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Pastor's Column

Dear Friends,

Forgiveness.

In the city of Coventry, England you can visit the bombed out shell of Coventry Cathedral. The cathedral, which was built in the 1300's, was an important worship center in the industrial city of Coventry. During the Nazi blitzkrieg of 1940, the city of Coventry was targeted, and the cathedral was hit and destroyed—almost destroyed. Still standing after the bombing were the old spire and portions of the exterior walls.

Soon after the bombing, some of the people of Coventry took two charred roof beams and formed them into a cross and placed them where the altar had been. Behind the cross, they etched the words, "Father, forgive." Following the destruction of the Cathedral in 1940, Provost Dick Howard made a commitment not to revenge, but to forgiveness and reconciliation with those responsible. Using a national radio broadcast from the cathedral ruins on Christmas Day 1940 he declared that when the war was over he would work with those who had been enemies "to build a kinder, more Christ-like world."

After the war ended, a new wrinkle in this story was discovered. It was learned that shortly before the bombing of Coventry, the British High Command had broken the ultra-secret Nazi code, and they knew that the Nazis were planning to bomb the city. The British military had a difficult decision: do they warn the citizens of Coventry and thus tip off the Nazis that the code had been broken? Or do they let the bombing proceed and continue to be able to learn the Nazi secrets? They chose the latter, and as a result many people of Coventry were killed and much of the city destroyed by the bombs. It was a calculated military decision, but one that came with a great price.

With that, those words: "Father, forgive" took on another layer of meaning. Forgiveness is extended to their enemy...and also to the very ones called to protect them.

It is a powerful reminder of the central teaching of the Christian faith: the call to forgive.

In the years following the war, a beautiful new modern cathedral has been built. It is as if the new cathedral is growing out of the bombed out shell of the old cathedral. But the cross made of the roof beams and the words "Father, forgive" are still there as a reminder. One of the ministries of Coventry Cathedral is the worldwide Ministry of Reconciliation. It has become an international network of over 150 organizations dedicated to a shared ministry of forgiveness and reconciliation. The Cathedral's work for reconciliation has involved it in some of the world's most difficult and long-standing areas of conflict.

Father, forgive. Let forgiveness be the standard as we relate to one another. And thanks be to God who has forgiven us.

Grateful to God,

From Lee Koontz, Associate Pastor

The summer is rapidly coming to an end. In just a few short weeks, children will start returning to school, graduates will begin the adventures of college life, and we at Philadelphia will celebrate Rally Day and the beginning of another exciting church year. Very soon there will be an incredible increase in the volume of our life together, and I hope that you'll take the opportunity to get involved.

Oftentimes when we speak of "stewardship" we mean the management of our finances. Stewardship season in the church is the time when you'll likely hear about making a financial tithe to the church in order to continue building the kingdom of God here at Philadelphia. That certainly is important, but it's only a small piece of what stewardship really means. We are also called to practice the stewardship of our time and talents. The "time" piece of the equation is perhaps the most difficult to balance, as there are an unending chorus of voices around any of us demanding our time and attention. The task for us is to be reminded that we do well to give a significant portion of our time to God, rather than just keep it all for ourselves.

I hope that you'll prayerfully consider giving some of your time to God during the upcoming church year by being involved in the life of our church. We have wonderful opportunities like Wonderful Wednesdays, Sunday School, Bible Marketplace, and many, many other ways for you to participate in the body of Christ. Amidst the busyness of the summer's end, I hope that you'll take a moment to listen for that still, small voice of God, calling you to offer yourself in a different way.

A letter to our church

Jen has been invited the past two years to lead our middle school class at VBS. She has thoroughly enjoyed spending time with our youth and is just amazed at how dynamic our VBS programs are each year.

As I drove onto the church grounds for the second year to help with Middle School VBS, excitement took over. I was thrilled to have been invited back to be with these youth and experience another great VBS week with you. As it turns out, it was just as meaningful as I thought it was going to be. The people of Philadelphia Presbyterian were hospitable, welcoming, and contagious with God's love. The work that was put into VBS was evident and intentional. The youth were energetic and eager to have fun while building community with one another as we learned more about God's love and grace. What excites me most about this opportunity is that I was reminded just how much God is using the youth of your church, the youth at the church that I serve, and the many youth all over the world on faith journeys! These youth love God and are impacting the world everyday. I can't imagine how God will continue to use these youth to make the world a better place as they grow in their faith especially with a congregation that is so committed to truly fulfilling their baptismal vows. Thanks for the opportunity and I hope that our paths will cross again.

Blessings,

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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.



Wow!!

.....about 1300 meals.....over 50 volunteers each night.....church campus full of folks having fun...

These all describe VBS week at our church. Attendance was as follows, not including the volunteers:

Sunday - 166
Monday - 164
Tuesday - 172
Wednesday - 163
Thursday - over 300

Thanks to all who attended and all who volunteered at our very successful 2010 Vacation Bible School!

Homecoming 2010

For the first time in the 235 year history of PPC we will celebrate our Scottish heritage on Homecoming, September 19. A colorful, festive occasion is planned for this worship service, asking God's blessing and protection in a blend of music, hymns and prayers from the Scottish faith tradition. As a part of this traditional celebration we are planning a Kirkin' O' The Tartan, which is a procession of family tartans (Banners) led by a bagpiper and a Beadle (carries the Bible). If you would like to participate in the processional, you will need to purchase your clan tartan. Each clan has a distinctive plaid design, and the fabric is called Tartan. (We may be able to borrow some tartans from other churches.)

We hope that one person from each family will participate in the procession by proudly carrying your family tartan. If you would like to participate contact Judy Jones cell (704-582-9953) judyjones523@earthlink.net or Becky Griffin (704-545-5766) beckygriffin@bellsouth.net who will help you research your family tartan. The tartans must be ordered soon in order for them to arrive by September. The cost is \$75.00 which will include the tartan fabric and a banner pole and stand. Tartans will be stored for use from year to year with the hopes of a permanent display in the future. Your family does not need to be an actual founding member of PPC. We want all members to celebrate, and we will help you find your Scottish connection.



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is expanding!!!

Anyone can submit articles and announcements for the next Philagram or the church website. Go to www.philadelphiachurch.org and click on 'Church Resources', then click on 'Article/info to Philagram Newsletter/website'. You can type your article or announcement (up to 4 different items). Be sure and provide your email address, enter the security text, then click Submit. If your announcement is in Microsoft Word, this page will give you the email address to which you can send your file directly. Committee and Ministry Chairpersons, this was constructed just for you. This is intended to make submitting articles to our Philagram Editor and Web-page Administrator easier. Try it out.

Our church's records now on DVD

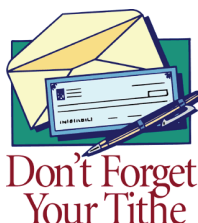
Our church has a long and rich history. Many of our historical records, which are on microfilm at the archives in Raleigh, have recently been copied into DVD format. These records, the oldest of which date back to 1816, contain many of the important decisions and events that helped to shape our church.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

Who Ya Gonna Call?

Have you ever had a leaky faucet? Or maybe your house is too warm because your air conditioning unit is under-performing. You have a chance to go out on the town but don't have a baby sitter. Who Ya Gonna Call? These are just a few situations many of us have faced. Well, worry no more. The Outreach / Evangelism Committee is compiling a list of church members that can assist you. But to get started with our Who Ya Gonna Call directory, we need your input. If you are a plumber, heating and air conditioning expert, an electrician, babysitter, baker, tutor, leaf raker, etc and would like to be a part of this directory please call the church office and leave your name, company name and phone number.

Presbyterian Women 2010-2011

Ladies, mark your calendars for August 29. The Presbyterian Women will have their annual kickoff meeting at 3:00 in the Kerr Building. It will be an ice cream social, and our new officers for 2010-2011 will be installed. We will be introduced to our study course for the year, which will be Revelation. Everyone is invited. If you haven't been involved with a circle, this is a great time to join us!



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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:



Griffin Basden—From Her Family
Ann Brown—From Gary Brown
Tammy Dayton—Gregg Dayton
Anne Ellington—Mickey Ellington

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



Gifts to the Church - Memorials

J.W. McWhirter, Jr.—CESI, VAUGHN Inc., Victoria & Martin Segretto Sr., Mickey & Anne Ellington, Robert & Betty Caudle, Bill & Sue Tilley, Ed Weisiger, Jr., Ironpeddlers Parts Division, Inc., Carolyn Irvin, Mae Hood, Martha Mullis & Family, Robert & Portia Watson, Charlie & Rose Byrd, Reynolds & Sons Construction Co., Altrusa Club of Charlotte NC Foundation Inc., Patsy & Buddy Frazier, Bill & Lucille Furr (Zelma Bradford McWhirter Endowment)

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Herman Bauermeister—Bill & Lucille Furr (Current Fund)

Bill & Howard Gill—Bill & Lucille Furr (Current Fund)

John & Neil Hill—Bill & Lucille Furr (Current Fund)

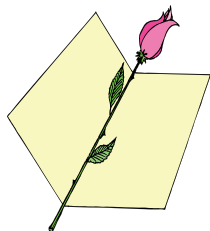
Mae Hood—Bennett & Jean Greene, Melvin & Angie Ross, Fred Brown/Harkey Class (Columbarium Fund)

Alan Wayne Jones—Sanctuary Choir (Music Fund)

Eleanor Courvoiser—Disciple Bible Class (Stephen's Ministry)

Anniversaries in August . . .

- 1 William & Cheryl Cooke
- 1 Bill & Pam Crowder
- 2 Ken & Sheila Cloaninger
- 3 Earney & Marianne Smith
- 4 Ernest & Linda Jamison
- 7 Randy & Judy Alexander
- 7 Robert & Ann Sharpe
- 7 Carl & Ellen Street
- 9 Shane & Jeremy Griffin
- 9 Steve & Deanna Vandeventer
- 11 Rolf & Carolee Jaeger
- 12 Billy & Laurie Blackwelder
- 15 Roger & Susan Hagy
- 16 Arnold & Ruth Bokhoven
- 17 William & Johnnie McWhirter
- 20 Jack & Yolande Burton
- 20 Bill & Sue Tilley
- 21 Keith & Shelley Guerin
- 22 Tom & Mardy Watson
- 23 Becky & Bill Griffin
- 23 Tal & Donna West
- 26 Dave & Karen O'Brien
- 29 Jack & Caroline McGahey
- 30 Tab & Beth Broome
- 30 Mickey & Anne Ellington
- 30 David & Karen Hodgson



Concerns of the Church

Baptism: Ella Brynn Gallagher, daughter of David and Marnie Gallagher, born November 24, 2009, baptized July 11, 2010.

Deaths:

- 6/26 [Mary Ann Ferguson] grandmother of Lisa Kendrick
- 7/5 Jessup Whitley
- 7/5 [Alan Jones] son of Grace Jones
- 7/5 [Eleanor Courvoisier] mother of Mike Barkley, grandmother of Alyson and Chris Barkley and Meredith Hartsell
- 7/8 Mae Hood
- 7/22 Ray Smetts
- 7/25 Bill Reagan

Drum Circle to benefit Project Homecoming In New Orleans

On Friday evening August 27th there will be a 5 hour drum circle in the Kerr building from 7:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight to benefit Project Homecoming in New Orleans and to remember the devastation caused by hurricane Katrina on the 5th anniversary – August 29, 2010. The cost to participate is \$10.00 per person. Come and drum - help support Project Homecoming as they continue rebuilding homes. Bring a friend, bring a drum (or one will be provided for you.)

August Birthdays

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|----|-------------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Dot Bartlett | 14 | Donald Price |
| 1 | Robert Caldwell | 15 | Jim Griffin |
| 1 | Amelia Ford | 16 | Jonathan Belk |
| 1 | Margaret Smith | 16 | Martha Brown |
| 2 | Carolyn Hawkins | 16 | Carolyn Pence |
| 2 | Joel Moore | 17 | Ralph Starr |
| 2 | Tom Moore | 18 | Hayden Coombes |
| 2 | Emma Lou Stansell | 18 | Sterling Dennis |
| 2 | Angela Watts | 18 | Herb Gill |
| 2 | Kyle Watts | 18 | Sean Mitchell |
| 3 | Judy Alexander | 19 | Braiden Childers |
| 3 | Catherine Goetchius | 19 | Harry Hood |
| 3 | Jim Hutton | 20 | Jerry Helms |
| 3 | Grace Jones | 20 | Melanie Muehl |
| 3 | Dolores Childers | 20 | Bev Taylor |
| 4 | Ryan Collins | 21 | Mike Glover |
| 4 | Linda Downer | 21 | Charles Mullis |
| 4 | Bryn Newton | 22 | Beth Barnes |
| 4 | Zachary Newton | 22 | Gladys Davis |
| 5 | Ellie Blanchard | 22 | Tina Hopkins |
| 5 | Sheila Forbis | 23 | Douglas Bruner |
| 5 | Lib Kerr | 23 | Tina Duke |
| 5 | Marty McCrimmon | 23 | C. J. Goetchius |
| 6 | Richard Pharr | 23 | Elaine Mullis |
| 6 | Colton Phillips | 24 | Brooke Allen |
| 6 | Mike Yandle | 24 | Zachary Allen |
| 6 | John Cervantes | 24 | Ryan Hagy |
| 6 | Christopher Goetchius | 24 | DuWayne Kjos |
| 6 | Emily Hartis | 24 | Vivian Christian |
| 6 | Judithann Moore | 25 | Brittany McIntosh |
| 7 | Evan Childers | 25 | Linda Metz |
| 7 | Mary Katherine Lykowski | 25 | Anne Ellington |
| 7 | Doug Ross | 26 | Agnes Stinson |
| 7 | Dot Waltman | 26 | Kelly Barrett |
| 7 | Donna West | 27 | Phyllis Garner |
| 10 | Adam Collins | 27 | Stacy Gullede |
| 10 | Carolee Jaeger | 27 | Rocky Hoffner |
| 10 | Steve King | 27 | William Cooke |
| 10 | Trevor Linscheid | 27 | Casey Hamrick |
| 10 | C. J. Lockridge | 28 | Natalie Vosburgh |
| 11 | Jo Ann Ennis | 28 | Gary McCrimmon |
| 11 | Brenda Roberts | 28 | John Presson |
| 11 | Reggie Tamez | 28 | Blanche Whitley |
| 11 | Eric Forbis | 29 | Paige Yandle |
| 11 | Donald Moore | 29 | Brian Baker |
| 12 | Vivian Barclay | 29 | Gypsy Flowe |
| 12 | Blair Gullede | 30 | Roland Henry |
| 12 | Nicholas Morris | 30 | Neal Flowe |
| | | 31 | Helen Kiser |



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



Sunday, August 1

9:00 a.m.—Church School
 10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
 12:30 p.m.—Fathers House Church Service—Chapel
 4:00 p.m.—Worship & Music Ministry Mtg.—Session Room

Monday, August 2

6:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts—Scout Hut
 7:00 p.m.—Christian Education Ministry Mtg.—Session Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 3

7:00 p.m.—Congregational Shepherding Team Mtg.—Session Rm.
 7:00 p.m.—Youth Committee Meeting—Youth Room
 7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, August 4

9:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room
 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room
 7:30 p.m.—Finance Ministry Meeting—Session Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, August 5

7:00 p.m.—Planning & Review Committee Mtg.—Session Room

Friday, August 6

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

Saturday, August 7

No Meetings

Sunday, August 8

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, August 9

6:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts
 8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 10

7:00 p.m.—Personnel & Office Management Committee Meeting—Fred Brown Classroom

Wednesday, August 11

9:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room
 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room
 6:30 p.m.—Building & Grounds Committee Meeting—Steve Ross Classroom
 7:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Session Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, August 12

No Meetings

Friday, August 13

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

Saturday, August 14

No Meetings

Sunday August 15

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, August 16

6:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts—Scout Hut
 7:00 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 17

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, August 18

9:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room
 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craft Room
 7:00 p.m.—PW Council Meeting—Session Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, August 19

No Meetings

Friday, August 20

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

Saturday, August 21

No Meetings

Sunday August 22

9:00 a.m.—Church School
 10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
 12:30 p.m.—Fathers House Church Service—Chapel
 4:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry—Bigham Hall

Monday, August 23

8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 24

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, August 25

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, August 26

6:00 p.m.—Project Homecoming Fundraiser—Kerr Building

Friday, August 27

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

Saturday, August 28

No Meetings

Sunday August 29

8:45 a.m.—Rally Day Breakfast—Kerr Building
 10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Kerr Building
 12:30 p.m.—Fathers House Church Service—Chapel
 3:00 p.m.—PW Fall Meeting—Kerr Building

Monday, August 30

8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, August 31

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

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.

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.



Prayer List

We need your help to keep our Prayer Request list updated. Please call the church office at 704-545-6172 if you have current information on anyone who is either listed under Prayer Request or who needs to be added to the list.

PhilaNola VIII

The date for our next mission trip to New Orleans is set. We will leave Sunday Sept. 26 and return Saturday October 1. If you are interested in going please contact the church office, Tom Moore (tmoore@flowserve.com) or Toby Vosburgh (704-545-6639 or email tvosburgh@carolina.rr.com).

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.



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| 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 Note

How blessed I feel for all the concern and support I received from the church congregation during my recovery from a heart procedure. Thank you for your cards, prayers and phone calls. You made me feel very special and comforted by so many who cared. What a privilege to be a member of such a special congregation.

Love to you all,
Joyce Anderson

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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