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Pastor's Column

Life Together

In 2003, our Session adopted a statement that offers guidelines for our community life together. From time to time, I think it is important that we be reminded of these guidelines and let them shape our church life. So here they are:

We will work and pray to develop a healthy church as we speak positively about our brothers and sisters in Christ and our church. We will support and encourage our leadership, teachers, spiritual guides, staff and fellow members to build up the body of Christ at PPC. (See 1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:14; 5:11.)

We will observe the Golden Rule, forgiving others and Christ forgives us, realizing that we are God's works in progress and process. We reflect the love of Christ toward each other through respect, compassion and consideration. (See Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 7:12.)

We will look for the presence of Christ in our relationships, acting and speaking in love, and thereby honoring Christ and glorifying God. We will strive to speak no ill in bitterness or wrath to our about any member in the body of Christ, mindful always of our duty to speak the truth in love. (See Ephesians 4:15; James 4:11; 1 Corinthians 13.)

We will be responsible for communicating and receiving communication about the life and work of the church and about present and upcoming events in the church.

I like this statement because it brings the principles of the Christian faith to practice in our community life. Let us continue to work toward this goal as a community of God's people.

In community,

From Lee Koontz, Associate Pastor

As I glanced down at my calendar for the month of October, something jumped out at me: We will be celebrating a baptism on nearly every Sunday in October. The schedule looks like this:

- October 3: Gabriel Luke Governale, son of Luke and Abby Governale
- October 10: Aiden James and Bryce Paul Lomas, twin sons of Jason and Andrea Lomas
- October 17: Clark Dominic Davenport, son of Matthew and Nicole Davenport
- October 24: Lucy Whelan Stengel, daughter of Peter and Danielle Stengel

We're blessed with these wonderful occasions that will remind us of God's love for us, namely that God calls us and claims us as his own children, even before we can acknowledge God or respond to God. In the waters of baptism, we are given a sign of God's ever-present grace, which is constantly at work in our lives. These waters are also a symbol of our inclusion into the family of faith. So, come join us for worship, and celebrate the many ways that God is working and moving in our lives even from our earliest breaths.

And incidentally, on the remaining Sunday in October, the 31st, we will be celebrating All Saints Sunday, during which we'll proclaim the presence of God's grace beyond our last breaths as well. Even before our first breaths, and beyond our last, God's grace, love, and mercy never fail. Thanks be to God!

Worship Readiness Class will be offered

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church offers a Worship Readiness Class for baptized children who have shown an interest in learning more about the sacrament of communion. For children this sacrament is a time to remember Jesus. While young children will not understand fully the complex theology of the Lord's Supper, they can easily grasp the basic meanings. Although each child reaches this stage at a different age, generally by 6 or 7 years old, most of them are able to understand the symbolism.

Our next Worship Readiness Class will be offered for children in 1st grade (and older) and their parents. Classes will be at 9:00 a.m. on four consecutive Sunday mornings: October 24, October 31, November 7, and November 14. If you believe that your child is ready to begin participating fully in our worship services and receiving communion, please contact Sonia Lee (704-545-6172 or sonia@philadelphiachurch.org).

Presbyterian Women's Annual Bazaar Saturday, November 6

Come celebrate 40 Bazaar years!

Months of work and preparation will bring us to the 40th Women's Bazaar on November 6. There has been a lot of crafting going on at the church and in homes to get ready for the largest event sponsored here by our Presbyterian Women. Proceeds from the annual bazaar have helped to send our youth to Montreat or on mission trips, to bring guests to Mint Hill from Belarus, to make many repairs to our campus, to buy furniture and replace appliances, to help fund the building of the Habitat House last year, to buy study books for our circle members, to paint classrooms. This is just the beginning of the list! It's been estimated that over the years, the bazaars have raised approximately \$500,000. Thanks be to God and to all of you who have supported this project of the Presbyterian Women!

8:00 a.m. - Second-Time-Around Sale in front parking lot and
breakfast biscuits in the Kerr Building
9:00 a.m. - craft and bake sale
6:00 p.m. - chicken pie supper
7:00 p.m. - quilt drawing and auction

Quilt tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased in the church office or from Presbyterian Women.

Do your fall cleaning and donate your unused treasures to the second-time-around sale. You can bring your items to the craft room or call Susan Griffin at 704-293-1902.

Bring your bake sale items to the Kerr Building by Friday, November 5.

Please join us on November 6 to help make this year's bazaar the best!



A bit of bazaar history....

Forty years ago this year, Helen Anderson went before our all-male Session to ask permission to hold the annual Bazaar. As you can imagine, that permission was not granted easily. Some thought a bazaar could be considered money changing in the church. Finally after much discussion and hours of deliberation, permission was granted upon the condition that a chicken and dumpling dinner also be served. Perhaps that all-male group thought eating and socializing would justify the event! This year we are celebrating 40 years of fellowship and mission through the annual Bazaar thanks in great part to the vision and dedication of Helen Anderson.

Concerns of the Church

Deaths:

9/12 [Trudy Allen] mother of Butch Allen
9/13 [Dave Davenport] brother of Clark Davenport

Baptism: September 5

Lily Rae Childers, born December 11, 2009, daughter of Kevin Lamar Childers and Jennifer Jones. Granddaughter of Katherine Childers.

Five Cents a Meal offering received on second Sundays

The Five-Cents-A-Meal offering continues to be received on the second Sunday of each month to support hunger-fighting programs across the seven counties of the Presbytery of Charlotte.



Youth Basketball

Basketball signups for boys and girls ages 6 to 18 will run through October 17. Sign-up forms are located in the information rack outside the church office and in the youth Sunday School rooms. Please return completed forms to the church office or place them in box 95 **no later than October 17**. For more information contact Brad Watts at 704-545-2600 or by email at bew0913@aol.com.

Crop Walk

The PPC Youth Group will be participating in the Crop Walk on Oct. 31, 2010. Please consider sponsoring our youth to help support this great cause. For more information, see a member of the youth group or email us at youth@philadelphiachurch.org.

October Birthdays

1	Becky Blanchard	15	Ronnie Rogers	27	Lynn Belk
1	Betty Flowe	15	Mary Sailors	27	Matt Hoover
1	Sophie Metz	15	Amanda Watson	27	Nanci Snell
3	Ben Cooper	16	Jack Foreman	28	Matthew Allocco
3	Karen O'Brien	16	Rolf Jaeger	28	Julie Griffin
4	Clayton Johnston	16	Joy Long	28	Jade Moore
4	Will Olson	16	Grace Oke	28	Cathy O'Brien
5	David Andrews	16	Noah Santiago	29	Deborah Williams
5	Maddie Briner	17	Gregory Dayton	30	Susan Griffin
5	Megan Mandracchia	17	Rex Hastings	30	Brett Tingley
5	Jennifer Orr	17	Philip Snyder	31	Laurie Blackwelder
5	Matthew Peshel	18	Ben Long		
6	Gina Dennis	19	Butch Allen		
6	Marnie Gallagher	19	Amy Long		
6	Matthew Sharpe	19	Mae McEwen		
6	Katherine Beam	20	Christopher Beam		
7	Erin Duke	20	Geof Martin		
7	Samuel Snell	20	Andy McAlister		
8	Cathy Blanchard	20	Jarred Pharr		
8	Mike Haney	21	Charles Beam		
8	Kay Thompson	21	Linda Campbell		
9	Robert Fox	21	John Ellis		
11	Evan Taylor	21	Chris Forbis		
11	Mardy Watson	21	Abbey Stengel		
12	Carmen Griffin	22	Natalie Jetton		
12	Justin King	22	Kelly Lohrer		
12	Katie Mills	22	Josh Snyder		
13	Jennifer Murphy	23	Savannah Black		
13	Betty Weatherly	23	Marlene Jones		
15	Grant Cloaninger	23	David Litten		
15	Lisa Collins	23	Jack Pharr		
15	Reagan Dennis	24	Christopher Mayberry		
15	Patti Nofsinger	25	Alex Forbis		
		25	Dan Oke		
		25	Bernie Wilcox		



October Anniversaries

1	Eric & Kelly Randall
2	Pamela & Dale Reed
4	April & Ben Leon
5	Bill & Virginia Boyd
6	Brad & Diane Orr
6	Gary & Sheila Forbis
7	John & Amy Cervantes
8	Harry & Carolyn Hawkins
9	Morris & Sadie Hood
12	Eric & Lori Beth Jaeger
12	Chris & Cathy O'Brien
15	Robert & Beverly Caldwell
17	Paul & Katy Porter
18	Lindsay & Glenn Herrington
19	Harold & Delores Childers
27	Reggie & Melissa Tamez
29	William & Lucille Furr

In Memory Of

Lawrence Dobbins—Anne Dobbins (Columbarium Fund)

Sarah Helms—Alvin & Janice Wilson, Mary Childers, Tamea Price, John & Frances Epley, Joyce Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Dill (Current Fund); James & Judy McWhirter (Zelma Bradford McWhirter Endowment Fund).

Mae Hood—Betty Ross (Columbarium Fund); James & Judy McWhirter (Zelma Bradford McWhirter Endowment Fund); John & Brenda Childers (Current Fund).

Edna Houck—Ralph Leete/Fellowship Class, Bill & Sue Tilley (Music Fund); Alvin & Janice Wilson (Current Fund)

Lib Hulsart—George & Jean House, Leona & Joe Merola, Fred Brown/Harkey Class, Cox Broadcasting (Scholarship Fund); Mr. & Mrs. Merle Thomas, Alvin & Janice Wilson (Jimmy Miller Scholarship Fund); Richard Bell, Floyd Sistrunk (Current Fund)

J.W. McWhirter Jr.—Perry & Sue Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Evan Eudy (Zelma Bradford McWhirter Endowment Fund)

Bill Reagan—Dan & Courtney Hardy, Rodney & Vivian Mandracchia, Alvin & Janice Wilson (Current Fund); Earnest & Linda Jamison (Capital Needs)

Steve Ross—Betty Ross (Columbarium Fund)

Ralph Ross—Betty Ross (Columbarium Fund)

Ray Smetts—Janice Wilson (Current Fund)



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Yellow Bag Ministry

Yellow Bag Ministry is an ongoing mission of our church. There is a large bin for donations in the entryway to the administration building. There is always a need for your generosity. Your donations go to Second Harvest in Charlotte.

There's a place for you on Wonderful Wednesdays!

It's not too late to join the activities for all ages. Go to our website for a complete schedule. For more information about Wonderful Wednesdays, call Sonia Lee at 704-545-6172. For more information about children's choirs, call Melinda Johnston at 704-545-8318.

Call the church office (545-6172) by Tuesday noon if you would like to make dinner reservations for that Wednesday night.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is October 17

Each fall, the members of PPC have the opportunity to renew their pledges of monies, time and talent to the church. Next week, you will be receiving information about this wonderful opportunity and new pledge cards and Time and Talent sheets. Please prayerfully consider increasing your pledges this year. If you have questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee: Rick Davis – Moderator, Ken Cloaninger, Rocky Hoffner, Brett Owens, Steve Horton, and Marty McCrimmon.

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:

Ellie Blanchard—Rebecca & James Blanchard
Reese Sailors—Mark, Mary & Peyton Sailors
Beverly Caldwell—Robert Caldwell
Robert Caldwell—Beverly Caldwell

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

Thank You Note

We would like to thank our loving church family for all your support during this sad time after the death of Clark's brother, Dave Davenport, of High Point, NC on September 13, 2010. The phone calls, cards, e-mails, visits and hugs were very comforting and uplifting. You are a wonderful and special family.

God loves you all and so do we!

Clark and Linda

Spirituality Book Club

For October, we are reading *The Catcher in the Rye* by J. D. Salinger. The Book Club will meet on Monday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Dilworth Coffeehouse at Hoods Crossroads. Come join us!

"It's Our Time"

Church Retreat March 18-20, 2011

Make your plans now to attend the Spring Church Retreat at Montreat. There will be monthly luncheons to help defray the cost of the retreat. Watch for details about these luncheons in the Sunday bulletins. The cost for lunch will be \$5/person with a \$20 maximum per family. Reservations must be made by Wednesday before the luncheon.



OCTOBER

Friday, October 1

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

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

Saturday, October 2

No Meetings

Sunday, October 3

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Communion—Chapel

9:45 a.m.—Church School

10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Baptism—Communion—Sanctuary

12:15 p.m.—Retreat Luncheon—Kerr Building

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

5:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Room

Monday, October 4

7:00 p.m.—Christian Education Ministry Meeting—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 5

10:30 a.m.—PW Circle #1—Heritage Room

10:30 a.m.—PW Circle #2—Fred Brown Classroom

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel/Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—Congregational Shepherdding Team Mtg.—Session Rm.

7:00 p.m.—Youth Committee Meeting—Youth Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, October 6

5:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday—Kerr Building

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, October 7

6:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Room

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

7:00 p.m.—Planning & Review Comm. Meeting—Heritage Room

Friday, October 8

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

Saturday, October 9

7:30 a.m.—Men's Breakfast—Kerr Building

Sunday, October 10

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel

9:45 a.m.—Church School

10:30 a.m.—Session Mtg.—Session Rm.

10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Baptism—Sanctuary

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

5:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Room

5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Connection—Youth Lounge

6:00 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Bigham Hall

6:30 p.m.—High School Youth Connection—Youth Lounge

6:30 p.m.—Philabells Practice—Bell Choir Room

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, October 11

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Chapel/Bigham Hall

6:30 p.m.—Administrative Ministry Team Meeting—Fred Brown Classroom

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 12

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel/Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—PW Circle #6—Session Room

Wednesday, October 13

5:00 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program

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, October 14

6:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Room

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—Officer Training—Heritage Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Friday, October 15

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

Saturday, October 16

No Meetings

Stewardship Dedication Sunday, October 17

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel

9:45 a.m.—Church School

10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Baptism—Sanctuary

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

5:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Room

6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Room

Monday, October 18

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Chapel/Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 19

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel/Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, October 20

5:00 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program

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

7:15 p.m.—Retreat Committee Meeting—Room 102

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

Thursday, October 21

6:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Room

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

7:30 p.m.—Officer Training—Heritage Room

Friday, October 22

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

Saturday, October 23

No Meetings

Sunday, October 24

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel

9:45 a.m.—Church School

10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Baptism—Sanctuary

12:15 p.m.—Retreat Luncheon—Kerr Building

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

3:00 p.m.—Trunk or Treat—Kerr Parking Lot

6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Room

Monday, October 25

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Chapel/Bigham Hall/Kerr Building

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 26

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel/Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, October 27

5:00 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program

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, October 28

6:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Room

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

7:00 p.m.—Officer Training—Heritage Room

Friday, October 29

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

Saturday, October 30

No Meetings

All Saints Sunday October 31

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel

9:45 a.m.—Church School

10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

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

5:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Room

6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Room

Congratulations to Helen Anderson

Helen Anderson was presented the Honorary Life Membership at the September meeting of Presbyterian Women. This tradition began here in 1958 and has continued to honor women who have exhibited a commitment to Christ by enhancing the mission of the church, encouraging and supporting family participation in church, by participating in PW programs and activities, demonstrating generosity, and by showing love of neighbor as self.

Helen has been a member of PPC all of her life. Early in life, she was active in the children's department, serving in the nursery **each** Sunday morning for many, many years. In the early 1950's she started the **first** Girl Scout troop here at Philadelphia, assisted by two other women. She has been an active PW circle member her entire adult life. She has served others by preparing food for the sick and bereaved and visited homebound members for many years.

Helen has quilted for the bazaar, made pies and mints for the bake sale, and rolled many a dumpling for the supper on bazaar night.

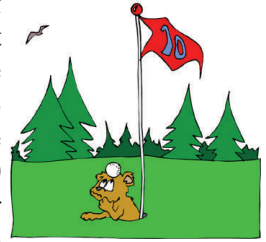
PPC's Presbyterian Women are proud to honor Helen Anderson with the Honorary Life Membership for 2010.

Jolly Good Timers plan fall outings

The Jolly Good Timers are sponsoring a trip to Flat Rock Playhouse on Wednesday, October 13. Cost to non-JGTs is \$40, This includes transportation and ticket to the performance, which is "The Drowsy Chaperone", a musical comedy. We will leave the Philadelphia Presbyterian Church lot at 9:00 a.m. We will eat lunch in the Flat Rock area. There are also boutiques. The performance is at 2:00. We will eat supper on the way back home. Snacks and drinks will be provided on the bus. For further information, call Sandy Moore at 704-573-4249.

4th Annual Dale Jones Memorial Golf Tournament

Save the date: Friday, October 29. Philadelphia Presbyterian Church will be hosting the 4th Annual Dale Jones Memorial Golf Tournament at The Divide. The cost for the Captain's Choice event will be \$70 per player or \$260 for a foursome. Fee includes lunch, practice balls, cart, greens fee and dinner. Registration will open at 11:00a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Sponsorship opportunities are available:



- Gold Sponsor - \$1,000 (includes a foursome)
- Silver Sponsor - \$750 (includes 2 players)
- Bronze Sponsor - \$500 (includes 1 player)
- Tee box sponsor - \$100

Start practicing and get your foursome together. Brochures are available in the church office, and registration forms and sponsorships may be turned in to Judy Clinton in the office. Money raised will go to various mission projects supported by the church.



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