

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026

6:30 AM—Sunrise Service
8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
(Eric Prince) WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM)
10:00 AM—Worship (Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &
Livestream)

MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2026

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 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
5:30 PM—Strategic Planning Meeting

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)
5:00 PM—Supper
6:00 PM—Adult Life Groups
6:00 PM—Kid's Choir & Small Groups
6:00 PM—Youth Worship & Small Groups

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026

9:00-12:00—God's Closet OPEN

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Need a Helping Hand?

Minor Home Projects such as: light bulbs changed, leaking faucets,
minimal electrical things, running toilets
Contact the Church Office at 601-656-1376 or office@phillyfirstmc.org.

Wednesday Night Meal

Meals are catered by Tootie's Restaurant.

Menu: Fried Pork Chops, Rice & Gravy, Peas, Rolls, & 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 _____.

Birthdays

4/5 Drew Breland
Reid Thompson
4/6 Donny Kitchens
Bettye Edwards
*Sadie Stamper
4/9 Brayden Nicholson
Molly Breazeale
*Drew Davis
4/10 Bobbie Holley
Janet Thrash
*Rachel Britton

Anniversaries

4/5 Bruce & Angie
Threadgill
4/7 Andrew & Wendy
Windham
4/8 Mark & Joy Seale
4/10 William & Carol Marie
Mars

*non-resident members

Sunday,

March 29, 2026

Sunday School: 62
Worship Attendance: 235

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.*



We extend Christian love and sympathy to Doyle Agent and his family at the death of his sister, Fay Wolverton. She passed away March 26, 2026.

We also extend Christian love and sympathy to Janice Fieber and her family at the death of her cousin.

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.**

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Service of Celebration & Praise April 1, 2026 - 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday

Prelude - "Alleluia, Alleluia, He Is Risen" - Pianist and Organist

Announcements/Prayer/Lord's Prayer - Ken Turner

Choral Call to Worship - "The Strife Is O'er, The Battle Won" - Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: He is risen!
Congregation: He is risen indeed!
Leader: Christ, our champion, has conquered death!
Congregation: The grave could not contain Him!
Leader: Now victorious, He offers His people everlasting life.
Congregation: Death no longer has dominion!
Leader: His breath in our lungs, His life in our veins, and His joy in our hearts, we join our voices together and proclaim...
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.

Song of Resurrection and Praise:

"Forever" (We Sing Hallelujah) - Choir and Congregation

Bro. Joey Ratcliff, Patt Fiedler, Andrew Windham, Drew Herring, soloists

*The Apostles' Creed

Hymns of Praise:

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" verses 1-4

"He Lives" verses 1 & 3

"I Live, I Live, Because He Is Risen"

(Children ages 3 years—3rd grade are dismissed for Children's Church in the FLC.)

Scripture-Based Prayer - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

Offertory - "Glory Hallelujah! He's Alive!" - Chancel Choir

Jo Fulton and Lisa Posey, soloists

*Doxology - "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Sermon - Bro.. Joey Ratcliff

*Song of Praise - "Living Hope" - Choir and Congregation

Sue Ellen Smith, Kenny Hillman, Keith Wells, soloists

*Closing Prayer / Benediction - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

*Postlude - "Hallelujah Chorus" - Pianist and Organist

**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:

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: Carla Martin

FLOWERS TODAY: Easter Hydrangeas

FLOWERS LAST SUNDAY: Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Larry Mills, Bobbie Jean Mills, Linnie McCrory and Katie Hicks

ACOLYTES: By: The Brenda Mills Family
Anna Claire Hancock/Lexie Hardy

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :

TECH ARTS: Wade White, Richard Eakes, Richard Rea

COUNTERS: Caleb May & Kristen Hancock

NURSERY: Molly Breazeale

ACOLYTES: Elle May, Sellers Richardson

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR: Allen 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.

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



Thank you to all who purchased a Hydrangea from the Children's Ministry. The proceeds will go toward kids attending summer camp!



SUNDAY, JULY 12—TUESDAY, JULY 15



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.

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").

*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*



Upcoming Events

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 13	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
April 14	Adult Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	FLC
	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
April 20	Finance Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
May 3	Baccalaureate Sunday		
June 8-13	Camp Wesley Pines Kids Camp		
July 11-14	Youth M-28 Camp		Lake Junaluska
July 12-14	VBS	Evenings	

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