

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

National Grandparents Day
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, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day
10:00 AM—Tuesday Bible Seekers—(Parlor)
11:30 AM—Adult Fellowship Luncheon—(FLC)
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice
6:30 PM—Cursillo Ultreya—(FLC)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)
5:00 PM—Supper—(FLC)
6:00 PM—Adult Small Groups
6:00 PM—Youth Activities—(Youth House)
6:00 PM—Children’s Activities

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2026

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

Birthdays

9/14 Ken Lewis
Liza Kate Long
Janice Williamson
9/16 *Deborah Howell
9/18 Kent Moore
Robert Thomas
Cyd Belk
9/19 Carter Franklin
*Joseph Willis

Anniversaries

9/14 Walton & Brittney
Stinson
9/17 Trent & Madalyn
Stribling
9/19 Jeff & Nan Graham
Taylor & Briana Petty

*non-resident members

Sunday,
September 6, 2026

Sunday School: 50
Worship Attendance: 132

Bulletin Deadline:
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Offering Counters

September 13 Caleb May, Kristen Hancock
September 20 April Posey & Ken Turner
September 27 Tyson Stribling & Evelyn Agent
October 4 Allen Hardy & Stacy Brantley

Wednesday Meal Sign Up

Meals are catered by Tootie’s Restaurant
Menu: Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Butterbeans, 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: \$10.00—Adults; \$10.00—Youth; \$8.00—Kids; \$30.00 Family Maximum
Name: _____Adults _____ Youth _____ Kids _____

*Sign me up for standing reservations _____. (please check)

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
September 13, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - “Praise Him! Praise Him!” - Organist & Pianist
Announcements and Prayer - Allison Willis
Choral Call to Worship - “You Are Awesome in this Place, Mighty God”

Reception of New Members - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

*Hymns/Songs of Praise - “We Are Standing on Holy Ground”
“Holy, Holy, Holy” vs 1-3, “How Great Thou Art” vs 1 & 3,
“How Great Is Our God”

Pastoral Prayer - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

(Children ages 3 yrs—3rd grade will depart during the offering for Children’s Church upstairs)

Offertory - “Bow the Knee” - 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”

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:
SEPTEMBER USHERS: Andy King, Captain; Russell Adams; Charles Pair; & Jeff Breazeale
TECH ARTS: Caleb May, Natalie May, Richard Rea, & Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS: Caleb May & Kristen Hancock
NURSERY: Molly Breazeale
FLOWERS TODAY: Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barry and Vester Irons
By: Bobbie Holley, Kay Duett, Patti Rickles, & Betty Irons
ACOLYTES: Harper Hillman, Katie Rea Tinsley

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :
TECH ARTS: Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, Richard Rea & Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS: April Posey & Ken Turner
NURSERY: Joyce Ervin
ACOLYTES:
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.

Frankie Killens Family
Joann Nicholson—(Matt’s mother) - UMMC
James Allred—(Angela Allen’s father)
Bob Benson—(Ben Edwards’ cousin)
Mary Louise Blanks
Marvelle Bolinger
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling’s sister)
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)
Bonnie Coggins
Levi Dees
Kyle Dorsey—(Patt Fiedler’s cousin)
Richard Eakes
Ben Edwards
Michael Eichelberger
God’s Closet Prayer Requests
Dale Gray
Mitchell Hancock
Shane Hardy—Ally Grace Breazeale’s father
Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling’s sister)
Chris Hill
Stacey Hill
Bobbie Holley

Darby Jackson—(Laurel Burnett Jackson’s daughter)
Curtis Johns
Chris Jones—Tom Maynor Rehab, Rm 437
Jimmy Kemp—(David Vowell’s brother-in-law)
O. H. Kitchens—(Donny Kitchens brother)
Beth Kyle—(Patt Fiedler’s cousin)
Gayle Lesley
Gabe Marshall
Mike McLemore—(Kim Price’s uncle)
Dot McNeil
Ian Michelletti
Bill Molpus
Eli Pendleton
Lori Clark Porter
Gail Rickles
Buck Stovall—(Bettye Edwards’ cousin)
Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother)
Larry Thrash
Ashley Triplett
3 Unspoken
Ray Warren—(Susan Powell’s dad)
Keith Wells
Sue Wells
Shirley & Willie Jobe West Family
Don Windham
Larry Winstead



Children’s News
Like our page on Facebook:
Phillyfumckids

KIDS MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Sundays
9 AM: Sunday School
10 AM: Children’s Church

Wednesdays
6 PM: Kids Worship & Small Groups



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



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



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

See You at the Pole
Wednesday, September 23rd



Music Notes
Chancel Choir Practice
Tuesdays @ 5:15PM
Anyone interested in singing is invited to come.

BUDGET DEADLINE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24
All Committees and Ministry Teams
(Staff-Parish, Trustees, Adult Fellowship, Children’s Ministry, Evangelism, Fellowship, Missions, Tech Arts, Worship, and Youth Ministry)
need to have their **2027 budget request** submitted to the church office by this date.

John Wesley Funds Needed
Our John Wesley funds are very low.
These funds are used to help needy people in our county with utility bills, rent, etc.
If you would like to contribute please write ‘John Wesley Fund’ in the memo of your check.
Electronic contributions are also welcomed.

Upcoming Events			
September 14	Worship Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
September 15	Adult Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	FLC
	Cursillo/Ultreya	6:30 PM	FLC
September 23	See You at the Pole		Schools
September 24	Church Budget Requests Deadline	5:00 PM	
September 28	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
October 10	Pictorial Directory Photos		
October 11	Make-up Pictorial Directory Photos		

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 approved up to \$100,000 on this project.
We have to-date \$79,580.

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”).

Remaining donations needed: \$20,420.00

Card Ministry Team Meeting
Monday, September 14th at 1:00 PM in the Library

Worship Team Meeting
Monday, September 14th at 5:30 PM in the Parlor

Adult Fellowship Luncheon
Tuesday, September 14th at 11:30 AM in the Family Life Center

- Come join us for a great meal, entertainment by John Carter Ballard, former FMC pre-k singer & 11 year old Nashville Recording Artist
- Bingo and Prizes

Hostess: Janice Williamson

Cursillo Ultreya
Tuesday, September 15th at 6:30 PM in the Family Life Center

It’s Directory Time
Saturday, October 10, 2026
Sign Up Sheet in the Welcome Center
For participating you will receive the following:

- 1-Family Portrait
- Complete professional photography session with the opportunity to purchase additional portraits

Each family photographed which purchases any portion of their photo package will receive:

- Complimentary 8x10 Portrait
- Complimentary printed copy of the Directory

**If you are unable to come on Saturday you may sign up for Sunday, October 11.*
We encourage EVERYONE to participate!

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