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Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
Mint Hill, North Carolina
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From Rusty Benton, Head Pastor

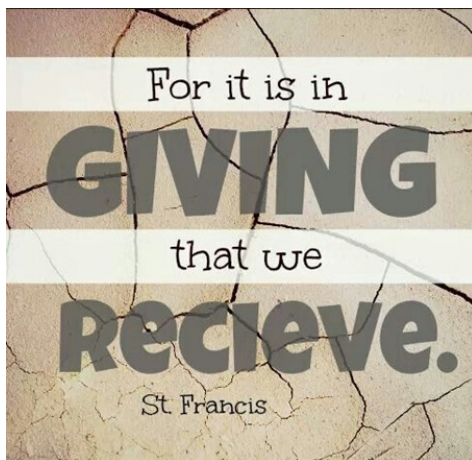
Everybody falls. Everybody. How can we know that? Simple, God tells us in the scriptures that; *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* (Romans 3:23) Somedays it can seem that we are on top of the world. At other times it can seem like we just can't make a good decision and the result of those times is usually not so great. Probably the only good thing about the above statement is that since we all fall, we can all understand what it feels like to be down. We can all empathize when someone is in that place that is about as far from the top of the world as you can get. The question is, when we realize that or see someone in that position, what can/should we do?

Good news, there is an answer and of course it comes from Jesus! Jesus helps us out here. Try these on and see how they pan out: Colossians 3 *Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you...* Ephesians 4: *Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.* Acts 3 *Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out...* 1 John 1 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

God is certainly not accepting of sin and selfishness, but He is forgiving of it. And---and this is such a great part...And he replaces that sin and brokenness by healing and restoring. He truly takes it off of the books and "remembers it no more." In so doing, God sets the example for us of how we should relate to ourselves and others when we break with God's way of love and choose ourselves over God and others. In other words, when we are at the bottom of the world (and like we feel like it) because of the poor choices that we have made, God makes great choices for us. In so doing, he heals the broken relationship and that gives us new life. Honestly, that new life is something that we can really grab on to. It's something that we can feel and believe and live into and share.

Guilt is a terrible burden that only perpetuates our original sinfulness and prolongs its terrible effect. In the place of guilt, God offers grace. In that grace, we are forgiven and we can truly feel better, more alive, free and hopeful. When those emotions and that truth take hold in our lives, we are then truly able to empathize with others and share with them the good news that pain and brokenness don't have to dominate our life. Instead, our lives can be full of the newness, hope and healing that God's compassion, grace, love and forgiveness bring to us all!

From Katie Sloan, Associate Minister



Last Friday I was invited to participate at my friend's summer camp. My friend is 5 years old and her name is Magnolia Grace. It's really hard to tell a 5-year-old with a name as magnificent as Magnolia Grace, no. Not to mention that she insisted that this was going to be the "GRAND FINALE" of camp. So off I went to summer camp.

I had the best time helping with something called story time circles and watching the older campers perform African dance. We all sat down at the end and enjoyed time together and a meal. Oh yes, and there was a huge cake (and I do mean huge). As the campers helped to pass cake slices out to the guests, I noticed that one of the cake-serving-campers had plopped down in a chair, crestfallen. I walked over and sat next to him and asked him if he was ok. He said "that lady told me I could have her piece of cake but my Paw Paw taught me its nicest to give and not take".

We learn from an early age that not only is it better to give than to receive, but it actually makes you feel good when you do so. For many of us if we think back to our childhood that first venerable moment of sharing begins with a slice of birthday cake. Sure, we share toys. But birthday cake really puts us to the test -all those slices, don't cut them too big, I want the most icing. Yet, its where we learn about giving. Eventually, as we grow we begin to learn the joy of giving, helping, and sharing of our time, treasures and even a good joke.

Scripture tells us that "God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Cor 9:7). The word cheerful comes from the Greek word *hilaros*, as in hilarious. I just love that. "God loves a hilarious giver". When you make someone laugh, when you spread joy, when they are able to help someone find a reason to laugh even in a difficult situation their laughter becomes a gift. That's how God wants us to give, with a sense of joy, not a sense of duty.

Did you know that MRIs have proven that giving stimulates the same part of the brain as sex and food. Giving and helping others may actually be the secret to living a life that is happier and healthier, more productive and meaningful.

There is a Chinese saying that goes: "If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody." For centuries, the greatest thinkers have suggested the same thing: Happiness is found in giving and helping others.

There are so many different ways that we can help others and give of our times, talents and treasures. As we begin to slowly roll into the fall, I encourage you to spend some time in prayer. Ask God to reveal to you some places where you can spread joy, volunteer your time, and share your talents at PPC and in the community. Plug into where your passion lies. It's all about how much love you pour into what you give and where and how you help. Remember, "God loves a cheerful giver".

Oh yes, and if a kiddo comes up and offers you a piece of cake with a big hilarious grin on their face, think twice before you say no (you can always give the slice to someone who might want seconds). Sharing that first slice of cake is the beginning of their journey in learning the joy of sharing and that in giving, we receive.

Happy September,

Katie

Homecoming is September 23!



Pastor Rusty will be preaching, but surprise guests may appear! We will celebrate with our annual Kirkin' of the Tartans. Please let the church office know by September 10 who will carry your family's tartan. **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.**

True to our custom at PPC, the worship service will be followed by a Philafeast in the Kerr Building. Everyone, bring your favorite covered dish, enough for your family and some to share. It will be a great day at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church!

Letter to the congregation

In early spring of this year, the Christian Education team, along with the pastors, began exploring and discerning a theme for our Sunday School for the fall of 2018. After lots of prayer and sharing of ideas, the decision was made to look for curriculum that would help us grow in our ability to reach out to our community in the name of Christ. As such, we explored lots of different curricula that is focused in this area and that would be usable for folks of all ages at PPC. After some time, we found a very popular series called **Becoming a Contagious Christian**. The logo and advertisements that have been publicized to this point about fall studies at PPC are taken from this study. Those of us who were involved in planning CE for the fall were all very excited about the great things that this study could produce in the life of this church. However, in the past several weeks, there has been much controversy and difficulty surrounding the author of this series. The author's name is Bill Hybels. Bill is (was) the Head of Staff at Willow Creek Church. Bill has authored several books and small group study guides. Willow Creek has been a leader over the past decades in the areas of Christian education and church growth and support. Unfortunately, recently both Bill and Willow Creek Church have been accused of unethical and immoral actions.

It is certainly not our intent or our practice to judge anyone. However, after much prayer and thought, it was decided that the best path forward for PPC was to stick with our outreach theme but to choose a different author/book for fall 2018.

Very soon we will all have the chance to join together and explore together what it means to reach out and to someone else in the love and care of our Lord. We are excited about the opportunity that God has given us all to come together as His Church as we reach out in every great way to His world.

You will be hearing more and more about how this is a great chance for everyone from ages 1 to 100 to share in this amazing journey that God has given us. We are excited about all that God is doing at PPC in the Mint Hill community and beyond. It's truly exciting and a great blessing to look forward to being a part of it all together!

In Christ,
The PPC Staff and
Christian Education Ministry

Wonderful

WEDNESDAYS

ARE BACK SEPTEMBER 5TH!

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
AND SEE WHAT OUR PPC FAMILY IS ALL ABOUT!

This semesters study for preschool and elementary age children will be "The Beatitudes". Youth will continue their Wednesday night fun with Shane as they dive deeper into their faith and learn how to live in that faith every day. Adults have 3 all new classes to choose from! You won't want to miss it.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Free Dinner (Must Pre-Register for Dinner Please)
3 NEW Adult Classes to Choose From
Choir for Preschool – 8th Grade
Middle & High School Youth
Nursery Service for 1-2 Yrs Old
Recreation, Crafts, Mission Projects, and More

PRE-REGISTRATION IS NEEDED

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Wonderful Wednesday Schedule

5:10-5:30 Preschool Choir "The Joyful Noise"

5:30-6:00 Preschool Bible time

KIDS-5:30-6:10-

Infants and toddlers nursery

K-2-Choir – The Cherub Choir

3-5-Bible (The Beatitudes)

6:10-6:40-Dinner

6:50-7:30-

Infants and toddler nursery

Grades K-2-Bible (The Beatitudes)

Grades 3-8-Choir – The Celebration Singers

YOUTH

5:30-6:10-Middle School youth group

6:00-6:40-Middle and high school dinner

6:45-7:30-Middle School-Choir

6:45-7:45-High School youth group

ADULTS

6:00-6:40-Dinner

6:45-7:30-Bible Studies

- 1) Plenary with Rusty and Katie-Good vs Evil
- 2) Women's Bible Study-"Becoming Heart Sisters"
- 3) Men's Bible Study-"Stepping Up"

It takes a lot of people to make any program run smoothly. CE needs your help!! If you are willing to volunteer at Wonderful Wednesdays contact Susan Griffin smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com

Let's stay updated!

Things change all the time. Does the church have your latest email address? Have you moved? Has your cell phone number or your land line number changed? Please take a minute to figure out if you need to give the church office any updated contact information.



1 Susan Hagy	9 Katherine Lukjanczuk	25 Katie Petrucci
2 Marveen Perry	9 Davis O'Brien	26 Virginia Frey
3 Aaron Kaminski	9 Drew Pamplin	24 Andy Mock
3 Robert Fauser	10 Neal Frye	24 Noelle Stanley
3 Tracy Fee	10 Jeannine Mayberry	25 Bonnie Barnes
3 Becky Garagiola	11 Tamara Jetton	25 M. D. Hill
3 Ed Simmons	10 Collin McClure	25 Graceann Jeffers
4 Susan Andrews	10 Aaron Mock	25 Nathan Santiago
5 Janet Daniel	13 Brad Watts	25 Caroline Tamez
5 Bob Harrison	14 David Johnson	26 Grace Petrucci
6 Rick Forbis	14 Bob Kistler	27 Jon Szymanski
6 Melinda Johnston	13 Doris Jordan	27 Grant Haney
7 Caroline McGahey	15 Vickie Moore	28 Robert Sharp
7 Caroline Muehl	17 Brantley Aycock	29 Mert O'Prey
7 Emily Snelson	18 Allison Benton	30 Mark Setzer
8 Karen Davidson	18 Juan Cuartas	
8 Carl Phillips	19 Jeffrey Lewis	
8 Sam Strand	20 Mckinley Hartsell	
	21 Katlin Haney	
	22 Nancy Lakeman	
	23 Reese Sailors	
	24 Debbie Connors	

September Anniversaries

- 6 Richard & Pattie Gilbert
- 8 Doc & Diane Beard
- 8 Jack & Jane Foreman
- 12 Rick & Fran Williams
- 13 Ted & Liz Biggers
- 21 Brantley & Sue Aycock
- 28 Larry & Ali Harding
- 28 David & Amy Kafitz

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

We extend sympathy for the death of Stacey Gullede on August 3. Stacey was the son of Brooks and Ron Gullede.

Welcome to our new members!

Chip, Sue & Sara Todd

6912 Ellington Farm Ln.
Mint Hill, NC 28227

Chip, Sue and Sara joined by Reaffirmation of Faith on August 19.

M. D. & Shirley Hill

10896 Pioneer Mill Rd.
Concord, NC 28025

M. D. & Shirley joined by Letter of Transfer from Carolina Presbyterian Church, Locust, NC on August 26.

Richard & Frances Williams

7015 Kidwelly Ln.
Matthews, NC 28104

Richard & Frances joined by Letter of Transfer from Albemarle Road Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, NC on August 26.

Phil & Karin Boling

9711 Arlington Oaks Dr.
Charlotte, NC 28227

Phil and Karin joined by Reaffirmation of Faith on August 26.

Kelvin & Arliss Day

6808 Olde Sycamore Dr.
Mint Hill, NC 28227

Kelvin & Arliss joined by Letter of Transfer from 1st Presbyterian Church San Antonio, TX on August 26.

Gifts to the church

In memory of...

Tina Ross—Rudy & Judy Turnage, Sue Tilley, Shirley & Bill Kiser, Jason & Molly Beckert (Columbarium Fund)

Dan Morgan—Ann Pearce (Current Fund)

Bob Virnelson—Ann Pearce, T. F. & Louise McSwain (Current Fund)

Hubert F. Williams—M. D. & Shirley Hill (Endowment Fund)

Birthday Endowments...

Herb Gill from Sylvia Gill

Let's Celebrate!!!

The Christian Education Team is hosting a Fall Kick-Off and Volunteer appreciation reception during the Sunday School hour (10am) in the church courtyard. This is for ALL members of the congregation!! Socialize, eat, drink coffee, and celebrate our awesome volunteers as we praise our Lord for the blessing of a new year of Christian Education!

Thank you, Presbyterian Men!



The Men of the Church (PPC) have graciously purchased and installed two new Automatic External Defibrillators (AED). The original AED is still in the Administration Building in the mail boxes. It has been inspected and is ready for use. The two new AED's have been

placed in: (1) The Kerr Building on the wall next to the elevator

(2) Bigham Hall on the window sill behind the desk.

All three units are ready for use. All units will be inspected periodically to insure that they are in perfect working condition.

Although all units are self explanatory and easy to use by untrained persons, we will be scheduling short, basic training classes in the near future. We pray that we will never have to use them. Thanks to the Men of the Church.

Clear Creek Elementary will be ready for us to



Backpacks
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start the backpack program in a few weeks. Due to generous donations over the summer, we are pretty well prepared, but we

need hearty soups, large cans of beef stew, chicken and dumplings, and white meat chicken to round out nutritious meals for the children.

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 1

No Meetings

Sunday, September 2

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alterative Worship—Kerr Building
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary
 7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

Monday, September 3

Church Office Closed for Labor Day
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, September 4

6:00 p.m.—Christian Education Min. Mtg.—Session Room
 7:00 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Building
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, September 5

10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, September 6

7:00 p.m.—PW Council Meeting—Armor Alley (Lower level Education Building)
 7:00 p.m.—Personnel & Admin. Min. Meeting—Session Room
 7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 8

7:0 a.m.—Men’s Breakfast—Jimmy’s Restaurant

Sunday, September 9

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alterative Worship—Kerr Building
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary
 1:00 p.m.—PW—Kerr Building
 4:30 p.m.—Worship & Music Min. Mtg.—Session Room

Monday, September 10

6:00 p.m. Evang./Outreach Min. Mtg.—Session Room
 6:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts—Bigham Hall
 7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Heritage Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, September 11

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel
 7:00 p.m.—Girls Basketball—Kerr Building
 7:00 p.m.—Prayer Shawl Min. Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom
 7:00 p.m.—Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.—Heritage Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, September 12

10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex
 5:10 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, September 13

7:00 p.m.—Finance Ministry Mtg.—Session Room
 7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, September 14

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

Saturday, September 15

No Meetings

Sunday, September 16

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alterative Worship—Kerr Building
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary
 4:30 p.m.—Youth Meeting—Kerr Building

Monday, September 17

6:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts—Bigham Hall
 7:00 p.m.—Session Meeting—Session Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, September 18

10:30 a.m.—PPC Good Timers—Kerr Building
 6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel
 7:00 p.m.—Resource Ministry Mtg.—Session Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, September 19

10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex
 5:10 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, September 20

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study—Session Room
 6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building
 7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, September 21

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

Saturday, September 22

No Meetings

Homecoming—Sunday, September 23

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary
 12:30 p.m.—Philafeast—Kerr Building

Monday, September 24

6:30 p.m.—Boy Scouts—Bigham Hall
 6:30 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Meeting—Heritage Room
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, September 25

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel
 7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, September 26

10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex
 5:10 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, September 27

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

Friday, September 28

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

Saturday, September 29

4:30 p.m.—Boy Scout Lock-in—Kerr Building

Sunday, September 30

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alterative Worship—Kerr Building
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
 11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary



Correspondence to the congregation

Every drought and dry season is followed by a time of growth, healing and confirmation of the faithfulness of our Father. After a prolonged and trying season of lacking the community and fellowship that the church offers, the Todd family finally came back home to Philadelphia. Being back in the church fills me with nostalgia and memories from my childhood. I can so vividly remember the Easter Egg Hunts, delivering hot meals to church members with my mom and singing on stage in the Kerr Building during Wonderful Wednesdays. This summer I was granted the opportunity to serve in the nursery during Vacation Bible School. The last day that we kept the nursery, David Johnson came into our room and handed me a piece of yellow poster paper and said, "I think this belongs to you". I looked at it, and there was a traced handprint of a little girl with the name 'Sara Grace' beside it. David went on to tell me that they were redecorating one of the preschool rooms which involved taking down a poster of handprints and names from a class that I had been in probably 18 years ago. I instantly saw this as a sign from Jesus telling me that my family and I was where we needed to be. Seeing this confirmation truly warmed my heart, and having a tangible sign from God totally made me realize that he had answered my prayers. I had begged God time and time again to give my parents and me a church family to call our own. Over the summer, I was able to see first-hand the love and generosity that members of Philadelphia possess. Although the time has come for me to go back to school, I know that my mom and dad will be surrounded by people who love them relentlessly. As many of you know, our biological family is small, but we truly do have an abundance of family in the church, and for that I am so grateful. The presence of the Lord is so evident in this church and it is truly my honor to be able to serve the Kingdom representing Philadelphia Presbyterian Church.

Sara Grace Todd

Dear PPC Family,

We thank everyone who participated in VBS and showed that **God's heroes have heart** by donating school supplies to support homeless and impoverished children in our community. Once again this amazing support of our Gift of Literacy program comes just in time as students are heading back to school. Did you know that our Gift of Literacy program goes beyond the books to help fill gaps where poverty undermines promise? Every year, we provide thousands of students in grades K-12 with essentials they otherwise lack, helping each child overcome everyday barriers that can interrupt school day success. In addition to grade-level appropriate books, we also provide school supply sets and portable lap desks, hygiene kits and school day snacks. Bright Blessings is committed to doing our part in helping homeless and disadvantaged students rise to their academic potential, and we couldn't do it without the many prayers and support from YOU. We thank our PPC Family for being **God's heroes in giving hope** to those we serve. You are using your faithful powers to make a real difference in the lives of these children.

Yours in Christ,
 Amy & John Cervantes and
 the Bright Blessings Team



The church office will be closed on September 3 in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

Presbyterian Women's mission focus for September is Backpacks of Love! Donations may be left in the entryway near the mailboxes or downstairs right outside the elevator. Thank you!

Presbyterian Women's fall meeting

Ladies, plan to attend the PW fall meeting on September 9 at 3:00 in the Kerr Building. We will enjoy ice cream and all the trimmings and will hear an overview of our coming year's study by Janet Daniel. You can pick up your study books that day. Officers and moderators for the coming year will be installed.



You don't have to be active in a circle to join us for this meeting which is a social event as well. Please come!

Mark your calendars for PPC's upcoming Women's Retreat on Saturday, October 6 from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be worship, prayer, music, and mission while studying this year's theme: Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World. Breakfast and lunch are included. The event is sponsored by the Congregational Life committee and free for women of all ages (childcare will NOT be provided). So bring a friend and join us on October 6 for fellowship and fun!

Need a church directory?

The ACS Church Life App is a free and easy to use app for your smartphone. It gives you instant access to the church directory and calendar right on your phone. Just download the app from your app store and begin just like you do when you log into Access ACS. If you need help or more information about this app or Access ACS, contact Cynthia at Cynthia@philadelphiachurch.org.



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!

In the event of bad weather, be sure to tune in to WSOC-TV for information concerning delays or cancellation of services or events. You may sign up to receive text alerts of service and activity changes or closings due to bad weather by going to wsocv.com/s/closings. Look for the "School closings and delays text alerts" link. The church ID# is 0426.

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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Did you know?

PPC's Resource Team, composed of leaders of all church ministries and committees, meets the third Tuesday of each month to help each other plan and execute events that have already been approved by Session. The Resource Team is not a voting body, but a hard working group that spans across ministry/committee lines to tap into talent church-wide, helping each approved event be even more successful. The Resource Team reports to the Session.

PPC's **Advertising and Communication Committee (ACC)**, a subcommittee of the Evangelism and Outreach ministry, works closely with the Resource Team to facilitate communication. The ACC is responsible for designing banners, posters, social media posts, videos, etc., ensuring that all PPC's advertising and outreach pieces are concise and consistent, presenting a unified look to the congregation and the community. By shouldering the advertising portion of each project, the ACC frees up the individual ministries to concentrate on the other logistics of their event.

Both the Resource Team and the ACC are designed to help committees work together more efficiently and effectively, as we all seek to live into PPC's vision "to bless others as we have been blessed."

News from NC Presbyterian Pilgrimage

Weekend #154 will be held at Camp Harrison near Lenoir on September 13-16. Guests from Philadelphia Presbyterian are Katie Sloan, Daryl and Jeanine Kleinhesselink, Marge Gledhill, Jan Craddock, and Kristina Simmons. Team members from our church are Jane and Barry Long, Ann and Jim Hutton, Cindi and Rocky Hoffner, Diane Campbell-Beard, Chip Todd, Emily Davis, and Joel Moore. Please keep in your prayers these servants and fellow team members and guests who have been called to be on this special weekend.



Rev. Rusty Benton, Head Pastor
Katie Sloan, Associate Minister
Shane Sledd, Youth and Family 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
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