

# The Philagram

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church  
Mint Hill, North Carolina  
October 2017



## From Head Pastor Rusty Benton

### Joshua 4:20-24

*And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God."*

I've always loved this story, maybe because to me it is so simple, basic and to the point. Joshua says, 1) Grab some rocks because rocks hang around for a long time. 2) Put the rocks up on the spot where God brought us safely through trouble. 3) Ever time you see these rocks, remember what God does and let it strengthen your faith!

As we move through the stewardship season, we have the opportunity to reflect on all that God has done and is doing for us and the impact it has on our lives. I could start a list of all of those things here, but it would never be adequate. Truthfully, the list is better made by each of us as that gives us the opportunity to personally reflect on God's presence, care and love. On reflection, like the people in this story, we will return to this pile of stones (memories!) that take us back to that time when our prayers were answered and difficulties were avoided, healing took place or some great result was achieved. Awesome!

Also, these reflections may show us the pile of stones that stand as a reminder of the time when we lost something important to us or healing didn't happen or we had to move through a difficult time and God was with us in so many good ways. We might, in these reflections, remember how God remained faithfully as our Shepherd in the valleys and shadows of hard times and how He gave us the strength to move through those hard times in the best ways possible.

As we are given this time for reflection, may use it to do what Joshua calls his people to do here. To go back to the monuments of love, care and providence that God has built in our lives and stand before those "stones" realizing that because of what God has done, our faith has grown stronger. And, in the strength of that faith, may our lives become full of actions, thoughts, prayers and love for others that continues to add to that pile of stones and likewise continue to build our faith.

Stewardship is about faithfulness. It starts with God's faithfulness to us and in what He has done, calls us to be likewise faithful in what we do. As God has shared with us, may we share with each other and the world so that together we build something that really does remind us all of how amazing and faithful our God is!

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## From Katie Sloan, Associate Minister

### *This Is Us.....*

- Parents so involved in their cell phones that they forget to hold the door for their small child, the child gets hit with the door and ends up with a gash down his face. As the child is bleeding they argued "and just when we were finally leaving the hospital YOU go and do something like this".....
- Football players kneeling during the national anthem... People are offended by those kneeling...
- Nearly 1.57 million electricity customers are still without power in Puerto Rico and it could remain like that for up to 6 months due to the heartbreaking effects of Hurricane Maria. Fresh water is scarce, the status of most hospitals are unknown, farms are decimated, it's economy in shambles....
- Two children in the produce department of the grocery store are talking on bananas, pretending they are telephones....
- An earthquake in Mexico City on September 19 has killed 344 and the death toll continues to rise...
- Three nurses are dancing with a patient in the hallway of the hospital before her mastectomy – it's a tradition they have with all their patients...

THIS IS US.... We are emotional people with busy lives, who make mistakes and get sick and live in an opinionated world that has been devastated by storms and yet in the midst of it all, there is goodness and innocence. This is us....and if we are to make it through these times we must love with the radical love of Jesus Christ.

*1 John 4: 7-12 (The Message) says: My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.*

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*My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—perfect love!*

We need each other, but so many of the issues that are happening in the world today and in our own lives are tearing us apart. Somehow, we have begun to take our OWN definition of love and plug it into God’s commands. Our definition of love comes with conditions. God’s love has no conditions and does not judge. God is never on the side of an issue. He is above all the issues. Our response needs to be HIS response.

I can’t help but wonder how Jesus would deal with all of this. He loved unconditionally and in this crazy, broken, disagreeable world I believe he would love us still. Jesus would love those who come to church and the people who don’t come to church. He would love those who kneel during the national anthem and those who served our country selflessly. He would love the mom and dad who forgot to hold the door for their child. He would talk on bananas in the grocery store. He would comfort those in Mexico and Puerto Rico, Texas and Florida. He would provide hope for the sick and dance with nurses. He would love everybody! Then He would, with gentleness and kindness explain to them what God wants for them and how they can find it. Some may follow. Some may not. Some may already know. His love would never differ from one person to the next. This is us.... we are different messy, fun, opinionated loving people, living in a world where life happens. In the midst of it all, God’s love is the only constant and the only true hope we have. Sharing that love is the only way to accomplish God’s will. Blessings!

*Katie*

**Prayer Shawl Ministry Update**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry celebrated our 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary on September 9, 2017 and blessed the 450<sup>th</sup>, that’s right, the 450<sup>th</sup> prayer shawl in our three years of existence. Since it takes at least 25 hours to make one shawl by our fastest knitter using the fastest method possible, that totals at least 11,250 hours of knitting, sewing, or crocheting and a countless number of stitches and prayers. For those of you who like averages, that’s an average of 150 shawls per year!

We hear story upon story of how appreciative the recipients are for the shawls which provide a tangible reminder that they are being prayed for and are not forgotten in times of stress and upheaval in their lives. In church you’ve seen recent pictures of Jace Neill, a 3 year old stroke sufferer who clings to the shawl *intended* for his parents and who has made a remarkable recovery against very steep odds. We received a recent note from a non-member who was cured of an “incurable” disease, thanking us for the shawl he received and more importantly, the prayers that went with it. We had to smile at an 8 year old kidney transplant recipient whose “Superman” shawl was displayed along with Panther themed gifts in a picture with Greg Olsen. No thanks are required but the heartwarming stories we hear from the shawl recipients make us cry every time!

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

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

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

Special thanks go to everyone involved in making shawls from those who are struggling to learn to knit on their first shawl to the experienced stitchers who have produced many shawls. We also appreciate the efforts of the Pastors, Stephen Ministers and Deacons who often deliver the shawls. Thank-you all for being a blessing to others! Contact Cindi Hoffner at 704-488-3027 if you have any questions.



**Presbyterian Women’s Annual Bazaar  
Saturday, November 4, 2017**

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.

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 4!! 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](mailto:smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com). Hope to see you there!!



Schedule:

- 5:10-5:30- Joyful Noise (Preschool) Choir
- 5:30-6:10 –Preschool Bible Time
  - K-2<sup>nd</sup>- Cherub Choir
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>- Bible/Activity Time featuring “The Fruits of the Spirit”
  - Middle School Youth
- 6:00- Dinner in the Kerr Building for everyone. There is NO CHARGE for your meal but donations are accepted and encouraged.
- 6:45-7:45- Classes for all ages
  - Preschool Activity time
  - K-2<sup>nd</sup>- Bible/Activity Time featuring “The Fruits of the Spirit”
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>- Celebration Singers Choir
  - High School youth

**REGISTRATION IS A MUST!!** We want to make sure we have enough food, supplies, and books for all ages! Please register asap either online or get a form from the table by the church office. Return completed forms to box 32. Don't miss out!!!



Once again, on October 8, our church will take part in the ongoing effort to feed the hungry across the globe. Plan to stay after worship on that day. Come down to the Kerr Building to help bag rice and protein to send to other countries where hunger is rampant. This is a multi-generational mission here at PPC. Even young elementary schoolers can help! It's quite an awesome event! If you haven't done this before, that's okay. Someone will gladly show you what to do. There's no better way to spend a little of your time, and it helps so many people. Lunch will be provided. See you on October 8!

### Stay Tune for More News About the Journey!

The Journey (J9) 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! **Be watching for a start date for this service.**

### Players needed 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 Toby Vosburgh at [tvosburgh@carolina.rr.com](mailto:tvosburgh@carolina.rr.com) or at 704-301-9257. 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.



### Backpacks of Love

Many thanks to all of you who have helped to fill the shelves in the office hallway for the start of the school year at Clear Creek Elementary. This program runs so smoothly due to the generosity of our congregation. Please continue to keep those cans and boxes coming. Lists of needs are on the shelves. Financial contributions are also welcome. They are very helpful when we are running low on specific categories of food.

**THE WALL** outside the office has been transformed, and you get to write on it! Instead of keeping track of service hours, we want you to tell us about the blessings you've encountered this week. Please take a moment to think about all the blessings you have given and received, write the best on our new "Blessings on the Go" graffiti wall. As we are thinking about stewardship over the next several weeks, this wall will give us a chance to share with one another the amazing ways that God is working in our own lives and as well as in the lives of those around us. We hope the new graffiti wall will serve as a tangible reminder of our vision, "to bless others as we have been blessed."



Student Ministry Fall Retreat  
 Register through the church website  
 Total cost is \$85 (\$40 deposit)  
 Middle School: Nov. 10-12  
 High School: Nov. 17-19

**JOIN THE ADVENTURE.**

**CUB SCOUT PACK 65** is calling boys Kindergarten through 5th grade. It is our mission to help young boys build character, learn values, practice citizenship, and develop fitness. Scouting is fun with a purpose! Activities include hiking, bike riding, day camps, overnight camp outs, swimming, sports, games, & other outdoor pursuits. We'd love to have you. To join or for more information Contact Pack 65 at [cubspack65@gmail.com](mailto:cubspack65@gmail.com).

Happy October Birthday to . . .	13 Keith McGuinness
	13 Betty Weatherly
	14 Caroline Kozar
1 Becky Blanchard	14 Rudy Turnage
1 Betty Flowe	15 Patti Nofsinger
1 Sophie Metz	15 Mary Sailors
1 Lisa Nance	15 Amanda Watson
3 Ben Cooper	16 Scott Baker
3 Ben Hessler	16 Jack Foreman
3 Karen O'Brien	16 Rolf Jaeger
4 Clayton Johnston	16 Joy Long
5 Christopher Andrews	16 Grace Oke
5 Maddie Briner	16 Noah Santiago
5 Jennifer Orr	17 Gregory Dayton
6 Greg Flowe	17 Amy Kafitz
6 Marnie Gallagher	17 Kim Miller
8 Donna Benton	17 Philip Snyder
8 Catherine Blanchard	18 Ben Long
8 Mike Haney	19 Butch Allen
8 Kay Thompson	19 Amy Long
11 Marty Flowe	20 Geof Martin
11 Mike Garbark	20 Jarred Pharr
11 Evan Taylor	21 Linda Campbell
11 Mardy Watson	21 John Ellis
12 Justin King	21 Chris Forbis



21 Alex Forbis
22 Kelly Misasi
23 Marlene Jones
23 Karen McGuinness
23 Katie Sloan
24 Christopher Mayberry
25 Dan Oke
26 Noreen Petry
27 Lynn Belk
27 Matt Hoover
28 Matthew Allocco
28 Julie Griffin
28 Jade Moore
29 Frank Tingley
30 Susan Griffin

<b>October Anniversaries</b>
2 Pamela & Dale Reed
6 Gary & Sheila Forbis
6 Brad & Diane Orr
7 John & Amy Cervantes
8 Harry & Carolyn Hawkins
12 Eric & Lori Beth Jaeger
12 Fred & Lana Tannenbaum
15 Robert & Beverly Caldwell
15 Ben & Marty Flowe
17 Paul & Katy Porter
23 Jay & Lesley Strand
27 Reggie & Melissa Tamez

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

**Gifts to the church**

*In memory of...*

**Helen Swiger**—The Fred Brown Harkey Class, Jean Hargett (Presbyterian Women); Presbyterian Women (Bright Blessings)

**We extend sympathy for the following deaths:**

- [Elizabeth Whitlatch] mother of Lewana Ratliff on September 15
- [Elizabeth Phillips] daughter of Rachel Phillips on September 18.
- [Tom Morgan] brother of Audrey Stamey on September 21.



**PHILAFEST FAQ**

**What is Philafest?**

This past summer, a group from PPC traveled to Germany and studied about Martin Luther's Reformation. Traditionally, Oktoberfest is an event held in Germany dating back to 1810. It was originally a wedding celebration attended by the citizens of Munich. So much fun was had, they continued the event annually. In this same vein,

Philafest is a celebration of our congregation! We will have an afternoon of games and activities followed by a German Feast and live music and dancing. ALL of our congregation is invited to attend and become a part of our own tradition!

**Why are we having Philafest?**

The Congregational Life committee's purpose is to create space for the congregation to be together and in community. We are having this event so that ALL of the congregation can come together to have a night of FUN and fellowship! It's our way of saying thank you for being such a wonderful community to come and worship with.

**When is Philafest?**

Saturday, October 21st. Begins at 4:00

**What is a "German Feast?"**

Think bratwursts, sauerkraut, potato salad, pretzels and root beer. For kiddos (and any picky adults), we will have a traditional hotdog option.

**Should I plan to be there all night?**

We sure hope so! Come early and leave late!

Games and activities will start outside the Kerr Building (weather permitting) at 4:00

Dinner will be served at 5:30

Live band music will begin at 6:00

**How do I RSVP?**

You can fill out a bulletin flyer in the coming weeks and leave it in the offering plate or RSVP online. Visit [philadelphiachurch.org](http://philadelphiachurch.org) and click PhilaFEST under "Featured Events." For food planning purposes, please RSVP by October 8th!

**How can I help?!**

Make sure your church friends know about the event! We want this to be a big celebration so we would love for ALL of the church to attend. If you would like to help decorate, contact Pam Jack. If you would like to learn about German fare and help with dinner, contact Carol Jaeger. If you would like to help with games and activities, contact Amy Stanley or Amy Kafitz. If you have any questions or want to help in another way, contact Elizabeth Griffin. Elizabeth Griffin - [egriffin10@gmail.com](mailto:egriffin10@gmail.com) | 704-506-5392



**Sunday, October 1**

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—  
 Communion—Sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir  
 Room  
 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir  
 Room

6:30 p.m.—Scouts—Kerr Building  
 7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—Heritage Room  
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Tuesday, October 3**

10:30 a.m.—Circle 1 & 2—Heritage Room  
 6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

**Wednesday, October 4**

9:30 a.m.—Quilting Etc. Class/Craft Workshop—Chapel Annex

5:10 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesdays Program  
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

**Thursday, October 5**

7:00 p.m.—Administration Ministry Mtg.—Session Room  
 7:00 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Building  
 7:00p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Friday, October 6**

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

**Saturday, October 7**

9:00 a.m.—PW Circle #7—Heritage Room

**Sunday, October 8**

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary  
 12:00 p.m.—Rise Against Hunger—Kerr Building  
 4:30 p.m.—Worship & Music Ministry Mtg.—Session Room  
 6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room  
 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Room

**Monday, October 9**

6:00 p.m.—Evang./Outreach Ministry Mtg.—Session Room  
 7:00 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall  
 7:00 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Meeting—Heritage Room  
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Tuesday, October 10**

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel  
 6:00 p.m.—Community Christmas Party Comm. Mtg.—Fred  
 Brown Classroom  
 6:30 p.m.—PW Circle #6—PW Annex Parlor  
 7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom  
 7:00 p.m.—Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.—Heritage Rm.  
 7:00 p.m.—The Journey Comm. Mtg.—Adult Choir Rm.  
 7:00 p.m.—Vision Comm. Mtg.—Session Rm.  
 7:00 p.m.—PW Meeting—Feature Films & Theater Room  
 (lower level of Ed./Admin. bldg.)

**Wednesday, October 11**

9:30 a.m.—Quilting Etc. Class/Craft Workshop—Chapel Annex

5:10 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesdays Program  
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

**Thursday, October 12**

6:30 p.m.—Finance Ministry Meeting—Session Rm.  
 7:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building  
 7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Friday, October 13**

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (closed)—AA Building  
 8:30 p.m.—PPC Youth—Kerr Building

**Saturday, October 14**

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

**Sunday, October 15**

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room  
 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Room



**Monday, October 16**

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

**Tuesday, October 17**

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel  
 7:00 p.m.—Curriculum Review Comm. Mtg.—Heritage Rm.

**Wednesday, October 18**

9:30 a.m.—Quilting Etc. Class/Craft Workshop—Chapel Annex  
 5:00 p.m.—Wonderful Wednesdays Program  
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

**Thursday, October 19**

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

**Friday, October 20**

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

**Saturday, October 21**

4:00 p.m.—PhilaFest—Kerr Building

**Sunday, October 22**

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room  
 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Room

**Monday, October 23**

7:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Mtg.—Heritage Room  
 7:00 p.m.—Scouts—Bigham Hall  
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Tuesday, October 24**

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel  
 7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom  
 7:00 p.m.—The Journey Comm. Mtg.—Adult Choir Rm.

**Wednesday, October 25**

9:30 a.m.—Quilting Etc. Class/Craft Workshop—Chapel Annex  
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg. (open)—AA Building

**Thursday, October 26**

6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building  
 6:30 p.m.—250 Task Force Meeting—Session Rm.  
 7:00 p.m.—Small Group Meeting—Heritage Room  
 7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Friday, October 27**

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

**Saturday, October 28**

11:00 a.m.—Girls Scout Trunk or Treat—Kerr Building Parking Lot

**All Saints Sunday, October 29**

9:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
 10:00 a.m.—Worship Service—Sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m.—Bell Choir Practice—Bell Choir Room  
 7:30 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Choir Room

**Monday, October 30**

7:00 p.m.—Scouts—Kerr Building  
 8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Tuesday, October 31**

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel

Gobble! Gobble!

This year we are going to be packing and delivering turkey dinners to families in need. Stay tune for details on how you can participate in this year’s Thanksgiving project and our



Plenary session on “Giving & Thanks” with Rusty and Katie



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Dear PPC Family,

*We thank everyone who participated in VBS and shared the LOVE with homeless and impoverished children in our community by donating school supplies. This 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 your loving and dedicated support of our mission. You are making a real difference in the lives of these children.*

Yours in Christ,

Amy & John Cervantes  
 and The Bright Blessings Team

*Thank you* 



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 [wsocvtv.com/s/closings](http://wsocvtv.com/s/closings). Look for the "School closings and delays text alerts" link.

**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

**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.

**Don't forget to turn in your pledge cards!**

*We were overwhelmed by your generosity, your giving spirit, and your unending kindness. Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits, food, calls, emails, texts and caring during my recent illness. You are a blessing to us.*

Marianne Smith

**Notes from the Senior Nutrition Program**

*How wonderful it is that Philadelphia Presbyterian Church is being so obedient to the Lord by such a wonderful ministry of sharing the facility for the Senior Nutrition Program.*

*We certainly thank the church for such a wonderful place to gather for food, fellowship, exercise, Bible study and other activities. Continued blessings to the church.*

Jean Cox

*Thank you for the services that you provide at Mint Hill. I moved to this area with no family or friends and someone from church told me about your church and I have truly enjoyed meeting everyone.*

Jackee Robinson

*To the members of Philadelphia Presbyterian Church,*

*I am in the Senior Nutrition Program and I would like to thank you.*

*Thank you for allowing us to use your facility. The joy and happiness that we experience on a daily basis is hard to explain. We always have good food and fun.*

Thank you!!!

Rev. Rusty Benton, Head Pastor  
 Katie Sloan, Associate Minister  
 Shane Sledd, Youth and Family Minister  
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 Cynthia Stokes, Secretary  
 Linda Cummins, Webmaster/Administrative Assistant



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