The Philagram

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Mint Hill, North Carolina February 2017



From Rev. Rusty Benton, Head Pastor

It has been exciting to hear so many questions and thoughts about all that is going on at PPC these days...and truthfully, there's a lot going on! We are blessed to begin 2017 having been able that in 2016 we: welcomed so many folks new to PPC, began several new (and continued lots of existing) outreach ministries, ended the year with a positive financial balance, celebrated well 20+years of service by Gary and Sheila Forbis in our music department, had a great experience with VBS/Easter Eggstravaganza/ Stop Hunger Now... awesome worship services as we studied The Story and Believe...and—well, bunches!

Building on 2016's ministry, we now look forward to 2017 and all that God calls us to in the coming year. One of the ministry opportunities that is in the spotlight of 2017 is the developing Alternative Worship Service. So, in the excitement and anticipation of this ministry and in an effort to keep us all up to date---here are the details that are available at present:

Start Date for Alternative Worship Service: June 18, 2017 Day/Start Time for Alternative worship Service: Still under review. Presently, technology needs and finding the best schedule to work in conjunction with our present service are the main considerations driving the final decision on this. Of course, God has the final say so!

Service Format: The format for the service will be biblically based and grounded in the Presbyterian reformed tradition. It will likely include less liturgy than we celebrate in our current service. Instrumentation will likely include a full band much of the time and will also seek to be inclusive of many styles of music including praise and worship, classical, folk, bluegrass, country, and maybe a little rock and roll here and there!

Leadership: Katie and I will preach the alternative worship services. Our music and worship leadership will include our current praise team members...and others who are being invited to share their talents with our faith community.

Attire: Whatever you want—but church appropriate please!

These are the basic details at present. The Worship Committee and the Session will inform everyone as information becomes available and plans are firmed up. We are getting closer everyday to this new opportunity to reach out to our community in the name of Christ, and that is so exciting!

An alternative worship offering is a chance for us to build on the great things that God is doing by offering our community more ways to celebrate our Lord! While styles will be different, the message, the theology, the love and the God of it all will be exactly the same. This is a wonderful opportunity for PPC to reach out to those who may not have ever thought of themselves as being part of a church. I am reminded that in scripture, God could have given us one book to tell us the story of Jesus...but instead, God gave us four gospels. Each gives us the truth of God but all do it in a different and unique way. This is the same goal of the Alternative Worship service—to use every resource that we have been given by God to communicate the message of His love for the world! It is a great blessing to be able to share in God's work. It will be exciting to see all that God brings to the table for PPC in this new endeavor. I can't wait for the world that doesn't know about us to meet PPC and for us to meet them!

ALL THE LOVE YOU NEED

A History of Valentine's Day

The real history of Valentine's Day is not comprised of long stemmed roses, boxes of chocolates and poetic cards. Instead, crime, imprisonment and execution are at the core of our modern day love fest, dating back to the man whose martyrdom may have inspired the holiday. There were reportedly three early Christian saints named Valentine, but the one the holiday likely comes from was a Roman priest during the 3rd century A.D. under Emperor Claudius II.

The Roman Empire was experiencing massive turmoil at the time. Often called the <u>'Crisis of the Third Century'</u> by scholars, this period saw the empire divide into three competing states, with the threat of invasion all around.

Claudius made the unpopular decision to <u>ban</u> <u>marriage among young people</u>, believing that unmarried soldiers fought better than married soldiers. With the Roman Empire hanging by a thread, Claudius needed all the brazen war power he could get.

This is where Valentine comes in; a young Roman priest who believed marriage to be a God-given sacrament. Valentine began officiating marriages in secret but was eventually found out and imprisoned. It is rumored that the advent of the <u>Valentine's Day love note</u> may have come about from Valentine sending a love note to his jailor's daughter with an ending sign, "From your valentine". Now that sounds familiar!

Valentine was eventually beheaded and then named a martyr by the Church because he gave up his life to perform the sacrament of marriage: for love of love and love of God.

At the end of the 5th century, February 14 was declared to be St. Valentine's Day, and centuries later <u>authors</u> like Geoffrey Chaucer and Shakespeare helped seal the deal romanticizing it in their works. Today, February 14th is a day that hopeless romantics everywhere celebrate love.

Whether you are steadfastly single or joyfully coupled, I'm sure that you have given and received an expression of love on Valentine's Day. Maybe it was a card for a friend, flowers from a loved one or sweets from your sweetheart.

Here are just a few more fun facts about Valentine's Day:

Did you know that nearly 150 million cards are exchanged each Valentine's Day?

More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.

Over \$1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day in the U.S.

And that more than 40,000 American are employed at chocolate companies?

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Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.

189 million stems of roses are sold in the U.S. on Valentine's Day.

The most fantastic gift of love is the Taj Mahal in India. It was built by Mughal Emperor Shahjahan as a memorial to his wife.

The average number of wedding proposals taking place on Valentine's Day is 220,000 and it is 10% of the total marriage proposals taking place in a year.

Approximately 8 billion candy hearts are manufactured each year for Valentine's Day; this means there are enough candies to be stretched 20 times from Italy to Arizona back and forth.

About 3 percent of pet owners will give Valentine's Day gifts to their pets.

The average American will spend \$119.67 on Valentine's Day this year, up from \$100.89 last year.

15% of U.S. women send themselves flowers on Valentine's Day.

With all of these expressions of love being given on Valentine's Day; with all of the money being spent on cards and candy, one has to wonder, is a special day really necessary? After all, the **Greatest Love** was not shown on Valentine's Day, but when Jesus opened the way to heaven for us 2000 years ago! Now that's all the love you need!

Wishing you a lifetime of love and blessings, Katie Sloan, Outreach Minister



Backpacks of Love

Following is a sweet note from one of the students at Clear Creek: "Merry Christmas! Thank you for giving us food. It means a lot to us. Have a Merry Christmas and have a great day! Thank you."

Christmas lights and a snowman decorate the note. We need all categories of food for the coming month, but especially dinner meats and vegetables in 15 oz. cans. Please watch the Sunday bulletins for more timely updates on needs. Thank you for caring for these children.

Last chance to submit corrections for cookbook

Because we are aware of a few corrections to recipes in the new PPC 2016 cookbook, we will publish a "corrections page" for the cookbooks and make them available to everyone who purchased a cookbook.

Please look over the recipes that you submitted and if there are corrections needed or if a recipe you submitted was not included in the cookbook, let Pat King (patmillerking@yahoo.com or 704-882-2123) or Patti Nofsinger (pnofsinger@carolina.rr.com or 704-545-9921) know no later than **February 10, 2017**.

"FINDING LOVELY... Wrestling With Who We Are"

Psalm 139 ...you are fearfully and wonderfully made

Calling women of all ages to participate in a women's retreat at the church on Saturday, March 4 from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. followed by worship service, led by the women of PPC at 10:30 on Sunday morning.

Get to know PPC women through discussion groups, crafts, music, and prayer. Sign up online at www.philadelphiachurch.org or fill out the following form and put it in the offering plate or leave it in Mailbox 69 outside the church office by February 20. For more information contact Pam Jack (pjack@carolina.rr.com) or call the church office.

Also, If you would like to participate in the all-women's choir that Sunday, please contact Jane Mendlik as soon as possible (jane@philadelphiachurch.org). We would love to have women of all ages praising the Lord through song.

Name: Email Address: Phone Number: Do you need childcare? Ages of children for childcare:

It's the 500th Anniversary of the European Reformation!

Yes it's been 500 years since Martin Luther started the Reformation which led to our Presbyterian roots. There is a *unique* opportunity to visit many sites important to Martin Luther from **July 8-19**, **2017** on a Globus Tour.

The trip to Germany will begin in Berlin and end in Munich with stops at the Martin Luther family home, his birthplace, the Gutenberg Museum for original copies of the Bible, St Jacobs church to see the Blood Altar and many other historic locations. This trip is a once in a lifetime opportunity to visit sites important to our Presbyterian history as well as have a great time with some brothers & sisters in Christ.

There are ONLY 22 spaces available at a cost of \$2,366 PLUS airfare (currently being determined). Contact Emily Davis for more details.



Come join us!

Are you active in Sunday School? Are you in a small group? If not, would you like to be? There are many ways to get together and fellowship with each other through study and fellowship! For more information please contact Susan Griffin at smgrif-

fin@griffinmasonry.com, Shirley Simmons at sts0603@aol.com, or Beth Barnes at beth.barnes72@gmail.com.



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- 1 Melissa Tamez
- 3 Gerald Crossman
- 3 Judy Jones-Turnage
- 3 Kaitlyn Simmons
- 5 Tony Garagiola
- 5 Amy Kaminski
- 5 Alliy Kallillisk
- 5 Brenda Mock
- 5 Terry Sinagra
- 6 Bill King
- 6 Merle Price
- 9 Henrietta Conder
- 9 Melissa Johnson
- 9 Jean Lamb
- 10 Heidi Benton
- 10 Isabel Dee
- 10 Harry Hawkins
- 14 Monique Andrews
- 14 Brett Basden
- 14 Meredith Hartsell
- 14 Janice Wilson
- 15 Olivia Morris
- 16 Jean Gillis
- 16 Pete Kastner
- 19 Evan Eudy
- 20 Bob Wilson
- 21 David Gallagher
- 21 Pat King
- 21 Marc McClure
- 21 Sigrid Morris
- 21 Lisa Newton
- 22 Elizabeth Hood

23 Olin Flowe

- 23 Carolyn Irvin
- 24 Connie Thomas
- 26 Gary Forbis
- 26 Ann Houck
- 26 Elijah White
- 27 Doc Beard
- 27 Tony Griffin
- 27 Audrey Ponscheck
- 28 Jean Rogers
- 28 John Simmons
- 29 Keith Guerin

February Anniversaries

- 4 Bill & Pat King
- 4 Connie & Tracy Thomas
- 5 Dean & Chris Ferguson
- 9 Scott & Susan Griffin
- 11 Gary & Linda Downer
- 14 Tom & Debbe King
- 17 Herb & Sylvia Gill
- 18 Lynette & Tom Pritchard
- 24 Trey & Becky Robison
- 28 Mark & Tamara Jetton

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

We extend sympathy for the following deaths

- 12/16 [Bill DePrater] father of Katherine Alphin
- 12/19 [Debbie Honeycutt] cousin of Emily Davis
- 12/23 [Helen Williams] mother-in-law of Gayle Williams
- 12/24 [Mary Martin] aunt of Susan Griffin
- 1/9 [Ruth Simmons] mother of John Simmons
- 1/14 [Mike Little] cousin of Jason Williams



Ladies, save the date for PPC Presbyterian Women's Valentine Tea on February 12, 2017, 3:00 p.m. at the home of Heidi, Donna, and Rusty Benton at 11003 Sorrel Ridge Drive in the Summerwood subdivision. All women of the church and their immediate family (mothers, daughters, granddaughters) are invited to attend. Transportation will be available from the church.

Address change

Helen Kiser 5802 Old Providence Rd., Apt. 314, Charlotte, NC 28226

Philadelphia Presbyterian Kindergarten News

Registration for the 2017-2018 school year is underway! If you are planning to register your child for next year, please send in your application as soon as possible. Classes are filling up! You may obtain an application from our website: philadelphia-church.org or from Vicki Crossman.

Gifts to the church

In memory of...

Nell Eudy—William & Edith Courter, Ernest & Linda Jamison, Perry & Sue Davis, Anonymous (Music Fund)

In honor of...

Butch Allen—Leila Campbell (PW Annex Fund)
Steve & Emily Davis—Leila Campbell (PW Annex Fund)

Jim & Ann Hutton—Cindi Hoffner (Backpacks of Love Fund)

Mark & Ginny Setzer—Cindi Hoffner (Backpacks of Love Fund)

Barry & Jane Long—Cindi Hoffner (Backpacks of Love Fund)

Dan & Becky Oke—Cindi Hoffner (Backpacks of Love Fund)

Tom & Tina Duke—Cindi Hoffner (Backpacks of Love Fund)

Ed & Shirley Simmons—Cindi Hoffner (Backpacks of Love Fund)

Pete & Dottie Kastner—Shawn, Kelly, Rose, Jacob and Anna Glanzer, Ginny, Mark, David and Ryan Konopka (Backpacks of Love)

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:

Sylvia Gill—Herb Gill



If you are not attending Let's Connect, you are missing out on so much fun! There is something for everyone!!

There's choir and Bible activity time for children and youth and adults get to spend time with Rusty and Katie learning something new, interesting, and insightful each week!!

Come visit with our neighbors at Room in the Inn and get to know each other better! Let's Connect runs through March. Check out the full schedule on the Church website!



Wednesday, February 1

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

1 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

5:10 p.m.—Let's Connect Program

5:30 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

 $6{:}00$ p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, February 2

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m. Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—Personnel & Admin. Meeting—Session Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, February 3

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, February 4

10:00 a.m.—Basketball Games—Kerr Building

4:00 p.m.—Blue & Gold Banquet—Kerr Building

4:00 p.m.—Mint Hill Middle School—Bigham Hall

Boy Scout Sunday, February 5

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service--Sanctuary

11:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Room

4:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class—Room In The Inn Lounge

5:15 p.m.—Inspiration Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

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

Monday, February 6

6:00 p.m.—Christian Education Ministry Mtg.—Session Room

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

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Tuesday, February 7

10:30 a.m.—Circle 1 & 2—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, February 8

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

5:10 p.m.—Let's Connect Program

5:30 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, February 9

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball

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

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, February 10

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, February 11

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

10:00 a.m.—Youth Basketball Games—Kerr Building

Sunday, February 12

9:00 a.m.—Coffee & Fellowship—Bigham Hall 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

4:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class—Room In The Inn Lounge

4:30 p.m.—Worship & Music Ministry Mtg.—Session Room

5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Meeting—Kerr Building

5:15 p.m.—Inspirations Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

5:45 p.m.--Youth Snack Supper--Kerr Building

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

6:45 p.m.—High School Youth Meeting—Youth Room

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

Monday, February 13

3:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Meeting—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall

6:30 p.m.—Endowment Council Meeting—Fred Brown

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, February 14

10:00 a.m.—Circle #5—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.--Circle #6--Session Room

7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, February 15

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

5:10 p.m.—Let's Connect Program

5:30 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, February 16

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

12:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

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

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, February 17

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, February 18

No Meetings

Sunday, February 19

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

4:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class—Room In The Inn Lounge

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

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

Monday, February 20

6:30 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, February 21

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel 6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, February 22

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room 5:15 p.m.—Let's Connect Program

5:30 p.m.—Room In The Inn—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building Thursday, February 23

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building 7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, February 24

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, February 25

10:00 a.m.—Basketball Games—Kerr Building

10:00 a.m.—Blood Drive—Bigham Hall

Sunday, February 26

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Meeting—Kerr Building

5:45 p.m.--Youth Snack Supper--Kerr Building

6:45 p.m.--High School Youth Meeting--Kerr Building

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

7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room Monday, February 27

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Kerr Building

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

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room

6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Meeting—Fred Brown Classroom

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Stay informed and up to date

The church website: www.philadelphiachurch.org provides a great deal of information about upcoming programs and events along with event registration, and request forms. Sunday bulletins, audios of worship services, and monthly Philagrams are also available.

Would you like to be able to look up a church members address, phone number and email address on your computer at home? See your contributions to the church? or View the church Calendar? You can do all this and more by using Access ACS Online. First you will need to make sure the church office has your current email address. Then you can go to the church website (philadelphiachurch.org) on the right side scroll down until you see click here to sign up for your username and password. Click there, a signin box will appear. Don't pay any attention to this box. Below the box it says "Need a Login? Click Here" click on this, it will bring up another box in this box enter your email address and name and click the box that say's "Find Me". You will receive a password in your email, copy that password and go back to the website and click Access ACS. This time you will use the sign-in box, enter your email address and the password that you received, then click sign in. Contact Cynthia in the church office if you need more information.

For those who do not use computers - there are printed copies of the church directory available for pickup in the church office.

IN THE EVENT of bad weather, be sure to tune in to WSOC-TV for information concerning delays or cancellation of services or events.

TEXT ALERTS

You may sign up to receive text alerts of service and activity changes or closings due to bad weather by going to wsoctv.com/s/closings. Look for the "School closings and delays text alerts" link. The church ID# is 0426.

SCOUTING FOR FOOD



Again this year the Scouts of Pack 65, Troop 65 and Crew 1465 will be collecting food for Loaves & Fishes. All the food collected will remain in the local area. Please be generous with your caned and dry goods to assist the less fortunate in our community.

Scouts will pass out food bags after the worship service on Sunday January 29. Please bring your filled bags to worship on February 5, which is also Scout Sunday. The bags will be collected by the Scouts and transported to Loaves & Fishes. Many thanks for your faithful and generous support of our Scouting Programs and Scouting for Food.

Dear PPC Family,

On behalf of the homeless and impoverished children we serve, it is with heartfelt appreciation that we say thank you for your amazing support in 2016! For all of the deliveries made to the in-kind donations given; from the volunteered time served to the prayers offered up. For each stitch made to a baby blanket and for every thoughtful word on gift cards; for all of the contributions and the many wonderful ways in which you give... thank you for helping us bring joy, care and hope to so many struggling children in our community. It takes each and every person and each and every donation to be able to do what we do, and it wouldn't be possible without our PPC family. You are not only loving and giving towards this mission, you are a source of faithful encouragement, and that is a truly priceless gift. We look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in Christ during 2017 as we seek to continue making a difference for thousands of local children.

With gratitude, Amy & John Cervantes and The Bright Blessings Team

Blessing Babies Born Into Poverty With the Essential Care They Need for a Healthy & Positive Start!

Please help us fill Baby Baskets with NEW care essentials including diapers, wipes, diaper ointment, baby wash, lotion and hooded towels. Or shower us with a gift card and we will do the shopping for you!

- Service Projects
- Refreshments
- Raffle Prizes
- Music by K-LOVE 919/94.





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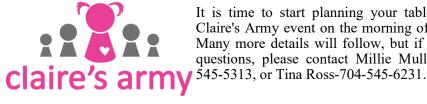
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New rules for building usage

The Buildings and Grounds Committee after much consideration has decided to implement a new rule concerning groups requesting to use the Kerr Building. Groups of 50 people and over will be allowed to use the Kerr Building, groups of under 50 people will use Bigham Hall. For more information contact Tim Rosmon.



It is time to start planning your table for our Claire's Army event on the morning of May 20. Many more details will follow, but if you have questions, please contact Millie Mullis - 704-

PPC Mission Statement

Growing the Kingdom of God by Spreading the Good News, Serving the least among us, Working for justice, and Teaching future generations

From the Worship & Music Committee

We welcome our new interim Minister of Music, Jane Mindlik. She attended the Worship & Music meeting to share her enthusiasm and vision for the sanctuary and handbell choirs. She hopes to recruit new members of all ages. We hope you will offer your support by joining the handbells and/or the sanctuary choir. One thing we would like to add is child care during rehearsals so that young couples or individuals with children can participate. With your help that service will be offered soon. Please consider supporting our music program by volunteering to help with child care during rehearsals on Sunday evening. The only qualifications are a love of children and the love of our music program. Contact Becky Griffin @ 704-545-5766.

Church needs up-to-date addresses!

Please update the addresses for college students and members of the military. It's time to send Valentine gift boxes and if your child's address is incorrect or the name is not on the list of college students and military members, then it is very probable that no box will be sent to your child. Please give the information to Cynthia in the office ASAP.

Save the date!

The Presbyterian Men want you to mark your calendars for March 10 when they will sponsor a Poor Man's Supper. Be watching and listening for details!

If No Birds Sang Except The Best

My talents may not be so rare, And better ones found anywhere But bird songs would not have much zest If no birds sang except the best.

No sense of meter for a test Deciding which of them is best No thought about their breath control Can mar their efforts, as a whole.

It's natural for the birds to sing Their voices on the air they fling, So why should I not with the rest Use talents, though not of the best.

When from the heart it comes sincere, It's bound to have a note of cheer, And blends with others God has blest Without much thought of which is best.

So we might learn from birds on wing That all who wish may chirp and sing; For there would be no real song fest "If no birds sang except the best." - Anon

Please consider joining the Philabells and the Chancel Choir! We need you!



Parents' Night Out

The Kingdom Kid teachers will host a PARENTS NIGHT OUT on Friday, February 10 from 6:30-10:00pm. Drop your child off at the children's wing and go out on the town! For ages 1 year through 5th grade. You must RSVP by Sunday, Feb 5 to Susan Griffin @ smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com.

Rev. Rusty Benton, Head Pastor Katie Sloan, Outreach Minister Judy Clinton, Office Manager Cynthia Stokes, Secretary Linda Cummins, Webmaster/Administrative Assistant



Jane Mendlik, Interim Director of Music Marnie Gallagher, Youth Choir Director Melinda Johnston, Children's Choir Director Leslie Anderson, Organist Shirley Simmons, Philagram Editor