

# The Philagram

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church  
Mint Hill, North Carolina  
October 2018



## From Rusty Benton

“Charity begins at home.” Anybody ever heard this? At first, on the surface, this might seem a little self-serving. Who wouldn’t want to receive charity (kindness, generosity, grace) from the folks closest to us? I mean, come on, the folks closest to us are often the ones that we spend the most time with which means that we’d be stockpiling charity all the time! How awesome!

While the saying can certainly be interpreted as something meant to make our individual lives better, there is also more to it. That “more to it” is all about realizing the amount of influence that we can have on the people that we are closest to. The best example of just how impacting one person can be on another is Jesus. While God could have stayed in Heaven and redeemed humanity by simply snapping His fingers (in truth, He didn’t even need to do that to make it happen), instead, he chose to get up close and personal. This up close and personal approach came to us in the person of Jesus. God chose to come and hang out with us. God chose to be in a face to face relationship with us. God chose to make our home, His home. And, he brought God’s charity with Him!

Did it make a difference? What do you think? Jesus changed the lives of the disciples by being with them every day and teaching them both in word and in deed what it means to be loving and charitable to those around you. He helped Peter’s mom get well when she was sick. He welcomed Matthew and James and John (and really everyone else) to the group as friends. He taught the disciples both what to do as followers of God and why it matters. He taught the disciples how to pray, teach, heal and how to interact with people in ways that foster kindness, encouragement and gave hope to everyone regardless of their need or situation.

Of course, Jesus also reached out in charity to others who were also close to him. He raised Lazarus from the dead, became friends with Zacchaeus, helped Mary Magdalene and healed and encouraged countless other folks along the way.

God chose to be Jesus. God chose to get close to people in a personal way and as He did, he brought help, healing and hope into their lives. He always made it a point to let those closest to him know how much he cares about them. In so doing, he encouraged and inspired those folks that he loved in ways that moved them to be encouraging and loving to others. Jesus was the source and the example of charity at home. He began the charity that spread to other homes and eventually around the world. That charity is still spreading, growing and changing lives today.

It’s awesome to consider how we can be Christians on a global scale. It’s a great thing to be people who will stand in favor of positive social justice issues and against large scale violence concerns. But, before we can move to those arenas and affect change, it is important that we practice that same change with those nearest to us. If we are going to be world changers, it is important for us to remember that Jesus changed the world like no one else. The way that he did it was to start by loving those closest to him and through that love, inspiring them to do the same!

## From Katie Sloan

Have you ever noticed that when the seasons begin to change a lot of folks ask, “What’s your favorite season”? I can never give a very definite answer to that question because there is something I love about every season. My

favorite thing about fall is the crisp feeling that comes with the cooler night air and I have to admit, I sure wish those cooler nights (and days) would hurry



up and arrive. I’m ready for a change. I’m starting to get a little impatient with the heat. I love it when it arrives, but it’s always nice when it leaves.

If I were to make a list of things I’m not very good at, patience would be at the very top. I’m horribly impatient in traffic -hence my road rage. While I love a really good cup of coffee, I will not wait forever in line for it. And even bigger than that, I find it agonizing to wait on prayers to be answered, healing to happen, hopes to become reality.

I have seen months and even years pass me by when I have told God the longings of my heart and said, “God I need you to move”. I have seen season after season come and go. I have told God that I am in need of a breakthrough, only to find my prayers unanswered and my heart struggling to understand why God is not operating on my timetable.

So often I have wanted God to speak...move...illuminate a path for my life...change the health of a loved one...provide me with some burning bush moment of my own. Instead of getting some instant answer or God reaching down from the heavens and lighting a lamp under my feet, He speaks in a soft and gentle voice saying “My child, be still and remember who I am and who you are”. He does things in His time and not my own. In doing so, He strengthens my faith in the waiting and renews my hope in all the possibilities available to me that I might not otherwise see in my haste and with my narrow vision.

The fall leaves turn into such beautiful colors and then eventually release themselves from the trees, gracefully falling to the ground as they allow for a new season to come in. As we impatiently wait for the leaves to change and the cooler weather to come, it’s wise for each of us to remember that it’s all in God’s timing. It is in the midst of the trees, in the wilderness, in the quietness, where all you hear are the cries of our heart and the gentle autumn breezes that God does some of his best work. He restores hope, strengthens our faith and he does it in His time and not our own.

May your fall be filled with everything God intends it to be.

Katie

Presbyterian Women adopt list of missions for the next two years



Each month, the PW has a different mission focus. You don't have to be active in a circle to donate items to help with these causes. These agencies have different needs according to the season, so that's why some of them appear more than once. If you would like to donate items, you may leave them in the entryway near the mailboxes in clearly marked bags, and our Missions Coordinator Jill Linscheid will pick them up. Our missions are as follows:

- January** - Alexander Youth Network
- February** - Servant's Heart
- March** - Bright Blessings
- April** - Alexander Youth Network
- May** - Claire's Army
- June** - Servant's Heart
- July** - School Supplies for Alexander Youth Network, Clear Creek Elementary School, and Bright Blessings
- August** - Bright Blessings
- September** - Replenish Backpacks of Love
- October** - Bright Blessings baby items and victims of domestic violence
- November** - Bazaar
- December** - Angel Tree

Ongoing missions are as follows:

- Pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House—drop off in Kingdom Kids area
- Box tops for Clear Creek Elementary—drop off in Kingdom Kids area and/or outside office
- Backpacks of Love
- Bright Blessings



On October 21, 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 21!



Philadelphia Presbyterian Church  
11501 Bain School Road, Mint Hill, NC 28227

- Breakfast—8:00 A.M.
- Bazaar Craft/Baked Goods Sale—9:00 A.M.
- Chicken and Dumplings Supper—6:00 P.M.
- Quilt Drawing/Auction—7:00 P.M.

Come help support this annual fund-raising event!

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

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. The quilt is queen size and reversible!

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 3!! 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!!

*All donated art, crafts, or auction items need to be in by October 31!*

Correspondence to the church

Thanks to all the volunteers at Philadelphia Presbyterian for making it possible for the staff at Clear Creek to have an amazing welcome back breakfast. We are so blessed to have such a wonderful partnership with you!

Clear Creek Staff

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Women's Mission Group,

I am honored that you partner with Servant's Heart. I feel a close connection to your church for many reasons, which is why your embrace is extra special to me.

It's easy to forget that in our cute and charming town there are thousands of folks struggling with daily necessities. Your in-kind donations and monetary contributions help hundreds of people right here in Mint Hill. Servant's Heart gave over \$24,000 in the type items you donated to clients who desperately needed them—just that one program.

You helped make that possible. It's a joy serving our community with you.

Kim Rhodarmer





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Becky Blanchard
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Betty Flowe
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Lisa Nance
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Ben Hessler
- 3

Karen O'Brien
- 3

Chip Todd
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Clayton Johnston
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Christopher Andrews
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Maddie Briner
- 5

Jennifer Orr
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Greg Flowe
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Marnie Gallagher
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Erin Duke
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Donna Benton
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Catherine Blanchard
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Mike Haney
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Kay Thompson
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Marty Flowe
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Mike Garbark
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Evan Taylor
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Mardy Watson
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Justin King
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Keith McGuinness
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Betty Weatherly
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Rudy Turnage
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Patti Nofsinger
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Mary Sailors
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Scott Baker
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Jack Foreman
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Rolf Jaeger
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Grace Oke
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Noah Santiago
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Gregory Dayton
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Amy Kafitz
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Butch Allen
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Amy Long
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Geof Martin
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Jarred Pharr
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Linda Campbell
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Chris Forbis
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Alex Forbis
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Kelly Misasi
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Marlene Jones
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Karen McGuinness
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Katie Sloan
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Christopher Mayberry
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Dan Oke
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Noreen Petry
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Lynn Belk
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Matt Hoover
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Matthew Allocco
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Julie Griffin
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Jade Moore
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Frank Tingley
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Susan Griffin
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Marie Hardy

October Annivesaries

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Pamela & Dale Reed
- 6

Gary & Sheila Forbis
- 6

Brad & Diane Orr
- 7

John & Amy Cervantes
- 12

Eric & Lori Beth Jaeger
- 12

Fred & Lana Tannenbaum
- 15

Ben & Marty Flowe
- 17

Paul & Katy Porter
- 20

Rick & Susan Santiago
- 23

Jay & Lesley Strand
- 27

Reggie & Melissa Tamez

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

Our condolences for the following death

Helen Kiser on August 25

**Congratulations** to Natalie and Evon Zoog on the birth of their son, Edward Morrison Zoog on September 7. The proud grandparents are Mark and Tamara Jetton.

Let's go fishing!

The Kingdom Kids are invited to Bill and Pam Crowder's home on Sunday, October 14 from 3-6 p.m. to fish in their pond. Families are welcome. Bring your rods, bait, a chair, and a friend!! Pizza and popsicles will be served!! Your RSVP is requested by Friday, Oct 12 to [smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com](mailto:smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com).

World Communion Sunday ~ October 7

Memorials

- Tina Ross

—Keith Duke & Family, Gary & Sheila Forbis (Columbarium Fund)
- Stacy Gullede

—Rick & Karen Davis (Youth Fund)
- Helen Kiser

—Presbyterian Women (Backpacks of Love)

Prayer Shawl Ministry celebrates

This ministry's fourth anniversary was celebrated by blessing their 650th shawl! They invite you to join them to crochet or knit on the second and fourth Tuesday nights in the Fred Brown classroom at 7:00 p.m. Don't crochet or knit? Someone will teach you!



Philadelphia Presbyterian Church is happy to partner with CharMeck 7 Girl Scout Troop for Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 27 from 11am - 2pm. If you would like to purchase a parking space to decorate your trunk, please contact Shenna Tucker at [meck7communications@gmail.com](mailto:meck7communications@gmail.com). The cost is \$10. All proceeds from the event benefit the Girl Scouts Sister to Sister program, which helps girls with costs associated with joining the Girl Scouts. Donations are also acceptable.

PPC will also offer a "costume closet" for children who may not be able to afford costumes for Halloween this year. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this event, please contact Andrew Starnes at [eastarnes24@gmail.com](mailto:eastarnes24@gmail.com).

Flowers for worship

Please check the flower calendar on the bulletin board outside the office. There are several open dates available to place flowers in honor of or in memory of a loved one. The display of a live arrangement is a very nice addition to our worship service.



We have several openings for volunteers for our weekly backpack program. We work in teams of 2 or 3 at Clear Creek Elementary each Friday during the school year. There are 4 teams, so each volunteer works one Friday each month. The process takes about 2 ½ hours. We have an active group of subs who will fill in when needed. It is an enjoyable mission activity. Please reply to [dottiekastner@msn.com](mailto:dottiekastner@msn.com) if you would like to volunteer or have questions.

**Monday, October 1**

6:00 p.m. —Christian Education Min.  
Mtg.—Session Room  
7:00 p.m.—Deacons Meeting—  
Heritage Room  
7:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham  
Hall

8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Tuesday, October 2**

10:30 a.m.—Circle 1 & 2—Heritage  
Room  
6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel  
7:00 p.m.—Basketball—Kerr Build-  
ing  
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Wednesday, October 3**

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

**Thursday, October 4**

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

**Friday, October 5**

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

**Saturday, October 6**

8:00 a.m.—Women’s Retreat—Kerr Building, Bigham Hall  
and various rooms on campus.

**Sunday, October 7**

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—(Communion)  
—Kerr Building  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—(Communion)  
—Sanctuary  
6:15 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room  
7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

**Monday, October 8**

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  
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Tuesday, October 9**

10:30 a.m.—Circle 5—Heritage Room  
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 Class-  
room  
7:00 p.m.—Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg.—Heritage  
Room  
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Wednesday, October 10**

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

**Thursday, October 11**

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

**Friday, October 12**

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

**Saturday, October 13**

No meetings

**Sunday, October 14**

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary  
4:30 p.m.—Worship & Music Min. Mtg.—Session Room  
4:30 p.m.—Youth Meeting—Kerr Building  
6:15 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room  
7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room



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**Monday, October 15**

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

**Tuesday, October 16**

10:00 a.m.—Older Adult Luncheon—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, October 17**

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, October 18**

10:00 a.m.—Bible Study—Session Room  
10:30 a.m.—PPC Good Timers—Kerr Building  
6:00 p.m.—Youth Basketball—Kerr Building  
7 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Friday, October 19**

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

**Saturday, October 20**

2:00 p.m.—Circle 7—Kerr Building Kitchen  
No Meetings

**Sunday, October 21**

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary  
12:30 p.m.—Rise Against Hunger—Kerr Building  
6:15 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room  
7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

**Monday, October 22**

10:00 a.m.—PW Council Meeting—Session Room  
6:30 p.m.—Stephen Ministry Meeting—Heritage Room  
7:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall  
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Tuesday, October 23**

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel  
7:00 p.m.—Shawl Ministry Mtg.—Fred Brown Classroom  
7:00 p.m.—Task Force 250 Meeting—Session Room  
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Wednesday, October 24**

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, October 25**

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

**Friday, October 26**

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

**Saturday, October 27**

10:00 a.m.—Girl Scouts—Kerr Building

**Sunday, October 28**

9:00 a.m.—Journey Alternative Worship—Kerr Building  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Sanctuary Traditional Service—Sanctuary  
4:30 p.m.—Youth—Kerr Building  
6:15 p.m.—Philabell Practice—Bell Choir Room  
7:00 p.m.—Sanctuary Choir Practice—Adult Choir Room

**Monday, October 29**

7:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts—Bigham Hall/Kerr Building  
7:00 p.m.—Endowment Council Mtg.—Session Room  
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Tuesday, October 30**

6:00 p.m.—Girl Scouts—Chapel  
8:00 p.m.—AA Mtg.—AA Building

**Wednesday, October 31**

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







Evangelism & Outreach is in urgent need of volunteers for two upcoming events. Please visit the Sign Up Genius Links below to sign up and to see all of the opportunities to serve for each event. We need your time and talents! Please take a look below for details and to see how you can help.

**Monday & Tuesday October 15 & 16  
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Annual Legacy Luncheon**

We are hosting the Annual Legacy Luncheon for the Mecklenburg County Presbytery this year. This luncheon is a wonderful event celebrating older adults and their long years of service to our churches. Our very own Dot Bartlett will be receiving The Lifetime Legacy Award! We are so proud of Dot and grateful for the decades of love and service she has poured into our children and our church family. Please take a moment to congratulate her, or better yet, join her at the luncheon! Volunteer needs include setting up the Kerr building with tables, cloths, dinnerware, and center pieces, as well as serving lunch (catered) and cleaning up. Set up is on the 15th and can be scheduled with Emily Davis. Lunch volunteers will be there roughly from 10:30 to 2:00. Please sign up to help today if possible, or contact Emily Davis at [efdavis710@gmail.com](mailto:efdavis710@gmail.com) or 704-576-1522. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c4ba4a628a20-older>

**Friday, October 12 - 3:00 p.m.  
Independence High School  
Football Team Outreach**

PPC will be serving a meal to the Independence HS football players and coaches. This is a great opportunity for us to engage with a large group of youth and shine the light of Christ into their lives. We are in desperate need of people to prepare food for this event as there will be about 80 people joining us for the meal. We will be serving a pasta bar along with salad and bread. Please visit the Sign Up Genius to see all of the specific items needed. We appreciate your help with this! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C4BA4A628A20-independence>

## Basketball time!

If you are a **high school boy** interested in playing on an Under 18 basketball team, please contact Jason Williams at 704-785-4605 or [jwilliams@platinumbuildingautomation.com](mailto:jwilliams@platinumbuildingautomation.com) by October 30.

If you are a **middle school aged girl** and are interested in playing basketball, please contact Jamie Blanchard at 704-649-4955 or [ratcrew1@gmail.com](mailto:ratcrew1@gmail.com) by October 30.

If you are an **adult or high school student** interested in assisting with hosting basketball games, please contact Jason Williams.

## 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"

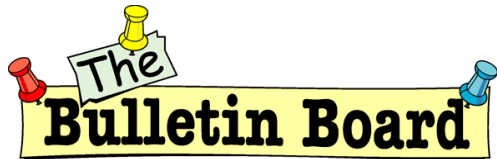
**It takes a lot of people to make any program run smoothly. CE needs your help!! If you are willing to volunteer at Wonderful Wednesdays contact Susan Griffin [smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com](mailto:smgriffin@griffinmasonry.com)**

Philadelphia Presbyterian Church  
*Women's Retreat*  
HAVING A MARY HEART  
IN A MARTHA WORLD  
*Sat. October 6*  
*8:30 - 3:00*  
*Worship / Prayer*  
*Music / Mission*  
REGISTER ONLINE:  
WWW.PHILADELPHIACHURCH.ORG  
OR 704-545-6172  
11501 Bain School Rd // Mint Hill NC

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** 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](mailto: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](http://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.

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The town, our church, the school...

What is in the center of the town seal of Mint Hill? The answer is Philadelphia Presbyterian Church and Bain Academy. The connection has been there since the academy was established by John Bain, a church member, in 1889! We can't talk about the history of one without bringing up the other two. Rev. Russell Kerr wrote a history of the church entitled *The Presbyterian Gathering on Clear Creek* which you can find in our church library. Many of you own a copy.



Bain Academy and PPC have been in the local news several times lately because of an effort to restore the old Bain building which faces our church cemetery. The building is still usable but needs a lot of work. If voters approve the public facility bond in November, Mint Hill will have a community center where meetings, plays, recitals, and other programs could take place. The care of the building and scheduling of events would be handled through Mint Hill Town Hall.

Over the years, that building has been used by many people in our congregation, both teachers and students. If the bond referendum to restore Bain Academy passes in November, the building, when restored, can be used for many more years by those same people and so many others.



Rev. Rusty Benton, 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  
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