



OFFERINGS & REFLECTIONS

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST



Hello brothers and sisters of Philadelphia Church!

It seems to me that we are getting off to a good start in our work together. You all have been very welcoming to me and to Jan, and we especially want to say, "Thank You!" to those who planned and provided our welcome reception.

As I explained in our first worship service on Sunday, Oct. 20th, I have a clear vision of what I hope to accomplish in my time with you. That is to shepherd you as we continue to move forward as the Body of Christ in this time and place. I do not intend to try to guide the decisions you have ahead of you - those are yours to make, not mine. But I do believe that our calling from God has not changed: We are called to be Christ's hands and feet in this community, at this point in time. I believe it important that we don't let the process before us distract us from that. Regardless of which direction you choose, we still need to be a fully functional Church when we get to that place. To me that means recovering our

financial health and regaining our normal amount of participation in Worship and in our outreach ministries. Ideally, we can commit to one another to stay together no matter which direction is chosen. To me, that would be a win for Christ. It does the Kingdom of God no favors if, whichever way is chosen, the congregation that moves forward isn't financially or numerically healthy enough to remain viable. I would consider that a true tragedy.

You have shown me already that you are a congregation with a rich history of vibrant ministry. I can already see that you love God and each other. And so, I look forward to living those things out with you over the coming months.

Yours in Service,

Pastor Larry Dimick

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Trunk R Treat

This year's Trunk R Treat was a roaring success. Hundreds of people from our church and community enjoyed the festivities of creatively decorated trunks, hot dogs, games, and hayride and of course, candy, candy, candy. A huge thanks to Dan Stillman who provided free hayrides and to everyone who contributed their trunks, time, and resources.

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Worshipping in Love



Growing in Love



Serving in Love

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

All Saints Day

The first Sunday of each November we remember those from our congregation who have left this earthly life to join Jesus in the church triumphant. Our prayer for their families is that you may find comfort and peace in God's promises of life



everlasting. In loving memory: Stephen Bevil, Jim Broom, Barbara Chapman, Bill Hildebrand, Jody McDade Gray, Polly Merritt, Delsie Myers, Sam Nos, Barbara Padella and Mettie Stone. *"We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."* Rom. 14: 7-8 (NRSV)

Advent Decorating

Friday, November 29th, beginning 10am

Do you love the sights and sounds of Christmas? Come help us decorate God's house as we prepare to celebrate the season of Jesus' birth, There are many different ways to help and everyone is welcome. Contact Pam Brenwald, pambrenwald@gmail.com for more information.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Bethel Men's Night Shelter

Another great meal for hungry men at the Bethel Men's Night Shelter! We fed 55 men pinto beans, vegetable soup, salad, cornbread, muffins, brownies and drinks. Thanks to all who prepared food, donated items, fed the men and worked in the kitchen. We always receive a blessing through serving - such a beautiful group of disciples serving this amazing ministry!



WORSHIP CALENDAR

NOV 3RD ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOV 10TH VETERAN RECOGNITION
DEC 1ST ADVENT BEGINS
DEC 8TH CHILDREN'S PROGRAM (both services)
DEC 15TH CHRISTMAS CANTATA
DEC 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE
4PM: FAMILY SERVICE
6PM: CANDLELIGHT SERVICE



THE ANGELS ARE COMING!

Gifts for you to purchase will be on a sign up genius. Look for a QR code in the bulletin soon. The tree in the gathering area will have angels for gift cards only. Gift cards should be returned to Linda Honeycutt or Denise in the church office. Please do not put gift cards under the tree. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Hurricane Helene Disaster Relief

Our hearts and prayers are with those impacted by Hurricane Helene. We have also heard from some of you inquiring how our church family can assist. The Mission Team met on October 21st and discussed Hurricane Helene support along with the other ministry activities we have underway. Over the next two months, we have three ministries to complete (Share the Warmth Coat Drive, Operation Christmas Child and Angel Tree). We feel it important to focus on completing these missions at this time. Given the length of time it will take to rebuild, new needs will evolve and there will be continuing opportunities to support Western North Carolina. We are researching and vetting ways to serve and/or donate items after the first of the year. For now, if you have the means, please prayerfully consider donating to UMCOR as 100% of donations go to disaster relief. You can contribute directly to UMCOR using the QR code or through PUMC by designating your gift to UMCOR Hurricane Relief.



STAFF PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (SPRT)

Meet Philadelphia's New Pastor

On October 27th, we held a welcome reception to meet The Reverends Larry and Jan Dimick. Everyone enjoyed getting to know our new pastor a little bit better and meeting his lovely wife. Pastor Larry commutes to us from York, SC, where he has lived for the past five years. Prior to moving to SC to be closer to grandchildren, he lived in various locations throughout Indiana serving in a multitude of ministries. He retired from full-time ministry in 2016 but has served in a variety of part-time roles since his retirement. His working life prior to answering his call to become a pastor included work in retail and advertising and a long stint in the military. He attended the US Coast Guard Academy and had a career of 27 years between serving with the Coast Guard and US Army National Guard. Ten of those years were as a Chaplain.

Larry's wife, Jan, is also an ordained minister. She is on staff at St. John's UMC in Rock Hill as a Congregational Care Specialist, so we won't get to see her every Sunday. They have a son, Paul, still residing in Indiana, and a daughter, Lynn, who resides in Charlotte. They have 2 grandchildren.

Larry is passionate about teaching and preaching and uses the history of the Christian movement to inform his teaching. He also has a gift for music and has already jumped in and is playing with the CORE at 9am. He plays multiple instruments and has even recorded two albums.

He "endeavors to bring a listening ear and an open mind" to our congregation. He plans to be in the church office Monday - Wednesday and has been calling on shut-ins at home. Please extend a warm Philadelphia welcome to Pastor Larry and Jan and wear your nametag so that he can put names and faces together more easily.



UNITED WOMEN in FAITH (UWF)

Annual Harvest Dinner

Thursday, November 21st, 5:30pm, Fellowship Hall

All women and young ladies are invited to join us in an evening to celebrate our blessings and share them with others at our Annual Harvest Dinner. Our guest speaker is from the Fort Mill Care Center and she will tell us about the mission of the center and how they serve clients. Please see their Thanksgiving meal items below and bring something as an offering that evening. Donations can also be left in the shopping cart in the Coffee Connections Room. Also, if you have been collecting coins for the World Thank Offering, please bring that as well. Ham and turkey will be provided. Bring a side or dessert and a friend!

**FORT MILL CARE CENTER
THANKSGIVING MEAL NEEDS
Bring to Harvest Dinner or Coffee
Connections Room**

TURKEYS & CHICKENS
HAMS & CANNED HAM
FROZEN ROLLS
POTATOES
GRAVY
STUFFING
CREAM OF MUSHROOM SOUP
FRIED ONIONS
CRANBERRY SAUCE
CORNBREAD MIX
FRUIT PIE FILLING
PIE CRUST MIX
EVAPORATED MILK
ALUMINUM FOIL
DISPOSABLE BAKING PANS



TRUSTEES COMMITTEE

Good news! Our boys and girls bathrooms in the Sunday School Wing are working again. We owe a big thanks to Giles Plumbing for their persistence in determining the blockage to our sewer pipe. The trustees also appreciate the assistance that the church received from York County Water and Sewer and York County Gas. Without their help we would have spent more dollars and time locating the blockage.

The blockage was caused by a full septic tank. It was easy to miss the opportunity to pump out our septic tank because the lid to the tank was four feet underground. We have now fixed that problem by installing a riser at ground level that will give us access to the under-ground septic tank (see picture). Thank you for your contributions to the general fund which will help to pay for this expenditure.

We also need to thank Bobby Burgess and Steve Walters for installing the final cables for the Wi-Fi/Church Security project at no cost to the church. With all of the data cables installed, the trustees have schedule an appointment for a contractor to run one

Operation Christmas Child Processing Center Service Opportunities

We are blessed to have an OCC Processing Center just 20 minutes from our church and the opportunity to serve there! Before the millions of shoebox gifts collected each year can bring hope and joy to children around the world, each one must be carefully inspected and made ready for shipment. If you've never worked at the center, it is an amazing experience. The shift hours seem long, but you'll be surprised how quickly time passes as you serve along fellow brothers and sister in Christ. You must be 13+ to attend and yes, husbands and sons are welcome! Our church has shifts on Dec. 3rd from 1-6 pm or 4-10pm and Dec. 10th from 5-10pm. If you would like to sign up or want to know more, contact Cindi Cahaly, cahaly@comporium.net ASAP as you must pre-register.



PANCAKE PACKING PARTY Wednesday, November 6th 4:30-6:30pm - Fellowship Hall

Let's get packing! This is the really fun part! Invite your friends and neighbors for this family activity. We provide a yummy pancake dinner where donations go to cover the boxes' shipping costs. Our goal is to pack 375 boxes, so we need a lot of packers! If you have any questions or if you'd like to volunteer on the 6th, please contact Cindi Cahaly, cahaly@comporium.net.



Serving in Love

of our cables underground from the fellowship hall to our sign on Highway 160. Once this cable has been installed underground we will then be able to update the message on the sign. Some of the other projects the trustees are working on include:

- Securing a grant from the Cannon Foundation
- Fixing leaks in our roof
- Removing bats from the parsonage
- Negotiating a new contract with our HVAC contractor

The trustees continue to thank you for your monetary support and service. It takes all of us with our contributions and service to maintain our church campus.



PHILLY YOUTH GROUP (PYG)

Philadelphia youth have kept a busy schedule in October! PYG started a series on leadership learning how to be a leader following Jesus as their example. For fall fun we visited Escapology and they successfully escaped the Seven Deadly Sins room with only 1 minute remaining on the clock! Their service project for the month was participating in Trunk or Treat. Once again, youth went trunkless with a human fruit machine themed Fruit of the Spirit. Kids got to take their chance at getting 3 of the same fruit in a row for a jackpot prize or a consolation prize of fruit gummies. We also completed 2 Mission Wednesday projects by making 6 dozen cookie dough balls for Defend the Fatherless and putting together 100 fishing kits for Operation Christmas Child boxes.

VOLUNTEER
AS AN ADULT LEADER
OR TO
BRING A MEAL TO PYG



NURTURE COMMITTEE

At our October meeting, we discussed merging Nurture with Evangelism to make the best use of our volunteers.

Our Bereavement teams have served two families during their time of grief. Francis presented one prayer shawl and is preparing to present one this month.

Senior Friends enjoyed a covered dish meal followed by an interesting presentation about the history of Springs presented by our own Danielle Holmes.

In November youth will assist with assembling all of the OCC boxes and having some Christmas themed fun while doing it during Sunday School. We will continue to go through the book of Matthew in Sunday school breaking down each chapter to understand its historical context and application to our lives today.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering your gifts with youth whether that is meals, leading, chaperoning, or driving. We still have open spots available during this semester I would love to see filled in advance. Please reach out to me with any questions.

jessica@pumcfortmill.org or 910-833-0752

SENIOR FRIENDS

Tuesday, November 12th, 11:30am

All those 55+ are welcome to join! We will enjoy our annual meal of Thanksgiving celebration. The meat will be provided please bring side dishes and/ or sweets. Our program will be musical selections provided by Pastor Larry and friend.

SINGLE LADIES' LUNCH BUNCH

Saturday, November 16th, 11:30am

If you're a single lady, we'd love for you to join us for lunch and fellowship at Rock Hill Diner - Contact Donna Schaefer at nordon50@aol.com.

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRIES

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Voyage of Dawn Treader

The PUMC kids wrapped up their Voyage of the Dawn Treader Bible Study with lessons and activities on generosity, faith, and New Creation. Look forward to our next Narnia class, The Silver Chair, this spring. A Narnia charcuterie board that the kids made to review all the lessons learned over six weeks.



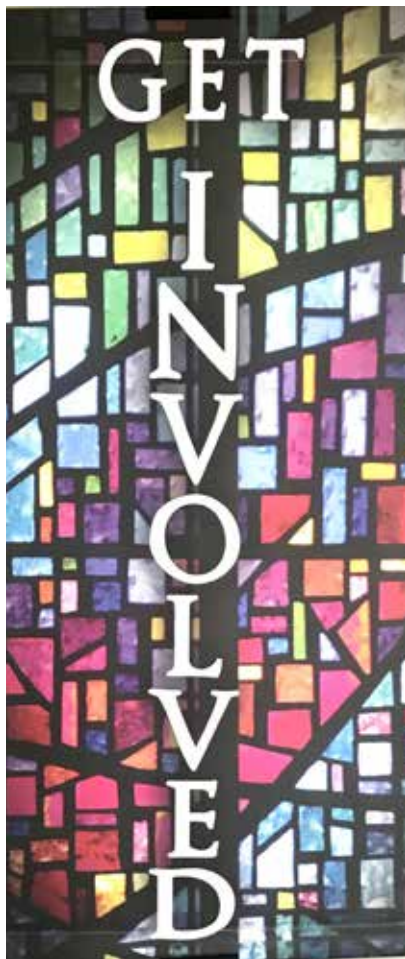
EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

Evangelism had a great time at the annual Tega Cay Catawba Fest on October 12th; we handed out over 200 pieces PUMC branded merch and 140+ flyers about upcoming events. Thanks for all who volunteered! We also were grateful to have coordinated the hayride partnership with the children's ministries team for the Trunk or Treat. Lastly, we secured approval from church council to merge Evangelism and Nurture committees for 2025. This will be a great way for our small teams to combine resources to support both our ministries.



TRUNK R TREAT





NOVEMBER - MONTH AT A GLANCE

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Nov 3	Fall Back - Daylight Savings Time	
Sun, Nov 3	Coat Drive Ends	
Wed, Nov 6	Pancake Packing Party - OCC Shoeboxes	4:30 - 6:30 PM
Tue, Nov 12	Senior Friends	11:30 AM
Sat, Nov 16	Men In The Mirror	7:30 AM
Sat, Nov 16	Single Ladies' Lunch Bunch (RH Diner)	11:30 AM
Thur, Nov 21	Women of Faith Harvest Dinner	5:30 PM
Sun, Nov 24	Clang Buckets (for OCC Shoebox Ministry)	9:00 - 11:00 AM
Fri, Nov 29	Advent Decorating	10:00 AM until
Every Sunday	PYG	5:00 - 6:30 PM
Every Wednesday	Joyful Noize (K - 5th grade)	4:15 - 5:00 PM
Every Wednesday	Philly Chimes (3rd grade and up)	5:15 - 6:00 PM
Every Wednesday	Beginner Bells (K - 2nd grade)	5:15 - 5:45 PM
Every Wednesday	CORE - praise band	5:30 - 7:00 PM
Every Wednesday	Adult Jubilate Ringers	6:15 - 7:00 PM
Every Wednesday	Chancel Choir	7:15 - 8:15 PM

FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 24th, the Church Conference approved moving forward with the sale of the parsonage by an overwhelming majority of the 82 voting members present. Upon sale, the proceeds will be used to retire the church mortgage and fund facility maintenance /improvements as prioritized by the Trustees. The Trustees will now move forward with readying the property for sale including engaging a realtor/real estate agent to represent PUMC and list the property. Thank you to the members who were able to attend and the congregations' engagement in this process.

UNITED METHODIST MEN (UMM)

Men In The Mirror

Saturday, November 16th, 7:30am, Fellowship Hall

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." -Proverbs 27:17. Bring a friend and join us every 3rd Saturday morning for biscuits, coffee, fellowship, and biblical discussion.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL REPORT

October 27, 2024

\$12,412 is needed each week to meet our annual budget of \$645,406, we received \$10,642 this week

\$457,918 has been received towards the General and Building Funds

\$497,539 has been spent from the General and Building Funds

\$25,175 Cash Available to Support Church Expenses, Missions & Ministries

\$702,784 Loan balance for Building

Ways to Give

Cash & Checks accepted every Sunday during Offering!

Visit us at www.pumcfortmill.org/give/

Via Zelle App - gifts@pumcfortmill.org

Transfer Stocks, Bonds, Brokerage Assets

Mail or Drop-off your gift during regular office hours.

Have questions about giving?

Please contact PUMC's Interim Financial Associate, Colleen Demmy at accounting@pumcfortmill.org

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