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Dear Friends,

The theme for this year's stewardship emphasis is "Catch the Vision—Dream the Dream." We want to hear from you: what are your dreams for Philadelphia Presbyterian Church? As you think about the church one year from now...five years from now...twenty years from now, what is the vision you have for our church? It's a way of asking you to spend some time in prayer seeking God's will for our church, and then looking for ways that we can put God's will to work in our congregation.

We believe that if we are faithfully seeking God's will for our church, then the members will eagerly step up to support those dreams and visions financially.

One of the things that I so enjoyed on my sabbatical was the opportunities I had to worship in other settings. But frequently I was bothered by the fact that as Barbara and I were driving to church, there seemed to be so many people engaged in other things—walking the dog, taking a bike ride, mowing the lawn. (Maybe they had gone to church on Saturday night or were going later in the day!) I kept asking myself if these people are hungry for anything deeper, and how we as Christians might reach out to them with the good news of the gospel.

I believe that we have been entrusted with good news for the world, and that deep down every person is hungry to hear that word of good news. My dream is that we can find a way to reach out to others to share with them the joy of a loving God.

What are your dreams? What are your visions?

I pray for God's guidance that we may find a way to share the good news with the world.

Prayerfully,

**WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY**



October 2

From Lee Koontz, Associate Pastor

Christian Stewardship was a fundamental principle of the teachings of Jesus during his 33 years of ministry. We in the church have always emphasized stewardship as a grateful response to all that God has given us. We don't do this because God needs money, or because we expect blessings in return. We do this because we have already received a great gift in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We do this because we believe the teachings of our Lord, who taught in one of his New Testament parables, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." (Luke 12:34)

Whether it is money, time, talent, material possessions, relationships or personal effort, God wants us to participate in God's vision for us, the church. During our stewardship campaign this year, we are all called to "Catch the Vision, and Dream the Dream", trusting that God has a vision for us here at Philadelphia. It's up to us to step forward with our time, our talents, and our resources in order to see the dream become reality.

Following the teachings of Jesus, we believe that stewardship is a personal responsibility instituted by God for every believer. Again, not that God needs money, but God has chosen to use us all in order to achieve something extraordinary. That is to say, God needs you! Whether your gifts be small or great, you can be assured and guided by the promises of scripture that God will take our gifts and multiply them. Visions will become reality. Dreams will come true. Multitudes will be blessed. And it starts with you.

I hope and pray that you will remain open to the ways that God will call you personally to give during this season of stewardship. I also hope that you'll see visions and dream dreams for what is possible here at Philadelphia. May God guide and bless you as you contemplate your own giving, and may God bless us as the body of Christ in extraordinary

Congregational Meeting

There will be a congregational meeting on October 2 at the beginning of the 10:50 service to hear a report from the Congregational Nominating Committee.

We need students' addresses

We would like to keep in touch with all our church family, even while they are temporarily away for the school year. Please forward your student's name, addresses (both snail mail and e-mail), and other contact information to cynthia@philadelphiachurch.org.

October Schedule for Youth

October 2 – Youth Group
October 8 – Scarowinds/Lock-In
October 16 – Crop Walk
October 22 – Checkers game Pucks and Prayers
October 23 – no Youth Group meeting
October 30 – Youth Group

New night, time for book club

For October the book will be *Under the Banner of Heaven* by Jon Krakauer. Add this to your reading list and join us when we meet again! We meet at **6:30 p.m.** at Dilworth Coffee House at Hoods Crossroads on the last **Tuesday** night of the month. See you on Oct. 25.

Trunk-or-Treat!



Trunk-or-Treat for everyone will be Sunday, October 30, from 4-6:00 p.m. Come in costume, park at the Kerr Building, decorate your car, and hand out goodies to the children as they visit car to car. There will be a costume parade and a prize for the best decorated car. *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* will be shown at 5:30 with hotdogs and refreshments available for purchase. In case of rain, the event will be held inside the Kerr Building. This event is a fundraiser sponsored by the *Come, See Again* (church-wide retreat) planning team.

Clean-up Day is October 8

There will be a clean-up day on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. following the Men's Breakfast meeting. Bring your hand tools to trim trees and shrubs.



Poor Man's Supper

The Philadelphia Class will host their annual Poor Man's Supper on November 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kerr Building. The Friends of Christ gospel singers will provide entertainment. Cost will be \$7, and there will be hot dogs for children for \$2. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of a new church van.

October menus for Wonderful Wednesday (subject to change)

Oct. 5 - deep dish pizza, salad and dessert
Oct. 12 - chicken pot pie and chicken sandwiches with green beans, corn, salad and dessert
Oct. 19 - Italian food with salad and dessert
Oct. 26 - ham, macaroni and cheese, green beans and dessert



Months of work and preparation will bring us to the Women's Bazaar on November 5. 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 make many repairs to our campus, to buy furniture and replace appliances, to help fund the building of a Habitat House, 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 and dumplings supper
7:00 p.m. - quilt drawing and auction

The queen-size quilt is absolutely beautiful! 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 gently used treasures to the second-time-around sale. You can bring your items to the back door of the chapel and leave them in the hallway or call Susan Griffin at 704-293-1902.

Bring your bake sale items to the Kerr Building by Friday, November 4, 7:00 p.m. Please do not donate baked goods that have to be refrigerated!

If you have an item you would like to donate for the auction, please do so by November 1.

Please join us on November 5 to help make this year's bazaar the best!

COME, SEE AGAIN

Come, See Again while we gather for a weekend away to recharge our minds, bodies, and spirits. We all have that opportunity next March 16-18 when Philadelphia Presbyterian Church will converge on Montreat, North Carolina for our fourth 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 *Come, See Again*.

There is plenty of room for everyone, but you do need to register now to reserve the accommodations you desire. One hundred 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 when we *Come, See Again!*

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The *Come, See Again* (church-wide retreat) planning team announces a T-shirt Design contest. You are invited to submit a design on an 8 ½ x 11 piece of paper to box # 4 by December 1. Winner will receive \$50 off the cost of the retreat. Design should include the following information:

The theme: *Come, See Again*

The dates: *March 16-18, 2012*

4th Annual PhilaFamily Retreat

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 **The *Come, See Again* (church-wide retreat) planning team is collecting old sunglasses.** To donate, please place your sunglasses in the box outside of the church office.

Catch the Vision, Dream the Dream....of a NEW CHURCH VAN!!!!

To turn this dream into reality, the session has approved collection of funds to purchase a new church van that will meet all current safety and comfort standards including handicapped accessibility. Please note that this money is entirely separate from the current church budget and should not replace your regular tithe or pledge.

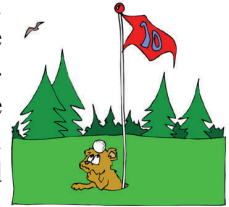
We will continue to maintain our existing van, so our transportation capabilities will essentially double allowing congregation members more opportunities for fellowship and service, and allowing our church to expand our ministries to the community and beyond.

Cost is estimated to be about \$45,000 with negotiations currently in the works. Since we plan to finance the purchase over several years, you may donate now, or pledge an amount to be paid regularly over the next two years. Simply place your donation or pledge in the offering plate marked "new church van" or call Judy Clinton, 704-545-6172, and let her know the amount. For more details on the specifics of the van, contact Dick Lamb or Mickey Ellington.

Our "dream" is to have the new van in service by January 1, 2012.

Sixth Annual Dale Jones Memorial Golf Tournament

It's almost tee time! We have almost 100 players as of September 27 who have signed up. Please get your team together ASAP. All money and teams need to be in by Monday, October 17. Brochures are located outside the church office. Also we need hole sponsors.



Information about becoming a hole sponsor can be found in the brochure. Our goal is 120 players and at least 18 hole sponsors. If you have any giveaways for prizes, please contact Brandon Hartsell or Toby Vosburgh. We will be giving the congregation a weekly update on players and hole sponsors.

Frances Middleton is awarded Honorary Life Membership

PPC's Presbyterian Women are proud to honor Frances Middleton with the Honorary Life Membership for 2011.



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.

Congratulations, Frances!

If you would like to be a sponsor for the youth for the CROP WALK on October 16, please contact Angel McClure at 704-545-5887, Laura King at 704-882-3329, or any of our PPC youth.



1	Becky Blanchard	12	Justin King	21	Charles Beam
1	Betty Flowe	12	Katie Mills	21	Linda Campbell
1	Sophie Metz	13	Jennifer Murphy	21	John Ellis
3	Ben Cooper	13	Betty Weatherly	21	Chris Forbis
3	Karen O'Brien	14	Caroline Kozar	21	Abbey Stengel
4	Clayton Johnston	14	Rudy Turnage	22	Natalie Jetton
5	Christopher Andrews	15	Lisa Collins	22	Kelly Lohrer
5	Maddie Briner	15	Reagan Dennis	22	Josh Snyder
5	Jennifer Orr	15	Pattie Nofsinger	23	Savannah Black
6	GINNA DENNIS	15	Ronnie Rogers	23	Marlene Jones
6	Marnie Gallagher	15	Mary Sailors	23	David Litten
6	Matthew Sharpe	16	Jack Foreman	23	Jack Pharr
6	Katherine Beam	16	Rolf Jaeger	25	Alex Forbis
7	Samuel Snell	16	Joy Long	25	Dan Oke
7	Catherine Blanchard	16	Gracie Oke	25	Bernie Wilcox
8	Cathy Snelson	16	Noah Santiago	26	Noreen Petry
8	Kay Thompson	17	Gregory Dayton	27	Lynn Belk
9	Robert Fox	17	Rex Hastings	27	Matt Hoover
11	Marty Flowe	17	Kim Miller	27	Nancy Snell
11	Mike Garbark	17	Phillip Snyder	28	Matthew Allocco
11	Evan Taylor	18	Ben Long	28	Julie Griffin
11	Mardy Watson	19	Butch Allen	28	Jade Moore
12	Carmen Griffin	19	Amy Long	28	Catherine O'Brien
		20	Christopher Beam	29	Deborah Williams
		20	Geof Martin	30	Susan Griffin
		20	Andy McAlister	30	Brett Tingley
		20	Jarred Pharr	31	Laurie Blackwelder

October Anniversaries

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

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



Thank You Notes

Thanks to our congregation, Friends on a Mission, and The Coffee Garden, a check for \$706.50 was mailed to Tanzania, Africa. These funds that were raised through our Kids on a Mission Project will be used to start new farming sites and continue valuable work in this poor area. Special thanks to those who purchased baked goods and raffle tickets!

Sincerely,
Justin & Tyler King, Taylor & Avery West

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My family and I thank you for your prayers, cards, food, visits and phone calls. Your support through all my grief of Ray's and my son's passings is a kindness that has meant more to me than I can ever thank you enough.

In Christian love, Helen Smetts

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Our family appreciates the love and support shown to us throughout the illness and death of my stepmother, Irene Baker. Your cards, calls, visits and prayers continue to lift us up as we adjust to life without her. We are so grateful for our Philadelphia Church family.

In Christian Love, Brenda & Marc Roberts

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To our church family:

Many, many thanks to all of you who have supported me and my family during this long recovery. I will never forget when this accident happened on December 22, 2010, and I arrived at CMC. One of the first people I saw while in the emergency room was our minister Chuck. I had only been there a short time when he arrived. He and Lee visited me and my grandson Jakob often while we were at CMC. It was a time we will never forget. We did not have Christmas until Jakob came home from the hospital 37 days later. But because of all your support and care and all the prayers from all of you, we have made it this far. Both of us received so many cards, phone calls and lots of visits. Food came from all directions for our whole family. We can never thank all of you enough.

I have completed all my therapy and wear no more casts and have no more doctor appointments. Jakob is still in therapy and will be for a long time, with lots more surgery as he continues to grow. He is in the first grade this year and already doing well. Jakob is a strong little six year old boy, rides his bike, his skate board and this past summer he came in first place twice at the swim meets in his neighborhood. He is an awesome little boy, and we are so thankful we still have him.

It makes us all very proud that we have such a loving and caring church family. Please continue to pray for us and our family as we continue to get through this.

My love to all of you, Merle Price

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Dear Chuck, Lee, Session, and Congregation of Philadelphia,

Thank you very much for your extreme kindness and generosity of inviting me to worship with you on Homecoming Sunday. It meant a lot to me as well as my family. It was a fabulous celebration with great food (as always)! I give thanks to God for the tremendous work you are doing in the community and around the globe bearing witness to the grace of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you again for including me in your celebration!

Lisa



Saturday, October 1

No Meetings

Sunday, October 2

8:35 a.m.—Worship

Service—Communion—Chapel

9:45 a.m.—Church School

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

10:50 a.m.—Congregational Meeting—Sanctuary

5:00 p.m.—Bible Study—Session Room

5:30 p.m.—Youth Connection—High School Youth Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building

5:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room

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

Monday, October 3

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

6:30 p.m.—Christian Education Ministry Mtg.—Session Room

7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Heritage Room

8:00 a.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 4

10:30 a.m.—PW Circle #1—Heritage Room

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

3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, October 5

5:00 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program

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

Thursday, October 6

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

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

7:00 p.m.—Men’s Basketball—Kerr Building

Friday, October 7

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

Saturday, October 8

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

9:00 a.m.—Campus Clean-up

Sunday, October 9

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel

9:45 a.m.—Church School

10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

5:00 p.m.—Worship & Music Ministry Mtg.—Heritage Room

5:30 p.m.—Youth Connection—High School Youth Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building

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

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

Monday, October 10

6:30 p.m.—Administration Ministry Meeting—Session Room

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

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 11

7:00 p.m.—PW Circle #6—Session Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

7:00 p.m.—Finance Ministry Mtg.—Heritage Room

Wednesday, October 12

1:00 p.m.—Rolls & Records Committee Meeting—Session Room

5:00 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program

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

Thursday, October 13

7:30 p.m.—Men’s Basketball—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Friday, October 14

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

Saturday, October 15

No Meetings

Sunday October 16

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel

9:45 a.m.—Church School

10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

12:15 p.m.—PW Council Meeting—Session Room

5:00 p.m.—Bible Study—Session

5:30 p.m.—Youth Connection—High School Youth Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building

Monday, October 17

6:15 p.m.—Building & Grounds Committee Meeting—Steve Ross Classroom

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

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 18

10:30 a.m.—Jolly Good Timers—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, October 19

5:00 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program

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

Thursday, October 20

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

7:30 p.m.—Men’s Basketball—Kerr Building

Friday, October 21

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

Saturday, October 22

No Meetings

Sunday, October 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.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room

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

Monday, October 24

6:30 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Kerr Building

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Tuesday, October 25

6:30 p.m.—Youth Committee Mtg.—Session Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, October 26

5:00 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday

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

Thursday, October 27

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

7:30 p.m.—Men’s Basketball—Kerr Building

Friday, October 28

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

Saturday, October 29

No Meetings

Sunday, October 30

8:35 a.m.—Worship Service—Chapel

9:45 a.m.—Church School

10:50 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

4:00 p.m.—Trunk Or Treat—Kerr Parking Lot

5:00 p.m.—Bible Study—Session Room

5:30 p.m.—Youth Connection—High School Youth Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building

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

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

Monday, October 31

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

5:00 p.m.—Bible Study—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Reminder: Marla Culp’s son, Brendan Barr, will be running in the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, DC on October 30, in memory of Marla. Please refer to last month’s *Philagram* for instructions on how to make a donation to CurePSP. Details are also posted outside the church office.



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Recent Deaths

- 8/10 [Irene Baker]
mother of Brenda Roberts
- 8/30 [Nora Church]
mother of Ruth Bokhoven
- 9/4 [Rayvon Ferguson]
brother of Aeron Ferguson
- 9/9 [James Ross]
father of Nona Pourlos
- 9/24 [Elizabeth Preslar]
mother of Sheila Forbis

Gifts in memory of....

- Mae Hood**—from Harold & Dolores Childers (Current Fund)
- Irene Loyd Baker**—from H. K. & Betty Leonhardt (Current Fund)
- Bill Boyd**—from His Family (Music Fund)

Gifts in honor of....

- Millie and Jerry Mullis**—from Frances Leete (Current Fund)
- Bill and Sue Tilley**—from Frances Leete (Current Fund)

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:

- Bob Caldwell—from Beverly Caldwell*
- Beverly Caldwell—from Bob Caldwell*
- Brantley Aycock—from Sue Aycock*
- Mary Sailors—from Mickey & Anne Ellington*
- C. J. Goetchius—from Catherine Goetchius*



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

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