

The PRESbyterian

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Prayer Concerns

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Tables of Eight

Tables of Eight meal will be **Saturday, July 26** at 6pm in the church fellowship hall. The menu will be hamburgers, bakes beans, potato chips, potato salad, and desserts. Cost is \$10 per person. All are welcome! Bring a friend! We do ask that you RSVP to Carolyn Berry or the church office.



Breakfast Before Church!

On **July 27 at 9am** before our Sunday service, some members from New Pointe Church will be cooking breakfast for the guests of Friends of the Homeless as part of their Community Service Sunday. Everyone from the church is invited to enjoy food and fellowship before we worship together!

A photograph of a breakfast meal on a white plate. It features scrambled eggs, golden-brown potatoes, and a sausage link. A semi-transparent teal box with white text is overlaid on the image.

**JOIN US FOR
BREAKFAST!**

Dress-A-Child

During the month of July, we are taking up a special collection to benefit Dress-A-Child, a local effort to provide children with back-to-school clothes and supplies. This effort will be matched by our mission budget. Donation envelopes will be available on the mission table in the sanctuary.



Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign Project

Our church will be accepting donations toward the "Jack's House of Hope Capital Campaign"- the county homeless shelter renovation. We have already raised \$1500 toward their effort! Any who wish to contribute may mail their donations to the church office, give them during the Sunday offering, or visit the Friends of the Homeless website to donate online (<https://fohtusc.org/hoh/>).

Construction Parking

As the construction of Jack's House of Hope takes place, we thank you for your patience in terms of parking at the church. Parking is available on the gravel lot along the fence and side alley, and on the street along East High Ave. The inner section closest to the door is reserved for handicap/limited mobility parking and drop off. Thank you for keeping the entrance to this clear (marked by cones)!

Pastor's Corner

The time of summer might seem like the activities of the local church slow down, with many members taking time to vacation, visit family, and engage in other activities the community provides. But just because activities seem to slow does not mean the mission of the fellowship does too. In fact, I think it is an opportunity to engage and take the work of the church into situations and places where it might not have been seen before. The divine mission is not just limited to evangelizing and missionary efforts, or other stereotypical religious work. Going, connecting, and living are all essential tasks of a life in the Holy Spirit. The time of Pentecost is a chance to reflect on who we are as disciples, what we are given and charged with by the Savior, and how it reflects life as it is meant to be. Instead of being so obsessed with how we can change the world we can understand how that work can change us.

St. Paul reminds believers in Galatians 5:13-15: "For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another."

The whole point of the work of Christians is not enforce our beliefs and thoughts upon the world, as if we have any practical and safe way to enforce them. Much like how in the early Church some were trying to enforce Jewish rites and other traditions upon those coming into the Church- not understanding the burden it placed upon those new believers. It became more about conforming others to a set standard instead of letting the gospel do the transforming work. Living by those standards created conditions which set many believers against one another, threatening the peace and love which was defining of the fellowship. The gospel is a message which makes us set aside our wants and standards to see how through love change can come about. Love is a power which transforms even the established Church itself, reminding it of the path and tasks it has already been called too.

The work of the Church is beyond what we imagine and want and is brought about by powers that are not our own. The LORD acts in ways that even pull his Church out of the corner they boxed themselves into and reminds them of what is possible. What is essential is that life-giving Spirit within all of us, the divine spark and light which reminds the world of what it is and can be by returning to that sacred source. And that reminder comes about simply by living, being present, and engaging with others as a contrast to what the world desires and what the LORD desires. We trust the Spirit to make that contrast known, and our engagement is simply to aid others in understanding what they are returning too. Wherever we find ourselves, and no matter how open the church calendar may be, the work of the Spirit is always abundant and gives freedom to see the LORD in action and how we might partner with for the sake of others around us. **-Rev. Joe**

Sunday Study Group

Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:15am for our study group! We will be reading through "Practicing the Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. Anyone, and everyone, is welcome to join!



"First Celebration" Sunday

Join us on **July 6** as we celebrate Holy Communion during service and a Church Brunch following service. Come and enjoy the fellowship of the saints!

Cookies for Sundays!

What's your favorite cookie? Do you have a recipe you just love to make? Every Sunday (except for the first Sunday of the month) we have cookies and coffee in the fellowship hall following the service. Would you like to bring cookies to share? They can be home baked, purchased from a bakery, store bought—it doesn't matter! Sign up in the church office!



Friends of the Homeless Meal

Our monthly Friends of the Homeless dinner will be held on **July 13** at 6pm. While we are fully funded for the monthly meals, please consider donating toward the FOTH General Operations or the Jack's House of Hope Project.

Greeters and Ushers

We need volunteers for liturgists, worship stewards, greeters/ushers, and cookies each Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available in the office to volunteer, or you may call the church office to sign up.

ONLINE MINISTRY

All online worship content (including pastor's messages, bulletins, and newsletters) are available on the church website (www.newphilapc.org). Mailings of weekly services are available upon request to the church office.

Session Members:

Class of 2025: Renee Miskimmin (clerk), Craig Stewart

Class of 2026: Ethelyn Ann Eichel, Gail Hedges

Class of 2027: Doug McIntire, Sally Walker

Deacon Members:

Class of 2025: Carolyn Berry

Class of 2026: Jackie Stutz

Class of 2027: Bonnie Majewski

Office Hours:

8:00am-3:00pm Monday - Thursday
Closed: Friday

Church Email and Phone:

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Our Church:

Sunday School: 9:15am

Worship Service: 10:30am

Bible Study: Wednesdays at 10:00am in the pastor's office

Do you have something to add to the newsletter? Please call or email the church office by the 20th of the month for placement in the following newsletter.

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Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

EVERY SUNDAY 9:15am- Sunday Study Group 10:30am- Worship Service followed by coffee and cookies in the fellowship hall		1	2 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	3	4 Office Closed	5
6 Communion All Church Brunch	7	8 6pm- Jack's House of Hope Committee Meeting	9 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 6pm- FoH Meal	14	15 7pm- Session Meeting	16 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	17	18 Office Closed	19
20	21	22 7pm Finance Meeting	23 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	24	25 Office Closed	26 6pm Tables of Eight Dinner
27 9:15am- Breakfast provided by New Pointe	28 6pm FoH Board Meeting	29	30 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	31		

July Birthdays: 3rd- Carolyn Berry; 6th- Ruth Joyce Zimmerly; 17th- Robert McEwan; 26th- Hank Majewski

No July Anniversaries.