

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

8:00 AM—Sunday School of the Air—  
(Eric Prince) WHOC 1490 AM; 93.7 FM)  
9:30 AM—Sunday School  
10:30 AM—Worship, Cable Ch 7, 102.3 FM &  
Livestream)  
11:30 AM—Potluck Luncheon—(Gym)  
5:30 PM—Youth Meeting—(Youth House)  
5:30 PM—Grief Group Meeting—(FLC)

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)  
1:00 PM—Card Ministry Team Meeting  
5:30 PM—Leadership Team Meeting—(FLC)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day  
5:30 PM—Chancel Choir Practice  
5:30 PM—Trustees Meeting—(Cornerstone Rm)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)  
5:30 PM—Acolyte Training  
5:30 PM—Adult Small Group Leader Training—  
(The Ratcliff’s Home)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 Noon—God’s Closet Open

Birthdays

- 8/10 Haley Turner  
Tyler Rhys Threadgill  
Shea Elliott
- 8/12 Mandy Dees  
Natalie Posey  
Hannah Hayman
- 8/13 Julia Cole  
Andy Dabbs
- 8/14 Phyllis Prince  
Debbie Johnson  
\*Liz Fletcher
- 8/15 Mary Montgomery Mars  
Leon Mims
- 8/16 Steve Smith  
Richard E. Smith  
\*Kathryn Nalley

Anniversaries

- 8/12 \*Alex & Kreszenz  
Rosales
- 8/16 Chip & Laura Bailey

Sunday,  
August , 2025  
Sunday School: 58  
Worship Attendance: 192

Bulletin Deadline:  
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

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  
August 10, 2025 - 10:30 a.m.  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

FAMILY WORSHIP

Prelude - “When I Look Into Your Holiness” - Chancel Choir

Call to Worship - “Psalm 150” - Jill Byars  
Blessing and Prayer for our Children

\*Songs of Praise - “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”  
“He Is Here, Hallelujah”

Special Music - “Firm Foundation” - Youth Ensemble  
Blessing and Prayer for Our Youth - Drew Herring

Scripture Reading - Isaiah 6:1-5  
Song of Praise - “Here I Am to Worship”  
Blessing and Prayer for Our Teachers - Patt Fiedler

Offertory Anthem - “Come Down Lord, Send Your Spirit” - Chancel Choir

Scripture Reading - Exodus 34:5-8  
Sermon - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

\*Benediction - Rev. Joey Ratcliff  
\*Postlude - Pianist

Please join us in the gym for a church family meal.

\*Please stand as you are able.

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

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

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

Philly First Methodist  
563 E. Main St.  
Phila. MS

FALL KICK-OFF

5-6pm  
Free Taco Bar & Snowcone Truck

6pm:  
Adults: Large group worship in Sanctuary  
Youth: Youth House fun  
Kids: Small group silly string wars

All Ages

Sign-up for a Life Group

God’s Closet Opens Saturday, August 9th

Volunteers: St. Francis Episcopal Church (Stu Yarbrough) &  
Committee-Mary Louise Blanks

Items of the Month: Uniform Shirts

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 is in need of High School  
(grades 9-12) boys and girls backpacks.  
There is a box in the FLC to drop them in.

**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:**  
**AUGUST USHERS:** Kent Moore, Captain, Brayden Nicholson, Paxton Sharp, Jack Windham, & Jon Parker Hancock  
**TECH ARTS:** Caleb May, Natalie May, & Richard Rea  
**COUNTERS:** Leigh Allyn White & Kristen Hancock  
**NURSERY:** Molly Breazeale  
**FLOWERS TODAY :** Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Brenda Matthews  
By: Cecil, Kim, Bass, Virginia, Yates and Willa Price; and Cecily, Lane, Price, Luke, and Oliver Waltman  
**ACOLYTES:** Jenny Moore, Maddi Breland

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :**  
**TECH ARTS:** Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, & Richard Rea  
**COUNTERS:** Andy King & David Vowell  
**NURSERY:** Joyce Ervin  
**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.*

<b>Ray Marshall</b> James Allred—(Angela Allen’s father) Kylee Barefield—Sanderson Tower, UMMC Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling’s sister) Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin’s cousin) Harry Carter Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock’s father) Greg Coker—(Rhonda Thomas’ nephew) Heather Coker—(Rhonda Thomas’ niece) Shirley Cox Carolyn Durr—(Kenny McLain’s mother) Ben Edwards God’s Closet Prayer Requests Graham Goldman Dale Gray Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling’s sister) Ricky Hodgins—(Krystal Richardson’s father) Neil Hogan Nick Holliday Betty Irons Donny Kitchens Bro. John Jones Family Ken Lewis Shani Meck Mike McLemore—(Kim Price’s uncle) Austin McNair Ian Michelletti James Thomas O’Donnell and	Jackson Alexander O’Donnell Jean O’Mire—(Gayle Lesley’s mother) - Neshoba Nursing Home #A206 Emma Ponder Lorrie Ponder—(Claire Stokes’ mother) Mark Powell Joyce Pratt—Donny Kitchens’ sister Gail Rickles Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104 Ms. Pepper Simmons Sherry Smith—(Kenny Hillman’s sister) Ella Spinks Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother) Lynda Stribling Lovie Thomas Family Carole Jean Tims Family Steve Turner Ralph Vaughn Orba Dean Vines—(Sandra Latimer’s mother)  David Vowell Barry Walker Ray Walton Cindy Weldy—St. Dominic ICU—(Kay Salter’s sister) Sue Wells Tommy Williams Don Windham
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**Children’s News**  
Like our page on Facebook:  
phillyfumckids

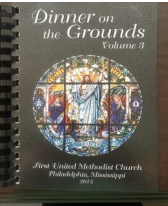
You’re invited to my new group ‘Philly First Kids’ on GroupMe. Scan the QR code to join.



**Today,  
August 10th  
10:30 AM  
Worship Service**

**Acolyte Training**  
Wednesday, August 13th  
5:30 PM

**3rd Grade Bible Presentation**  
Next Sunday, August 17th



**Dinner on Grounds Vol. 3 Cookbooks For Sale**  
We have a limited number of these cookbooks which were published in 2015.  
**\$20.00 each**

Proceeds go to God’s Closet—Come by the church office to purchase



**Operation Christmas Child Items Needed**  
**Crayola Crayons      Flip Flops      Sippy Cups**

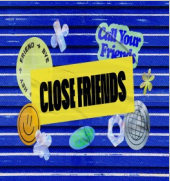
**John Wesley Funds Needed**

Our John Wesley Fund is depleted. This fund is used to help those in our county who are in need with a utility bill, rent, groceries, etc. If you would like to contribute to this fund please write “John Wesley Fund” in the memo of your check. If giving electronically please choose the John Wesley Fund online.

Upcoming Events			
August 10	Blessing of the Backpackers	10:30 AM	Sanctuary
	Church-wide Potluck Luncheon	11:30 AM	Gym
August 11	Card Ministry	1:00 PM	Library
	Leadership Team Meeting	5:30 PM	FLC
August 12	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Cornerstone
August 13	Acolyte Training	5:30 PM	Sanctuary
	Wed. Night Small Group Leader Training	5:30 PM	The Ratcliff’s
August 17	3rd Grade Bible Presentation		
August 20	Wed. Night Activities Resume		
August 25	Card Ministry	1:00 PM	Library

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

**Youth Sunday School**  
9:30 AM—Youth SS Room Upstairs



This week for our Sunday night youth gathering we will be starting a new series called “Close Friends”. In this series we will see what the Bible has to say about how to have healthy friendships that honor God .



**Students, parents, and volunteers** are invited to join the youth ministry group on Group-Me! Scan the QR code to join.

**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.***

**TIME CHANGE - SUNDAY SCHOOL & WORSHIP**

The Leadership Team voted to change the time for Sunday School and Worship service on a trial period beginning April 6—July 27. They will then evaluate to see whether to continue with this change or revert to the current times.

**Sunday School      9:30 AM  
Worship              10:30 AM**

***\*Please contact a Leadership Team member to let them know your thoughts on whether to stay with the 9:30/10:30 time or revert to the 9:00/10:00 time.*** Leadership Team members are:  
Ken Turner, Allison Willis, Allen Hardy, Richard Eakes, Leigh Allyn White, Caleb May, Blake Pickering, Thomas Tinsley, Cecil Price, Steve Smith, Carrie Haggard, Tracy Tinsley, Vicky Marshall, Rhonda Thomas, Mike Tinsley, Paige Stribling, Mary Margaret Massey, Lisa (Rudy) Posey, Eric Prince, Amy Johnston, Gina Moorehead, Mary Louise Blanks, Janice Williamson, Leah Jarrell, Hannah Hardy, Anna Katherine Tinsley, Susan Bates, Molly Breazeale, Matt Nicholson, Craig Vowell, Jan Cooper, Bill Yates, Ben Hardy, Monica Adams, Mike Shrock, Drew Breland



**Church-Wide Potluck Luncheon**

**TODAY, August 10th**  
Immediately following the Worship Service  
In the Gym  
Pork Tenderloin, Chicken Tenders, and Desserts provided

**Grief Group Meeting**

Tonight at 5:30 PM  
Family Life Center

**Card Ministry Team Meeting**

Monday, August 11th at 1:00 PM in the Library

**Leadership Team Meeting**

Monday, August 11th at 5:30 PM—Family Life Center

**Trustees Meeting**

Tuesday, August 12 at 5:30 PM  
Cornerstone Sunday School Room

**Adult Small Group Leader Training**

Wednesday, August 13th at 5:30 PM—The Ratcliff’s Home

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