

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church Mint Hill, North Carolina August 2017



From Rusty Benton, Head Pastor

THE BEACH

From Katie Sloan, Associate Minister

WOW! What a summer

I am a beach person. There is just something about the smell of salt air and the feel of warm sand on my bare feet and the sun on my face that makes me feel like all is right with the world...or at least all is right in my world. I think in some ways, that feeling comes

from knowing that when I am at the beach, I have the chance to be a part of something wonderful that has been doing the great thing that it does for like, ever.

It doesn't change. Since there has been a sun, an ocean, sand and waves, there has been a beach that has been doing its beach thing and since people have been around, that beach thing has been drawing people to it!

I watch the waves roll in over and over like they have been doing nonstop, as scientist tells us, for $4\frac{1}{2}$ billion years. I see the seagulls and the sandpipers ceaselessly scouring the wet sand, competing for any morsel of food that the last wave might have brought in from the sea. Time after time I watch the tides move in and out, the sun set and rise and in the midst of it all people from all walks of life come and go with the expectation that somehow being here and being a part of all that the beach is will be a good thing for them. All of this reminds me so much of God's grace.

God reminds us in the scriptures that His grace works a whole lot like this. <u>Hebrews</u> <u>4:16</u>....Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. <u>Romans 5:1-</u> <u>21</u> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. <u>2 Corinthians 9:8</u> And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

God's promise to us is that His grace is always good and, like God, it's always there. Just like the waves that never fail to roll onto the shore, the ocean that sends them and the sun that shines over it all, God's grace consistently flows into our lives.

And just like we are drawn to the beach for the great and wonderful thing that it is, so the forgiving and loving presence of grace gives us hope for ourselves and others as it readily and dependably brings the unchanging goodness and love of God into our lives and our world.

I love the beach for so many reasons. It's just a great place. But maybe what I love most about it is that no matter where I might be, I know that it is always there, doing its awesome beach thing. The same is true, and so much more so, for God's gift of grace in our lives. Always it is there endlessly doing what God designed it to do, granting us the love and forgiveness that washes over us and brings us ever closer to the most wonderful and incredible place that God, in His love, has made for us with him!

It has been a great summer here at PPC. Jesus has been on-the-go with our entire congregation. We have seen him in Mint Hill, California, we caught him walking on water, camping, and he was all the way in Austria, just to name a few places. The Kingdom Kids have learned about Jesus with Sundaes on Sunday.....SWEET!!! The women and men of the church have had individual Bible studies on Wednesday nights that have been very popular. Our middle school youth escaped to Tennessee for the Great Escape Conference and our high school youth participated in a mission project in West Virginia. We hosted women from the Center of Hope Shelter. Over 50 bags filled with women's sanitary products have been collected to be distributed to women living on the street. The Seekers Sunday School class has been busy planning and building a Little Library. We had popsicles in the park. We've held movie nights on the third Wednesday of each month - hosting members of the community. PHEWWWW! We sure have been busy and the summer isn't even over yet! Beginning Sunday August 6th – Thursday August 10th we have VBS where we will travel to Rome with Paul and learn about the underground church. Oh, and don't forget that there is still one more movie scheduled for Wednesday, August 16th at 7PM. It's Finding Dory. Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors.

The summer sure does go by too quickly! The month of August rushes by and before we know it, it is fall. August is the month when we try to squeeze in as much summer fun as possible before we go back to our routines. We try to get in those last-chance family vacations, that one last camping trip, the best of the best family cookouts on the lake, and the last taste of really sweet watermelon. After all, the college students are getting ready to pack up and head off to join in on their campus lives, the school shopping frenzy is about to begin, and our schedules are about to be full of meetings and practices and life stuff again! If we could only turn off the heat!

Because I know so many of us will be travelling, whether near or far over these next few weeks I wanted to leave you with a travelling prayer. If you have already finished with your summer adventures or this isn't your summer to travel, this prayer is one that you can use to stand in the gap for someone else and pray for the safety of those you love.

We might be on the downside of summer but we are still sweltering in 90° heat....so stay cool. Stay hydrated. Stay prayed up. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

Blessings, Katie

TRAVELER'S PRAYER

Creator God, I am grateful for the opportunity to travel. You have provided us with the amazing works of your hand -a world full of wonder, delightful in its diversity. Each tree, blade of grass and ocean wave, crafted by you.

Bless me as I embark on this journey. Provide a hedge of protection around me. As my travels unfold, I ask your blessing Lord, upon all those that I may encounter. Bless the people I am traveling with, the brothers and sisters in Christ who I will encounter working different jobs and services, the strangers, the new friends, and those that make my travel possible – may we be patient with each other and be a blessing to each other. Bless every vehicle that I am carried in; may it be safe and in good repair. May it be protected and enveloped in your secure light as I go on my way. May I be fully aware and present everywhere I go. May I go in peace and may your light shine through me so that all I encounter see you in me, dear God. And may I return home happy, well, and with many memories of my journey. I rejoice in this opportunity with my eyes open to see new things, in new ways, remembering you loved me first. Amen.

PPC is proud to announce another exciting opportunity to worship!

The Journey (J9) will begin on September 10 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary! The new service will feature a looser order of worship, more varied styles of music and be a more relaxed service. Our pastors, Rusty and Katie, will preach the message and the Praise Team will lead the music.

> The new Sunday schedule will be: The Journey (J9) 9:00 a.m.- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

We can use your help with singing, playing an instrument, technology, set-up, advertising, childcare and so much more. Pray and consider how you can be a part of this exciting opportunity to spread the Good News! You can contact any Marnie Gallagher 704-661-1352 for more information. Can't wait to see you on The Journey!

Backpacks of Love

School opens on August 28, with the Backpacks program starting in mid-September. Watch for the black shelves to appear in the office hallway and downstairs by the elevator, ready to receive your donations to help children of Clear Creek Elementary with weekend food. There will be copies of our food needs on the shelves. We have some items left from our spring collections, but our greatest need to start up are:

Lunch/dinner items such as cans of chili, beef stew, chicken and dumplings, tuna, chicken, beanie weenies, Vienna sausages, hearty soups, spaghetti, ravioli, beefaroni, lasagna, chicken alfredo; vegetables, fruits, individual packets of oatmeal or grits, PopTarts or cereal bars, snacks such as granola bars, raisins, crackers, cookies, pudding cups, jello cups.

Homecoming will be here soon!



Rev. Ernest Gardner, former Interim Pastor at PPC, will be our guest minister. Our annual Celebration of the Kirkin' of the Tartans will take place on September 24. Please let the church office know by September 15 who will carry your family's tartan. This year, we ask that there be only one person to carry each tartan. All

carriers are asked to attend a training session and must be in 9th grade or older. There will be two trainings offered, both in the rotunda- September 17 right after worship and then September 24 at 9 a.m.

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School August 6-10!

Starts at 6:00 in the Kerr Building for dinner, dismissal 8:30

Ready to travel back in time? Join us in Rome! You'll explore the caves of the Underground Church, meet the Apostle Paul, create cool Bible-times projects, experience thrilling reallife dramas, play high-energy games, sample tasty Mediterranean snacks, and hear unforgettable music. Plus, you'll meet lots of new friends!

The VBS team would love your help!! If you would like to serve in any way, please contact Susan Griffin at <u>smgrif-</u><u>fin@griffinmasonry.com</u>

This year's theme is ROME-Paul and the Underground Church. Invite your family and friends to join us! Registration forms are available outside the church office, or you may register online. VBS is for ALL ages with activities for children, teens and adults!!



For the adults: Come join Rusty and Katie in the Session Room as we journey with Paul through Ancient Rome and the Underground Church. Discover what life was like in First Century Rome. We will explore Roman architecture, trade, and fashion. We'll even have some fun with food and games, and the week wouldn't be complete unless we talked about all those other gods! Come discover why there is no love like God's love!

The mission focus for our VBS week will be school supplies for Classroom Central. Here's what they need: filler paper, crayons, pocket folders, glue sticks, scissors, colored pencils, pencils, composition books, and markers. There will be bins inside the Kerr Building in which you may put your donations.

Needed: more volunteers (contact Susan Griffin) and empty paper towel cores (bin outside church office).

Thank You note

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards and concerns given during Olin's hospitalization, death and funeral. Special thanks to Rusty and Katie and the PPC staff for their support and understanding.

Gypsy Flowe

Make plans to participate in the Dale Jones Memorial 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.



- 1 Dot Bartlett
- Amelia Ford 1
- 1 Robert Caldwell
- Margaret Smith 1
- 2 Carolyn Hawkins
- 2 Joel Moore
- 2 Angela Watts
- 2 Kyle Watts
- Judy Alexander 3
- 3 **Catherine Goetchius**
- 3 Jim Hutton
- 3 Grace Jones
- 4 **Dolores Childers**
- 4 Linda Downer
- 4 Mitchell Williams
- 5 Keith McGuinness
- 6 Ellie Blanchard
- 6 Sheila Forbis
- **Colton Phillips** 6
- 7 Tony Baker
- 7 John Cervantes
- 7 Christopher Goetchius
- 7 Judithann Moore
- 8 Evan Ziliani
- 10 Mary Katherine Moorman
- Ron Paschal 10
- 10 Luke Tannenbaum
- 11 Carolee Jaeger
- 11 Steve King
- 11 Trevor Linscheid
- 12 Rocco McGuinness
- Brenda Roberts 12
- 12 Reggie Tamez
- 13 Eric Forbis
- 13 Jerry Mitcham
- 13 Don Moore
- 14 Jill Cervantes
- 14 Nicholas Morris
- 14 Joy Murray
- 14 Don Price
- 16 Jonathan Belk
- 16 Carolyn Pence
- 17 Jacob Taylor
- 18 Marjorie Gledhill
- 18 Herb Gill
- 18 Sean Michell
- 19 Scott Alphin
- 19 Harry Hood
- 19 Leslie Strand
- 20 Melanie Muehl
- 20 Beverly Taylor 21 **Charles Mullis**
- 22 **Beth Barnes**
- 23 Tina Ross
- C. J. Goetchius 23
- Elaine Mullis 23
- 24 Brooke Allen
- 24 Zachary Allen
- 24 Ryan Hagy
- 26 Anne Ellington
- 27 Rocky Hoffner
- 28 William Cooke
- 28 Natalie Vosburgh Rowland
- 29 Matthew Davenport
- 30 Macie Allen
- 30 Gypsy Flowe
- 31 Helen Kiser

- **August Anniversaries**
 - William & Cheryl Cooke
 - Bill & Pam Crowder

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- 2 Ken & Sheila Cloaninger
- 3 Earney & Marianne Smith
- 4 Ernest & Linda Jamison
- 4 Charlie & Ashley Ponscheck
- 7 Randy & Judy Alexander
- 7 Robert & Ann Sharpe
- 7 Carl & Ellen Street
- 11 Rolf & Carolee Jaeger
- 15 Roger & Susan Hagy
- Arnold & Ruth Bokhoven 16
- 20 Frank & Renee Garrett
- 21 Keith & Shelley Guerin
- 22 Tom & Mardy Watson
- 23 Becky & Bill Griffin
- 23 Tal & Donna West
- 26 Dave & Karen O'Brien
- 27 Gale & Tony Baker
- 29 Jack & Caroline McGahey
- 30 Mickey & Anne Ellington
- 30 David & Karen Hodgin
- 30 Wayne & Barbara Wolfe

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

life Line

Screening.

health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke;

abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the

arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density

screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for

a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening

from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90

minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10

discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit

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 hun-

This offering continues to be received on the second Sunday of each month

Our condolences...

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inson on July 20

[Michael Gheesling, Sr.] uncle of Ange-

[David Lawing] brother of Marty Rob-

www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979.

Ten Cents a Meal offering received on second Sundays

ger related and "at-risk" youth programming.

8225 Marshall Bridge Road, Apt. 3211

New addresses:

Charlotte, NC 28227

Gerald Garner

Leila Campbell

3755 Union Road

Gastonia, NC 28054

The Power of Prevention

PPC 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: philadelphiachurch.org or from Vicki Crossman.

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Memorials

Anne

Women (Columbarium)

Class (Endowment Fund)

offer their

screenings

Presbyterian

David

Olin Flowe—Doug & Kathryn Duncan, (Current/Music Fund)

Jim Black-John & Janice Rostan, Mary Hyatt (Endowment Fund)

J.D. Carter—The Fred Brown Class (Endowment Fund)

Baird—The Elizabeth Fred Brown Class (Endowment Fund)

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Life Line Screening, a leading

provider of community-based

preventive health screenings, will

invasive and painless health

9/11/2017. Five screenings will

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Tuesday, August 1 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.--AA Building Wednesday, August 2 9:30 a.m.—Quilting Etc. Class/Craft Workshop— Chapel Annex 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building Thursday, August 3 8:00 a.m.—M-Cubed—Kerr Building 6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building 6:00 p.m.—Small Group—Heritage Room 7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Friday, August 4 8:00 a.m.—M-Cubed—Kerr Building 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building Saturday, August 5 No Meetings Sunday, August 6 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 9:30 a.m.—Connections Class—Session Rm. 10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary 6:00 p.m.—VBS Monday, August 7 6:00 p.m.—VBS 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Tuesday, August 8 6:00 p.m.—VBS 7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Wednesday, August 9 9:30 a.m.—Quilting Etc. Class/Craft Workshop— Chapel Annex 6:00 p.m.—VBS 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building Thursday, August 10 6:00 p.m.—VBS 6:30 p.m.—Finance Ministry Mtg.—Session Room 7:00 p.m.—Small Group Meeting—Heritage Room 7 :00p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Friday, August 11 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building Saturday, August 12 7:00 a.m.—Blood Drive—Bigham Hall 7:30 a.m.—Pilgrimage Meeting—Kerr Building Sunday, August 13 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary 1:00 p.m.—Flowe Reunion—Kerr Building 3:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Ice Cream Social— Bigham Hall 4:30 p.m.—Worship & Music Ministry Mtg.—Session Room 6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Rm.

Monday, August 14

6:00 p.m.—Evang./Outreach Ministry Mtg.—Session Room 6:00 p.m.—Christian Education Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom 7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Heritage Room 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Tuesday, August 15 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Wednesday, August 16 9:30 a.m.—Quilting Etc. Class/Craft Workshop—Chapel Annex 7:00 p.m.—Movie in the Kerr Building 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building Thursday, August 17 7:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building 7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Friday, August 18 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building Saturday, August 19 No Meetings Sunday, August 20 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary 12:00 p.m.—New Member's Luncheon—Kerr Building 6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Rm. Monday, August 21 7:00 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Tuesday, August 22 7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom 7:00 p.m.—PW Meeting—Session Room 7:00 p.m.—Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.—Heritage Rm. 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Wednesday, August 23 9:30 a.m.—Quilting Etc. Class/Craft Workshop—Chapel Annex 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building Thursday, August 24 6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building 7:00 p.m.—Small Group Meeting—Heritage Room 7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Friday, August 25 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building Saturday, August 26 No Meetings Sunday, August 27 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School 10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary 6:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Rm. Monday, August 28 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building <u>Tuesday, August 29</u> 6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building Wednesday, August 30 9:30 a.m.—Quilting Etc. Class/Craft Workshop—Chapel Annex 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building Thursday, August 31 6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building 7:00 p.m.—Small Group Meeting—Heritage Room 7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building



Last movie of the summer!

Our last "Movies on Wednesdays" for the summer will be August 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Kerr Building. Come grab some popcorn, then sit back and enjoy "Finding Dory". What a great way to share in fellowship and fun! This free event is open to the community, so invite your friends!

A Note From The Seekers Class

Our Sunday School class has been busy this summer! Katie challenged us to think of an ongoing mission we could start in our community. The idea of a Little Library was brought to our attention and we decided

LittleFreeLibrary.org Take a Book · Return a Book A Nonprofit Organization Charter #30188

to run with it. After session and building and grounds approval, we started working on plans and clearing the natural area on our church campus located near the parking lot in front of the admin/education building. We chose this spot because of it's visibility from Bain School Road as well as it's visibility to all the parents that drop their children off for preschool. If you've never heard of Little Free Library, the idea is anyone can come take a book. They are free to keep it or return it. People can return any book to the library. The only upkeep for our class will be to review the book inventory and be sure there are plenty of books inside. We plan to build a two tiered library. One shelf for adult books and one shelf for kid's books. Each book will have a PPC Little Library sticker inside with our church logo and an encouraging word or two. We also plan to insert small flyers from time to time inviting people to our church events. Our class started clearing the natural area in July and we plan to have the library built and functioning by the time VBS starts! We have also ordered a charter sign for our library. This sign will enable us to register our little library on the website and people will be able to find us on the registry map. Such an exciting way to bring people to our campus and to encourage literacy. We didn't want to stop there though. Have you heard or seen anything about the Kindness Rocks project? If not,



you should find some time to research that online. There are so many fun stories! We plan to install a PPC Rocks Kindness Rocks garden near our Little Free Library. The concept is to have several colorfully painted rocks in the garden. The goal is to include encouragement on these rocks and on the bottom, you'll see a 'PPC ROCKS' label that will direct people to a Facebook page dedicated to our garden. The idea is to get a rock and hide it somewhere for someone else to find. Or, paint a rock and leave it for someone to find. Our rock garden will also be

mapped on the Kindness Rocks Project website.

When it comes down to it, the point of all this is to bring more people in our community to our campus. And maybe that will spark an interest for them to become involved in more happenings around our church. And in the end, we will have furthered the Kingdom of God with a few pretty rocks and some good books in a cute "oversized birdhouse". We hope you'll pray for us as we take on these projects. And if you are as excited as we are, we'd love your help!! Speak to anyone in our class to learn how you can become involved.

-The Seekers Sunday School Class (Melissa Tamez)

*We are a young(ish) adult Sunday School class that meets in room 105 on Sunday mornings. We're always looking for new members!

Wonderful Wednesdays are just around the corner! What will you be doing on Wednesday nights?

PPC's Wednesday night program is always under review by your Christian Education Ministry team in an effort to make it a successful program. What can be better mid-week than to connect with friends and family for dinner, fellowship, and classes that teach and inspire? The next session will begin on September 6.

Wednesday nights are when your children take part in choir which is not only instructional but fun! Don't we all enjoy hearing them sing in worship from time to time? And those special programs that they perform at Christmas time and in the spring....Wednesday nights are when they learn this music. Thank you, Melinda Johnston and Ginny Setzer, for your dedication to this music ministry! Thank you, also, to the teachers who lead the classes for the children. You all are so appreciated and loved!

For the adults, there will be additional classes this next session. You may stay in the Kerr Building for Rusty's and Katies's class which will remain as it has been in the past. New for the ladies will be a class entitled "I Am" led by Judy Turnage, and for the men, Jamie Blanchard will lead "Close Encounters". Watch for more details on these.

Now for dinner! CE Ministry members have polled some other churches in the area and have decided to try something different. This goaround, parts of the dinner will be purchased from different restaurants in the Mint Hill area. There will still be the salad bar, a simple dessert, and plenty of tea and lemonade. At least for the month of September, there will be no charge for dinner, but there will be a donations box at the window. CE will reassess at the end of September to see if we can continue to do this, but the hope is that we will break even.

Pay attention. We'll be announcing fun theme nights. Make your plans to be at the church on Wednesday nights starting September 6!

Presbyterian Women look forward to a new year

Ladies, our fall kickoff will be at 3:00 p.m. in the Kerr Building on



September 10. Come enjoy some ice cream and catch up with friends you may not have seen through the summer. Our new officers and moderators will be

installed, and we will hear an overview of our 2017-2018 study of Hebrews. You may pick up your book that afternoon as well.

PW circles are for all ages. If you have never been active in a circle, please know that there are ladies who wouldn't dare miss a meeting! They like it that much! Meeting times and places are announced in the Sunday bulletin

PW Council can use a couple of members at large. Won't you consider serving in this capacity? Council meetings are once a month but not every month. It's an easy job! Contact Tina Ross, Emily Davis, or Shirley Simmons for more information.



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Blood Drive



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.

Celebrate the season of summer and give to PPC online

Summer is a time for relaxing and celebrating family, friends, and fun. But while vacations are a blessing for both body and soul, church attendance and the budget's bottom line traditionally suffers. Now, with online giving, you can continue to support the work of the church no matter where your summer travels may lead. Whether you are fishing on the lake, jumping in the waves, or exploring exotic locales, you can log on to ACS or www.philadelphiachurch.org and click on the "GIVE" tab. Using your debit or credit card and smart phone or tablet you can keep current with your giving wherever summer may lead. Thank you for your continued financial support as we continue to work together to support Christ's church no matter the season!



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

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Sing your favorite hymns!

You've given us your favorite hymns. Now it's your chance to sing them with the choir. Please join us in the Choir Room at 10:00 a.m. on the following Sunday mornings to sing the following hymns:

August 6 - Amazing Grace August 13 - It Is Well with My Soul August 20 - Holy, Holy, Holy August 27 - In the Garden September 3 - Rock of Ages September 10 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus September 17 - All Creatures of Our God and King

Please join us!