

# The Philagram

## Philadelphia Presbyterian Church

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### The Stephen Ministry

The Stephen Ministry keeps each church member lifted up in prayer. We pray for our church, our community and our nation and for those throughout the world who are in need or who are suffering. We especially lift up our ministers, Chuck and Lee and their families, our Session and Diaconate, and all those who teach, minister to, or serve our congregation.

#### If you need a Stephen Minister....

Do you or someone you know need the care of a Stephen Minister? If so, please contact Grace Phillips, Chuck Williamson or Lee Koontz.

#### If God is calling you to be a Stephen Minister....

If you would like to know more about how you can be involved, please contact Grace Phillips or speak to one of our Pastors or Stephen Ministers.

[www.stephenministry.org](http://www.stephenministry.org)

### Stephen Ministry Is....

One Christian reaching out to another in a time of need.

Through one-to-one caring relationships, those who are hurting receive love and support to help them through difficult times.

Stephen Ministry is confidential.

The identities of those receiving care and the details of what is shared are completely private and confidential.

A trained lay member of the congregation who will:

- Visit with you regularly
- Listen
- Offer resources
- Pray with and for you
- Offer Christian love and support.

A Stephen Minister is a caring, supportive Christian person who will care for you during difficult times.



### From Lee Koontz, Associate Pastor

As you probably have already read or heard, the Session at its June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting decided to continue to uphold a fidelity and chastity requirement for church officers here at Philadelphia. This decision was made after much prayer and discussion, and it was made in order to give guidance to our congregation. I'm thankful for the Session's leadership on this issue, and I want to reiterate that you have a home here at Philadelphia no matter how you feel about Amendment 10-A. As I've visited some of our Sunday School classes over the last several weeks, it's become apparent to me that we are a fairly diverse membership when it comes to Amendment 10-A. I have heard from people who are strongly opposed to it, seeing it as a departure from biblical instruction. I have heard from people who supported it, seeing it as a compassionate change that has been long overdue. I've also heard from people who are weary of the debate, and long to see the church spend its time and energy on the ministries and missions to which Jesus calls us. I believe that we all were called by God to be here, as a part of the body of Christ at Philadelphia.

From my perspective, this is an issue which requires us to be thoughtful. It's an issue that requires us to be faithful to God and each other. It's also an issue that requires us to be prayerful. I hope that we can be all of these things whenever we discuss Amendment 10-A (or any other issue, for that matter) together, and I hope we can promise to each other that we will speak the truth in love, and also listen faithfully to those who express different views. We will continue to engage in a period of study, discussion, prayer, and understanding. This will be an ongoing process if done faithfully. As part of this process, I continue to visit our Sunday School classes, and plan to have an additional meeting with those who do not regularly attend Sunday School as well. My intent is to hear your questions and concerns and provide what answers I can. If I have not yet gotten to your Sunday School class, please understand that I will visit with you as soon as I am able.

Finally, let me reiterate my commitment to pray with and for you. I ask for your prayers as well - for our leaders, our church, and our denomination. Ultimately, at the end of each day, I rest in the assurance that this is not my church. It is not your church. It is not the church of any network, organization, or group within it. It is the church of Jesus Christ, and always will be. Nothing we say or do will change that simple promise.

Grace, peace, and thanks to you all.

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### We're on our summer schedule

Remember, Sunday School is at 9:00 and a single worship service is at 10:00 a.m. through the summer.

# July



**Friday, July 1**

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

**Saturday, July 2**

No Meetings

**Sunday, July 3**

9:00 a.m.—Church School

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

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

**Monday, July 4**

Church Office Closed

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Tuesday, July 5**

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

7:00 p.m.—Stewardship Committee Mtg.—Session Room

**Wednesday, July 6**

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

**Thursday, July 7**

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Friday, July 8**

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

**Saturday, July 9**

No Meetings

**Sunday, July 10**

9:00 a.m.—Church School

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Baptism—Sanctuary

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

**Monday, July 11**

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

**Tuesday, July 12**

No Meetings

**Wednesday, July 13**

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

**Thursday, July 14**

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Friday, July 15**

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

**Saturday, July 16**

No Meetings

**Sunday, July 17**

9:00 a.m.—Church School

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Baptism—Sanctuary

**Monday, July 18**

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Tuesday, July 19**

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Wednesday, July 20**

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

**Thursday, July 21**

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Friday, July 22**

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

**Saturday, July 23**

No Meetings

**Sunday, July 24**

9:00 a.m.—Church School

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

**Monday, July 25**

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Tuesday, July 26**

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Wednesday, July 27**

6:00 p.m.—Nominating Committee Meeting—Bigham Hall

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

**Thursday, July 28**

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

**Friday, July 29**

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

**Saturday, July 30**

No Meetings

**Sunday, July 31**

9:00 a.m.—Church School

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

**Concerns  
of the  
Church**

**Deaths**

5/24 Richard Long

5/26 Johnnie McWhirter

5/31 [Tom Gibbs] stepfather of Heather Williams

**Baptisms June 12**

Fred Tannenbaum

**New Members Joined June 12**

Richard Saia

10002 Hanging Moss Trail

Charlotte, NC 28227

Richard has one son, Calvin, age 7. Richard joined by Profession of Faith

**Fred & Lana Tannenbaum**

13816 Lymington Ct.

Charlotte, NC 28227

Fred & Lana have one son, Luke, age 15 who joined with this year's confirmation class. Fred joined by Profession of Faith. Lana joined by Reaffirmation of Faith.

**Aaron & Amy Kaminski**

3348 Muddy Creek Road

Midland, NC 28107

Aaron joined by Transfer from Neighborhood Menonite Brethern, Church, Visalia, CA. Amy joined by Transfer from First United Methodist Church, Laurinburg, NC.



**J = JESUS    O = OTHERS    Y = YOURSELF**

The JOY MINISTRY at PPC is a ministry of compassion and self-giving, providing services in times of crisis as well as helping with on-going needs. We extend the Hand of Christ to church members as well as other members of our community in the following areas:

- **transportation to appointments**
- **repairs**
- **general housework in emergency situations**
- **yard work**
- **personal needs**
- **financial advice**
- **a phone ministry to check on our home bound**
- **reading and writing services**
- **visiting with sick**
- **emergency child or elder care**

We also have rehabilitative and hospital equipment stored in Bigham Hall that is available to borrow through a simple checkout system in the church office.

Thank you, volunteers, for saying YES to the JOY Ministry and for blessing the lives of each person that you have helped. If you would like to volunteer for this special ministry or for more information, contact the church office at 704-545-6172.

**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:***

Katie Newton - from Richard, Lisa, and Augusta

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

**Registration is underway for PPC's preschool program**

Philadelphia Presbyterian Kindergarten is accepting applications for 3, 4, & 5 year olds. Hours: 9 a.m.—1 p.m., call 704-545-3439 ext. 122 or Vicki Crossman at 704-618-7134.



**Celebrating an anniversary in July . .**

- 1 Bob & Ginger Bourgeois
- 1 Kent & Jeanette Winslow
- 2 Don & Merle Price
- 3 Bob & Barbara Kistler
- 12 Alexis & Brian Baker
- 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.*

**July Birthdays**

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



## In memory of...

**Irene Quinn** - Presbyterian Women (Mission Fund)  
**Minnie Thomas** - Presbyterian Women (Mission Fund)  
**Bertie Swain** - Presbyterian Women (Mission Fund)  
**Rose Hawkins** - Presbyterian Women (Mission Fund)  
**Eva Price** - Presbyterian Women (Mission Fund)  
**Josephine Hillegas** - Presbyterian Women (Mission Fund)  
**Frances Williams** - Presbyterian Women (Mission Fund)  
**Missy Sawyer** - Presbyterian Women (Mission Fund)  
**Johnnie McWhirter** - Rick & Karen Davis, Frances D. Leete, David & Karen Hodgkin, Sanctuary Choir, Dot Perry, D. J. Houston, Jr., Miller VanDerLip, Nancy Tant, Fred Brown/Harkey Class, Bill & Lucille Furr, Amelia Ford, Sandy Moore, Emily Bauermeister, Bill & Sue Tilley (Music Fund)  
**Richard Long** - Frances D. Leete, David & Karen Hodgkin, Sanctuary Choir, Sandy Moore, Red Hat Society "Mint Julip", Ralph Leete Fellowship Class, Bill & Sue Tilley, Alvin & Janice Wilson (Music Fund); Bill & Lucille Furr, Emily Bauermeister (Current Fund)

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## Ten Cents A Meal feeding mind, body and spirit...

Ten-Cents-A-Meal is the same Five-Cents-A-Meal offering increased and enhanced to allow the Hunger Action/At-Risk Youth Work Group to continue funding partner agencies. We seek to reach more people and provide a lasting effect on individuals and families within the bounds of our Presbytery. This offering will now provide funding for hunger relief programs AND at-risk youth programming. The committee feels that the time has come to reach out beyond just providing food and to feed the mind, body and spirit of the people in our communities.

We invite congregations to promote this "same BUT different" Ten Cents A Meal Offering WE CAN MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE when ALL participate.

Let's begin with a renewed outlook that this fund—can double and even triple the number of people served by including this new program initiative.

Using this same passage that Two and Five Cents a Meal has used since 1982...

*"Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of my brothers, you have done it unto me."*

- Matthew 25:40

**1st Annual Blood Drive**  
**Mint Hill VFW Post 4059**  
**11341 Bain School Road**  
**July 27, 2011**  
**Contact Paul Junea at 704-784-1472**

## Youth Mission Trip

The PPC high school youth group will be heading to Asheville, NC, July 10-15, for their annual mission trip. A great way to get involved in missions is



to get involved with the youth. You can help out the youth missions by chaperoning trips, supplying gas money, or simply encouraging the youth as they venture out to do God's will. Every year the youth return to Charlotte saying that even though they helped other people by building handicap ramps, painting houses, building decks, etc; the youth often receive spiritual insight from the people they are helping. This is an extremely rewarding program, and you are being called to take part.

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## Sixth Annual Dale Jones Memorial Golf Tournament



Plans are underway for the 6th Annual Dale Jones Golf Tournament.

Here are a few details to date:

**Where:** Pine Lake Country Club

**When:** Monday, October 24, shotgun start at 11:00 a.m., registration at 10:00.

**Cost:** If you sign up as a foursome, cost is \$360 (\$90 per player). If you sign up as a single, \$100.

**Food:** Lunch and dinner provided

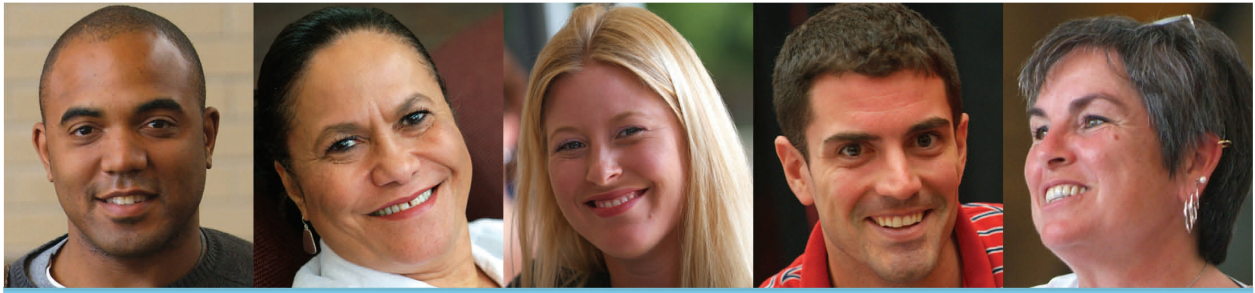
We plan on a few new twists this year. There will be a putting contest and a "special mystery hole" where you can actually lower your team score by an extra stroke if you are successful.

Brochures will be printed in the next couple of weeks. You can also purchase a tee sign to advertise your business, Sunday School class, etc. More details on cost will be in the brochure.

Money raised will go to help various needs of our church and community.

Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of things. Please contact Brandon Hartsell at [b\\_hartsell@carolina.rr.com](mailto:b_hartsell@carolina.rr.com) or Toby Vosburgh at [tvosburgh@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tvosburgh@carolina.rr.com) or 704-545-6639.

Start getting your foursome together.



Connect. Serve. Grow.

## We'd like your email address!

The ministerial staff and leadership are excited to share with you a new benefit of membership at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church. In four weeks, the church will launch a new software innovation that will give the members of our congregation the ability to **access their membership information online**.

The key to launching this program is updating our membership records with the current email addresses of all our church members. **Your assistance is greatly appreciated!** Simply send an email to [cynthia@philadelphiachurch.org](mailto:cynthia@philadelphiachurch.org). If you prefer, you can call the church office and a staff member can obtain your information over the phone. **All email addresses will be securely protected and will not be distributed outside the church office.**

**Please call the church office at 704-545-6172 for more information**

### Now you can:

- Manage and update your basic membership information online
- Connect with small group members
- Find available small groups
- Register online for events
- View online calendars

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Remember the church's mission and work this summer before you go on vacation. Your regular giving helps us reach out in the name of Christ!

## Thank You Note

Many thanks to everyone for your cards, visits, phone calls and prayers following our surgeries and treatments. We are so blessed to be a part of this caring congregation.

Ellis and Shirlene Yeargins

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## Church-wide Photo Contest!

The Church Pictorial Directory Committee is sponsoring a Photo Contest with the winner's photo to be published on the cover of the 2012 Pictorial Directory. Subject should be the church campus or scenes around the church suitable for the cover photo. Please submit digital format print with name and phone number on the back. Photo should be available in digital format on request. Deadline is December 1, 2011. Decision of the Pictorial Committee is final. Please submit entries to the Pictorial Committee by placing them in Box #93.

## Ways to stay in touch with the church

Text copies of sermons preached from the pulpit of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church are available in the information rack outside the church office; they are also available online. If you want to listen to the sermon, you may do so at the church's website. Click on the "Media" tab.

Would you like to receive a mid-week e-mail reminder of upcoming events at the church? Call the church office or send your email address to [Linda@philadelphiachurch.org](mailto:Linda@philadelphiachurch.org), and we'll add your name to the list of those receiving this weekly update.

If you would like to receive your *Philagram* electronically, contact Cynthia at the church office.

Dr. Chuck Williamson, Pastor/Head of Staff  
Rev. Lee Koontz, Associate Pastor  
Sonia Lee, Director of Christian Education  
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Katie Todd, Youth Director  
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Melinda Johnston, Children's Choir Director  
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