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Prayer Concerns

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All Saints Sunday

We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday on **November 2**, a time to remember loved ones who have gone to be with the LORD. If there is anyone you would like remembered during service, please call the church office to add to our list!

Tables of Eight

Tables of Eight will meet on November 15th at 6:00pm for the November meal. All are welcome to attend! Reservations are required and the meal is \$10 per person. The menu for this month is a hearty home-style comfort dinner of glazed hamloaf, creamy scalloped potatoes, buttered lima beans and Harvard beets, warm dinner rolls. For dessert, there will be a trio of pies and one must be selected when you reserve your place. The three choices are: lemon pie, chocolate pie, and banana cream pie. Please RSPV to Carolyn Berry or to Mandy in the church office, and please specify which dessert selection you'd like! We hope to see you there!

Congregational Meeting

Due to a lack of a quorum our fall congregational meeting has been rescheduled to **November 16** following service. In that meeting we will be reviewing the nomination list for church officers and reviewing the pastoral terms of call for 2026. Remember all members have a right to voice and vote, so come and help us in these important decisions!

"Fall Back" for Church!

Remember to set your clocks back an hour at the start of November so you are sure not to miss church!



Peace & Global Witness

Thank you to everyone who contributed to October's Peace & Global Witness Offering! We have been able to raise \$200 for Beneath the Shade ministries! Check out their work at www.beneaththeshade.org.

Operation Christmas Child

It is already time to think about the season of giving with Operation Christmas Child- the global ministry of sending gifts to kids around the world. Gift boxes and packing guides are available if you wish to participate. Make sure your boxes are prepared and brought back no later than November 16 so they can be shipped in time for Christmas!



November Special Offerings

During the month of November we will be having a special offering to benefit Friends of the Homeless for their program operations, and for Church World Service who provides blankets to the homeless and refugees worldwide. Please help to support these wonderful causes!

Pastor's Corner

As we approach the end of the Church year, it is an opportunity to remember and appreciate who and what enables the faith we have. Starting with Reformation Sunday at the end of October, All Saints Sunday at the start of November, and finishing with Christ the King Sunday we remember that faith is a gift given and preserved by the LORD and by those who have come before us. When it comes to the saints there is a tendency to venerate them too much or remember them too little. They are the faithful examples of perseverance amid a world which opposes the gospel, but also people just like you or I who have overcome the same struggles because of Christ's work. What we learn from their impact upon our lives is supposed to propel us forward and enable us to learn and do more to contribute to the Church's mission.

This coming All Saints celebration is especially important to me after losing my grandmother earlier this year. After the death of my mother, her daughter, my grandmother continued to live with my father and was a stabilizing influence on my life. She was there to give a nurture that I had lost, provide an ear to whatever I was struggling with at college, and was such a firm supporter in dream of being a pastor. Even when she started to have health struggles her just calling me on a random day showed there was someone thinking of me and in my corner. It may not seem like much, but that small impact made great change and taught me what I needed to prioritize in my life. A practical example for how the salvation of the LORD works into this world, and how it comes out in ways extraordinary and ordinary. To be a faithful witness and example of Christ only requires a willingness to think of how to improve the lives of others, and leave the world better than when you entered it. And those effects spread out and go far, even beyond our ability to see and perceive at the time. But impacts another's ability to understand themselves and the divine.

Christ is the entrance of divine salvation into the world and our lives. He secures that promise by his resurrection and enthronement at the right hand of the LORD. And the faithful of the Church live that example and allow all aspects of the divine to be known by their actions, their willingness, in how they live their lives now. All decisions we make have an impact, and all work is important-even if we dread doing it or do not see the point of it. The LORD ensures his salvation, his image, is communicated and restored within all people. Our decisions represent what we see is of greater value, and our holding onto that gift of faith demonstrates to the world there is something different here. Something which cannot be copied, destroyed, or covered over because it is alive and working to remind all of us the places we have in life are no mistake. But are fulfillment of ancient promise. -Rev. Joe

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 \$2585.00 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://fothtusc.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)!

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 **November 2** as we celebrate Holy Communion during service and 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 **November 9** 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.

November 2025

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			10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting		Office Closed	1
2 Communion All Church Brunch	3	4	5 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	6	7 Office Closed	8
9 6pm- FoH Meal	10	11 6pm- Jack's House of Hope Committee Meeting	12 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	13	14 Office Closed	15 Tables of Eight Meal (all are welcome, RSVP, \$10pp)
16 Congregational Meeting	17	18 7pm- Session Meeting	19 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	20	21 Office Closed	22
23	24 6pm FoH Board Meeting	25 7pm Finance Meeting	26 10am- Bible Study 8pm- AA Meeting	27 Happy Thanksgiving! Office Closed	28 Office Closed	29
30	November Birthdays: 11 th : Ryian Phillips; 19 th : Richard McEwan; 29 th : Jan Isaac; 30 th : Allison Marshall No November Anniversaries. We'd like to announce your birthday and wedding anniversary in the newsletter! Please help us to make sure we have your special day by calling the church office to let us know!					