

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day
10:00 AM—Tuesday Bible Seekers—(Parlor)
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)
No Evening Activities (Fall Break)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God Closet Work Day

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2026

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Ladies Exercise—(FLC)
Gym & FLC Reserved (Roni Posey)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2026

Pictorial Directory Pictures
9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Open

No Wednesday
Meal or Activities This Week
Due to Fall Break

Birthdays

- 10/4 Burkes Breland
Tammy Moore
- 10/5 Allison Willis
Spencer Rea
- 10/6 Ramsey Breland
Keith Thrash
- 10/7 Jack Hancock
Megann Mosley
- 10/8 Parks Posey
- 10/9 Dewayne Sharp
Heath Stribling
Robert Murphey
- 10/10 Henry Dabbs
Brayden Massey

Anniversaries

- 10/5 Wilkins & Erin Thames
- 10/9 Arvin & Lisa Calkins
- 10/10 Brody & Tatum Pinter

*non-resident members

Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday at 12:00 Noon

Sunday,
September 27, 2026

Sunday School: 45
Worship Attendance: 147

Offering Counters

- October 4 Allen Hardy & Stacy Brantley
- October 11 Thomas Tinsley & Rick Allen
- October 18 Steve Smith & Caleb May
- October 25 Kristen Hancock & April Posey



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.



Thank you so much for the wonderful gesture in the memory of Mike. We really do appreciate the four Bibles donated by First Methodist Church to be distributed by the members of The Gideons International.

Sincerely,
Gayle, Cameron, Land & Lani Lesley

September Memorials

Susan Rosamond

Mary Alice Harthill—Memorial Fund

God’s Closet: Open Saturday, October 17th

Volunteers: FMC Team (Tracy Tinsley) & Susan Powell

Items of the Month: Shirts, Socks for Younger Boys

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

October 4, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - “There Is a Fountain” - Organist & Pianist
Announcements and Prayer - Ken Turner

Responsive Call to Worship (from Psalm 27)

LEADER: The Lord is our light and our salvation!
CONGREGATION: Whom shall we fear?
LEADER: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives!
CONGREGATION: Of whom shall we be afraid?
LEADER: Evildoers assail us and seek to destroy us...
CONGREGATION: It is they who stumble and fall!
LEADER: An army encamps against us!
CONGREGATION: Our hearts shall not fear!
LEADER: What is the one thing we ask of the Lord? What do we seek after?
CONGREGATION: That we may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of our lives, gazing upon His beauty, meditating in His temple.

*Hymns/Songs of Praise - “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” vs 1, 2
“God Will Make a Way”
“He Leadeth Me” vs. 1, 3
“Jesus, Draw Me Close”

Pastoral Prayer - Bro. Joey Ratcliff

Offertory - “Wonderful, Merciful Savior” - Chancel Choir
*Doxology - “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
Service of Holy Communion
Communion Songs - “O How He Loves You and Me”
“Cleanse Me”

*Benediction - Bro. Joey Ratcliff
*Postlude - Organist

*Please stand as you are able.

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:
USHERS: Eric Prince, Captain; Al Posey; Ike Martin; & Tyler Moore
TECH ARTS: Caleb May, Natalie May, Richard Rea, & Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS: Allen Hardy & Stacy Brantley
NURSERY: Carla Martin
FLOWERS TODAY: Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Marvin Blanks
By: Mary Louise, Beth, and Adam
ACOLYTES: Allie Windham, Luke White

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :
TECH ARTS: Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, Richard Rea, Matthew Breazeale
COUNTERS: Thomas Tinsley & Rick Allen
NURSERY: Molly Breazeale
ACOLYTES: Kate Massey, Sellers Richardson

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.

Beverly Casteel	Chris Jones
Johnny Palmer—MMRC	O. H. Kitchens—(Donny Kitchens brother)
James Allred—(Angela Allen's father)	Beth Kyle—(Patt Fiedler's cousin)
Bob Benson—(Ben Edwards' cousin)	Gayle Lesley
Mary Louise Blanks	Gabe Marshall
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling's sister)	Mike McLemore—(Kim Price's uncle)
Clinton Kase Bradford	Dot McNeil
Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin's cousin)	Cindy Melby—Vanderbilt Hospital
Cindy Byrd	Ian Michelletti
Darlene Cheatham	Bill Molpus
Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock's father)	Joann Nicholson—(Matt's mother)
Richard Eakes	Lori Clark Porter
Ben Edwards	Gail Rickles
Michael Eichelberger	Janice Sansing
God's Closet Prayer Requests	Buck Stovall—(Bettye Edwards' cousin)
Dale Gray	Glen Stribling—(Kent's brother)
Martha Hancock	Reese Taylor
Mitchell Hancock	Larry Thrash
Shane Hardy—Ally Grace Breazeale's father	Ashley Triplett
Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling's sister)	Briggs Tune—Blair Batson
Chris Hill	4 Unspoken
Stacey Hill	Ray Warren—(Susan Powell's dad)
Bobbie Holley	Sue Wells
Darby Jackson—(Laurel Burnett Jackson's daughter)	Don Windham
Curtis Johns	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.



Music Notes

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



Fall Fest 2026

JOIN US
October 25th
5:30 - Trunk or Treat
6:00 Games & Food Open
for Music, FOOD, GaMeS, and so MuCh more!

**Candy Donations are needed. Please drop candy off by the Church Office.*

Upcoming Events			
October 10	Pictorial Directory Photos		
October 11	Pictorial Directory Photos		
October 13	Adult Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	FLC
	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
October 19	Finance Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
October 25	Consecration Sunday	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
	Fall Fest	5:30 PM	
October 26	Leadership Team Meeting	5:30 PM	FLC
November 2	Charge Conference (FMC/Southside/Decatur)	6:00 PM	Sanctuary

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.

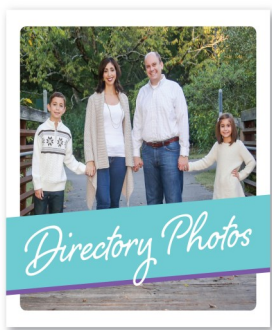
MEDIA PROJECT FUNDRAISER UPDATE FROM TECH ARTS

We have paid off the new camera equipment, the LED screens, and the installation. We have received \$86,000 which came from fundraising, designated funds, and gifts that were approved for the project. Thank you!

Our fundraising goal was \$100,000, which leaves us \$14,000 more to raise.
If we can raise at least \$10,000 or more by Sunday, November 1, 2026, we have a matching \$10,000 pledge.

Approximately \$4,000 will go toward a new computer that has enough processing speed, memory, and graphics to handle all we could ever need on Sundays. The remaining \$10,500 will go toward sound system improvements, and we have a plan and quote for that.

If you haven't given yet or can give more, please contribute towards this project and let's try to meet our fundraising goal. Thank you for all that you can give.



It's Directory Time

Saturday & Sunday, October 10-11, 2026
Sign Up Sheet in the Welcome Center
For participating you will receive the following:

Each family photographed which purchases any portion of their photo package will receive:
Complimentary 8x10 Photo and a Complimentary Printed Copy of the Directory



Congratulations to David Vowell on his retirement from CDP and receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at the CDP Banquet.

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.

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