

## Church Family Calendar

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—(Eric Prince) WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM  
 9:00 AM—Confirmation Class  
 9:00 AM—Sunday School  
 10:00 AM—Worship—Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM & Livestream  
 6:00 PM—Youth Small Groups

### MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(Gym)  
 4:30 PM—Easter Bell Choir Rehearsal

### TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

5:30 PM—Leadership Team Meeting—(FLC)

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(Gym)  
 5:00 PM—Choir Rehearsal  
 5:15 PM—Supper—(FLC)  
 6:00 PM—Adult Small Groups  
 6:00 PM—Youth Worship—(Youth House)  
 6:00 PM—Children's Activities

### FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(Gym)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God's Closet Open

## Birthdays

2/28 Jan Hillman  
 Frances Gamblin  
 Ryan McGough  
 2/29 Mary Marshall  
 3/1 Darlene Cheatham  
 Wade Fiedler  
 3/2 Sellers Cole  
 Rayford Williamson  
 3/4 Dan Mars  
 Ella Windham  
 Audrey White  
 Vicki Kitchens  
 3/5 Missy Smith  
 Elle May  
 3/6 Jo Fulton  
 Ben Edwards

## Anniversaries

3/1 Cassidy & Jill Byars  
 3/5 Chip & Jamie Dees

\*non-resident members

## Stewardship Announcement

### Options for giving your tithes and offerings:

- Place your offering in the plate as you enter or exit the sanctuary.
- You may bring your offering by the church.** If you prefer not to come in you may drop your offering through the mail slot on the door by the church office.
- US Mail:** You may mail your check to 563 E. Main Street, Philadelphia, MS 39350
- Bank Drafts:** Call the church office to set this up.
- Online Giving:** visit the church website at phillyfirstumc.org
- Text Giving:** Text the amount you wish to give to 1-601-281-0741
- Giving App:** Download the free ShelbyNext App through the App Store or Google Play. Type in "phillyfirstumc" where it says "domain". Click to create an account.
- Donate from your smartphone** by scanning QR code:



If you have any questions or need any assistance, please call Sheila in the church office at 601-656-1376.

## Church Staff

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## Service of Celebration and Praise

### First United Methodist Church

**FEBRUARY 28, 2021 - 10:00 a.m.**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

### GATHERING

Prelude - "Trust and Obey" - Instrumentalists  
 Welcome, Announcements & Opening Prayer - Caleb May

### PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

\*Hymn Medley - "I Will Sing of the Mercies of the Lord Forever"  
 No. 569 - "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations"  
 (Children ages 3 years old—4th grade will dismiss for Children's Church upstairs.)

### CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

Praises & Prayer Concerns - Rev. Ryan McGough  
 Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Ryan McGough  
 The Lord's Prayer

### PROCLAMATION

Special Music - "The Potter's Hand" - Ensemble  
 Scripture — Matthew 4:12-17 — Rev. Chris Young  
 Sermon - "Renounce, Reject, and Repent" - Rev. Chris Young

### SENDING FORTH

\*Hymn of Commitment No. 362 — "Nothing but the Blood of Jesus" - verse 1 & 2  
 \*Benediction — Rev. Chris Young  
 \*Postlude — Instrumentalists

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

*\*\*Nursery provided in room 14, birth—2 years old*

## Church Communications

- Emails**  
 To receive the prayer request and/or general news e-mails sign up for these teams by going to [www.phillyfirstumc.org](http://www.phillyfirstumc.org). Click on Connect, then Member Portal. Click on TEAMS; Click on JOIN beside the team(s) you wish to join.
- 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.**

## Record of our Faithfulness

**As of 02/21/2021**

Worship :	53	Received to Date:	\$82,545.95
Budget Giving:	\$6,380.00	Budget to Date:	\$101,935.61
		Needed each Week:	\$14,562.23
		Behind on Budget:	\$19,389.66

## Wednesday Night Meal Sign-up

February 24th

Cost per box: \$6.00 Adults & Youth; Kids \$4.00; Family Max \$20.00

**Meal:** Chicken Strips & Fries

**Reservations or Cancellations MUST be made by 5 P.M. on Mondays.**

Please sign up below, tear off, and place in the offering plate.  
 You may also call the church office by 5:00 PM on Monday to sign up.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults & Youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Kids \_\_\_\_\_

Sign me up for standing reservations \_\_\_\_\_.

**Our Purpose: To make disciples of Jesus Christ by: Winning People to Jesus Christ; Glorifying God; and Serving Others.**

**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:** Mike Donald, Captain; Kathy Posey; Steve Smith & Steve Breland  
**TECH ARTS:** Chase Nicholson, Michael Franklin, Ben Hardy, Richard Rea and Charlie Ervin  
**COUNTERS:** Mike Tinsley & Leigh Ann White  
**FLOWERS:** Given to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Sleepy & June Posey and Woodrow & Helen Lewis  
 By: Al & Kathy Posey and Family  
**ACOLYTES:** Taylor Grace Breland and Anna May

**Serving Next Sunday**

**USHERS:** John King, Captain; Jackie Long; Chris Posey; & Chris Jackson  
**TECH ARTS:** Chase Nicholson, Michael Franklin, Ben Hardy, Richard Rea & Charlie Ervin  
**COUNTERS:** Susan Windham & Marvin Blanks  
**ACOLYTES:** Maddox Mars & Jax Mars

**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.*

Yvonne Allen	Roger Kennedy
Faye Williams Anderson	Rev. Chris Kiepe
Jessica Harpole Bailey	Ethelyne Lingle—(Robert Turnage's sister)
Florence Bates—(Elizabeth Edwards' Mom)	Tony Lewis Family
Emily Dees Boulden	Jerald Luther—(Nancy Hardy's nephew, Amy Johnston's cousin)
Bonnie Coggins	
COVID-19 Pandemic	Dawn Mars
Tom Cox	Andrew McCall
Chase Dorsey—(Patt Fiedler's cousin)	June Mitchell
Carey Eldridge	Carolyn Molpus
Janice Fleming Family	Henry Richmond—(Virginia Eakes Dad)
Terry Fulton—(Don's brother)	Frank Rushing
God's Closet Prayer Requests	Marlee Savell
Hensley Hardy	Ross Townsend
Joyce Hardy	Tommy Wells
Kenny Hillman	Max West
Neil Hogan	Ed Williamson
Barry Irons	
Sybil James	
Ronnie Jones	



**Children's News**

Like our page on Facebook:  
 First United Methodist  
 Children's Ministry

**Kid's Sunday School**

9AM Upstairs Kids Room/Prek-6th Grade

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS**

**5:15 p.m. Supervised Gym** (Parents are responsible for their children until checked in)

**5:50-6 P.M. Parents, please check in your child on sheets at Check-in Table in front of Parlor.**

Please do not drop off preschoolers in the gym to insure safety. Thank you!

**Children's Team Meeting**

Today, Feb. 28  
 immediately after service in the FLC

**Wesley Pines Summer Camp**

June 28-July 2  
 Rising 4th-7th Graders  
 Church/early bird deadline is March 15  
 Register online at wesleypines.com

**Preschool Sunday School Teacher Needed**

Please contact Jill if you would like to volunteer.

**Vacation Bible School—June 13-16**



**Youth Ministry News**

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

**Sign up for Remind Messages**

Text @42cfb to 8101

**Youth Small Groups**

Sundays @ 5:30 PM at the Youth House

**M28 Sign-up Deadline: Wed., March 17**

Total Cost: \$350 per youth  
 \$150 to reserve your spot by Mar. 17th

**Youth Small Group Leaders & Wed. Night Volunteers Needed**

Please let Ryan know if you feel led to volunteer in either of these areas. Small Groups are Sundays from 5:30-7 PM and are led by teams of 3 or 4 people. The Wednesday night volunteers would need to attend our meeting from 6-7 PM and be another adult presence in the youth house. The desire is that you would be engaged with the students, their spiritual development and growth in the studies, and also in their lives.

**2021 Seniors**

William Beckham, Mary Ellen Booker, Piper Fulton, Julia Scott Hines, Caroline Jackson, Maggie Marshall, and Tatum Salter

If there is a senior that we have missed, please let Ryan or the church office know ASAP.

**Announcements**

**New Sunday School Class**

Led by Hannah Hardy  
 Cornerstone Sunday School Room

This is a new Sunday School class participating in congregational care and outreach ministry. Adults of any age are welcome to join us.



We extend Christian Love and Sympathy to Theresa Fanning and her family at the death of her brother, Tony Lewis. He passed away Friday, February 19th.

**Wednesday Night Adult Bible Studies @ 6:00 PM**

**2 Options for Adults:**

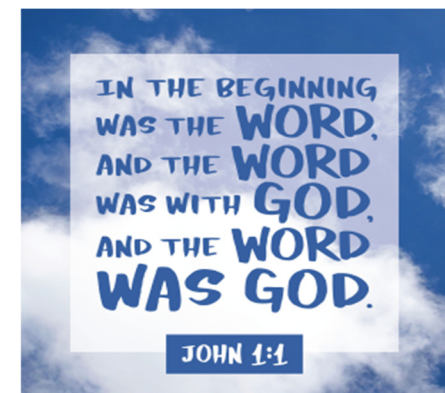
\*Bible Study in FLC—Led by Eric & Ellen Prince; Study: Colossians

\*Bible Study in Sanctuary—Led by Bro. Chris Young

Study: 'Let's Take Another Look-New Testament'

**Leadership Team Meeting**

Tuesday, March 1st  
 5:30 PM  
 Family Life Center



**Music Notes**

**Easter Bell Choir**

Rehearsals Mondays at 4:30 PM in the upstairs handbell rehearsal area.  
 Sign up for the Easter Bell Choir outside the choir room or by contacting Patt. We have a few spots still open for anyone interested in joining us.

**God's Closet News**



**February Items of the Month:** Notebook Paper, Primary Tablets

**2021 Spring Schedule:**

9 A.M. until Noon on the following Saturdays: March 6, March 20, April 10, April 17

**March 6 Volunteers:** Stu Yarbrough (St. Francis Episcopal Church)

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**Visitor**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Prayer Request**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Details: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Please tear off and place in the offering plate.*