

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—
WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM) - (Charles Pair)
9:00 AM—Sunday School
10:00 AM—Worship (Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &
Livestream)

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

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

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

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

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

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

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day

Birthdays

- 7/19 Pierce Formby
- 7/20 Mary Laurence Vowell
Joey Turner
- 7/21 Keith Agent
- 7/22 Beck Turner
*Charles Ponder
*Abby Posey Fleming
- 7/23 Larry Myers
*Taylor McClenhan
- 7/24 Jeff Breazeale
Joe Jordan
- 7/25 Carrie Haggard
Leigh Ann White
*Mark Powell

Anniversaries

- 7/19 Charlie & Joyce Ervin
*David & Emily
Harbarger
- 7/25 Walt & Allison Willis
Wes & Brooke Wells

*non-resident members

Sunday,
July 12, 2026

Sunday School: 45
Worship Attendance: 162

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon



Congratulations to Jimmy & Phyllis Prince on the birth of their great grandson, Jace Allen Italiano. He was born July 9th, 2026 at 12:19 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and was 20.5 inches long. His parents are Annika & Brooks Italiano. His grand-parents are Doug & Deanna Jones.

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.*

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Service of Celebration & Praise
July 19, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - Organist & Pianist
Announcements and Prayer - Ken Turner

Choral Call to Worship - “10,000 Reasons” - vs 1, 2

*The Apostles Creed

*Songs of Praise - “My Chains Are Gone, Amazing Grace”
“Blessed Assurance” - vs 1-3
“Purify My Heart”

Pastoral Prayer - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

(Children are invited to exit for Children’s Church as the offering is taken.)
Offertory - “He Looked Beyond My Fault and Saw My Need” - Chancel Choir
*Doxology - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
*Benediction - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

*Postlude - Organist

*Please stand as you are able.

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

Our Purpose: “Living for Jesus, Loving Like Jesus”

God’s Closet

Opens This Saturday, July 25!!!!

Volunteers welcome—9:00 AM until Noon

Items of the Month: Socks, Notebook Paper
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.**

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:
JULY USHERS: Larry Stribling, Captain; Kenny Dickerson; Kenny McLain
TECH ARTS: Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, & Richard Rea
COUNTERS: Allen Hardy & Stacy Brantley
NURSERY: Joyce Ervin
FLOWERS TODAY: Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of U. C. Stokes, Betty Stokes, Timothy Stokes, Jimmy Stokes, Ross & Patty Smith and Baby Current Martin Wallace
By: Danny & Pam Irons Family

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :
TECH ARTS: Wade White, Richard Eakes, Richard Rea
COUNTERS: Thomas Tinsley & Rick Allen
NURSERY: Kim Donald
SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR: Mark Duncan

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.

- Kaye Rowell—UMMC ICU**
Rhett Aiken—Blair Batson
James Allred—(Angela Allen’s father)
Bob Benson—(Ben Edwards’ cousin)
Mary Louise Blanks
Marvelle Bolinger—Anderson
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling’s sister)
Jimmy Breazeale—(Jeff’s father)
Clinton Kase Bradford
Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin’s cousin)
Cindy Byrd
William Reed Chaney—(Bill & Sonya Anderson’s newborn grandson)
Darlene Cheatham
Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock’s father)
Drew Coats
Bonnie Coggins
Levi Dees
Kyle Dorsey—(Patt Fiedler’s cousin)
Richard Eakes
Ben Edwards
Michael Eichelberger
Charlie Ervin
Janice Fieber
God’s Closet Prayer Requests
Dale Gray
Mitchell Hancock
Pat Hardage—(Mandy Dees’ father)
Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling’s sister)
Bobbie Holley
Betty Irons
- Darby Jackson—(Laurel Burnett Jackson’s daughter)
Jimmy Kemp—(David Vowell’s brother-in-law)
O. H. Kitchens—(Donny Kitchens brother)
Beth Kyle—(Patt Fiedler’s cousin)
Gayle Lesley
James Mars
Gabe Marshall
Mike McLemore—(Kim Price’s uncle)
Ian Michelletti
Bill Molpus
Eli Pendleton—ICU UMMC
Lori Clark Porter
Gail Rickles
Janice Sansing
Autumn Rose Smith Family
Dot Stern—Virginia West’s sister
Buck Stovall—(Bettye Edwards’ cousin)
Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother)
David Tadlock
Ashley Triplett
Steve Turner
Ray Warren—(Susan Powell’s dad)
Keith Wells
Sue Wells
Don Windham
Larry Winstead



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 everyone who helped with VBS. We had a wonderful experience walking through the Psalm 23 scripture. We truly appreciate and value each of you!
VBS Mission Offering: \$842.25

Blessing of the Backpackers
Sunday, August 2nd
During the Worship Service
All kids be sure to bring your backpacks.

Third Grade Bible Presentation
Sunday, August 16th
During the Worship Service

Music Notes

Chancel Choir Practice
Tuesday, July 21
5:15 PM

Upcoming Events			
July 21	God’s Closet Work Day	9:00 AM—12:00 PM	God’s Closet
July 23	God’s Closet Work Day	9:00 AM—12:00 PM	God’s Closet
July 25	God’s Closet Opens	9:00 AM—12:00 PM	God’s Closet
July 27	Card Ministry Team Mtg	1:00 PM	Library
July 30	NC School Starts		
August 2	Blessing of the Backpackers - 10 AM Service		Sanctuary
August 3	FMC Pre-K Starts		Daycare Rooms
August 6	Leake School Starts		
August 10	Card Ministry Team Mtg	1:00 PM	Library
August 11	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
August 12	Wed. Night Kick-Off		
August 16	3rd Grade Bible Presentation—10 AM Service		Sanctuary
August 17	Finance Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
August 19	Wed. Night Meals Resume—5:00 PM		FLC
August 19	Small Groups Resume	6:00 PM	



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

New Youth Sunday School Teacher Needed for the Fall
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”).

Donations received to date:	\$12,628.66
Pledged	\$1,000.00
Remaining donations needed:	\$27,371.34



JUNE & JULY
Family Life Center
Adults, Children, Youth
9:00 AM - Coffee & Breakfast
9:15 - Lesson by Sunday School Teachers
This is a great opportunity to join Sunday School as we study the book of Genesis. ALL ARE WELCOME! COME JOIN US!



interested in MEMBERSHIP?

We will be receiving new members soon. If you are interested please talk to Bro. Joey.

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