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From Mark Lee, Interim Senior Pastor:



This past Easter Sunday, PPC welcomed the newest and youngest members to the body of Christ: Kathleen Cummings, Eli Cervantes, Elizabeth Garbark, Matthew Lee, Abby Lorick, Will Robison and Nathan Santiago... the Confirmation Class of 2019.



Confirmation is a time to remember the Covenantal promise from God that He will always be with His people. Psalm 46:1~3, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 28:20 and Romans 8:38~39 are wonderful reminders that God will always be with us in our journey of faith.

I wrote a prayer to encourage the Confirmands, which read, "Gracious Heavenly Father, strengthen this child with your grace and love so that he/she can grow in faith and be raised up as a disciple of Jesus Christ. Fill him/her with the fullness of the character of Jesus Christ so that he/she may reveal the Fruit of the Spirit in his/her daily life. There will be times of difficulty, hardship and troubles that will lead to questions about Your sovereign grace and doubts about Your love and presence. During these times, I pray that the Holy Spirit will lead Your child to deeper prayers and meditation upon Your Word so that faith and hope may grow and overwhelm any doubts, disappointments and discouragement. I pray that our confirmands will hear Your voice, feel Your presence, walk in the way of our Lord, Jesus Christ and proclaim Your Word each day by how they conduct themselves in the presence of others. Grant Your child courage to live out his/her faith in the midst of great temptations and seek to glorify You. In Jesus name I pray. Amen."

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From Katie Sloan, Associate Minister:



April showers bring May flowers and at Philadelphia, it also brings choir Sunday! Choir Sunday is one of my favorite worship experiences here at PPC. It brings all the choirs together in one place to sing and celebrate the Lord. The children, youth, the bells, sanctuary choir, praise team, the organ, the congregation! It's such a special experience!

I think I love it so much because of my love for music and the way it ministers to people. I love all types of music. I like jazz, pop, classical, gospel, reggae. I'd love to be able to play the piano,



but I don't know how. So instead, I relish in listening to the keys come alive when someone who is gifted sits down and plays. I love to sing, but most people prefer I do so in the car with the radio blaring. I love the psalms that David first sang 2,000 years ago and I love contemporary Christian music. Each type of music has a way of creating space for me to become more intimate with the Lord as I linger in His presence.

The church exemplifies the expansive richness of a great variety of different types of music. From the classic hymnody to a European cantata, to African choruses to electric guitars. The only qualification in the church is whether it draws people...

*"Bach gave us God's word, Beethoven gave us God's fire, Mozart gave us God's laughter, God gave us music so that we may pray without words."
- Anonymous
(written on the wall of a German Opera house)*

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From Rev. Mark Lee Continued...

My hope is that this prayer is not just for our Confirmands, but it can be an encouragement to all of us as we seek to grow in faith and glorify our God.

I also shared a passage with the Confirmands and now I share it with all of you. This passage has been my source of hope and strength in my own journey of faith. Proverbs 3:5~6: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."*

I truly hope this passage can bring strength and hope to all of you in your own journey of faith.

Mother's Day is the 12th of May and the significance of this day has become more and more important to me as I got older



and older. When I was younger, I did not fully appreciate nor comprehend my mother's sacrificial love. But, as I got older and more ma-

ture, I have come to fully appreciate and understand my mother's sacrificial love. Even though I am in my 40s (sounds better than "almost 50") and have three teenage children of my own, to my mom I am still her boy. When I call her, she asks if I had "lunch" and if I am eating healthy food. Mother's Day is twice as special for me because of my mom and also because of my wife, mother to our three children. I would like to wish all of the mothers at PPC a Happy Mother's Day and abundance of blessings for your sacrifice and love.

On Sunday, May 19th, PPC will celebrate together with

Frances Leete and her family as Frances turns 100 years young. The century mark is a very special number because not many people see three digits in their age. When I visited Frances, I was struck by her mental sharpness and her love of reading. Even as her body's physical strength has declined, she is still a bibliophile. What is that old adage... "Once a teacher, always a teacher." It will be a wonderful celebration of her 100th birthday and I hope all of you can come and join us in wishing Frances a happy birthday.



Rev. Mark Lee

From Katie Sloan Continued...

to the Lord.

Music uniquely connects us; to each other and to moments. Sociologists have told us that there has never been a group of people that ever existed without some form of music and more importantly that within these groups, music forms a connection with some type of spiritual activity. Music possesses a power that is able to connect the listener to "something else." Music can capture a moment in time for you to relive. When you hear a certain song, you might flash back to your first dance, a wedding, it may trigger a memory of a departed loved one, or the moment that you decided to dedicate your life to Christ.

You know when someone says that a piece of music 'touched me' or 'moved me,' it's very literal. It travels through the ear, vibrating the eardrum. But it's when it makes its way to the heart and begins to touch the soul and move the spirit, that it really begins to "move" you. It has a unique way of drawing us closer to God.

I have heard people say different things about different styles of music: "too traditional", "too contemporary", "I do not like the bells", "I don't like the drums", "traditional hymns have more theological depth", "contemporary worship music has more spirit".

Admit it, you've heard most of those same things too (maybe even been part of a conversation or two). We all are drawn to different types of music, just like we are drawn to different foods or vacation spots. The truth is, because we are fearfully and wonderfully made, the style of music that we like speaks to how we best connect with God. No one style of is more important or less powerful than the other.

Whatever type of music feeds your soul, listen to it, sing it, play it and allow it to draw you closer to the Lord. And on Choir Sunday close your eyes as the choirs are singing and let the music "move" you.

Happy May!

Katie

MIDWEEK PRAYER

Join us for an informal time of prayer on Wednesdays in the sanctuary.

PHILADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WEDNESDAYS // 12:00-12:30PM



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What's Happening in...



Wednesday, May 1

- 9:30 am: Craft Workshops | Chapel Annex
- 5:30 pm: Children's Choir Practice | Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm: Adult Choir Practice | Sanctuary
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. (open) | AA Bldg

Thursday, May 2

- 7:00 pm: Personnel & Admin. Mtg. | Session Room
- 7:00 pm: Basketball | Kerr Bldg
- 7:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Friday, May 3

- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. (closed) | AA Bldg

Saturday, May 4

- 9:00 am: PW Circle #7 | Heritage Room

Choir Sunday, May 5

- 9:00 am: Journey Alternative Worship | Kerr Bldg
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Sanctuary Traditional Service | Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm: Philafeast | Kerr Bldg

Monday, May 6

- 10:00 am: PW Council Meeting | Session Room
- 6:00 pm: Christian Education Mtg. | Session Room
- 6:30 pm: Deacons Meeting | Heritage Room
- 7:00 pm: Cub Scouts | Bigham Hall/Chapel
- 7:00 pm: Praise Team Practice | Kerr Bldg
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Tuesday, May 7

- 6:00 pm: Girl Scouts | Chapel
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Wednesday, May 8

- 9:30 am: Craft Workshops | Chapel Annex
- 5:00 pm: Evang./Outreach Mtg. | Session Room
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. (open) | AA Bldg

Thursday, May 9

- 10:00 am: Bible Study | Session Room
- 7:00 pm: Youth Basketball | Kerr Bldg
- 7:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Friday, May 10

- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. (closed) | AA Bldg

Saturday, May 11

- 9:00 am: Arts & Science Council | Kerr Bldg

Sunday, May 12

- 9:00 am: Journey Worship | Communion | Kerr Bldg
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Sanctuary Traditional Service | Communion
- 4:30 pm: Worship & Music Mtg. | Session Room
- 6:15 pm: Philabell Practice | Bell Choir Rm.
- 7:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir Practice | Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, May 13

- 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts | Bigham Hall/Chapel
- 6:30 pm: Stephen Ministry Mtg. | Heritage Room
- 5:00 pm: Voting Set-up | Kerr Bldg
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Tuesday, May 14

- 6:00 pm: Girl Scouts | Chapel
- 6:00 pm: Circle 6 | Courtyard Lobby
- 7:00 pm: Prayer Shawl Min. Mtg. | Fred Brown Classroom
- 7:00 pm: Bldg & Grounds Mtg. | Heritage Room
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Wednesday, May 15

- 9:30 am: Craft Workshops | Chapel Annex
- 7:00 pm: Finance Ministry Mtg. | Session Room
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. (open) | AA Bldg

Thursday, May 16

- 7:00 pm: Preschool Program | Kerr Bldg
- 7:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Friday, May 17

- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. (closed) | AA Bldg

Saturday, May 18

- 10:00 am: Claire's Army | Kerr Bldg

Sunday, May 19

- 9:00 am: Journey Alternative Worship | Kerr Bldg
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Sanctuary Traditional Service | Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm: Youth Group Mtg. | Kerr Bldg
- 6:15 pm: Philabell Practice | Bell Choir Rm.
- 7:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir Practice | Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, May 20

- 6:30 pm: Cub Scouts | Bigham Hall
- 7:00 pm: Session Meeting | Session Room
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Tuesday, May 21

- 6:00 pm: Girl Scouts | Chapel
- 7:00 pm: Resource Team Mtg. | Session Room
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Wednesday, May 22

- 9:30 am: Craft Workshops | Chapel Annex
- 7:00 pm: 250 Committee Meeting | Session Room
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. (open) | AA Bldg

Thursday, May 23

- 7:00 pm: Basketball | Kerr Bldg
- 7:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Friday, May 24

- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. (closed) | AA Bldg

Sunday, May 26

- 9:00 am: Journey Alternative Worship | Kerr Bldg
- 10:00 am: Sunday School
- 11:00 am: Sanctuary Traditional Service | Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm: Philabell Practice | Bell Choir Rm.
- 7:00 pm: Sanctuary Choir Practice | Adult Choir Rm.

Monday, May 27 - Office Closed for Memorial Day

- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Tuesday, May 28

- 6:00 pm: Girl Scouts | Chapel
- 7:00 pm: Shawl Ministry Mtg. | Fred Brown Classroom
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Wednesday, May 29

- 9:30 am: Craft Workshops | Chapel Annex
- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. (open) | AA Bldg

Thursday, May 30

- 7:00 pm: Basketball | Kerr Bldg
- 7:00 pm: AA Mtg. | AA Bldg

Friday, May 31

- 8:00 pm: AA Mtg. (closed) | AA Bldg

MEMBERS IN THE



MILITARY

Major Grant Cloaninger

1337 Judge Tyler Drive | Clarksville, TN

Rachel Brinegar

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Jack W. Foreman

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Ten Cents-A-Meal Offering received on 2nd Sundays



The offering continues to be received on the second Sunday of each month to support hunger-fighting programs within the Presby-tery 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.

STAY UP-TO-DATE

Access the calendar anytime online at <http://www.philadelphiachurch.org> or by logging on the ACS Church Life app. It's free on the iTunes App store and Google Play store.



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Time to Celebrate!!!



- 1 Ted Biggers
- 1 Jackson Mitchell
- 2 Cassie Fauser
- 2 Jack McGahey
- 4 Amber Garagiola
- 4 Mason Jeffers
- 4 Katie Kafitz
- 4 Jeremy White
- 5 Jane Foreman
- 5 Pamela Reed
- 5 Candace Starnes
- 6 Buz Hamilton
- 6 Glenda Minott
- 7 Steven Hall
- 7 Isaac Stading
- 8 Karen Boling
- 8 Alex Cervantes
- 9 Mickey Ellington
- 9 Ernest Jamison
- 9 Angela Martin
- 9 Anna Williams
- 10 Sue Todd
- 11 Marian Vosburgh
- 12 Kathryn Burr
- 13 Barry Long
- 13 Doris Miller
- 13 Donna Simmons
- 13 Liesl West
- 14 Joan Diehl

- 14 Jill Linscheid
- 15 Dale Mayberry
- 15 Franklin McSwain
- 15 Susan Santiago
- 15 Tom Watson
- 16 Rick Davis
- 16 Shelley Lukjanczuk
- 16 Lorelei McSweeney
- 17 Mitchell Anderson
- 17 Teddy Biggers
- 17 Lauren Hessler
- 17 Lilly Ponscheck
- 18 Frances Leete
- 18 Augusta Newton
- 19 Katy Porter
- 21 Linda Jamison
- 21 Ben Strand
- 22 David Fee
- 22 Will Harding
- 23 Michael Lohrer
- 23 Jeff Ziliani
- 24 Heather Williams
- 24 Barbara Wolf
- 25 Randy Alexander
- 25 Jamie Blanchard
- 25 Christopher Clark
- 25 Madison Lewis
- 25 Jack Strand
- 27 Allen Hardy
- 27 Miah Williams
- 30 Davy Fee
- 30 Jennie Stading
- 30 Andrew Starnes
- 31 Brooke Barnes
- 31 Minah Lee



- 3 Boyd & Amy Stanley
- 4 Mike & Katie Garbark
- 7 Joe & Brenda McManus
- 7 Randall & Cathy Snelson
- 11 Christopher & Kristina Simmons
- 11 Toby & Marian Vosburgh
- 17 Jeff & Regina Ziliani
- 20 Catherine & Christopher Goetchius
- 20 Brett & Erin Owens
- 26 Brooks & Ron Gullledge
- 26 Geof & Pam Martin
- 26 Thomas & Noreen Petry
- 30 Bruce & Mary Muehl
- 31 Mike & Beth Barnes

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

Gifts to the Church

In Memory of...

Sue Davis
Grace Phillips
(Stephen Ministry)

Birthday Endowments

In Honor of...

Tony Griffin
Becky Griffin

Bill Griffin
Becky Griffin

Carolyn Irvin
Becky Griffin

Ike Griffin
Becky Griffin

Moses Griffin
Becky Griffin

Emily Griffin
Becky Griffin

Abbey Griffin
Becky Griffin

Elizabeth Griffin
Becky Griffin

In Memory of...

Bob Funderburk
Brenda Funderburk

News from Presbyterian Women....

Be a Part of PPC's Historic Birthday!

There is room for more names on the Commemorative Quilt!



As of April 21, thirty-one forms have been turned in for the 250th Anniversary commemorative quilt. Ninety-five names have been entered. May 15 is the deadline if you want to add yours.

It takes a while to make a quilt, so be sure to submit your information as soon as possible! You can get a form to fill out from the church and then place it with your money in mailbox #82.

First names are \$10 each. There is no charge for your last name.



Magical Wonderland

sponsored by Presbyterian Women
Saturday, May 18, 2019
 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

We're excited about our Claire's Army event! May 18 will be here before we know it, and the Kerr Building will be overflowing with fun. We have twenty-seven tables spoken for with up to eight seats at each. There are individual seats still available at \$20. If you would like to attend and don't already have your seat, please contact Millie Mullis at 704-545-5313 or Pam Jack at 704-236-9569. We would like to have your reservation by May 1. This

event is open to families this year, not just ladies and girls. Our entertainment will be the Grey Seal Puppets, and our emcee will be Kristin Miranda from WBTV. There will be many raffle items, so get there by 9:30 to purchase raffle tickets. Come join us! It will be quite a morning full of excitement, energy, fun, pancakes, and love!



News from Christian Education Committee...

Kingdom Kids Corner:

The Kingdom Kids are collecting "Pennies for Pete and Penelope". We are trying to raise money to purchase a cow and a sheep from Heifer International that will benefit foreign countries in farming. This is a great mission that helps kids learn to give back. So far, we've raised enough money to purchase "Penelope", a sheep, and are now focusing on raising money to help buy "Pete", a cow. The congregation is welcome to drop their pennies in the cow and sheep containers outside the church office or in the Kingdom Kids hallway!



Calling All Volunteers:

If you are a teacher, leader, or volunteer who work with children and youth, ages 0-18, and you want to continue to volunteer, please remember to fill out the criminal background form 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!!



Graduation is Right Around the Corner

GRADUATION SUNDAY is June 2nd. If your high school, college, or higher learning graduate would like to be recognized on this day, please contact the church office by email at Cynthia@philadelphiachurch.org, or call 704-545-6172. A breakfast will be provided for the graduates and their families. Caps and gowns may be worn if desired.



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After packing for spring break, our inventory is low in many areas. Please shop for whatever you like to provide for our Clear Creek students. They and their families appreciate our support.

We pack at Clear Creek ES each Friday morning in teams of 3. Time commitment is generally 2-3 hours. If interested in seeing how it works, you could join us one Friday. Please call Dottie Kastner at 980-339-7713.

NOW ENROLLING:

The Philadelphia Presbyterian Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten is currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. If you know of a parent or grandparent looking for a wonderful Preschool or TK Program please share this information with them. Applications are available through the church website, and in the Preschool information slot on the bulletin board across from the church office.

Thank you,
Becky Brown, Director | 704-545-3439 ext., 122.



Mark Your Calendars! Choir Sunday is May 5th!

On May 5th, all of the choirs of the church will lead in worship as we sing ... and ring ... praise to God during the 11:00 am Sanctuary Service.

The worship service will be followed by a Philafeast in the Kerr Building. Bring your favorite dish – enough for your family and also to share – and join us for this day of praise and fellowship.



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



PPC History To Be Featured at Discover Mint Hill

Are you looking for a way to connect with your community? Visit Discover Mint Hill! Civic, art and history groups will be available to share their organization's community minded goals. Stop in the buildings of the historic village and discover life in Mint Hill – over 100 years ago.

In the Ashcraft Schoolhouse, a 1964 DVD narrated by Reverend Kerr will be showing. Reverend Kerr was not just the pastor at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church (1952-1982), he was a strong community leader who proudly takes us on a tour to see citizens attending parades, picnics, horse shows and other events.

**Discover Mint Hill
May 4, 9 am - 1 pm
7601 Matthews Mint Hill Road
Mint Hill, NC**



Letters to the Church:

Dear PPC,

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers during my sister's battle with Glioblastoma. Your support through the past 15 months meant so much!

Judy Clinton

Men of the Church Annual Pancake Breakfast a Success Again!

Thank you to all of you who came out and supported the Men of the Church's Pancake Breakfast.

Michael Barkley, Joel Moore and Brandon Hartsell cooked a fantastic spread of pancakes, bacon and sausage. The food and fellowship was enjoyed by all and we were able to raise money to help with the Men of the Church causes for the rest of the year!

Rev. Mark Lee, Interim Senior Pastor
Katie Sloan, Associate Minister
Shane Sledd, Youth and Family Minister
Judy Clinton, Office Manager
Cynthia Stokes, Secretary
Linda Cummins, Webmaster/Administrative Asst



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Marnie Gallagher, Youth Choir Director
Melinda Johnston, Children's Choir Director
Leslie Anderson, Organist
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