

The Philagram

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church
Mint Hill, North Carolina
November 2016



From Rev. Rusty Benton, Head Pastor

"Once every four years our country (USA) goes thru a real revolution!" What is this guy talking about? (I thought) We're America! We had one revolution, it was a long time ago, and we won! This was all that I could think about when I heard a college professor start his lecture with the first statement of this paragraph. I was just about ready to raise my hand and ask him what in the world he meant when he finished his the opening part of his lecture by saying, "It's a real life revolution, it happens every four years, and it's called the presidential election."

Ah...Ok. I get it. And once I got it, the idea that our country didn't just elect a new president, but actually held a revolution in which everything would change...well, that was cool!

Later in life I learned about another revolution that had taken place. This revolution was named Jesus. Of course I had heard about Jesus before. I had gone to church for much of my childhood and had experienced several versions of God as I went to several different kinds of churches. There was the Baptist Jesus that saved me, The Presbyterian Jesus that chose me, The Catholic Jesus that had a pope, the weird Jesus that told people that only their family or friends were welcome at their church, the scary Jesus that was about fire and brimstone and the rapture (I didn't really know what any of that was about) and even a "Buddy Jesus" that was portrayed in Hollywood movies that just wanted to hang out with me and wanted me to come to church and give the church some money.

Eventually though, I found out about the revolution Jesus. This is the Jesus who, regardless of any of the other characteristics He may have been given, is the Jesus who truly loves me...and everyone else.

This November will bring sign after sign of the revolutions that come and transform our way of life. There is, of course, the Presidential election that will change our country's political face. There is also the changing of the season whose revolution will shorten our days, paint the landscape in beautiful colors, send nature into hibernation mode and cause us to break out and begin to wear our winter best. There is the revolution of Thanksgiving Day that will cause us to take a day out of our busy lives to give thanks for all of the things that we have to be busy for or busy about.

In the midst of it all, there is though, always this revolution that God sends to change our lives in ways that none of these really can. It is that revolution of love in Jesus Christ. It is the revolution of justice, righteousness and community whose selflessness and dedication truly defines what politics are meant to be about. It is the revolution of compassion and forgiveness that changes the nature of humanity to the good in such ways that it can also change the climate of the human condition itself. It is the revolution of a savior who gave thanks to God for the opportunity to save and love the world, even when that meant sacrificing himself for it.

This is the revolution of Christ. The change that truly makes us and our world better. In all of the changes that this November will bring, may we all be reminded of the great revolution of God and may we work for the changes that Christ himself worked for. And, in the midst of it all, may we believe that love is power behind real change, real difference, and the kind of revolution that our world will always need.

TURKEYS, TREES, and A PARTY!

We are gearing up for the holiday season
and we want you to join in the fun.

Acts of kindness are potent. It shouldn't surprise us. The Bible talks about God's favor to us, and our Creator doesn't show hit-and-run kindness. His kindnesses are extremely precise.

Ephesians 2:6-7 says: "And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus."

God sending His Son to redeem humanity was the ultimate act of kindness. It recognized our need for a Savior and provided a solution at great personal sacrifice. Such an example raises the bar. It challenges us to move past random to deliberate.

The holiday season can be a very difficult time for some people – emotionally, spiritually, and financially. So we are gearing up to reach out and touch people through some deliberate acts of kindness this season with turkeys, trees and a party, just to name a few.

Did you know we are giving away coupons for turkeys? YUP! On Sunday November 20 immediately after worship service we are planning an outing to 3 different grocery stores in the Mint Hill area here we will be handing out gift cards that can be used towards the purchase of a Thanksgiving turkey. This random act of kindness is our outreach opportunity to be light in a dark world.

We want you to join us! Families can do it together; it's a great low pressure evangelism experience for everyone. In fact it's nothing but joy! If you would like to join the fun please contact Katie for more details.

How about Christmas trees? Did you know that we are joining forces with Christmas Tree Santas to give Christmas trees away? YUP! On Saturday December 3, 150 Christmas trees, ornaments and tree stands will be given away on our campus to families in need. These families have been referred from agencies including Claire's Army, Lutheran Family Services, Hope Match, Servant's Heart, and The Family Enrichment Movement.

Do you have a great hot cocoa recipe? Would you like to donate some Christmas cookies for families to snack on when they come to pick up their trees? We would love to have you help us fill bags with ornaments on the day of the giveaway! Contact Katie for details.

Are you ready for a party? We are having a Community Christmas Party for our neighborhood kids on Saturday December 10! There will be ALL kinds of fun and exciting things happening at this party including: cookie decorating, games, crafts, music, food and Santa! We want this event to be AWESOME! SPECTACULAR! A CHRISTMAS BONAZA!! We can't do this without your help! We need all hands on deck. If you would like to help please contact Emily Davis for details.

If we are faithful, God will do amazing things.

Katie

Homecoming update

Our Homecoming celebration with the Kirkin' of the Tartans was very impressive with the bag piper and beadle leading the procession. It was wonderful to welcome Reverend Susan Roddy to our pulpit once again. Thank you to all who made it a very special day.

Several people mentioned that they would like to order their family tartan for next year. We will order the fabric and have someone make the flag. We need to place the order soon to assure that we have plenty of time to make the flag. The cost of the fabric should be about \$75.00. If you are interested contact Becky Griffin 704 545-5766.

Report from the Endowment Council

Sulena Long's Bequest Finalized

On September 15, 2016, Rusty and I got a letter from Nancy Norelli of the Norelli Law Firm with a check in the amount of \$28,841.02 for the final estate check made payable to Philadelphia Presbyterian Church to be added to The Elizabeth Caldwell Junker Scholarship Fund. The total distribution from Sulena Long's estate to the ECJ Scholarship totals \$389,891.02. What a wonderful gift to the young people of our church and community.

Sulena and Richard Long were active members of our church for 50 years. They lived simply with unwavering commitment to each other, their friends, and their church. They left a legacy that will enrich the lives of the young people as they pursue a higher education for generations to come. This amazing gift represents the largest known single gift ever given to Philadelphia Church. What an impactful legacy!!

Becky Griffin
Endowment Chairman

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Tears welled up in her eyes. Who would have thought it?!? Her baby girl... Going to college. First one. Class of 2024 and Davidson no less. "How did this happen?" she thought to herself. Being a single mom, she wasn't able to save any money for Erin's schooling, let alone DAVIDSON. She observed the beautiful stain glass, that nice minister kept telling her how AMAZING Erin was. In three months, she would be dropping Erin off at school. "Close enough to come home for a visit but just enough traffic that you won't be there every weekend," Erin would say with a wink and a smile.

How did we get here, she thought. Financial aid helped but there was still a huge shortfall. Then out of nowhere came these people who now sat beside her. These "strangers" who brought to the attention of Erin's guidance counselor that Philadelphia Presbyterian Church had scholarship money for people of the Mint Hill community. Erin had attended Pre-school when she was 3, she and her mom visited but it didn't feel right. And yet, here they sat 15 years later and these "strangers" are about to give her baby \$20,000 per year to cover the rest of the cost of Davidson. Scholarship... Erin was right she said, "No mom... This is a gift from God."

Endowments support dreamers.
Endowments give to the homeless or needy.
Endowments keep the lights on.

If you have an interest in creating a legacy at PPC or adding to an existing one, please contact Becky Griffin, John Cervantes, or Melinda Johnston.

Presbyterian Women's Annual Bazaar
Saturday, November 5, 2016

The day is filled with exciting activities! Come participate as you can!

8am-sausage biscuit breakfast
9am-art, craft, and bake sale
6pm-chicken dumplings supper
7pm-quilt drawing and auction



We will have a quilt to raffle again this year. You may purchase the \$1 tickets from a Presbyterian Woman or at the church office. This year's quilt, donated by Sadie Hood, is a hand-quilted, multi-colored Dresden Plate design. It is lovely and will go in anyone's home.

We will have lots of pottery, kiln-formed glass and stained glass, jewelry, florals, woodwork, alcohol inks, Christmas decorations, and much more!

For the sports fans, we have been donated a football signed by Panther Luke Kuechly!

A portion of the bazaar proceeds will benefit a Christmas tree give-away on our campus in December and other phenomenal missions.

We need you on the team to make this all day event successful! So create, donate, purchase, and spread the word to attend on November 5!! If you can donate art, crafts, baked goods or auction items, it would be most appreciated! For more information ask a Presbyterian Woman or contact Susan Griffin at 704-293-1902 or email at smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com. Hope to see you there!!

Join the Presbyterian Women for the After Bazaar sale on Tuesday, November 8 in the Kerr Building craft room! Come vote and then shop for great deals on gifts for everyone on your list, including yourself !!

Text Alerts

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

Backpacks of Love

Meats for lunches and dinners are urgent needs this month as follows: Beef stew, chicken and dumplings, canned chicken, canned tuna, beanie weenies, Vienna sausages, hearty meat-based soups, spaghetti/ravioli/beefaroni/lasagna in 15 oz. cans or microwavable bowls. Chicken alfredo is also very helpful for our students who don't eat pork. Our faithful support is very much appreciated by the teachers and parents as well as the children.



You are invited to a Bookaneer Book Fair at Philadelphia Presbyterian Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten. Come join the fun during the week of November 14-18, 2016. The Scholastic Book Fair will be open Monday – Friday from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM to 1:30 PM. The congregation and visitors are welcome to shop on Sunday, November 20 before and after church. Books are treasures for all occasions! We hope to see you there.

We extend sympathy for the following death:

Ellis Yeargins on October 10
Luella White on October 14

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



We have a **NEW** email address dedicated to special events! Have questions about our upcoming community Christmas Party or our Gobble Gobble Turkey Coupon Giveaway? Send us an email at events@philadelphiachurch.org.

From your Christian Education Ministry

Let's Connect!

Let's Connect has had an awesome first semester, but it ends Wednesday, November 16. It will resume on January 4! The second semester promises to be even better, so mark your calendars now to attend!! There are several more opportunities this year to attend the adult session with Rusty and Katie at 6:45. Don't miss out!

Kingdom Kids

All Kingdom Kids (ages 3-5th grade) and their families are invited to the Advent Workshop on Sunday, November 27 at 9 a.m. in the children's wing of the education building. This first Sunday of Advent will be a joyful time for families to engage in fun and meaningful activities, including breakfast, that celebrate and prepare our hearts for the birthday of Jesus! For more info contact Susan Griffin at smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com

Nursery

It is a great Sunday when we have young children in the nurseries! A growing church means more volunteers are necessary in order to share the responsibilities. In this stewardship season, please consider sharing your time and talents in the crib or toddler nursery during Sunday School or worship. Your choice! Call the church office 704-545-6172 or Contact Jill Linscheid at jlinscheid@carolina.rr.com.

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on December 15, 2016. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential 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 www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.

Order your poinsettias!

As has been our tradition for many years, poinsettias provided in honor or memory of friends and loved ones will grace the chancel during the Advent season. The cost for the 6" pots of poinsettias will be \$7.50 (same as last year). The plants will be 14 -18" tall. Orders should be turned in to the church office by December 5. The poinsettias may be removed from the sanctuary after the Christmas Eve services.



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| 1 | Janice Cooper | 16 | Keith Perkins |
| 1 | Martha Hood | 16. | Louise McSwain |
| 1 | Wilson Lohrer | 17. | Kathleen Cummings |
| 2 | D. J. Houston | 17 | Clark Davenport |
| 2 | Paul Porter | 17 | Allison Morris |
| 2 | Quincy Rosmon | 18 | Reagan Fauser |
| 3 | Mary Hyson | 18 | Eve Harrison |
| 4 | Mark Gildersleeve | 18 | Ellen Snelson |
| 5 | Christopher Cuartas | 19 | Jan Craddock |
| 7 | Ginger Black | 19 | Jake Forbis |
| 7 | Bo Pamplin | 19 | Dowd McEwen |
| 7 | Terry Reed | 19. | Tim Rosmon |
| 7 | John Rowell | 20. | Morgan Chavis |
| 8 | Ruth Bokhoven | 21 | Norma Davidson |
| 8 | Dave O'Brien | 21 | Cheryl Cooke |
| 8 | Jesse O'Brien | 21 | Matthew Hall |
| 9 | Michael Davis | 21 | Bill Lohrer |
| 10 | Kathleen Ryalls | 22 | Ken Epley |
| 11 | Colleen Ellis | 22 | Becky Griffin |
| 11 | Mason Jaeger | 23 | Ann Pearce |
| 11 | Anna Mitchell | 24 | Carl Ellington, III |
| 12 | Charlie Kerr | 24 | Ella Gallagher |
| 13 | Mike Barnes | 25. | Anne Cloaninger |
| 13 | Tyler King | 26. | Regina Ziliani |
| 13 | Madison Lynch | 27 | Brandon Hartsell |
| 14 | Pernette Behrendt | 27 | Walter Whitley, Jr. |
| 14 | Cynthia Ford | 29 | Sheila Cloaninger |
| 15 | Bill Crowder | 29 | Carla Lohrer |
| 15. | Richard Newton | 29 | Joseph Rukenbrod |
| 15 | Michael Shedd | 29 | Wil Griffin |
| | | 30 | Vicki Watts |

Celebrating an anniversary in November . . .

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| 2 | Mike & Kay Hastings |
| 4 | Robert & Jennifer Fauser |
| 5 | Pete & Dottie Kastner |
| 6 | Mike & Shelley Shedd |
| 7 | Brad & Angela Watts |
| 15 | Rick & Karen Davis |
| 16 | Terry & Russ Sinagra |
| 21 | Leslie & Joan Anderson |
| 21 | Marilyn & Ronald Kite |
| 21 | Don & Vickie Moore |
| 22 | Ed & Shirley Simmons |
| 23 | Bo & Alice Pamplin |
| 28 | Donna & John Simmons |



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

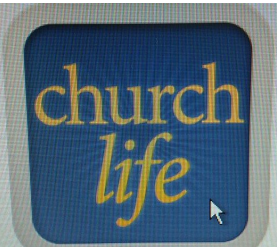


Address change

James Black
Waltonwood Cotswold Assisted Living
5215 Randolph Road
Charlotte, NC 28211

Presbyterian Women will sponsor Angel Tree

The Angel Tree will be up and decorated with angels on November 13. You may choose your angel(s) for whom to do some special Christmas shopping. These angels will be people who might not otherwise have a very merry Christmas without our help. To help you with your choices, there will be gift suggestions listed on the angel along with the person's age. Please wrap your gifts, securely fasten the paper angel to them, and return to the church no later than **December 11** (absolute deadline). Use lots of tape! Should the angel become detached from the gifts, it will be very hard to determine for whom they are intended. Your gifts will be delivered in time for Christmas. Thank you for helping to make someone's Christmas special!



ACS Church Life App

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 log-in 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.

Gifts to the church

Memorials

- Ann Cook** - Philadelphia Sunday School Class (Current Fund)
Bruce Basden - Anne Ellington (Current Fund)
Ellis Yeargins - Shawn, Cindy & Connor McLaughlin (Endowment Fund)

The following donations have been made to the Birthday Endowment Fund:

In Honor of:

- Herb Gill**—from Sylvia Gill
Mary Sailors—from Mickey & Anne Ellington
Reese Sailors—from Papa & Nana Ellington

If you made a donation to the Birthday Endowment and it is not listed, please contact the church office.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 1

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room 114
6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—C-16
7:00 p.m.—Planning & Review Committee—Session Room
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, November 2

9:30 a.m.—Craft Workshop—Craftroom
1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
5:15 p.m.—Let’s Connect
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, November 3

10:00 a.m.—The Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
12:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building
6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
6:00 p.m.—Room In The Inn Committee Mtg.—Fred Brown Class
7:00 p.m.—Personnel & Administration Ministry Mtg.—Session Room
7:00 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Building
7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, November 4—8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, November 5

7:00 a.m.—Hot Meals Rummage Sale—Bigham Hall
8:00 a.m.—Bazaar—Kerr Building (see full schedule)

Sunday, November 6

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
12:00 p.m.—Called Congregational Mtg.—Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.—Inspirations Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room
6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

Monday, November 7

6:00 p.m.—Christian Education Ministry Mtg.—Session Room
7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting--Heritage Room
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, November 8

7:30 a.m.—Primary Election—Kerr Building
10:30 am.—Circle #1 & 2—Heritage Room
6:30 p.m.—The Believe Small Group—Room 114
6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—C-16
7:00 p.m.—Prayer Shawl Ministry—Fred Brown Classroom
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, November 9

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
5:15 p.m.—Let’s Connect
6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
7:30 p.m.—Endowment Council Meeting—Fred Brown Classroom

Thursday, November 10

10:00 a.m.—The Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
12:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building
6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Fred Brown Class Room
7:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Mtg.—Heritage Room
7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, November 11

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

Saturday, November 12

8:00 a.m.—VA Breakfast—Kerr Building

Sunday, November 13

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 Meeting--Heritage Rm.
5:00 p.m.—Inspirations Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room
5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Meeting—Kerr/Bigham Hall
6:00 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building
6:30 p.m.—High School Youth Meeting—Kerr/Bigham Hall
6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

Monday, November 14

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall/Chapel
6:00 p.m.—Evangelism & Outreach Ministry Meeting--Session Rm.
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, November 15

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—C-16
6:30 p.m.—The Believe Small Group—Room 114
7:00 p.m.—Circle #6--Heritage Room
7:00 p.m.—Building & Grounds Min. Meeting—Fred Brown Class
7:00 p.m.—PW Council Meeting—Session Room
7:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, November 16

1:00 p.m.—The Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
5:15 p.m.—Let’s Connect
6:00 p.m.—The Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thursday, November 17

10:00 a.m.—The Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
12:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building
6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
7:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building
7:00 p.m.—Finance Ministry Meeting—Session Room
7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, November 18 — 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building

Saturday, November 19

7:30 a.m.—Men’s Breakfast—Kerr Building
8:00 a.m.—Deacons Retreat—Bigham Hall

Sunday, November 20

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
11:30 a.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room
5:00 p.m.—Inspirations Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room
5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Meeting—Kerr/Bigham Hall
6:00 p.m.—Youth Snack Supper—Kerr Building
6:30 p.m.—High School Youth Meeting—Kerr/Bigham Hall
6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

Monday, November 21

2:00 p.m.—Hope Match Turkey Distribution—Kerr Building
6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall
7:00 p.m.—Session Meeting--Session Room
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, November 22

6:30 p.m.—The Story Small Group—Room 114
6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—C-16
7:00 p.m.—Youth Meeting
7:00 p.m.—Prayer Shawl Ministry—Fred Brown Classroom
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, November 23

1:00 p.m.—The Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
6:00 p.m.—Thanksgiving Eve Service—Kerr Building
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 24

Church Office Closed
7:00 p.m.—A.A. Mtg.—AA Building

Friday, November 25

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

Saturday, November 26—No Meetings

Sunday, November 27

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
9:30 a.m.—Advent Workshops—Kingdom Kids Area
10:30 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.—Inspirations Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room
5:00 p.m.—Middle School Youth Group—Youth Room
6:30 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room
7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

Monday, November 28

6:15 p.m.—Scouts—Kerr Building
7:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Meeting--Heritage Room
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Tuesday, November 29

6:30 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room 114
6:30 p.m.—Girl Scouts—C-16
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

Wednesday, November 30

1:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
6:00 p.m.—Believe Small Group—Heritage Room
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building



MEMBERS IN THE



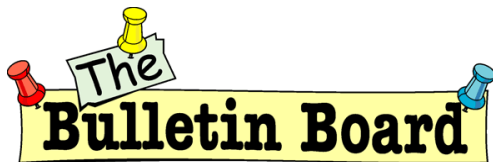
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If you are a widower, come have breakfast at Showmars at 8:00 the third Friday of each month. It would be helpful to let Tony Baker know (704-545-4730) that you will be there, but it's not necessary. Just come around to the back room at Showmars in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

The Morning Glories meet the last Monday of the month at Showmars in Mint Hill at 9:15 a.m. If you are a widow lady, please join this group for breakfast..

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!

Any high school age boy interested in playing basketball, or anyone interested in coaching, please contact Jason Williams by November 4 at 704-785-4605 or email jwilliams@platinumbuildingautomation.com

Any high school age girl interested in playing basketball, please contact Pamela Revak at pamela@philadelphiachurch.org.

Called Congregational Meeting

The Session has called for a congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, November 6 in order to elect officers for the class of 2019 and to fill two vacancies in the class of 2017.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Our Thanksgiving Eve Service will be held on Wednesday, November 23 at 6:00 p.m. in the Kerr Building. Holy Communion will be served.

Following the service, plan to stay for "Breakfast for Supper" sponsored by our Stephen Ministry. If supper is half as good as the pumpkin pancakes were last year, it will be DELICIOUS! Come celebrate Thanksgiving with your church family!

Book Recommendation

The Stephen Ministers just concluded a study of the book "A Sacred Walk: Dispelling the fear of Death and Caring for the Dying" by Donna M. Authers. We would like to encourage the entire adult congregation to read this book. It's an incredibly moving account which offers very practical knowledge and advice to equip **anyone** for dealing with this important and possibly frightening time in a person's life. The book is applicable to everyone no matter what their role in the process may be - either friend, relative, care-giver, or care-receiver. It's also applicable no matter what life events they personally may be experiencing. Please see a Stephen Minister to borrow a copy or if you wish to buy a copy, it is available on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle format. Please contact Grace Phillips, Lisa Newton, or any Stephen Minister for more information.

You are invited to open house at Mint Hill Historical Society

The Mint Hill Historical Society will have an "Open House" on Monday November 7 from 6:00-7:30 at the Carl J. McEwen Village. You are invited to tour the village and see all the new exhibits added during the last year including a magnificent brick smelter in the gold assay office, the Houston Shelter made from reclaimed wood found on the Houston Farm in Mint Hill, and a band stand with a brick floor and foundation and the towering antique tin roof. Taste s'mores prepared in the blacksmith shop. See antique grain bins brought to the site from Ohio and erected to help remind visitors that we were once a rural farming community. Check out the live leeches in the doctor's office. Come and stroll through the village and enjoy "Wagons, Wine, and What is It".



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



Gary Forbis, Director of Music
Marnie Gallagher, Youth Choir Director
Melinda Johnston, Children's Choir Director
Leslie Anderson, Organist
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