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Pastor's Column

The music of Christmas is already in the air. The songs and carols of this time of year often bring to mind special memories. It was one such Christmas memory that prompted the writing of one of the most beloved carols.

In 1865, the Episcopal priest, Phillips Brooks was visiting the Holy Land. Rev. Brooks had been deeply troubled by the devastation of the Civil War and the assassination of President Lincoln. In his heart he sought peace. On Christmas Eve of that year, he attended Christmas Eve services in Bethlehem, and later stood on a hill overlooking the town. Looking out over that little town, Phillips Brooks felt a peace come over him as he thought about the birth of Jesus. The memory of Bethlehem on that Christmas Eve stayed with him.

Several years later, his church in Philadelphia was preparing for a children's Christmas pageant. Phillips Brooks always had a special place in his heart for children. Even though he was one of the best known religious leaders of Philadelphia and many people were drawn to his dynamic preaching, he always had time for children. He could often be seen sitting on the floor of his office playing with one of the children of his congregation. As the children prepared for this pageant, Phillips Brooks remembered that Christmas Eve in the little town of Bethlehem, and he put his memories in a poem. That poem was set to music and has been sung every year since then. "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie."

I hope you are planning to join us for the various occasions for worship that will be such an important part of our celebration of this special time of year.

Peace be with you,

From Lee Koontz, Associate Pastor: The Longest Night

This is a very exciting (and very busy) time of the year. In our family we will be celebrating A.J.'s birthday on November 30th, our 10th wedding anniversary on Dec. 1st, and then a host of other get-togethers and parties as well. With so much going on in the life of our church during the season of Advent as well, things can certainly at times feel like they are getting a bit out of control!

But as much as I recognize the usual challenges of the holidays, I am perhaps more mindful this year of those whose challenges are far greater. Heather and I both lost grandparents this past year, and the holidays will be somewhat bittersweet for us due to the absence of loved ones. I know that many of you experience this as well, and I've spoken with many about how the holidays are sometimes a particularly difficult time to get through. It may be because of the death of a loved one, or a personal crisis or difficult circumstance in your life, but we all have known holidays that aren't so festive. On **Wednesday, December 15th**, you are invited to join us in the Chapel at 7:30 p.m. for *The Longest Night Christmas Service*, sponsored by the Philadelphia Stephen Ministers. Our service that evening will focus on hope in the midst of difficult times, and will be particularly meaningful for anyone who knows first hand that sometimes the holidays season can be hard, especially when you're dealing with a personal crisis or loss of a loved one. Everyone in our church and our community is invited, so please spread the word to your friends about this special worship service.

And speaking of long nights, I generally have trouble adjusting to the shortened days this time of the year. I like sunlight, and when it gets dark in the afternoon it's hard to handle sometimes. Darkness is a central theme of this season, as it service for the context in which Jesus, our Savior, was born.

We can all take heart and have hope that Jesus was born in such dark times. It is during our own dark and difficult times that our Savior's light shines the brightest. This is the hopeful message of Christmas, and we are told by the prophet Isaiah:

"Those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them a light has shined. For a child has been born to us, a son given to us... And he shall be called wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

May God bless you with peace this holiday season.

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

presents

Scrooge

By James Leisy

Based on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol"



Friday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 5, 2:00 p.m.

In the Kerr Building

Free Admission

Please bring a can of food to share with neighbors less fortunate



December

Wednesday, December 1

5:00 p.m.—Cherub Choir Practice—Children’s Choir Room
 5:30 p.m.—Celebration Singers Practice—Children’s Choir Room
 5:30 p.m.—”Scrooge” Rehearsal—Kerr Bldg.
 6:00 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Bldg.
 7:30 p.m.—Finance Ministry Meeting—Session Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, December 2

6:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Rm.
 6:15 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel
 7:00 p.m.—Planning & Review Committee Meeting—Heritage Rm.
 7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Friday, December 3

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel
 7:00 p.m.—”Scrooge” Presentation—Kerr Building
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

Saturday, December 4

No Meetings

Sunday, December 5

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Communion—Sanctuary
 9:45 a.m.—Church School
 10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
 2:00 p.m.—”Scrooge” Presentation—Kerr Building
 2:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Old Scout Hut
 5:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Room

Monday, December 6

7:00 p.m.—Christian Education Comm. Mtg.—Session Rm.
 7:00 p.m.—Pack 65—Kerr Building

Tuesday, December 7

3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall
 6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building
 6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall
 7:00 p.m.—Congregational Shepherding Team Mtg.—Session Rm.

Wednesday, December 8

5:00 p.m.—Cherub Choir Practice—Children’s Choir Rm.
 5:30 p.m.—Celebration Singers Practice—Children’s Choir Rm.
 6:00 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Bldg.
 6:30 p.m.—Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.—Steve Ross
 7:30 p.m.—Deacons Mtg.—Session Rm.
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, December 9

5:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Bldg.
 6:15 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel
 7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Friday, December 10

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

Saturday, December 11

7:00 a.m.—Blood Drive—Bigham Hall
 8:00 a.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

Sunday, December 12

8:30 a.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room
 9:30 a.m.—Coffee—Bigham Hall
 9:45 a.m.—Church School
 10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
 10:50 a.m.—Officer Ordination—Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Room
 6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Rm.
 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, December 13

6:30 p.m.—Administration Ministry Team Meeting—Fred Brown Class
 7:00 p.m.—Pack 65—Bigham Hall (dining area)

Tuesday, December 14

3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall
 6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building
 7:00 p.m.—PW Circle #6—Fred Brown Classroom

Wednesday, December 15

6:00 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Bldg.
 7:30 p.m.—Longest Night Service—Chapel
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, December 16

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Friday, December 17

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

Saturday, December 18

8:00 a.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

Sunday, December 19

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
 9:45 a.m.—Church School
 10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Rm.
 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, December 20

6:30 p.m.—Troop 65—Kerr Bldg.
 7:00 p.m.—Session Mtg.—Session Rm.

Tuesday, December 21

10:30 a.m.—Jolly Good Timers—Kerr Bldg.
 6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts Troop 56—Bigham Hall (dining area)

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

Wednesday, December 22

6:00 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Bldg.
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, December 23

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building
 7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Friday, December 24

Office Closes at noon
 5:30 p.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
 11:00 p.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

Saturday, December 25

No Meetings

Sunday, December 26

9:45 a.m.—Church School
 10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

Monday, December 27

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28

No Meetings

Wednesday, December 29

6:00 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Bldg.
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, December 30

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Friday, December 31

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



The annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Mint Hill Town Hall will be on Thursday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m.

January

Saturday, January 1

No Meetings

Sunday, January 2

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Communion—Chapel
9:45 a.m.—Church School
10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Communion—Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Rm.
6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Rm.
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, January 3

Office Closed
6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall/Chapel
7:00 p.m.—Christian Education Comm. Mtg.—Session Rm.

Tuesday, January 4

10:30 a.m.—PW Circle #1—Heritage Rm.
10:30 a.m.—PW Circle #2—Fred Brown Classroom
3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall
6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building
6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

Wednesday, January 5

6:00 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Bldg.
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, January 6

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Bldg.
6:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Rm.
6:15 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

Friday, January 7

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

Saturday, January 8

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

Sunday, January 9

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel
9:30 a.m.—Coffee—Bigham Hall
9:45 a.m.—Church School
10:30 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room
10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
10:30 a.m.—Session Mtg.—Session Rm.
4:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Epiphany Party—Bigham Hall
6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Rm.
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, January 10

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall/Chapel
8:00 a.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, January 11

3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall
6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building
6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall
7:00 p.m.—PW Circle #6—Session Room

Wednesday, January 12

5:30 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Registration
6:00 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Bldg.
6:30 p.m.—Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.—Steve Ross
7:30 p.m.—Deacons Mtg.—Session Rm.
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, January 13

5:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Bldg.
6:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session Rm.
6:15 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

Friday, January 14

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

Saturday, January 15

8:00 a.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

Sunday, January 16

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel
9:45 a.m.—Church School
10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Rm.
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, January 17

Office Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall/Chapel
7:00 p.m.—Session Mtg.—Session Rm.
8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, January 18

10:30 a.m.—Jolly Good Timers—Kerr Bldg.
3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall
6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building
6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

Wednesday, January 19

5:45 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program
6:00 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Bldg.
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, January 20

5:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Bldg.
6:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session

Friday, January 21

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—Old Scout Hut

Saturday, January 22

8:00 a.m.—Pinewood Derby—Kerr Bldg.

Sunday, January 23

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel
9:45 a.m.—Church School
10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Rm.
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, January 24

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall/Chapel
8:00 p.m.—AA Meeting—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, January 25

3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall/Chapel
6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

Wednesday, January 26

5:45 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program
6:00 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Bldg.
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—Old Scout Hut

Thursday, January 27

5:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Bldg.
6:00 p.m.—Disciple Bible Study—Session
6:15 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

Friday, January 28

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

Saturday, January 29

7:00 a.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Bldg.

Sunday, January 30

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel
9:45 a.m.—Church School
10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
12:15 p.m.—Annual Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Rm.
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, January 31

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Kerr Building
8:00 a.m.—AA—Old Scout Hut

Thank You Note

My family and I would like to thank everyone for all of your calls, cards, and prayers following the death of my mother Trudy Allen. We are very blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church family.

Butch Allen





Birthdays



December....

- 1 Anna Haney
- 1 Jason Lomas
- 1 Ray Morris
- 1 Lee Smith
- 1 Avery West
- 2 Karen Davis
- 2 Jean Hargett
- 2 Kay Hastings
- 2 Grace Phillips
- 3 Vicki Crossman
- 3 Ryan Dayton
- 3 Millie Mullis
- 4 Terry Ennis
- 5 Liz Biggers
- 5 Amelia Lawrence
- 5 John Nofsinger
- 5 Daniel Phillips
- 5 Rachel Phillips
- 6 Ashle Basden
- 6 John Kiser
- 6 Nona Pourlos
- 6 Sandy Truby
- 7 Ronald Cochrane
- 7 Eric Cogswell
- 7 Rachel Hoover
- 7 Laura Jones
- 7 Tracy King
- 7 Nicholas Sharrett
- 7 Sue Tilley
- 7 Luella White
- 8 Kathy Bartlett
- 8 Corey Garagiola
- 9 Rose Hawkins
- 9 James Norris
- 10 Brian Kirkland
- 10 Buddy Knotts
- 10 Robert Ann Phillips
- 11 Lily Childers
- 11 Marty Lockridge
- 11 Austin Owens
- 11 Randall Snelson
- 12 Jack Burton
- 12 Christy Davis
- 12 Steve Horton

- 12 Alex O'Brien
- 13 Bob Long
- 15 Emily Bauermeister
- 15 John Preston
- 16 Carleton Hamrick
- 16 Cindi Hoffner
- 17 Lizzie Blanchard
- 17 Katherine Ellis
- 17 Becky Robison
- 18 Bryson Barrett
- 18 Cathy Haney
- 18 Clyde Nance
- 19 Judy Greeson
- 19 Jimmy Smith
- 19 Carl Street
- 19 Steven Vandeventer
- 20 Sue Aycock
- 20 Nancy Flowe
- 20 Stephanie Madanski
- 21 J. D. Carter
- 21 Ashley Moore
- 21 Jim Swiger
- 21 Todd Truby
- 22 Abby Governale
- 22 Sarah McMackin
- 22 Polly Ross
- 23 Mary O'Rourke
- 24 Sarah Kate Cogswell
- 24 Handy Cooper
- 24 Jane Long
- 24 Caleb Simmons
- 24 Mike West
- 26 Eloise Black
- 26 Mary Muehl
- 25 Shane Griffin
- 27 Hunter Jones
- 27 Bob Wilcox
- 28 Leslie Anderson
- 28 Jeanette Driggers
- 28 Taylor Hall
- 29 Daisy Benton
- 29 Mikey Dellinger
- 29 Benton Lawrence
- 29 Erin Owens
- 30 Christopher Simmons
- 31 Glenn Harrington

January....

- 1 Miles Baker
- 1 Billy Blackwelder
- 1 Christi Christian
- 1 Matt Corrigan
- 2 Jerry Mullis
- 3 Tanya Briner
- 3 Mike Hastings
- 3 Kristi Lawrence
- 3 Dale Surrect
- 3 Sharon Surrect
- 4 Elizabeth Griffin
- 5 Andrew Jeager
- 5 Emily Plummer
- 6 Sylvia Gill
- 6 Robin McManus
- 6 Alice Pamplin
- 7 Porter Behrendt
- 7 Amy Cervantes
- 7 Martha Griffin
- 7 Rachel Nance
- 8 Sam Basden
- 8 Brenda King
- 8 Erin Moses
- 9 Tony Ward
- 10 Michael Hill
- 10 Charlie Jones
- 10 Allison Watts
- 11 Barney Megargee
- 11 Tricia Moore
- 11 Frances Starr
- 11 Peggy Wilson
- 12 Bob Bourgeois
- 13 Arnold Bokhoven
- 13 Marianne Smith
- 13 Rachel Tweed
- 13 Doug Vass
- 13 Whit Vosburgh
- 14 Kyle McAlister
- 15 Kaitlyn Linscheid
- 15 McKenna Metz
- 16 Barbara Kistler
- 17 Brenda Funderburk

- 17 Angel McClure
- 17 Judy Orr
- 18 Shelley Guerin
- 19 Jean Butler
- 19 Jane Carriker
- 19 Dottie Kastner
- 19 Amy Lewis
- 19 Wesley Morris
- 19 Carol Timblin
- 19 Audrey Upchurch
- 20 Woody Cummins
- 20 Roger Hagy
- 20 Carolyn Platts
- 22 David Cox
- 22 Richard Gilbert
- 22 Rachel Griffin
- 22 Tim Kendrick
- 22 Jennifer Lawrence
- 22 Toby Vosburgh
- 23 Flora Carter
- 23 Jeffery Cochrane
- 23 Lillian Lawrence
- 24 Pam Crowder
- 25 Gene Mullis
- 26 Holly Baker
- 26 Mary Davis
- 26 Brannon Foster
- 26 Don Jamison
- 26 Peyton Sailors
- 26 Helen Swiger
- 26 Carlene Tucker
- 26 Adam Upchurch
- 27 Adam Coombes
- 27 Billy Foster
- 27 Tom Pritchard
- 27 Leslie Street
- 28 Olivia Christian
- 28 Austin Jones
- 28 Bob Tucker
- 29 Ted Morris
- 30 Caroline Reed
- 30 Carolyn Smith
- 31 Betty Ford
- 31 Annette Ward

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

Anniversaries

December

- 1 Jim & Martha Griffin
- 1 Lee & Heather Koontz
- 3 Bill & Anne Cloaninger
- 5 Barry & Sandra Ferguson
- 11 Don & Becky Jamison
- 12 Buddy & Sherry Knotts
- 15 Mark & Ginny Setzer
- 19 Dan & Becky Oke
- 20 David & Monique Andrews
- 20 John & Vivian Barclay
- 20 James & Jill Sharrett
- 21 Jack & Mary O'Rourke
- 26 Lee & Carolyn Smith
- 27 James & Leslie Carmichael
- 27 Melissa & David Johnson
- 27 Joe & Margaret Smith
- 29 Sam & Ashle Basden
- 29 John & Colleen Ellis
- 29 John & Patti Nofsinger
- 29 Betty & Bill Weatherly
- 31 Tony & Julie Griffin

January

- 2 Harry & Martha Hood
- 5 J. D. & Flora Carter
- 6 John & Laura Preston
- 8 Bill & Melinda Johnston
- 11 Butch & Leslie Allen
- 15 Douglas & Amy Bruner
- 15 Jerry & Millie Mullis

We extend sympathy for the following deaths:

- 9/22 - [Norma Jean Kilborne] sister of Barbara Bomersheim
- 11/8 - [Beverly Hill] - sister-in-law of Lois Moss
- 11/19 - [Jacquelyne Page] mother of Kelly Lohrer
- 11/20 - Yolande Burton

Don't forget these dates!

- December 5** - for ordering poinsettias for sanctuary
- December 12** - for bringing your gifts for the PPC Angel Tree (angel securely attached!)
- December 19** - Joy Offering will be received.
- January 12** - Wonderful Wednesday registration



Room in the Inn is your opportunity . . .

Please sign up to volunteer with Room in the Inn this winter. Every Wednesday from December through March we host 12 neighbors from the community, feeding them and providing them with a warm and safe shelter for the night. There are many ways you can get involved—preparing or serving meals, doing laundry, preparing beds, transporting our guests, and staying with them overnight.

This is an excellent opportunity for Sunday School classes and other organized groups to collaborate and host together. For instance, the Fred Brown Class and the Discovery Class (young adults) are teaming up to host on December 1. Not only will they reach out to the community, they will also have a unique opportunity to get to know one another!

In addition to opportunities to serve through your class or organization, individual volunteers are needed to assist classes with setup, meals, overnight "innkeeping," and laundry delivery. This is a wonderful experience for families and individuals to donate part of an evening in ministry. Children and youth are welcome and have helped frequently.

Room in the Inn is a mission effort directed to those literally at our doorstep. Hebrews 13:2 reminds us, "Be ready with a meal or a bed when it's needed. Why some have extended hospitality to angels without even knowing it!" (*The Message*) Come join! You might meet an angel.

Sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office, or call Barbara Williamson at 704.882.9544; e-mail: bjwmson@carolina.rr.com.

Although the Room in the Inn program doesn't allow us to give out outer clothing, we are given permission to give out underwear and socks. Our closet is in need of underwear for both men and women at this time. Following are the sizes we need at this time: men's T shirts sizes large through 3XL, men's briefs size large through XXXL, women's: all sizes. At this time we do not need socks, however, if you have already bought them, we will gladly add them to our supply. There will be a large bin in the narthex and in the hall near the office for collection of donated items.

Thank you for reaching out to our neighbors.

Karen O'Brien and Linda Davenport – closet keepers

Memorials

Trudy Allen—Don & Becky Jamison (Current Fund).

Herman Bauermeister—Presbyterian Women (Current Fund).

Kay Beaver—Keith & Cheryl Marshall, Fred Brown/Harkey Class, Earnest & Linda Jamison, Wayne & Mary Ellen Westmoreland (Current Fund).

Bill Boyd—Fred Brown/Harkey Class, Jolly Good Timers, Marion Morse, Earnest & Linda Jamison (Current Fund).

John Diehl—Presbyterian Women (Current Fund).

Sarah Helms—Mr. & Mrs. Erskine Phillips, Presbyterian Women (Current Fund), John & Carroll Black (Cemetery Fund), Leslie & Joan Anderson (Chapel Organ Fund).

Mae Hood—Presbyterian Women, Mr. & Mrs. Erskine Phillips (Current Fund).

Edna Houck—Presbyterian Women (Current Fund).

Lib Hulsart—Presbyterian Women, Mr. & Mrs. Erskine Phillips (Current Fund), Elizabeth & John Hulsart, Emily Bauermeister, Rev. Tony & Gale Baker, Julia Baker (Miller Scholarship Fund).

Alan Jones—Presbyterian Women (Current Fund).

James McWhirter Jr.—Presbyterian Women (Current Fund).

Martha Presson—Johnny & Deborah Presson (Current Fund).

Steve Ross—Allyson Ross, AEK Interior Design, Kurt Leuschner (Columbarium Fund).

Ray Smetts—Presbyterian Women (Current Fund)

Jessup Whitley—Mr. & Mrs. Erskine Phillips, Presbyterian Women (Current Fund).

Reece Wilson—Presbyterian Women (Current Fund), Sanctuary Choir (Music Fund).

If you gave a memorial gift and it is not listed, please contact the church office.

Dale Jones Memorial Golf Tournament

The fifth annual Dale Jones Memorial Golf Tournament was a fabulous success. After expenses the tournament raised over \$3000. Thank you all who played, sponsored holes, and volunteered in making lunches, setting up registration, hanging banners and donating prizes.

Plans are already underway to make the 2011 tournament the best to date. Save the following date: Monday, October 24. We are excited to announce that the tournament will be hosted by Pine Lake Country Club. The Pine Lake staff is also excited to be a part of our tournament. This date should give us the best conditions the course can offer; fast greens and great fairways. Start getting your foursomes together. We are setting a goal of 100 players. If you would like to volunteer in helping with the 2011 tournament please contact the church office.

It's Our Time



It's Our Time to gather for a weekend away to recharge our minds, bodies, and spirits. We all have that opportunity next March 18-20 when Philadelphia Presbyterian Church will converge on Montreat, North Carolina for our third annual church-wide retreat! There will be intergenerational group study, worship, play, time to hike, shop, relax with friends, and just meditate on our theme *It's Our Time*.

There is plenty of room for everyone, but you do need to register now to reserve the accommodations you desire. Fifty dollars will reserve one room for you. This money is fully refundable through the end of December. In early January, however, we will need to release any unreserved rooms or be responsible for paying for all of them whether we use them or not.

Please fill out a registration form, which can be found in the racks outside of the church office or on the website www.philadelphiachurch.org. The planning committee is working hard to ensure the weekend is one that will have people asking, "When can we go again?!" Please register NOW and join us next March for *It's Our Time*!

Welcome to our new members!

Tom and Noreen Petry, 7301 Scarlet Runner Drive, Charlotte 28227. Tom and Noreen come to us from St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Charlotte.

Wayne and Barbara Wolfe, 4300 Chuckwood Drive in Mint Hill. Wayne transferred from Hawthorne Lane United Methodist in Charlotte, and Barbara transferred from Calvary Episcopal in Wadesboro.

Randall and Cathy Snelson, 8103 Glamorgan Lane, Matthews 28104. The Snelsons are returning to PPC by transfer from Clinton Presbyterian in Clinton, NJ. They have two children: Ellen, age 13, and Emily, age 10.



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Christmas Tree Sale

The Philadelphia Class is selling Christmas trees at 4409 Lebanon Road (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.). They will choose a tree for you and deliver it for \$5.00 if you would like. Trees range in size from 5-9 feet and from \$45 to \$95 in price. Let your salesperson know you are purchasing your tree from the Philadelphia Class. All proceeds will go to church related projects.

PhilaNOLA IX

Mark your calendars! Our dates are set for the next PhilaNOLA mission trip! We will head to New Orleans the week of February 27 – March 5, 2011 to help rebuild homes. If you are interested in being a part of PhilaNOLA IX, please call the church office (545-6172) to get your name on the list.

Sharon Towers extends invitation

You are invited to the Lighting of The Angel Tree at Sharon Towers (5100 Sharon Road, Charlotte) at 7:00 p.m. on December 9. With your contribution of \$25 or more, an angel ornament will be hung on the Angel Tree in honor or memory of a special person in your life. After the holidays, the angel will be sent to you or your loved one. Each person recognized is listed in the Tree Lighting Ceremony program. Please call 704-553-1670 to make your gift to Sharon Towers.

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:

Taylor Hall—Papa & Nana Ellington
Richard Newton—Lisa, Augusta & Katie Newton
Norma Davidson—Matthew & John Allocco
Becky Blanchard—Jamie Blanchard
Janice Cooper



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

Confirmation Class

Although we cannot guarantee our children's faith, there are certainly things we can do that make a difference. Faith is a gift given by God, and we do not control how God bestows it. However, we, together with the whole church, can set up the conditions that help teens accept the faith that God offers. Confirmation 2011 is an opportunity for our young people to explore what it means to have faith in Jesus Christ and to be a Christian in today's world. Classes begin with an introductory meeting on January 9 during the Sunday School hour, and regular Sunday meetings will begin January 16. If your child is in 8th grade or older and wants to strengthen his or her faith and commitment to Christ's church, please contact Sonia in the church office to have her or him enrolled.

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