

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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

4:00 PM—Youth Ministry Team Mtg  
5:30 PM—Youth Meeting @ The Youth House

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day  
10:30 AM—Bible Seekers Ladies Small Group  
11:30 AM—Adult Fellowship Luncheon—(FLC)  
1:00 PM—Wed. Night Praise Team Practice  
1:30 PM—Staff Meeting—(Library)  
1:30 PM—Missions Work Day—(FLC)  
4:30 PM—Nominations Team Meeting—(Library)  
4:30 PM—Handbell Rehearsal  
5:30 PM—Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)  
5:30 PM—Supper  
6:00 PM—Worship—(Sanctuary)  
6:15 PM—Kid’s Small Groups  
6:15 PM—Youth Small Groups  
6:15 PM—Adult Small Groups

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Open

Bulletin Deadline:  
Wednesday at 12:00 Noon



We extend Christian love and sympathy to Lynda Stribling and her family at the death of her cousin’s wife, Kathy Luke.

We also extend Christian love and sympathy to Danny Cooper and his family at the death of his brother, David Cooper.

Wednesday Meal Sign-up

Wednesday Meals will be catered by Tootie’s Restaurant.

Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.

Deadline to sign up is 3:00 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

Menu: Spaghetti, Salad, Green Beans, Bread, & Dessert

Name: \_\_\_\_\_Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_ Kids \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sign me up for standing reservations.

Birthdays

9/14 Ken Lewis  
Liza Kate Long  
Janice Williamson  
\*Rosalie Miller  
9/16 \*Deborah Howell  
9/18 Kent Moore  
Robert Thomas  
Cyd Belk  
9/19 Carter Franklin  
\*Joseph Willis  
9/20 Cassidy Harwood

Anniversaries

9/14 Walton & Brittney  
Stinson  
9/17 Trent & Madalyn  
Stribling  
9/19 Jeff & Nan Graham  
Taylor & Briana Petty  
9/20 \*Kellen & Kate Kinard

\*non-resident members

Sunday,  
September 7 , 2025

Sunday School: 66

Worship Attendance: 165

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](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.*

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Service of Celebration & Praise  
September 14, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - “I Stand in Awe of You” - Organist & Pianist

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Allison Willis

\*Hymns of Praise - “Amazing Grace / My Chains Are Gone”  
Service of Infant Baptism for Ahlers Louise (Lou) Stribling  
Hymn of Response No. 364 - “Because He Lives” v. 2  
(Children ages 3yrs old-3rd grade exit for Children’s Church upstairs.)  
Hymn - “And Can It Be”  
Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Offertory Anthem - “Rock of Ages” - Chancel Choir  
\*Doxology - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

\*Benediction - Rev. 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 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:**  
**USHERS:** Andy King, Captain; Russell Adams; Charles Pair; & Jeff Breazeale  
**TECH ARTS:** Wade White, Richard Eakes, & Richard Rea  
**COUNTERS:** Rick Allen & Stacy Brantley  
**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, and Betty Irons  
Sellers Richardson, Anna Claire Hancock  
**ACOLYTES:**  
**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :**  
**TECH ARTS:** Caleb May, Natalie May, & Richard Rea  
**COUNTERS:** Steve Smith & Leigh Allyn White  
**NURSERY:** Joyce Ervin  
**ACOLYTES:** Henry Chaney, Maddi Breland  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR:** Charles Pair

 Congratulations to Cathy Deason on the birth of her granddaughter, Rachel Grace Deason. She was born Tuesday, September 9, 2025 weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz. She was welcomed home by her big brother, Elliott. Her parents are Alex and Susanna Deason. Her great grandfather is Leon Mims. They live in Indianola.

**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>David Cooper Family</b>	Jackson O'Donnell
<b>Pat Hardage</b> —Baptist Hospital—(Mandy Dees father)	Jean O'Mire—(Gayle Lesley's mother) - Neshoba Nursing Home #A206
<b>Betty Kilgore</b>	Charles Ponder
<b>Kathy Luke Family</b>	Lorrie Ponder—(Claire Stokes' mother)
<b>James Thomas O'Donnell</b>	Mark Powell
<b>Janie Shaw</b>	Gail Rickles
James Allred—(Angela Allen's father)	Nell Rogers
Gaston Barrett	Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling's sister)	Daniel Sharp
Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin's cousin)	Ms. Pepper Simmons
Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock's father)	Sherry Smith—(Kenny Hillman's sister)
Carolyn Durr—(Kenny McLain's mother)	Ella Spinks
Ben Edwards	Glen Stribling—(Kent's brother)
Elizabeth Edwards	Steve Turner
God's Closet Prayer Requests	2 Unspoken
Graham Goldman	Ralph Vaughn
Dale Gray	Orba Dean Vines—(Sandra Latimer's mother)
Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling's sister)	David Vowell
Cole Hodgins—(Haley Turner's brother)	Barry Walker
Neil Hogan	Ray Walton
Bobbie Holley	Cindy Weldy—Neshoba Swing Bed #125—(Kay Salter's sister)
Betty Irons	
Ray Marshall	Sue Wells
Mike McLemore—(Kim Price's uncle)	Tommy Williams
Cameron Mengarelli Family	Don Windham
Ian Michelletti	



**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.



**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**SUNDAYS**  
**9:30: SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
3K - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in the Education building upstairs. Bible study groups are divided into Prek/Young Elementary and Older Elementary groups.  
**10:30: CHILDREN’S CHURCH**  
Children 3yr - 3<sup>rd</sup> grade dismiss during the Worship service & travel upstairs to the Kid’s Worship room.  
**WEDESDAY**  
5pm: Meal in FLC  
**6pm: Kids Age-level Bible studies**  
Kid’s Check-in opens at 5:50pm in the Cornerstone Room. Kids travel with their groups to Worship/Bible Study/Choir.

**“Partnering with parents to equip kids to KNOW, GROW, and SHOW God’s love.”**





**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

**Sunday Night Youth Tonight**  
**5:30 PM—Youth House**

**Wednesday Night Small Groups**  
6:00—Worship in Sanctuary  
6:15—Small Groups @ Youth House

**Students, Parents, & Volunteers**  
are invited to join the youth ministry group on GroupMe! Scan the QR code to join.



**Handbell Ringers for Fall Handbell Choir**  
**Rehearsals: This Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.**  
If interested, check your schedule for conflicts on performance dates.  
Sign up by texting Patt at 601-562-1706 or by using the sign up list by the choir room.

**Senior Adult Ministry News - Upcoming Fellowship Events**  
Mark your calendar for the first **Adult Fellowship Lunch Meeting** this fall.  
Tuesday, September 16th in the FLC at 11:30 a.m.  
Janice Williamson is serving as our lead hostess and BINGO leader. Bring a friend!

**Sign up for a “Day in the Country”**  
All senior adults are invited for a day trip to meet with our Kosciusko friends at the Cul-len Country Cottage on Thursday, October 9th. We will depart at 10:00 a.m. to enjoy a day in the country and enjoy the beauty of God’s creation. We will make a brief stop at the Central MS Vintage Flea Market before returning home. Please call the church office or run by the bulletin board to put your name on the list.

**Our October Adult Fellowship** will be held on a regular scheduled meeting time, October 14th. Our own Pastor Joey will be entertaining as he prepares our lunch before our very eyes on the Hibachi Grill!

Upcoming Events			
September 14	Youth Ministry Team Meeting		
September 16	Adult Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	FLC
September 16	Nominations Team Meeting	4:30 PM	Library
September 22	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
October 6	BUDGET REQUEST DEADLINE	5:00 PM	Church Office
October 9	Adult Fellowship Kosy Trip	10:00 AM	
October 13	Finance Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
October 19	Consecration Sunday	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
October 26	Fall Fest	4:00 PM	Parking Lot
October 26	Charge Conference	4:30-6:30 PM	Covenant Methodist

**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.**

**Grief Group Meeting**  
Meets in the Family Life Center. Meeting times vary.  
Please contact Melody Vowell at 601-416-1194 if interested in joining the group.

**Youth Ministry Team Meeting:** Today at 4:00 PM in the Youth House

**Missions Work Day:** Tuesday, September 16th at 1:30 PM in the FLC  
All are invited to help put together Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

**Nominations Team Meeting**  
Tuesday, September 16th at 4:30 PM—in the Library


**Casseroles Needed**  
We need casseroles for the Hospitality freezer. Small, Medium, or Large

**2026 Budget Request Deadline: Monday, October 6th**  
All Committee’s Budget Request are due to the church office by 5:00 PM.

**August Memorials**





<b>Carole Jean Tims</b> Kent & Mitzi Stribling—Memorial Fund	<b>Max West</b> Mike & Tracy Tinsley—God’s Closet
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**Shirley Cox**  
Mike & Mitze Evans & Family  
Lan Pickle & Pam Franklin—TV Ministry  
Dorothy Williamson & Camille Gordon—John Wesley Fund  
Carley & Tommy Page—Weekday Children  
Joe Jordan—John Wesley Fund  
Dale & Norma Perdeye—Weekday Children  
Susie Emfinger—Weekday Children  
Pequita Latimer—TV Ministry  
Tom & Carrie Jackson—John Wesley Fund  
Bill Molpus—TV Ministry  
Mike & Tracy Tinsley—TV Ministry



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

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