**

Church Office Closed

6:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

**Tuesday, July 6**

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Wednesday, July 7**

9:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

**Thursday, July 8**

No Meetings

**Friday, July 9**

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

**Saturday, July 10**

No Meetings

**Sunday, July 11**

9:00 a.m.—Church School

9:30 a.m.—Session Mtg.—Session Rm.

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

11:00 a.m.—Lemonade/Fellowship—Courtyard

12:30 p.m.—Fathers House Church Service—Chapel

**Monday, July 12**

6:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts

7:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Meeting—Heritage Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

**Tuesday, July 13**

No Meetings

**Wednesday, July 14**

9:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

**Thursday, July 15**

No Meetings

**Friday, July 16**

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

**Saturday, July 17**

No Meetings

**Sunday July 18**

9:00 a.m.—Church School

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

12:30 p.m.—Fathers House Church Service—Chapel

**Monday, July 19**

6:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts—Scout Hut

8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

**Tuesday, July 20**

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Wednesday, July 21**

9:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

**Thursday, July 22**

No Meetings

**Friday, July 23**

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

**Saturday, July 24**

No Meetings

**Sunday July 25**

9:00 a.m.—Church School

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

12:30 p.m.—Fathers House Church Service—Chapel

**Monday, July 26**

8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

**Tuesday, July 27**

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Wednesday, July 28**

9:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

**Thursday, July 29**

No Meetings

**Friday, July 30**

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

**Saturday, July 31**

No Meetings

Dr. Chuck Williamson, Pastor/Head of Staff  
 Rev. Lee Koontz, Associate Pastor  
 Sonia Lee, Director of Christian Education  
 Judy Clinton, Office Manager  
 Cynthia Stokes, Secretary  
 Linda Cummins, Webmaster/Administrative Assistant



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