

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
(Julia Cole) WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM)
9:00 AM—Sunday School
10:00 AM—Worship—(Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &
Livestream)
5:30 PM—Youth Meeting—(Youth House)

MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)
5:30 PM—Finance Team Meeting—(Parlor)
6:30—9:00 PM—Gym Reserved

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God's Closet Work Day
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)
5:00 PM—Wednesday Meal—(FLC)
6:00 PM—Wednesday Night Worship

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God's Closet Work Day

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

God's Closet CLOSED

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Birthdays

1/25 Debbie Peebles
*Keaton Cole
*Logan Cole
1/27 Bill Anderson
Betty Irons
*Tanner Salter
1/28 Bill Molpus
Wade White
Sadie Breland
1/29 Maggie Marshall
1/30 Gina Moorehead
Scarlett Vowell
Jakob Hedgepeth
*Walt Barrett
Danny Cooper
Stuart Duett
Jeff Graham
Ben Allen Marshall
Lela Marshall
*Bill Beam

Anniversaries

1/28 Ike & Carla Martin
*non-resident members

Sunday, January 18, 2026

Sunday School: 61
Worship Attendance: 183

Wednesday Night Meal

Meals are catered by Tootie's Restaurant.

Menu: Spaghetti, Green Beans, Green Salad, Roll, Dessert

Serving begins at 5:00 PM

Deadline to sign up is 12:00 PM on MONDAYS

Deadline to cancel and avoid being charged is 12:00 Noon on Mondays.

Sign up below, tear off, and place in the offering plate.

Cost: \$8.00-Adults, \$8.00-Youth, \$6.00-Kids, \$25.00-Family Maximum

Name: _____ Adults _____ Youth _____ Kids _____

Sign me up for standing reservations _____.

January Special: Kids and Youth will eat free for the first 3 Wednesday nights, January 14, 21, & 28

BUT must make a reservation in order to get the free meal.

Electronic Giving

- **Bank Drafts:** Call the church office to set this up.
- **Online Giving:** phillyfirstmc.org
- **Text Giving:** Text the amount to 1-601-281-0741
- **Giving App:** Download the free Shelby Next App through the App Store or Google Play. Type in "phillyfirstmc" where it says "domain". Click to create an account.
- Donate from your smartphone by scanning QR code;



If you need assistance, please call the church office.

Church Communications

- **Emails:** To receive the prayer request and/or general news e-mails sign up for these teams by going to www.phillyfirstmc.org. Click on Connect, then Member Portal. Click on TEAMS; Click on JOIN beside the team(s) you wish to join.
- **You may also call the church office to sign up.**
- **Text Messages:** Please make sure the church has your cell number.

We will be sending meeting notices, reminders, cancellations, due to weather, etc. via text message.

*Please call Sheila in the church office if you need any help.

God's Closet

Open Saturday, Feb. 7 - Volunteers: FMC Team (Tracy Tinsley) & Susan Powell
Items of the Month: Children's Jeans, 3-Subject Spiral Notebooks, & Primary Tablets

Donations of clean like-new clothes are welcome. We have a donation box in the FLC or you can arrange to meet at the closet by calling Susan Powell at 601-660-4637.—**God's Closet needs Boys Blue Jeans Sizes 6, 7, 10 & 12.**



Thank you so much for all the thoughts during mom's illness and prayers during our mother's passing. She is completely healed now and with our family that has previously passed and in Heaven. Praise the Lord!!

The Jean O'Mire family (Gayle Lesley & family, Mickey Gavin & Family, Mike O'Mire & family)

Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for the meal during my mother's loss and my surgery. It was wonderful! — Gayle Lesley & Family

Thank you to the Flower Committee for sharing the church flowers with me. They were beautiful.

Gayle Lesley

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Service of Celebration & Praise

January 25, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

Prelude - Pianist

Announcements and Prayer - Ken Turner

Instrumental Interlude - Pianist

Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord be with you!

Congregation: And also with you.

Leader: Today, we celebrate the love of God poured out in our Savior Jesus Christ.

Congregation: We rejoice in our perfect redemption through the death of Jesus!

Leader: We remember that the cross of Christ has united us together in one body.

Reading: May the world recognize us by our love for one another.

Leader: And we wonder at the mystery that we have been invited into the eternal, loving fellowship of our Triune god.

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be! Amen!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Congregational Songs of Praise - "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" vs 1, 2 & 4

Hymn No. 545 - "The Church's One Foundation" vs 1, 2 & 4

"His Mercy Is More"

(Children ages 3 years—3rd grade depart for Children's Church upstairs.)

Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Offertory - "On Christ I Stand" - Chancel Choir

Doxology - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

PROCLAMATION

God's Word / Our Response

Sermon - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

SENDING

Benediction - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

*Postlude - Pianist

*Please stand as you are able.

Our Purpose: "Living for Jesus, Loving Like Jesus"

WELCOME!

Thank you for worshipping at Philly First today. We hope that you will feel God's Spirit and be blessed as you worship.

SERVING TODAY:

USHERS: Andy King, Eric Prince, Kent Moore, & Joe Jordan
 TECH ARTS: Caleb May, Natalie May, Richard Rea
 COUNTERS: Caleb May & Kristen Hancock
 NURSERY: Kim Donald
 FLOWERS TODAY: Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lavern Vowell; Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Massey; and Wyatt Vowell
 By: David & Brenda Vowell
 Hugh Taylor Chaney, Henry Chaney
 ACOLYTES:

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY:

FEBRUARY USHERS: Mike Donald, Captain; Steve Smith; Steve Breland; & Craig Vowell
 TECH ARTS: Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, Richard Rea
 COUNTERS: April Posey & Ken Turner
 NURSERY: Carla Martin
 ACOLYTES: Jimmy & Susan Bates
 COMMUNION: SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR: Mark Duncan



Children's News

Like our page on Facebook: Phillyfumckids



You're invited to my new group 'Philly First Kids' on GroupMe. Scan the QR code to join.

January Wednesday Nights

We are having a January Special:
Kids and Youth will eat free for the first 3 Wednesday nights, January 14, 21, & 28 BUT must make a reservation in order to get the free meal.

Children's Ministry Team Meeting

Next Sunday, February 1st
 11:00 AM - Upstairs

Daddy Daughter Date Night

Friday, February 20, 2026 at 6 PM
 5K-6th Grade
 Cost per couple: \$45;
 \$10 each add'l child
 Sign-up and money due by February 11



Youth Ministry News

Follow us on Instagram at anchoredphilly, or on Facebook at Anchored Student Ministry.

Youth Sunday School: 9:00 AM

Sunday Night Youth

5:30 PM
 Youth House

Wednesday Night Youth

Will meet in the sanctuary for worship this week at 6:00 PM.



You're invited to join the youth ministry group on GroupMe!
 Scan the QR code.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please register your attendance in the attendance pad on your pew. Then pass the attendance pad down your pew for each person to register. Please place the completed attendance sheet in the offering plate.

Finance Team Meeting

Monday, January 26th @ 5:30 PM in the Parlor



Prayer Concerns

Prayer concerns will remain on the prayer list for one month.
 If you would like to renew a request, please call the church office.

Todd Skinner—(Carlotta McDaniel's son-in-law)
 James Allred—(Angela Allen's father)
 Mary Louise Blanks
 Barry Boler—(Kasey Boler Storey's dad)
 Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling's sister)
 Clinton Kase Bradford
 Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin's cousin)
 Josie Byars
 Cindy Byrd
 Gary Chamblee
 Tanja Chancellor
 Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock's father)
 Autumn Durant Conn
 Homer Davis
 Dianne Droke
 Debra Drury
 Carolyn Durr—(Kenny McLain's mother)
 Ben Edwards
 Elizabeth Edwards
 Michael Eichelberger
 God's Closet Prayer Requests
 Glen Goldman
 Graham Goldman
 Mary Katherine Gordon
 Dale Gray
 Pat Hardage—(Mandy Dees' father)
 Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling's sister)
 Marvin Hill—(Charlie Ervin's brother-in-law)

Neil Hogan
 Bobbie Holley
 Betty Irons
 Gayle Lesley
 Ken Lewis
 Glenda Lundy
 James Mars
 Vicki Marshall
 Don McKay
 Mike McLemore—(Kim Price's uncle)
 Ian Michelletti
 —(Gayle Lesley's mother) -
 Neshoba Nursing Home #153
 Gail Rickles
 Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104
 Daniel Sharp
 Ms. Pepper Simmons
 Dot Stern—Virginia West's sister
 Esther Stovall
 Glen Stribling—(Kent's brother)
 Steve Turner
 2 Unspoken
 Ray Warren—(Susan Powell's dad)
 Sue Wells
 Tommy Williams
 Don Windham
 Mike Winston—(John Carr Bates' father-in-law)
 Bill Wolf



The rosebud is placed on the altar today by Scott & Mary Jo Vernon in honor of their new grandson, Aiden Wilder Vernon. Aiden Wilder was born Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 2:15 a.m. weighing 5 lbs 5 oz and was 15 inches long. He is the son of Elizabeth & Jared Vernon. His maternal grandmother is Karen Ciccarone of State College, PA.

Upcoming Events

January 28	Wednesday Night Worship	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
January 26	Finance Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
February 1	Children's Team Meeting	11:00 AM	Upstairs
February 2	Missions Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
February 3	Bible Seekers Ladies Small Group	10:00 AM	Parlor
	Weekday Children's Grandparents Program	11:00 AM	Gym
February 4	Wednesday Night Small Groups Resume	6:15 PM	
February 5	Leadership Team Meeting	5:30 PM	FLC
February 8	Congregational Care Ministry Team Mtg	1:00 PM	Parlor
	Youth Super Bowl Party		
February 9	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
February 10	Adult Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	FLC
	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
February 19	Ash Wednesday Service	6:00 PM	Sanctuary
February 20	Father/Daughter Dance		

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Wednesday Night Life Groups

Resume February 4th
 Sign-up sheets are posted in the front of the sanctuary.

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- instagram.com/phillyfirstmc
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