

## Church Family Calendar

### SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—  
(Hannah Hardy) WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM)  
9:00 AM—Sunday School  
10:00 AM—Worship—Easter Cantata (Cable  
Ch 7, 102.3 FM & Livestream)

### MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)  
6:30—9:00 PM—Gym Reserved

### TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God's Closet Work Day  
10:00 AM—Bible Seekers Life Group—(Parlor)  
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)

### THURSDAY, APRIL 2, 2026

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

### FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2026

Church Office & Day Care Closed  
5:30 PM—Easter Egg Hunt—(Church Lawn)  
6:00 PM—Youth Fish Fry Fundraiser—(Gym)  
7:00 PM—Good Friday Service—(Sanctuary)

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4, 2026

God's Closet CLOSED

## Birthdays

3/29 Sellers Richardson  
3/30 Charlie Ervin  
Will Mars  
\*Caroline Taylor Ellis  
3/31 Brenda Vowell  
4/2 Trey Posey  
\*Edward Cheatham  
4/4 Jimmy Bates  
\*Alex Goudie

## Anniversaries

4/29 Russell & Monica  
Adams  
\*Keaton & Amber  
Lang

\*non-resident members

## Sunday, March 22, 2026

Sunday School: 62  
Worship Attendance: 179

## Bulletin Deadline: Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

## Mission Reminders

- **Quarter Challenge during Lent**  
Last year during Lent we raised over \$1,300  
This will offset the shipping costs for Operation Christmas Child
- **Food Drive for Open Arms (March 1—March 31)**  
Boxes are located at the entrances of the Education Building  
Items needed:  
Canned Ravioli            Canned Fruit            Peanut Butter  
Boxed Mac and Cheese    Canned Chicken & Tuna    Squeeze Jelly

*You are invited to a  
Wedding Tea  
honoring  
Sarah Mars  
bride-elect of Chance Barfoot  
Sunday, April 12, 2026  
from 1:00 until 2:00 in the afternoon  
First Methodist Church Parlor*

**No Wednesday Night Activities This Week.**

## Electronic Giving

- **Bank Drafts:** Call the church office to set this up.
- **Online Giving:** [phillyfirstmc.org](http://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](http://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.*

## Cantata Instrumentalist

Violin - Alexander Sullivan  
Flute - Ashley Wade  
Clarinet - Amanda May  
Trumpet - Celina Sistrunk  
Cello - Emily Baker  
Trombone - Paul Gamble  
Pianist - Carol Fiedler  
Organist - Laura Bryan

Sound - Allen Hardy, Richard Rea

## God's Closet

Open Saturday, Apr. 11th - Volunteers: St. Francis (Stu Yarbrough)  
& Jan Cooper

**Items of the Month:** Notebook paper, 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.**

## Church Staff

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## Service of Celebration & Praise March 29, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday

Prelude - Pianist

Announcements/Prayer/Lord's Prayer - Ken Turner  
Instrumental Call to Worship - "He Is Here, Hallelujah"

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Behold, your King is coming to you, riding on a donkey.  
**Congregation:** Hosannah! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Leader: Blessed is the One who sits forever on the throne of David.  
**Congregation:** Hosannah in the highest!  
Leader: Glory to the King of Israel and the King of the Nations!  
**All:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and evermore shall be. World without end. Amen.

\*Songs of Praise and Palm Procession

\*"Hosanna in the Highest"

\*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

*(Children ages 3 years—3rd grade are dismissed for Children's Church upstairs.)*

Scripture-Based Prayer - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

Offertory - "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" - Instrumentalists  
\*Doxology - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

"ONCE AND FOR ALL"

Created and Arranged by Tom Fettke  
Narration from selected works by Max Lucado

"The Cross" - Instrumental Meditation

"Once and for All", soloist—Monica Adams

Narration - Kenny Hillman

"Via Dolorosa"

Narration - Keith Agent

"Zion Shout"

"By His Stripes"

Narration - Walt Willis

"Playing Games at the Foot of the Cross", soloist—Keith Wells

Narration - Evelyn Agent

"Tears, Hopes and Promises", soloist—Carol Fiedler, Kenny Hillman

\*Closing Prayer / Benediction - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

\*Postlude - Pianist

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

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

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:**

**MARCH USHERS:** John King, Captain; Matt Nicholson; Chris Posey; Chris Jackson  
**TECH ARTS:** Caleb May, Natalie May, & Richard Rea  
**COUNTERS:** Stacy Brantley & Thomas Tinsley  
**NURSERY:** Kim Price  
**FLOWERS TODAY :** Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of My Grandchildren: Lexie Bassett and Chris Perry Benson  
 By: Janice Williamson  
**ACOLYTES:** Henry Chaney & Hugh Taylor Chaney

**SERVING GOOD FRIDAY**

**COMMUNION:** Leah Jarrell & Brenda Mills

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :**

**APRIL USHERS:** Kent Stribling, Captain; Kip Turner; Dewayne Sharp; & Tyson Stribling  
**TECH ARTS:** Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, Richard Rea  
**COUNTERS:** Rick Allen & Steve Smith  
**NURSERY:** Kim Price  
**ACOLYTES:** Anna Claire Hancock/Lexie Hardy

**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.

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| Jimmy Breazeale—ICU St. Dominic (Jeff's father)     | Ken Lewis  |
| Janice Fieber & Family                              | James Mars   |
| Wayne Plunkett                                      | Gabe Marshall—St. Dominic  |
| Sue Bates—(Jimmy's mother)                          | Ike Martin   |
| James Allred—(Angela Allen's father)                | Don McKay  |
| Bob Benson—(Ben Edwards' cousin)                    | Mike McLemore—(Kim Price's uncle)  |
| Mary Louise Blanks                                  | Ian Michelletti  |
| Barry Boler—(Kasey Storey's dad)                    | Dr. Clyde Muse—(Julia Cole's father)                                     |
| Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling's sister) | Donny Page   |
| Clinton Kase Bradford                               | Lori Clark Porter  |
| Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin's cousin)              | Spencer Rea  |
| Laura Bryan   | Gail Rickles   |
| Cindy Byrd  | Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104                                 |
| Penny Chaney  | Dewayne Sharp  |
| Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock's father)             | Judy Sharp   |
| Bonnie Coggins                                      | Dot Stern—Virginia West's sister   |
| Debra Drury   | Glen Stribling—(Kent's brother)  |
| Esther Stovall Drury                                | David Tadlock—UAB  |
| Richard Eakes                                       | Tim & Cindi Temple—(Madalyn Stribling's parents) - Tim - Methodist Rehab |
| Ben Edwards   | Rebecca Thomas—(Rhonda's granddaughter)                                  |
| Michael Eichelberger                                | Ashley Triplett  |
| God's Closet Prayer Requests                        | Steve Turner   |
| Graham Goldman                                      | Scott & Mary Vernon  |
| Dale Gray   | Ray Warren—(Susan Powell's dad)  |
| Mitchell Hancock                                    | Sue Wells  |
| Pat Hardage—(Mandy Dees' father)                    | Don Windham  |
| Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling's sister)     | Mike Winston—Baptist-Jackson Room 5112                                   |
| Bobbie Holley                                       | (John Carr Bates' father-in-law)   |
| Betty Irons   |  |
| Gayle Lesley  |  |

**Children's News**  
 Like our page on Facebook: Phillyfumckids

Join our Children's Ministry GroupMe: 'Philly First Kids' on GroupMe. Scan the QR code to join.




First Methodist Church invites you to:  
**KIDS EGG HUNT & YOUTH FISH FRY FUNDRAISER**  
**Friday, April 3, 2026**

5:30pm: Egg Hunt (Church lawn) \*Please bring one dozen filled plastic eggs per child (babies - 6th grade) participating to the church office by Wed. April 1  
 6pm: Fish Fry (Church gym)  
 7pm: Good Friday Service (Sanctuary)

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

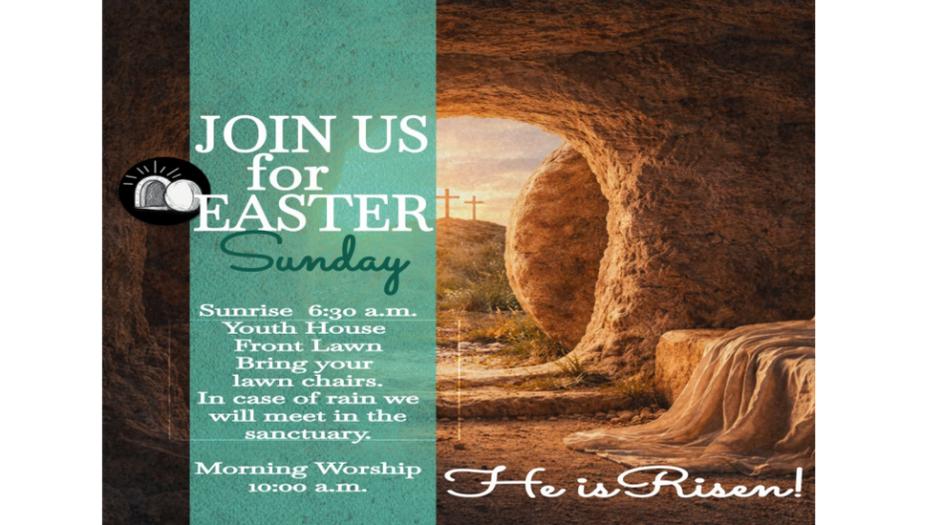
**Youth Sunday School**  
 Sundays @ 9:00 AM  
 Upstairs

**Wednesday Night Youth**  
 6:00 PM  
 Youth House

**New Youth Sunday School Teacher Needed**  
 Drew can help provide teaching and discussion materials throughout the semester. Contact Drew if you are willing to serve as their teacher.



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



**JOIN US for EASTER Sunday**

Sunrise 6:30 a.m. Youth House Front Lawn Bring your lawn chairs. In case of rain we will meet in the sanctuary.  
 Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

*He is Risen!*

**Upcoming Events**

March 29	Easter Cantata	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
April 3	Easter Egg Hunt	5:30 pm	Church Lawn
	Fish Fry (Youth Fundraiser)	6:00-6:45 PM	Gym
	Good Friday Service	7:00 PM	Sanctuary
April 5	Easter Sunrise Service	6:30 AM	Youth House
	Easter Morning Service	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
April 12	Wedding Tea for Sarah Mars	1:00-2:00 PM	Parlor
April 20	Finance Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
June 8-13	Camp Wesley Pines Kids Camp		
July 11-14	Youth M-28 Camp		Lake Junaluska
July 12-14	VBS	Evenings	

**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.**

**Donations Requested for LED Screens in the Sanctuary**

The Leadership Team has voted to purchase two LED screens to be located over the inside exit doors, eliminating our current failing projector. The LED screens will eliminate the use of the projector and screen. A new livestreaming camera system is included in this project as well as a sound system assessment.

The Leadership Team approved up to \$100,000 on this project. We have \$59,000 allocated toward this project.

We are asking for donations and pledges toward the remaining \$41,000.

If you would like to donate, you may bring or mail your donations to the church office, place in the offering plate (write "LED Screens" in the memo of your check) or give electronically to the Special Offering Fund (add a note—"LED Screens").



First Methodist Church and Orchsefra Presents  
**Once And For All**  
 Narration by Max Lucado  
 Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026



**Easter Egg Hunt, Churchwide Fish Fry & Good Friday Service**  
**Friday, April 3rd**  
 5:30 PM—Egg Hunt on the Church lawn  
 Please bring one dozen filled plastic eggs per child participating (babies-6th grade) to the church office by Wed., Apr. 1.  
 6:00—6:45 PM—Fish Fry in the Gym  
 7:00 PM—Good Friday Service in Sanctuary

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