

Church Family Calendar

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

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

11:00 AM—Christmas Choir Rehearsal
5:30 PM—Youth Meeting—(Youth House)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise—(FLC)
5:30 PM—Finance Team Meeting—(Parlor)
6:30 PM—Gym Reserved

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025-Gym Reserved
Veteran’s Day

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day
10:00 AM—Bible Seekers Ladies Small Group
11:30 AM—Adult Fellowship Luncheon—(FLC)
1:00 PM—Wed. Night Praise Team Practice
1:30 PM—Mission Work Day—(FLC)
1:45 PM—Staff Meeting—(Library)
4:30 PM—Handbell Rehearsal
5:15 PM—Chancel Choir Practice
5:30 PM—Trustees Meeting—(Parlor)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)
5:00 PM—Supper
5:00 PM—Older Elementary Girls Ensemble
5:30 PM—Liturgical Dance
6:00 PM—Worship—(Sanctuary)
6:15 PM—OCC Shoebox Packing Party—(Gym)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM—God’s Closet Work Day
6:00-7:00 PM—Young Adult Fellowship

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

8:30 AM—Sr. Adult Exercise - (FLC)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

9:00 AM—12:00 PM God’s Closet Open

Birthdays

- 11/9 Roni Posey
*Ray Marshall
- 11/10 Pax Posey
*Landon Byars
*Beth Blanks
- 11/11 Meredith Adams
Hollie Breland
Mary Mosley Pickering
Ann Michael Tinsley
- 11/12 David King
Sam Allen
- 11/13 Charles Pair
Ted Pope
*Ed Pope
- 11/14 Kenny Hillman
Brandy Rea

Anniversaries

- 11/9 Terry & Susy Jordan
 - 11/11 *Jackie & Janet
Blaylock
 - 11/14 John & Leslie King
 - 11/15 Ben & Bettye Edwards
- *non-resident members

Sunday,
November 2 , 2025

Sunday School: 57
Worship Attendance: 205



The Missions Team prepares for 400 boxes.
We are still taking monetary donations for shipping.

Pack A Shoebox with Your Family: Shoeboxes are available at the East and West education building entrances for you to take home and pack. Remember to put the \$10 shipping fee inside your box and bring it to the packing party on November 12.

PACKING PARTY IS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 6PM IN THE FLC

Wednesday Meal Sign-up

Wednesday Meals are catered by Tootie’s Restaurant.

Serving begins at 5:00 p.m.

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: \$8.00 Adults; \$8.00—Youth; \$6.00 Kids; \$25.00—Family Maximum

Menu: Bone in Pork Chops, Baked Beans, Whole Kernel Corn, Rolls, Dessert

Name: _____Adults _____ Youth _____ Kids _____

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.

God’s Closet

November 15th Volunteers: Holy Cross (Debby Curan) & Susan Powell
Items of the Month: Shoes, Socks

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 Younger Children’s Socks, both long & ankle socks
Please drop them in the Storage Container in the FLC.

October Memorials

Shirley Cox

Mike & Cynthia Case—John Wesley Fund
Mike & Darlene Shrock—John Wesley Fund
Kent & Mitzi Stribling—TV Ministry

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Service of Celebration & Praise
November 9, 2025 - 10:00 a.m.

Prelude - “O, Happy Morning” - Handbell Choir
(Mary Jo Vernon, Doll Cheatham, Carol Fiedler,
Andrea Ratcliff, Lisa Posey, Susan Bates, Mandy Dees,
Leigh Allyn White, Cathy Deason, Anna Tinsley)

Welcome and Opening Prayer - Ken Turner

*Medley of Praise No. 374 -“Standing on the Promises”/“He Is Exalted”
(Children ages 3 years—3rd grade exit for Children’s Church upstairs.)
Hymn - “The Family of God”
Pastoral Prayer - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

Offertory Anthem - “How Great Thou Art”-
Laura Bryan, organ; Luke Yates, piano
*Doxology - “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sermon - Rev. Joey Ratcliff

*Closing Hymn - “Who You Say I Am”
*Benediction - Rev. Joey Ratcliff
*Postlude - Laura Bryan and Luke Yates

*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:	
USHERS:	Joe Jordan, Captain; Blake Pickering; Jimmy Bates; Mike Tinsley
TECH ARTS:	Ben Hardy, Hannah Hardy, & Richard Rea
COUNTERS:	Steve Smith & Andy King
NURSERY:	Molly Breazeale
FLOWERS TODAY :	Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Billy Joe Burkes By: The Threadgill, Breland, Skinner, Burkes, and Goldman Families
ACOLYTES:	Latimer Harwood, Harper Hillman
SERVING NEXT SUNDAY :	
USHERS:	Chris Jackson, Captain; Blake Pickering; Jimmy Bates; Mike Tinsley
TECH ARTS:	Wade White, Richard Eakes, & Richard Rea
COUNTERS:	Kristen Hancock & David Vowell
NURSERY:	Joyce Ervin
ACOLYTES:	Jude Ratcliff, KB Breland
SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE AIR:	Julia Cole

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.

Clinton Kase Bradford	Mike McLemore—(Kim Price’s uncle)
James Allred—(Angela Allen’s father)	Ian Michelletti
Gaston Barrett	Jackson O’Donnell
Barry Boler—(Kasey Boler Storey’s dad)	James Thomas O’Donnell
Linda Bowles—(Betty Irons/Larry Stribling’s sister)	Jean O’Mire—(Gayle Lesley’s mother) - Neshoba Nursing Home #228A
Renee Brantley—(Carla Martin’s cousin)	
Bob Breland—Baptist Leake, Room 102	Charles Ponder
Josie Byars	Mark Powell
Harold Carleton—(Sue Ellen Smith’s dad) - (Baptist Hospital-Jackson)	Cecil Price Family
Tanja Chancellor—ICU Rush	Conner Price Family
Virgil Clark—(Kristen Hancock’s father)	Gail Rickles
Debra Drury	Nell Rogers Family
Carolyn Durr—(Kenny McLain’s mother)	Susan Rosamond—Neshoba Nursing Home #104
Ben Edwards	Daniel Sharp
Elizabeth Edwards	Janie Shaw
Michael Eichelberger	Ms. Pepper Simmons
God’s Closet Prayer Requests	Glen Stribling—(Kent’s brother)
Graham Goldman	Steve Turner
Mary Katherine Gordon	2 Unspoken
Dale Gray	David Vowell
Pam Truhett Hemphill—(Lynda Stribling’s sister)	Cindy Weldy—Neshoba Swing Bed #125—(Kay Salter’s sister)
Marvin Hill—(Charlie Ervin’s brother-in-law)	Sue Wells
Cole Hodgins—(Haley Turner’s brother)	Tommy Williams
Neil Hogan	Don Windham
Bobbie Holley	Mike Winston—(John Carr Bates’ father-in-law)
Betty Irons	
Clinton Kase	



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.





Liturgical Dance

Liturgical Dance Practice
Wednesdays at 5:30 PM
1st–4th grade girls
In the Upstairs Handbell Room



Mother/Son BOWLING

All age kids thru 6th grade
Sunday,
November 16
5:30 PM
Time TBD
Cost: \$15 per couple;
\$5 each additional child



Youth Ministry News

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

Youth Sunday School

9:00 AM
Upstairs

Sunday Night Youth

5:30 PM
Youth House



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

MUSIC NOTES

Fall Handbell Choir: Rehearsals: Tuesdays at 4:30 p.m.

Christmas Cantata Rehearsals: Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.
Sundays, November 9th at 11:00 a.m.


Veteran’s Recognition Sunday

<u>Korea</u> Jimmy Prince	<u>Viet Nam</u> Keith Agent Chip Bailey Gaston Barrett Danny Cooper Ray Marshall Bill Molpus Bill Yates	<u>Desert Storm</u> Tommy Arledge Chip Bailey Arvin Calkins
<u>Afghanistan</u> Chip Bailey Ryan Bostick Lance Duncan Lourie Formby John Posey	<u>Operation Spartan Shield</u> Wesley Haggard	<u>Other Veterans</u> Allen Hardy Michael Kilpatrick Dewayne Sharp Judy Sharp
<u>Operation Enduring Freedom</u> Chip Bailey	<u>Operation Inherent Resolve</u> Molley Bailey Weeks	<u>Qatar & Guam</u> Molley Weeks

Upcoming Events			
November 10	Card Ministry Team Meeting	1:00 PM	Library
	Finance Team Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
November 11	Adult Fellowship Luncheon	11:30 AM	FLC
	Trustees Meeting	5:30 PM	Parlor
November 12	Shoebox Packing	6:00 PM	Gym
November 23	Decorate the Sanctuary	11:00 AM	
November 27	Thanksgiving Day/Church Office & Day Care Closed		
November 28	Church Office & Day Care Closed		
December 7	Kid’s Leading Family Worship	10:00 AM	Sanctuary
December 14	Chancel Choir Christmas Cantata	10:00 AM	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.



Guest Musician


Today we have a special guest musician, Luke Yates, from Louisville, MS. Luke is not only the great-nephew of our organist, Laura Dobbs Bryan, he also follows a long line of ancestors who were all musicians here at First Methodist Church. (Ruth Yates Dobbs, Mildred Dobbs Jordan, and Flynn Dobbs). Welcome, Luke! We are glad you are sharing special music with us today to the honor and glory of God!

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.

Finance Team Meeting
Monday, November 10th @ 5:30 PM—Parlor

Adult Fellowship Luncheon
Tuesday, November 11th @ 11:30 AM in the FLC

Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, November 11th @ 5:30 PM—Parlor




PACKING PARTY

Wednesday, November 12th
6:00 PM
Gym



YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Thursdays from 6-7 PM
Main Street Junction Deli
Oct. 30 through Nov. 20



WITH Sympathy

We extend Christian Love and Sympathy to Kim Price and her family at the death of her mother-in-law, Conner Price. She passed away Saturday, November 1, 2025.







Interested in MEMBERSHIP?

We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 23. If you would like to join First Methodist Church, please talk to Bro. Joey before November 16.

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