

# Common Bond

## Philadelphia United Methodist Church

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### Pastor's Corner

I would like to begin by saying "Thank You" for the wonderful gift for my family for Pastor's Appreciation Month. The gift is already being put to a good use, and I smile and lift up a special prayer for our congregation every time I think of it.

Going through this experience over the past couple of weeks has also helped bring to mind several other blessings for which I remain constantly thankful:

A wife and children who comfort me, challenge me, and encourage me (and every once in a while, let me have the remote!)

A good school system where I know my children are taught not only the things that make them smarter but also the things that make them better people.

A community that is attractive, convenient and fun.

An extended family who support us and our children consciously and consistently.

I know that I'm not alone in those blessings, but every now and again, I have to pause to remind myself of their impact in my life. For those of you who share them with me, I hope you will too.

Equal to all those blessings is the fact that I have been appointed to serve among a people who are striving to find God's direction as a church. Amidst all the chaos that comes from being an expanding church, I have felt the pulse of God's hand and a pervasive desire of this church to follow where God leads us. And THAT is the reason I smile when I think of you.

I hope you know how much we appreciate the very tangible way in which you have honored us. I hope too that we **both** might continue to see God's work at Philadelphia UMC as we respond to His calling. I promise, it'll make you smile.

Your Brother, Kevin

### WELCOME DEBORAH!

The church extends a warm welcome to Deborah Pearson as our new Director of Children's Ministries. She is certainly no stranger to us, but we are pleased to have her serve in this important ministry.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

#### Children's

#### Christmas Service 4 p.m.

This service focuses on a telling of the Christmas story in a way that is uniquely meaningful for children.

Parents, grandparents & other adults are welcome but this service is for the kids!

#### Service of Communion & Candle Lighting

6:00 p.m.

In awe of the Incarnation, we worship on this night to recall the love of God for us. Join us for this very special celebration as we give our all in gratitude for the



### Angel Tree

The angel tree will be in the Gathering Room until Sunday, December 18 which is the very last day to bring gifts since the receiving families will pick them up that day. There will be a note pad near the tree to write down the information on the angel card you take so we will have a tracking method in case it is needed. We hope you will help some children have a blessed and wonderful Christmas. Questions: Contact Kelley Candee 389.3784 or [missions@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:missions@pumcfortmill.org).

### THANK YOU!

Words cannot even begin to express how grateful I am for the very thoughtful "Pastor Appreciation Gift" that was presented to me last month. Thank you, for your thoughtful generosity, your support, and for making all of my experiences within these walls of faith a new and exciting adventure each and every day! -Andy

### Cookies! Cookies! Cookies!

Remember to bring cookies to the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service! **These will be distributed to persons at work in our neighborhood on Christmas Eve!** Bag by the dozen in a Ziploc-type bag. Thanks!

**Serving in December**

8:30

9:45

11:00

**Nursery Workers**

4	N/A	Kathy Verhage	Greer Field
11	N/A	Rhonda Jacobson	Steven Gebhardt
18	N/A	Melissa Lackey	Nancy Imhof
25	One Service—Christmas Day		Christy Barbera

**Acolytes**

4	Landrie Smith	Maggie Cooley
11		Lacy Field
18		Elizabeth Price
25		Caroline Cooley

**Lay Readers**

4	Daffony Bullard	Brad Little
11	Susan Mikels	Marie Thompson
18	Pam Brenwald	Tom Goebel
25		Kevin Cooley

**Children's Church (11:00 Service)**

(3-K)

(1st—3rd)

4	Deborah Sistrunk	Vickie Gibson
11	Cantata	Cantata
18	Mary Himes	Vickie Gibson
25		

**Ushers**

Linda Honeycutt	Brian Earnest	Bill Ryder
	Deena Earnest	Jason Cahaly
		Walt Bullard
		Rick Field

**Counters**

Caroline Helms	Jean McDade
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**Flowers**

4	Carolyn Ressler	18	Poinsettias
11	Linda Honeycutt	25	Poinsettias

**Prayer of Adoration**

4	Tony Fuller	Carolyn Ressler
11	Heather Morris	Betty Arbuckle
18	Alex Earnest	Linda Honeycutt
25	One Service	Jim Price

**Communion Assistants**

Daffony Bullard	Mike White	Tom Goebel
	Beth White	Penny Goebel

**UMM**

United Methodist Men will meet at 7 p.m. December 13 at Captain Steve's.

**December Birthdays**

1	Mary Risk
2	Emily Field, Emmy Fuller
3	Betty Cunnup, Lib McKee
4	Betty Jordan, Doug Sutton
5	Alexander Otwell, Rita Sutton
7	Doug Deets, Katherine Ford
8	Brad Little
9	Clayton Currence, Chris Noll
11	Caleb Warner
12	Amy Middlekauff
14	Patti Garrison, Evan Quinn, Alexander Simon, Corey Verhage, Ashley White
15	Rhonda Jacobson
16	Sandy Britt, Bill Coltharp, Sr., Kevin Cooley, Lisa Martin, Deborah Pearson
18	Chris Sine
19	Scott Busted, Steve Jordan,
20	Doris Hartsoe, Claire Pollack, Leo Smith
21	Terpsy Gwynne,
22	Cindy Smith
23	Jessica Hartsoe
24	Kati Quinn, Mary Katherine Timmerman
25	Jill Haun, Gladys Thomas
26	Brandy Autrey, Tom Surratt
27	Mike Boykin, Kelley Candee, Harrison Noll
28	Alex Austin, Caroline Hartsoe, Bryan Rose
29	Jessie Enoble
30	Debbie Cline, Tommy Faulkenbury, Gary Van Etten
31	Kim Boykin, Tamara Joyner, Rachel Lucas, Carolyn Ressler

**December Anniversaries**

7	Keith & Angel Helms
16	Joe & Mary Kathryn Harris
19	Clay & Sharon Krebs
20	Jeff & Cathy Seymore
22	Tom & Sandra Surratt
23	Bob & Deborah Currence
24	Bryan & Betty Standridge
27	Rusty & Polly Adkins
29	Rob & Rhonda Jacobson

To add a name or for corrections, please call the church office at 803.548.0102.

**Fort Mill Care Center**

Fort Mill Care Center is a facility which helps people of Fort Mill with utilities, heat and food needs. Anyone interested is welcome to donate items. For more information call the church office at 803.548.0102.

## CHURCH FAMILY CHRISTMAS DINNER

Enjoy fellowship and fun as we have our annual family Christmas dinner on

**Saturday, December 17th at 5:30 p.m.**

We will provide the meats, but the remainder will be a covered dish meal —so feel free to bring all the side dishes, desserts, and tea that you want.

Santa will be joining us too, so bring your cameras!

And DON'T plan on going anywhere after the meal, because you'll want to stick around for...



Don't miss your chance to see 6 breathtaking "beauties" take to the stage to compete for the title of Miss Merry Christmas.

The fun begins at 7:00pm!

## Senior Friends Tega Cay Lions Christmas Party

December 6.

We will meet at Grace Pres. Church at 12:45. The Copy Cats will be performing and play bingo and win prizes. For info, call Liz Sine, 803.547.4358.

## Christmas Party at Caroline Helms

Dec. 13. Please bring a dish and a gift to exchange . (\$5)



Thank you for the support PUMC family! We raised over \$4,600 for the Avon Foundation which will be distributed to organizations in both Carolinas, that are helping women detect and deal with breast cancer. Allison was so inspired, she already signed up for next year so get ready for more hot dogs in 2012!

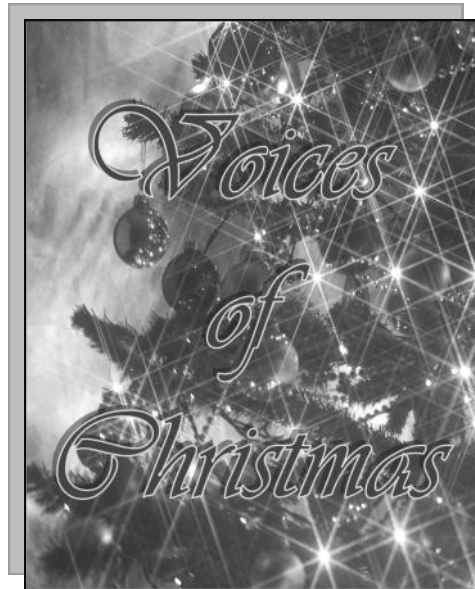
In Christ, Cindi Cahaly & Allison Killowitz

## TRADITIONAL CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



This year, the children of KCC will be presenting a traditional Christmas Pageant on Sunday December 18th during the 11:00 worship service.

Make plans to join us for our 2011 Christmas Concert event,



*A celebration of the Christmas story through music and dramatic readings.*

Featuring the talents of our Chancel Choir, the Jubilate Ringers, The CORE (our praise band), members of our Children's Choirs, and special readers.

There will only be **ONE SERVICE** this day so that all congregations can join together to enjoy this special event.

I would like to thank each and every person that listened to my presentation, prayed about, and/or donated to The 410 Bridge – Water for Kenya project. I would also like to thank Pastor Kevin for giving me the opportunity to speak during our church services. As of this date we have raised over \$5700.00. This congregation is so good and God is great! I am so blessed to be a member here and now you have blessed so many others by your generosity.

Much love, Randi Smith

# Record of Our Faithfulness

October 2011

<b>2011 Budget</b>	
General Budget Receipts in October:	38884.59
Monthly Need:	38,137.00
YTD General Budget Income:	356,195.28
YTD General Budget Need:	381,370.00
Under to date:	(25,174.72)
General Fund Balance as of 1-1-11:	52,372.32
YTD General Budget Income:	356,195.28
YTD General Budget Expenditures	344,118.75
General Fund Balance 10-31-2011	64,448.85

## A New Way to Do News!!

Remember, if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically **ONLY**, please contact the church office, 803.548.0102 or email to [volunteer@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:volunteer@pumcfortmill.org).



Total through October 31  
\$128,834.35



Individually wrapped snacks and baskets are needed to carry to local businesses in Fort Mill. If you would like to donate, please drop items off at the church. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 803-548-0102 or Kelley Candee: [missions@pumcfortmill.org](mailto:missions@pumcfortmill.org)

## Newsletter Deadline Date Change

Due to the holiday season, the Newsletter Deadline has been moved up for December.

Please submit articles for the

**January newsletter**

No later than Friday, December 9



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