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COME WORSHIP WITH US!
*... and see the wonderful things happening at
 Pfafftown Christian Church*



THE VISITOR

May,
 2024

A NOTE FROM RODNEY

“Nothing ever really ends but something new don’t begin.” ~ *Denver Moore*
 “Coincidences are God’s way of remaining anonymous.” ~ *Ron Hall*
 “I had a dream last night ... I saw a wise man who changes the city.” ~ *Deborah Hall*

These quotes are from the main characters in the inspirational, New York Times best-seller *Same Kind of Different as Me*. It’s the story of Denver Moore, an angry homeless man, who grew up picking cotton and surviving on the streets. It’s the story of Ron Hall, an upscale art dealer who lived for making the next deal. And it’s the story of Ron’s wife, Deborah, a Christian of deep faith and rare compassion. Most of all, it’s the true story of a God who love brought them all together, and gave hope to thousands all over America.
On Wednesday, May 8, from 10am-12:30, we will watch the movie version of this epic tale, have lunch, and discuss this great story together in an expanded program of Taste & See. I hope you will join us! ~ *Rodney*

Pentecost Sunday

We are a Church, a People, born of the wind and fire of God. The image of wind says we are the people of God in action, moving things around a bit. Wind by definition cannot be still. Still air is not wind! And the fire (red flame) of Pentecost says that the Church has the power, heat and light of God! The Church of Jesus Christ is empowered by the Holy Spirit to be God's agents, God's witnesses in the world!
 The Church is to be an energetic, dynamic, and vibrant community of faith. It is the Body of Christ in and for the world! So, please take a moment in the coming weeks to read the second chapter of Acts and come to worship on Sunday, May 19 as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday—the day the Spirit of God came upon the first disciples and the church born!
 -Tim



Taste and See Bible Study Luncheon

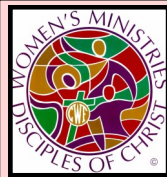
**Wednesday, May 8th
 11:30A -12:30P
 Downstairs Fellowship Hall**

Please sign up in the Narthex or call the church office by Friday, May 3rd.
 We would love to have you come and join us!



The PCC Spring Yard Sale will be held **May 3rd & 4th, Friday & Saturday from 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM.**

Donations may be dropped off at the Pavilion or left in the hallway in front of the Yard Sale Room (Room #108).
 If you need help with a pick up, please call Cliff or Kitty Hunt at 336-775-8966 or 336-986-5106.
Come, Shop and Enjoy!



CWF NEWS

The CWF ladies met on Tuesday, April 23rd and discussed the upcoming Fall activities schedules as well as our on-going outreach projects.

The next CWF meeting will be **Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30 pm at Sherwood Grill** located at **3348 Robinhood Road in Winston-Salem.**

All ladies are welcomed to come out and join us!! We look forward to seeing everyone on **Tuesday, May 14!**



CMF NEWS

The next Christian Men's Breakfast will be held **Tuesday, May 21 at 9:00 am at Mama Zoe's** located at **2859 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem.** All men are encouraged to come out and join us as we enjoy a delicious breakfast and enjoy the wonderful blessing of fellowship together. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex or you may call Tim Shoaf at 336-692-5214.



THURSDAY, MAY 2nd

God is sovereign and nothing comes as a surprise to Him.

Whether we face fluctuating economics, threats from abroad, unrest at home, or other troubling circumstances, our Heavenly Father is not caught unaware. Through prayer, we are able to tap into His wisdom, strength, protection, and peace. He stands ready to respond to our needs when we humbly ask for divine intervention in the affairs of men.

As we Pray for America, we as Americans need to encounter the God who rules over our country. "He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals His thoughts to man, He who turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth—the LORD God Almighty is His name." —Amos 4:13 NIV

He is the One who gave us this promise in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." As we humbly and diligently seek Him, we'll be changed, and we'll see transformation in America through prayer!

Please join us as we pray for America on May 2nd!

Memorial Day

Remember & Honor

Memorial Day is not just about big sales and a three day work weekend. Many traditions have been lost over the years that neglect to remind us of this truly important day of Remembrance. Memorial Day was established in 1868 and serves as a day to remember those that died while serving our nation. The official moment of remembrance is at 3:00 pm, where all Americans are reminded to reflect upon the sacrifices and true purpose of this very special day. Thank you to ALL those who have served!



Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13



It has recently been brought to our attention that some of our outside church doors have been found unlocked on several occasions. There is one outside door in particular near the DFH Kitchen that does, in fact, lock differently than most locks. A sign has been posted on this door as a reminder to please double check **after** exiting. We ask that everyone please be vigilant and ensure that **all** doors are locked upon leaving the church premises in order to keep our church building secure and all of our staff as safe possible. Thank you!

Notes from Tim

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

*Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.
Come home, come home;
you who are weary, come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!*

Will Lamartine Thompson (1847-1909) was born in Pennsylvania and died in New York City. He attended Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio, and the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, before continuing his musical studies in Leipzig, Germany.

In addition to being a composer of secular, patriotic and gospel songs, Thompson was a music publisher. When his songs were rejected by publishers of his day, he formed his own enterprise, Will L. Thompson & Company, with offices in Chicago and East Liverpool, Ohio. By the 1880s the company expanded beyond publishing music and sold pianos, organs and other instruments and supplies.

The words and music for "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling" first appeared in a collection compiled for Thompson's company in 1880 by singing-school teacher J. Calvin Bushey. An attribute contributes to the continuing popularity of this genre of religious song that presents Jesus as waiting, caring, and forgiving in intimate—and for many, compelling—metaphors." Perhaps Revelation 3:20 captures the spirit of the hymn: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (KJV) This patient Jesus stands "on the portals . . . waiting and watching . . . for you and for me."

The second stanza takes a different approach: How can we reject the "pleading" one who offers "pardon"? The third stanza increases in urgency: "Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing . . . shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming. . . ." The final stanza returns to the theme of Jesus who offers "mercy and pardon" for the sinner.

The genius of a gospel song is usually found in the refrain and this one is no exception. The refrain extends the invitation to "come home" four times in the melody, and an additional two times in the accompanying lower voices.

Interestingly, though "Softly and Tenderly" is the quintessential invitation hymn in the revival tradition, the invitation to "come home" may also be seen as the invitation to join Jesus in heaven.

Dwight L. Moody, near the time of his death took Mr. Thompson by the hand and said, "Will, I would rather have written *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* than anything I have been able to do in my whole life."

Grace and peace to you, *Tim*



***Bereavement: The family of Jamie Redding**

Church Family: *Beverly Brown, Sarah Ingram, Jo Poplin, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi
Rita Bennett: friend of PCC
Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker
Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter
Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt
Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Rick Long: Friend of Traci Canter
Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter
Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter
Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker
Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley
John Shoaf: Cousin of Tim Shoaf
Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer
Scott Stanley: Son of Skip & Jo Stanley
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty Clodfelter

***Depicts new prayer request**



NEW ADDRESS

Mrs. Irma Muetzel
226 Finger Road
Saugerties, NY 12477

*We love you, Irma, and
we will miss you!
You are in our thoughts
& prayers.*

THE SHEPHERD'S LOVE



Twenty years ago I went through a very difficult period in my life. I've had several of those times, as most of us do periodically. But that time was especially tough and my heart was breaking for one of my young adult children. I found it difficult to sleep at night, which is something I had never experienced before. I had read some tips on preparing the mind to rest and decided to try one of them. The suggestion was that you close your eyes and imagine yourself somewhere beautiful and serene. Since childhood, I had always loved the mountains, so my peaceful place was a cabin in the woods, surrounded by flowering trees. I would climb in bed at night and in those first quiet moments my husband would ask, "Are you in the cabin in the woods?" And yes. I was. Sometimes late at night, when I was having an anxious moment because our son had missed yet another curfew, I would say to my husband, "I just want to be in the cabin in the woods." And he knew exactly what I meant. There came a day that our son left home entirely. He went out into the world and chose to stay in it. I was grieved and heavy-hearted for a long, long time. It became harder to find respite in that cabin in the woods. The cabin in the woods was no longer enough. One night as I was praying, God spoke to me. I didn't hear God's audible voice, but I heard him just the same. He reminded me that my son didn't belong to me. My son belonged to him. He gave me permission to let go. He said, "Just as you are my little sheep, he is my little sheep. You must let him go because you are not the Shepherd. I am the Shepherd. Those who stay close to me find rest." That night, I closed my eyes to sleep. But instead of being in the cabin, I saw that I was outside of it. There in a soft grassy area, Jesus the Shepherd was seated. I was there with Jesus, as was my husband and our other children. We were there together, sleeping under His care. I looked out and saw our wayward son. He was off in the distance but he was there. I knew that Jesus saw him and I knew He would handle things. Because that's what our Shepherd does. He handles his flock as only He can. Knowing that the Shepherd was there allowed me to sleep that night. And it's allowed me to sleep so many nights since. There is no peace without the Shepherd. And those who stay close to Him always find rest. "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." John 10:27-29.

From The Homespun Wife 4.10.24

FUNNY CORNER



A large part of being a mom is staring at your kids like this until they start acting better



7:25 PM
04/28/24
Accrual Basis

Pfafttown Christian Church Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual July 2023 through February 2024

	Jul '23 - Feb 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Carryover from Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Endowment	13,332.00	13,332.00	0.00
Contributions Income	85,947.36	94,000.00	-8,052.64
Loose Offering	267.00	668.00	-401.00
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	668.00	-668.00
Building Rental	1,600.00	1,733.00	-133.00
Investment Earnings	476.69	2,668.00	-2,191.31
R G Flynt Endowment	546.06	1,200.00	-653.94
Yard Sale	2,311.00	3,468.00	-1,157.00
Total Income	104,480.11	117,737.00	-13,256.89
Expense			
Administrative Expense	80,342.99	82,223.00	-1,880.01
Christian Education	216.56	1,333.00	-1,116.44
Building and Capital Improv F	0.00	1,334.00	-1,334.00
Evangelism	0.00	333.00	-333.00
Membership	0.00	267.00	-267.00
Fellowship	314.97	667.00	-352.03
Childcare	0.00	132.00	-132.00
Property	26,479.52	29,171.00	-2,691.48
Worship	2,244.44	2,200.00	44.44
Total Expense	109,598.48	117,660.00	-8,061.52
Income over Expenses	-5,118.37	77.00	-5,195.37

Please remember to keep your giving current.