

The Philagram

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
Mint Hill, North Carolina
February 2019



From Katie Sloan

What in tarnation?

No conversation hearts for Valentines Day? I couldn't believe it when I heard the news. This year will be the first year since 1866 that we will be without the sugary



treats. NECCO (New England Confectionary Co.) filed for bankruptcy last year and sadly, the beloved candies are no longer being made.

For full disclosure, I don't like conversation hearts. I think they rank right up there with peeps. However, my mom loves them, and I have bought her them every year. Not to mention that I kind of feel like Valentine's Day might need to be cancelled without them –ok, not really, but they have been around for 153 years- change is hard. We get used to things and then all of a sudden (or not so suddenly), things change.

In every season of our lives, change happens. From the silly little inconvenient ones like conversation hearts or hot coffee getting cold, to the things that take an emotional toll on our lives. When someone we love gets cancer, we all get cancer. Going away to college, divorce, job loss. Change is hard.

It gets even harder when we start searching for deep meaning in the midst of the confusion and change. Letting go of what is familiar is never easy. Breaking old habits and behaviors takes time. Change is hard.

When you are going through a period of change in your life, what is your first thought towards God? Do you get angry? Impatient? Do you lean more heavily on the Lord? Change can help to make us better listeners, refine us, teach us to trust God more but that is not always easy because God's timing is never our own.

When change is hard, pray. Instead of praying for a good day, ask God to help you learn to handle what comes your way. Instead of praying for (or wishing for) the discomfort to go away, pray for the spiritual strength to endure the shift that is taking place in your life. Instead of praying with a sad and angry heart, pour it all out at the foot of the cross. Pray for deep change with your own heart.

Whatever you are going through – job loss, relationship struggles, health issues (your own or a loved one) remember God's plans are almost always different from our plans, but if you have patience, good things DO come.

Change is not always bad. Often times change is good. Like a caterpillar bursting forth into a butterfly. The changing of seasons. Birth of children. The resurrection of our Savior. Change is good.

By the way, we may be without conversation hearts this Valentine's Day, but the company that purchased NECCO, plans to have conversation hearts back on the shelves next year with a few new fun phrases stamped on the front of those sugary hearts. Patience is a virtue.

God is good....all the time!

Katie

Welcome to Rev. Mark Lee!

PPC is excited to welcome our new interim pastor, Rev. Mark Lee, who will begin work this Tuesday.

A Philadelphia native, Pastor Mark earned a finance degree from Drexel University in Philadelphia and a Master of Divinity from Westminster Theological Seminary, also located in his hometown.

He has served a number of churches in various capacities up and down the East coast and as far away as California.

We are very fortunate that he has chosen Philadelphia Presbyterian to launch his interim career.

Pastor Mark and his family – wife of 20 years, Minah; daughter Karis, age 17; and sons Michael, age 15, and Matthew age 13 – live in the Baltantyne area. Minah is a music teacher at a local elementary school and all three children are talented instrumentalists.

When he's not at church, Pastor Mark says he enjoys reading, running, technology, and all Philadelphia sports - especially the Eagles.

Welcome Pastor Mark – we are glad you are here!

...and from Pastor Mark, January 31...

Hello Philadelphia Presbyterian Church... Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. My name is Mark Lee and I will be serving your wonderful church as the Interim Pastor. I grew up in the suburb of Philadelphia, PA and now God has brought me back to Philadelphia to serve His Kingdom. My hope and desire is to help Philadelphia Church in fulfilling the Great Commission from Matthew 28:19... "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." I will be seeking Spirit's power, wisdom, humility and guidance in serving this church and building relationships with all of you through the love of Christ. As I pray for this church and it's members... both current and future... I passionately seek your prayers for me so that I can be used by God for His glory.

Our family is excited to serve and grow with the Philadelphia congregation. I am a HUGE fan of Philadelphia sports, so I welcome any and all conversations about the world of sports... especially regarding the Super Bowl champs, Eagles (haha).



Happy Birthday!



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| 1 | Melissa Tamez | 14 | Meredith Hartsell |
| 3 | Gerald Crossman | 14 | Janice Wilson |
| 3 | Judy Jones-Turnage | 15 | Olivia Morris |
| 4 | Kaitlyn Simmons | 16 | Jean Gillis |
| 5 | Tony Garagiola | 16 | Pete Kastner |
| 5 | Amy Kaminski | 17 | Steven Hall |
| 5 | Brenda Mock | 17 | Charlotte Karriker |
| 5 | Terry Sinagra | 19 | Evan Eudy |
| 6 | Bill King | 20 | Bob Wilson |
| 6 | Merle Price | 21 | David Gallagher |
| 7 | Susan Carr | 21 | Pat King |
| 7 | Elizabeth Carriker | 21 | Marc McClure |
| 7 | Megan Fox | 21 | Lisa Newton |
| 9 | Henrietta Conder | 22 | Elizabeth Hood |
| 9 | Melissa Johnson | 23 | Carolyn Irvin |
| 9 | Jean Lamb | 24 | Erin Clark |
| 10 | Isabel Dee | 24 | Connie Thomas |
| 10 | Harry Hawkins | 25 | Scott Carr |
| 14 | Brett Basden | 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 |

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

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



Gifts to the Church

In memory of...

- Wayne Wolfe**—The Ralph Leete Fellowship Class (Current Fund); Howard & Joyce Pegram (Endowment Fund)
- Alex Davidson**—Norma Davidson (Music Fund)
- Ronnie Cochrane**—Ginny Setzer (Current Fund)
- Tina Ross**—Ginny Setzer (Current Fund); Doug and Kaye Vass (Columbarium Fund)
- Don Jamison**—Leslie Jamison Allen, Sherri Jamison Leazer (Endowment Fund)
- Stacy Gullede**—Mark & Ginny Setzer (Endowment Fund)
- Olin Tweed Flowe**—Elizabeth Seagle, Emily Flowe English (Olin Tweed Flowe Scholarship Fund)
- Anne & Baxter Bigham**—Emily Flowe English (Anne & Baxter Bigham Scholarship Fund)
- Benny Davis**—Anonymous (Current Fund)

In honor of...

- Jane & Barry Long**—Anonymous (Endowment Fund)
- Ann & Jim Hutton**—Anonymous (Endowment Fund)
- Ginny & Mark Setzer**—Anonymous (Endowment Fund)
- Dan & Becky Oke**—Anonymous (Endowment Fund)
- Shirley & Ed Simmons**—Anonymous (Endowment Fund)
- Ann Hutton**—Hannah Johnson (Endowment Fund)
- Dottie & Pete Kastner**—Ginny, Mark, David & Ryan Konopka (Backpacks of Love)
- Frances Starr**—Michael & Susan Starr (Current Fund)

We extend sympathy for the following deaths:

- [Beth Ann Goble] daughter of Lucy Goble on December 19
- [Thomas A. Hawkins] brother of Bill Hawkins on January 10
- [Boyd Muterspaugh] grandfather of Erin Clark on January 29

Welcome to our new members

Scott, Susan and Morgan Carr

10888 Pioneer Mill Road
Concord, NC 28025
Scott, Susan and Morgan are joining by Reaffirmation of Faith.

Kurt and Charlotte Karriker

7423 Balintoy Lane
Matthews, NC 28104
Kurt and Charlotte are joining by Profession of Faith.

Kyle, Tina and Kyle, II Sparks

6426 Bascale Lane
Mint Hill, NC 28227
Kyle, Tina and Kyle, II are joining by Transfer from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, SC

Cub Scouts will hold fundraiser

Looking for a speedy lunch? Come by the Pack 65 Speed Shop Pit Stop on Saturday, February 23 at the Kerr Building from noon until 3:00 p.m. Cub Scouts from the Wolf Den will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs and sides to raise money for Pack 65. Be sure then to walk over to the Scout Hut as the Cub Scouts work on their cars for their upcoming Pinewood Derby. For more info, email matthew_hall@mac.com or visit <http://http://minthill-pack65.org>.

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 canned and dry goods to assist the less fortunate in our community.

Scouts passed out food bags after the worship service on Sunday January 27. Please bring your filled bags to worship on February 3, 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.



Our greatest needs at the moment are fruits (other than applesauce) in small bowls or standard size cans, and PopTarts. However, any of the foods itemized on the lists on the shelves will be welcome at any time. The staff and students of Clear Creek Elementary are grateful for our generosity. Thank you for being a part of the team.

FEBRUARY

Friday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 2

9:00 a.m.—Circle 7—Heritage Room

Scout Sunday, February 3

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Monday, February 4

5:30 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Building

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

6:30 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Heritage Room

7:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—Praise Team Practice—Kerr Building

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, February 5

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

6:00 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Building

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, February 6

9:30 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex

5:10 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, February 7

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

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, February 8

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

Saturday, February 9

No meetings

Sunday, February 10

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary

Monday, February 11

5:30 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Evang./Outreach Min. Mtg.—Session Room

6:30 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Mtg.—Heritage Room

7:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—Praise Team Practice—Kerr Building

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, February 12

10:30 a.m.—Circle 5—Heritage Room

5:30 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Building

6:00 p.m.—Circle 6—Annex Lounge

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

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, February 13

9:30 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex

5:00 p.m.—Evang./Outreach Min. Mtg.—Session Room

5:10 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, February 14

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study—Session Room

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

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

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, February 15

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

Saturday, February 16

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

Sunday, February 17

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary

2:00 p.m.—Children’s Play Practice—Kerr Building

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

5:30 p.m.—Youth Meeting—Kerr Building

Monday, February 18

5:30 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Building

6:30 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall

7:00 p.m.—Praise Team Practice—Kerr Building

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, February 19

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

5:30 p.m.—Basketball—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, February 20

9:30 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex

5:10 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, February 21

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.—Active Shooter Preparedness Training—Fred Brown Class

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, February 22

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

Saturday, February 23

11:00 a.m.—Cub Scout Fundraiser—Kerr Building

Sunday, February 24

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary

2:00 p.m.—Children’s Play Practice—Kerr Building

Monday, February 25

10:00 a.m.—PW Council Meeting—Session Room

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

7:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Kerr Building

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, February 26

5:30 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Building

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, February 27

9:30 a.m.—Craft Workshops—Chapel Annex

5:10 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesday Program

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

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, February 28

7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building



Love is *patient,*
 love is *kind.*
 It does not *envy,*
 it does not *boast,*
 it is not *proud.*

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL

Valentine Tea



PLEASE JOIN US
mothers & daughters
of all ages

SUNDAY, FEB 10
2:30 - 4:00 PM

HOSTED BY
SUSAN GRIFFIN
12809 Bain School Rd.

A shuttle will be available from the church parking lot.

Ladies, you are encouraged to carpool or take the shuttle. Susan's driveway needs to stay clear so that the shuttle can come and go, and the ground is too soft these days to park on it. You may park at the barn and walk over if you'd like.

Correspondence to the congregation

Dear PPC Family,

My name is Tisha Margraves and I am the new Executive Director of Bright Blessings. It has been my greatest joy to be able to take over the helm of Bright Blessings from such an amazing woman as Amy Cervantes and her family. I only hope I can carry on the leadership with half as much grace and love that she has shown this amazing organization for 13 years.

We continue to be so blessed by this congregation. Every dollar donated, every hour of time given, and every item donated makes a direct impact in the lives of the children who are experiencing the challenges of poverty. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for every effort, big and small, to help us care for the children we serve.

We can't wait to see what 2019 holds for us and the beautiful children that we serve! We hope that you will stay engaged and come along with us on another amazing journey as we impact even more children in 2019!

Blessings,
Tisha Margraves
Executive Director



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Our mission focus for February is Servant's Heart in Mint Hill, located at the intersection of Lawyers and Wilson Grove Roads. You may drop off donations there. Specific needs right now are toilet paper (double rolls only in 12 and 9 packs), dental floss, mouthwash, lip balm, laundry detergent (brand names, 19-26 loads/32-65 loads), bath bar soap (especially Dove), body wash, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, feminine products, razors (no twin blades, please), shaving cream, all-purpose cleaner, bleach and disinfectant wipes, glass cleaner. Please purchase brand names you enjoy using in regular-sized containers, no travel or sample sized products. **Items must be new, unopened, and unused.** There is no cost to their clients for these products.

The Annex Crafters look forward to the opening of the Annex Shop in the spring. All kinds of pretty things will be for sale! And there will be coffee!

Our Claire's Army event will be on May 18. It will be here before you know it. Table sponsors, won't it be fun deciding on your décor?

The PW mission focus for March is Bright Blessings. A service project for the ladies of the church has been set up with two workshops at Bright Blessings. The first one is Saturday, March 2 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., and the second one is Thursday, March 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Hopefully one of these times will work for you ladies!

Thank you to Emily Davis, Jan Craddock, Marge Gledhill, Ann Hutton, and Debbe King for serving on the new Kitchen Committee.

Kingdom Kids save for Pete and Penelope

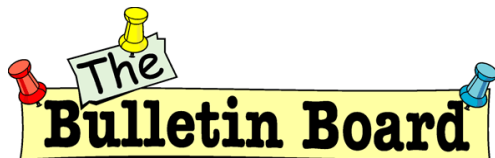
The Kingdom Kids are so excited to announce their current mission project called "Pennies for Pete and Penelope"! They will be collecting pennies to eventually purchase a cow (Pete) and a sheep (Penelope) for Heifer International. This organization works with communities all over the world to help end hunger and poverty along with caring for the earth. What a great lesson to teach our kids to share with others while they are young! But, YOU are invited to participate too! You may drop your pennies into the cute containers located on the table by the church office as well as the Kingdom Kids rotunda. Thank you for your partnership with our Kingdom Kids on this fun and important mission!

Active Shooter Preparedness Training class

The PPC Personnel Committee is pleased to provide for you this special class on Thursday, February 21 from 2-4 p.m. in the Fred Brown Classroom. The class will be given by Major Scott Hall of the Mint Hill PD. The class instruction will take about an hour and 45 minutes and end with a 15-minute Q&A session. Direct questions to Caroline McGahey cell/text 704-562-2999 or email mchahey6@msn.com.

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 wsoc.tv.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.

MEMBERS IN THE



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Calling all volunteers who work with children and youth!

If you are a teacher, leader, or volunteer for ages 0-18 and you want to continue to volunteer, please remember to fill out the criminal background form found in front of the church office, or print one from the church website and return to Judy Clinton in the church office ASAP. This also includes volunteering for short term events and activities including Vacation Bible School, youth trips, and other activities.

The Christian Education ministry team appreciates your cooperation in this measure to ensure safety and to comply with the policy of the PCUSA. Thank you if you have already turned yours in!

Attention, High School Seniors!

April 1 is the date that applications for scholarships need to be turned in!

Mission Opportunity

MorningStar Presbyterian Church is welcoming congregational mission teams for a weekend Appalachia Service Project trip to Jonesville (Lee County, Virginia) the first weekend in May 2019. It will be involve travel on Thursday, May 2, to the center to be housed and fed during the work period, with work onsite Friday and Saturday, and returning to our home congregations Sunday morning the 5th. Work teams are composed of 5-6 adults per team. The cost is \$95 at registration time per team (before March 1), and \$130 per team member, with the balance of fees due to ASP by April 2.

Questions? Call Steve Mitchell at 704.302.7383 or email at stevemspc@windstream.net. More information about ASP? Go to asphome.org.

This is taxing work over two days, but a serious chance to make a difference in a family's life ... and in your life.

Rev. Mark Lee, Interim Head Pastor
Katie Sloan, Commissioned Local Pastor
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
Shirley Simmons, Philagram Editor