The Philagram

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Mint Hill, North Carolina May 2017



From Head Pastor Rusty Benton

One of my favorite things to do every week at PPC is lead Preschool chapel. Honestly, there are a lot of things that I like to do as a minister and each is special in its own way. But chapel brings something unique to the table for me. It is a great time because I get to hang out with a group of preschoolers, who are some of the coolest people in the world! The preschoolers are great because they come into chapel each week with great expectations of something exciting and good happening in the 20 minutes that we have together. They laugh and sing and dance, and of course sometimes cry if they aren't having the best morning, and always they are ready to rock and roll! Chapel is full of energy and excitement for me and for them and for the teachers and guests (I hope!) it's always fun.

Now, take all of that and add to the conversation that all of this centers on God. This is the best part! The songs we sing, the stories we tell, the dancing we do...all of it works together to describe who God is and why that matters in our lives. It's a wonderful time of togetherness around the single most important person and purpose in life, God! Aaaannnddd we all have a great time in the midst of it!

Certainly other parts of the day for someone in the position of head of staff of a church congregation are meaningful and come with the opportunity to be a part of God's good work in our world. I value each of those opportunities more than I can articulate. I can't honestly say that any one event or activity as a minister has more meaning or importance than another. We just never know when what might seem trivial to us is the very thing that makes a life changing difference to someone else. That is evidence that we are instruments in the hands of God's Spirit and farmers in God's garden. But again, along with everything else, I like hanging with my PRE-K brothers and sisters.

So, the point?—The point is that there are so many opportunities to be with people and God together in so many ways that are just so good! Things like age, health, heritage, and every world view can create opportunities for us to explore God and life in ways that we maybe haven't thought about. I know that those children and their teachers never cease to bring perspectives to our discussion that make me think and see God and life in new ways!

So, take every opportunity that you have to explore life and God with the folks around you. Look for opportunities to share your God story with someone and invite them to share their God story with you. As we do so, we should expect that it will be a good thing!

And of course, at the end of chapel, I get and give high fives and handshakes and hugs. And then, I'm sad to see all my Pre-K friends go, but I'm happy that we have had the chance to hang out and be enriched in our lives because we got to hang out with each other and God. That's such a cool thing---and I totally encourage everyone to give it a shot. As a matter of fact, if you want to, you can come on Wednesday mornings and join us for Chapel. We'd love to have you!

From Katie Sloan, Outreach Minister

Music is Good for the Soul

This month we will be celebrating Choir Sunday and so I began thinking about how big of am impact music has on my life.

When I was in grammar school I played the flute. Yeah, it was not my gift. I also started to learn how to play the piano. That was more of a choice made by my parents and because all the kids at church were taking piano lessons from the pastor's wife so it just seemed like the right thing to do. I sang in the choir,



that was kind of my sweet spot. As an adult I enjoyed singing in the gospel choir.

One of my favorite things to do on a sunny day is to jump in my car, roll down the windows, turn up the music, and sing along. When I have had a stressful day, one of my favorite things to do is to splurge on a fancy coffee, go for a drive, turn up the music, and sing along as loudly as I can to some uplifting songs. When I clean my house I turn up the music, dance, and dust. When I worship, traditional or alternative, the spirit of God whispers to me in the music and stirs my spirit.

Music is a powerful thing. It's melodies, lyrics, and harmonies can fill you up and change your mood. In fact, Scientists have recently discovered that music affects many parts of our brain very deeply. But you don't need to be a scientist to understand that! Trying singing 'Happy Birthday' or a Christmas carol or your favorite hymn and you will understand. What do these tunes make you think of? How do they make you feel? You'll be filled with all sorts of memories and feelings.

Throughout scripture we find the people of God singing. The Egyptians, after escaping and crossing the Red Sea, the Israelites sang a song to the Lord (Exod. 15). Israel's formal worship included singing in both tabernacle and temple (1 Chron. 6:31-32, 16:42). The Psalms bear rich testimony that in joy and sorrow, in praise and lament, the faithful raise their voices in song to God. Hymn singing was practiced by Jesus and his disciples (Matt. 26:30). Paul instructed the Colossians, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Col. 3: 16-17)

I encourage each of you to think about the way music is a part of your life. When do you listen to it? How does it speak to you? As you think about it, remember these facts from the Stanford School of Medicine: music can help your attention and assist in developing your memory. It can help increase your mobility, It can help rev you up and make exercise more enjoyable, can help cheer you up, and it can help prevent road rage and smooth tension.

Music is a gift from God and it's good for the mind, body and soul. Whatever your favorite type of music is turn it on and sing along! It will change your day!

Katie

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Tables are going fast! If you haven't already signed up to sponsor a table at Magical Wonderland, our Claire's Army fundraiser, there is still an opportunity available for you. There are lots of ways you can help: be a financial sponsor, sponsor and decorate a table, decorate a table for someone else, solicit items for our raffle, help with set-up, clean-up, be a kitchen helper, and buy a ticket and come enjoy a wonderful morning. It's an event for ladies of all ages.

Magical Wonderland will be hosted by WBTV anchor Kristen Miranda and feature Scott Francis as our entertainment. You may ask—"well, who IS Scott Francis?" He is an international award winning trained magician and entertainer who has made presentations to over 180 Fortune 500 Companies. He has performed well over 3000 shows and trained hundreds of celebrities on how to be entertaining! And you can hear him at Magical Wonderland.

Plan now (if you have not already) to join us for a Magical Wonderland on May 20 from 10:00-noon in the Kerr Building. You will enjoy the brunch, see wonderfully decorated tables, and have a delightful time all while supporting a great cause.

For further information, please contact Millie Mullis – 704-545-6231, Shirley Simmons – 704-545-8620, or Tina Ross- 704-545-6231.

Alternative Service Update

The Session voted Monday to approve the addition of a new Worship service. This new Sunday morning schedule will begin in September!

New Alternative Service - 9:00 - 9:45 Kingdom Kids/Adult Classes - 10:00 - 10:50 Traditional Worship - 11:00 - 12:00

The new service will be a casual, come as you are Worship experience in our beautiful sanctuary with contemporary music from the Praise team. Stay tuned for more updates as planning continues!

Graduation Sunday is June 11

If your high school, college, or higher learning graduate would like to be recognized on this day, please contact the church office. A breakfast will be provided for the graduates and



their families. Caps and gowns may be worn if desired.

Women's Small Group
"Uninvited" by Lysa TerKeurst
Join us for a 6-week Bible study!
Wednesday Evenings @ 7 pm May 10-June 7
Please let us know if you'd like to join us so we'll be
sure to order materials for you!
Class location to be determined. Watch for details!
Led by Melissa Tamez

Questions? melissatamez85@gmail.com or katie@philadelphiachurch.org



Relay for Life May 19

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to fight every cancer in every community. Each year more than 4 million relay participants around the world rally communities to celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to fight back.

Cancer is the second most common cause of death in the U.S., and accounts for nearly one in four deaths. Funds raised enable ACS to: help people facing the disease by providing free information, help, and support; educate people on how to reduce their risk for cancer or detect it early; fund cancer research that will protect future generations.

Thanks in part to the work of the American Cancer Society, more than 1.5 million deaths from cancer have been averted in the past two decades. This is due to a 22% drop in cancer mortality during that time. The five year relative survival rate for all cancers diagnosed between 2004 and 2010 is 68%. This is up from 49% from 1975 to 1977.

A \$100 contribution could help provide: a breast cancer patient with one-on-one peer support from a breast cancer survivor, 10 rides to and from treatment for a cancer patient, provide one night of free lodging for a cancer patient and a caregiver at an ACS Hope Lodge when having to travel away from home for treatment. And if you raise \$100, you will be recognized as a Hope Club member and receive the 2017 Relay for Life t-shirt.

Register to be a Relay participant! Buy a luminaria in memory of a lost loved one; purchase a purple bow to display as a show of support and a reminder of the mission.

May 19 is the Matthews-Mint Hill Relay to be held at Independence High School from 5 p.m. until midnight. Everyone is encouraged to attend. A Survivor's Brunch will be held on May 6 from 11-2 at Blair Road United Methodist Church. Reservations are needed for the brunch.

Be a part of Team PPC! Relayforlife.org to register or contact Katie Sloan at 704- 545-6172.

Backpacks of Love

During the 2016-2017 school year, we have contributed 14,392 items of food to help students at Clear Creek Elementary over the weekends!!! What an awesome gift by our generous congregation. We have needs in all the categories to complete the last 6 weeks, especially lunch and dinner meats, fruits and vegetables. Surpluses that might expire will be sent home for the summer vacation.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry Update

The Prayer Shawl Ministry passed a major milestone in April, 2017. After only 2.5 years of existence, we blessed the 400th, that's right the 400th prayer shawl made since September, 2014. Since it takes at least 25 hours to make one shawl by our fastest knitter using the fastest method possible, that totals at least 10,000 hours of knitting, sewing, or crocheting and a countless number of stitches and prayers.

We hear story upon story of how the shawls provide a tangible reminder that recipients are being prayed for and are not being forgotten in times of stress and upheaval in their lives. We hear of shawls being taken to major surgeries, to chemotherapy treatments, or providing daily comfort in a nursing homes or college dorm. We've provided almost as many shawls to people outside our immediate PPC family as we have to members so it's an outreach ministry also! Also, we never seem to be able to build an inventory since we hear of new needs as soon as shawls are blessed.

If you know of someone with a need, please pass the word to the Stephen Ministers, Deacons, or shawl creators. Those on the nursing home list, graduates in the past two years, and many on the prayer list have already received shawls. Distribution is controlled *only* to prevent multiple shawls from being presented to the same recipient.

The shawl creation process is simple – as they are stitching, the shawl creators pray for the future recipient and pray that the completed shawl provide them God's peace and comfort. The shawls are approximately 5-6'x2' and can be made by any pattern, by any stitch, and in any color. Some of the most interesting shawls are made from combined scraps from other projects! Once the shawl is completed, the Stephen Ministers provide a final blessing and a special bag which includes an explanation of the Shawl Ministry and the prayers/blessings associated with the shawls.

Please check out our closet near the Heritage Room for supplies where we have yarn, crochet hooks, and knitting needles and please take what you need to make a shawl. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday nights of most months from 7:00pm to approximately 8:00pm in the Fred Brown classroom. The group includes expert stitchers who will be able to help if you have a question. There is no requirement to come to the meetings to participate in this ministry but we would love to have you!

Special thanks go to everyone involved in making shawls from those who are struggling to learn to knit on their first shawl to the experienced stitchers who have produced many shawls. We also appreciate the efforts of the Pastors, Stephen Ministers and Deacons who often deliver the shawls. Thank-you all for being a blessing to others! Special recognition goes to Doris Miller and Donna Simmons who have produced more than 40 shawls each, to Judy Turnage, Cindi Hoffner, Becky Jamison, and Joy Murray who have provided more than 30 shawls each, and to Ann Pearce, Emily Davis, Lynn Belk, and Vicki Crossman who have all made (or provided) 20 or more shawls each.

Contact Cindi Hoffner at 704-488-3027 if you have any questions.

Take me out to the ballgame!

Join us for baseball, fireworks and ballpark treats on May 26! We're going to support the Charlotte Knights at a home game against the Buffalo Bisons. We have 50 tickets available, so reserve your spots soon! Tickets are \$18.00 each and come with a \$2.00 voucher to use in the ballpark. Fire-



works after the game. It's sure to be a homerun night!

You can reserve your tickets by calling the church office. Van transportation will be available. Questions? Email Elizabeth at egriffin10@gmail.com

Presbyterian Women's 2nd quarter mission is Charlotte Family Housing (CFH)

CFH offers three shelter programs: Plaza Place, Hawthorne Place, and Elizabeth House. They primarily serve single mothers with children, but is one of the limited options that serve single fathers with children and two-parent families. In each shelter, families have to manage a household budget, establish healthy routines, and become more involved in their children's education. The goal is for families to eventually move into housing.

Upon entering a CFH shelter, families are provided with a Welcome Basket that includes basic living essentials that they take with them when they move into housing. CFH expects to serve at least 120 new families in their shelters each year. These families are looking for a fresh start, so they ask for **new items** only! Welcome baskets are received by families after they move into housing.

Items in high demand are: sheet sets and comforters (twin and full), pillows, bath towels, laundry baskets. Items also needed: skillets and pots (med/large), plates, cups, silverware, serving utensils, travel size toiletries. A complete welcome basket would include: 2 twin sheet sets and comforters, 2 full sheet sets and comforters, 4 pillows, 4 bath towels, hand towels, and wash cloths, laundry basket, 4 plates, cups, and bowls, 4 knives, forks, and spoons, travel size toiletries (shampoo, conditioner, razors, deodorant, soap). Welcome buckets would include a mop, broom, dust pan, kitchen garbage bags, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dishwashing detergent and cloths, cleaning products (Windex, Scrubbing Bubbles, Comet, etc.)

If you would like to help, drop your items off in the donations area of the administration building entryway through June. Thank you!



Come one, come all to the Annual Pancake Breakfast at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church on Saturday, May 13 from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. This event is sponsored by the Presbyterian Men, and they will be serving you in the Kerr Building. Cost is \$8.00 for everyone ages 7 and up.

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- 1 Ted Biggers
 - Jackson Mitchell
- 2 Cassie Fauser
- 2 Jack McGahey
- 4 Amber Garagiola
- 4 Mason Jeffers
- 4 Katie Kafitz
- 4 Jeremy White
- 5 Jane Foreman
- 5 Pamela Reed
- 5 Candace Starnes
- 6 **Buz Hamilton**
- 7 Steven Hall
- 8 Alex Cervantes 9 Mickey Ellington
- 9 Ernest Jamison
- 9 Angela Martin
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- Anna Williams
- 11 Marian Vosburgh
- 12 Kathryn Hutton
- 13 Barry Long
- Doris Miller 13
- 13 **Donna Simmons**
- 13 Liesl West
- 14 Joan Diehl
- 14 Jill Linscheid
- 15 Dale Mayberry
- 15 Franklin McSwain
- 15 Susan Santiago
- Tom Watson 15
- Jay Cummings 16
- Rick Davis 16
- Shelley Lukjanczuk 16
- 17 Mitchell Anderson
- 17 **Teddy Biggers**
- 17 Lauren Hessler
- Lilly Ponscheck 17
- 18 Frances Leete
- Augusta Newton 18
- 18 Jackson Shedd
- 19 Katy Porter
- 21 Linda Jamison
- 21 Ben Strand
- 22 David Fee
- Will Harding
- Michael Lohrer 23
- Jeff Ziliani 23
- Heather Williams 24
- Barbara Wolf
- 25 Randy Alexander
- 25 Jamie Blanchard
- 25 Avery Lewis
- 25 Jack Strand
- 26 Shelley Shedd 27 Miah Williams
- 30 Davy Fee
- 30 Andrew Starnes
- **Brooke Barnes**

May Anniversaries

- Boyd & Amy Stanley
- 4 Mike & Katie Garbark
- 7 Joe & Brenda McManus 7
- Randall & Cathy Snelson Christopher & Kristina Simmons 11
- Toby & Marian Vosburgh 11
- 17 Jeff & Regina Ziliani
- 20 Catherine & Christopher Goetchius
- Brett & Erin Owens 20
- 22 Tom & Tina Duke
- Brooks & Ron Gulledge 26
- 26 Geof & Pam Martin
- Tomas & Noreen Petry
- 29 Scott & Katherine Alphin
- 30 Bruce & Mary Muehl
- 31 Mike & Beth Barnes

Change of address

Helen Kiser 5925 Tred Avon Ct. Charlotte, NC 28226-5856

Our condolences for the following deaths:

- Elizabeth Baird on April 5
- Randall Snelson's grandmother Lula Smith on April 9
- Sadie Hood's brother Bob Hathcock on April 18
- David Hyatt on April 14
- Joy Long on April 20



Gifts to the church

In Memory of...

Benny Joe Smith-Jean Hargett, Amelia Ford, Grace Phillips (Bond Repayment)

Herb Hargett—Jean Hargett (Bond Repayment)

Weatherly—Gerald & June Meetze Bill (Endowment Fund); Grace Phillips (Bond Replacement Fund)

Bill Tilley—Sue Tilley (Bond Repayment)
Nell Eudy—Amelia Ford, Randy & Lisa Nance, Grace Phillips, Evan & Evan Eudy, Jr. (Bond Repayment)

Bill Furr—Amelia Ford, Grace Phillips (Bond Repayment); David & Jacquelin Hagler (Endowment Fund)

D. J. Houston - Grace Phillips (Bond Repayment Fund)

Betty Ann Phifer Ross - Evan & Evan Eudy, Jr. (Bond Repayment Fund)

Julia S. Ross—Randy & Lisa Nance, Evan & Evan Eudy, Jr. (Bond Repayment)

Sarah & Pernay Ross—Randy & Lisa Nance (Bond Repayment)

Kirby Dellinger—Connie Thomas & Family (Endowment); Grace Phillips (Bond Repayment Fund)

Elizabeth Baird—Grace Phillips (Bond Repayment Fund)

Myra Gore - Grace Phillips (Bond Repayment Fund)

Joy Long – Sue Tilley (Bond Repayment); Herb & Sylvia Gill (Capital Needs Fund) David Hyatt - Sue Tilley (Bond Repayment);

Jay & Cheryl Horner (Endowment Fund)

In Honor of...

Ann Whaley—Jean Hargett (Bond Repayment)

Jean Butler-Jean Hargett (Bond Repayment)

News from your Christian Education Ministry

The Kingdom Kids (and Alumni) are going fishing Sunday, May 7 from 3-6pm at Bill and Pam Crowder's pond! Come one, come all! Bring your rod, bait, a chair and a friend and catch what you can!! Pizza will be served! Address: 3032 Back Creek Church Charlotte, 28213. For more info contact Susan Griffin @ fin@griffinmasonry.com.

Sundaes on Sunday??? Absolutely!! All summer long Kingdom Kids ages preschool-5th grade will learn about Jesus through ice cream!! That's right! Jesus and ice cream make a sweet treat! Come join the fun every Sunday in June and July!

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School August 6-10! Go back in time to Rome and learn all about Paul and the Underground Church! More details will follow in June but if you would like to volunteer in any way please contact Susan Griffin or Jill Linscheid. If you loved your job last year, we would love to have you again! If you are new to PPC, we would love to have your help too. It takes a village and you are part of that village!

Congratulations to the Confirmation Class who joined the church on Easter Sunday. We welcome Wilson Lohrer, Christopher Cuartas, James Robison, and Jesse O'Brien.

We are so excited to be growing in new members, including children! We need your help to run the nursery each Sunday. This is a great opportunity to fulfill your baptismal promise to nurture our children in their walk with Christ. Please consider volunteering your time to rock a sweet baby, or play with a precious toddler during Sunday School or worship. Please contact Jane Long, Jill Linscheid or the church office.

Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this year's Easter Eggstravaganza such a huge success! We gave away 7000 eggs and shared the love of Christ in a variety of ways.

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

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Monday, May 1

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

6:30 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall 7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Heritage

-AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Tuesday, May 2

Room

10:30 a.m.—Circle 1 & 2—Heritage Room

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

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

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.--Old Scout Hut

Wednesday, May 3

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

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

5:30 p.m.—Joyful Noise & Cherub Choir Practice— Choir Rm.

6:00 p.m.—Celebration Singers Choir Practice—Choir Room

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, May 4

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room 6:30 p.m.—Youth Basketball

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 6

No Meetings

Choir Sunday, May 7

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

12:00 p.m.—Philafeast—Kerr Building

Monday, May 8

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

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall

6:00 p.m.—Evangelism & Outreach Ministry—Session

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, May 9

10:00 a.m.—Circle #5—Heritage Room

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

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

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, May 10

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room 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, May 11

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

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

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

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

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

<u>Friday, May 12</u>

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

Saturday, May 13

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

Sunday, May 14

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

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

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

Monday, May 15

6:30 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall 6:30 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, May 16

10:00 a.m.—PPC Good Timers—Kerr Building

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

6:30 p.m.—Believe Group—Heritage Room

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, May 17

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

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

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, May 18

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

6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room. 7:00 p.m.—Preschool Program—Kerr Building

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

8:00 a.m.—Claire's Army—Kerr Building

Sunday, May 21

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

11:45 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir

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

Monday, May 22

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Kerr Building

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

Tuesday, May 23

3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

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

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

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

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, May 24

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

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

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, May 25

10:00 a.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room 6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building

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

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, May 26 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, May 27

No Meetings

Sunday, May 28

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School

10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary

Memorial Day-Monday, May 29

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30

3:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Bigham Hall

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

7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.— -AA Building

Wednesday, May 31

10:00 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Craftroom

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

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PPC Kindergarten News

The PPC Preschool will have its end-of-year program on Thursday, May 18, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kerr Building. Come hear the children sing! On May 24, they and their families will enjoy a picnic in the park. May 1 is a fundraiser opportunity for the program. If you dine at the Chick-fil-A on Albemarle Road between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. that day, 20% of your bill will be donated by Chick-fil-A to the PPC Preschool. Just tell the people who wait on you that you are from PPC!

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: philadelphiachurch.org or from Vicki Crossman.

Don't forget to turn in your volunteer hours!

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



If you are a widower, come have breakfast at Showmars at 8:00 the third Friday of each month. It would be helpful to let Tony Baker know (704-545-4730) that you will be there, but it's not necessary. Just come around to the back room at Showmars in Mint Hill.

All announcements or inserts to be included in the weekly bulletin MUST be received in the office by noon on Thursday of each week. Announcements or inserts received after noon will be included in the following week's bulletin. Please be aware that any submissions may need to be edited for space!

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

Presbyterian Men announce plans for golf tournament

The 11th Annual Dale Jones Golf Tournament will be held on October 16, 2017 at Pine Lake Country Club. For information about playing, sponsoring, or volunteering, contact Ed Simmons at jes0903@aol.com or at 704-545-8620. Help yourself to one of the brochures that will be available around the church.

Registration will be at 10:30 a.m., and the shotgun start will be at noon. Proceeds will be used to support PPC youth mission trips, Bright Blessings, Charlotte Rescue Mission, and Habitat for Humanity Matthews, NC.

Worship & Music Ministry needs your help

The choir will begin their summer schedule of practicing after the 10:30 Worship service beginning the Sunday after Easter. The Worship and Music Committee is seeking volunteers to provide child care. We want to encourage men and women with young children to participate in the Sanctuary Please contact Becky Griffin if Choir. you would like to offer your time once or twice a month to help grow the choir by providing child care. From a pool of participants a schedule will be developed. We will need at least two people each week. One must be an adult. This is a great opportunity for community service hours. Please support our Sanctuary Choir.

Ten Cents a Meal offering received on second Sundays

The offering continues to be received on the second Sunday of each month to support hunger-fighting programs within the Presbytery of Charlotte bounds, and to feed the mind, body and spirit of people in our communities to include hunger related and "at-risk" youth programming.

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