

2012

August VISITOR

LATE SUMMER – TIME FOR LOOKING AHEAD

As we enter August, summer starts to wind down, and we can actually begin the process of looking forward to the cool days of fall. Those cooler days that are surely coming give us an opportunity to reset our ministry. Let's celebrate the things that are working and dream up some creative new ideas for things we might want to change. First of all, let's look back at our summer ministry. Our worship committee brought us a new summer worship time of 10:30 and some modest changes in our worship experience. What do you think? Were these summer changes a good thing for you and your family? Share your thoughts with the worship committee, so we can add your input to the mix as we think about the future.

As we begin our fall ministry, we will welcome Ralph Botte as our ministry intern. Ralph, of course, has already become a vital and energetic member of the congregation, but we're looking forward to his new relationship during this school year. Ralph will be working with us for 8-10 hours weekly, bringing new vision, ideas, and energy to our ministry. Thanks, Ralph!

Our children's ministry is growing, and that's a great thing! We'll be looking for new ways to do ministry with the children of PCC. Here's what is happening now:

- In early August, our halls will be ringing with the shouts and songs of Vacation Bible School. **Operation Overboard** is the theme, and we'll be exploring ways to "go deep with God" as we grow in our faith.
- Our **Kids Ahoy!** experiences have brought delight, fellowship, and learning together and introduced some new faces to our children's ministry at the same time.
- We've moved from only having Children's Time in Sunday worship on an occasional basis (when we had enough children to make it work!), to the point that it's now a regular Sunday happening.

If you haven't experienced a Chicken Pie Workshop, it's time you did! The ladies of our CWF will be more than happy to introduce you to the phenomenon as they prepare pies for our November bazaar. This project provides funds for the CWF's mission and ministry.

These and other ministry experiences help define us as the PCC congregation. Help us to continually grow in mission and ministry as we seek to follow the Lord here on Transou Road.

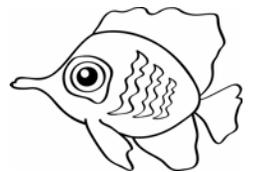
-Bob



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



VBS is August 5 - 8 at 5:30 p.m. and **Operation Overboard** is the theme. VBS includes children from age 3 through the 5th grade.



We appreciate the many adults volunteering to help teach, cook, and assist with VBS this year. If you are unable to volunteer we would very much appreciate monetary donations toward the cost of supplies, food, etc. Please make your checks to *Pfafftown Christian Church* (Memo: *Vacation Bible School*). Thank you!

Children, plan now to be here with Ocho the octopus as we explore our faith and **go deep with God!** Be sure to invite all your friends and neighbors to join us!



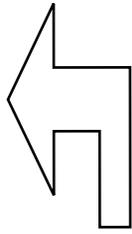
Operation Overboard



Please make this change in your Yearbook:

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CONNOR BARR

FOR RECEIVING HIS

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

CWF September Events

Ladies — please mark your calendars for the **Edible Evening for Meals-on-Wheels** which will be sponsored again this year by Betty Kiger. The date of the event will be Tuesday, September 18th and it will take place at Betty's office on Reynolda Road. Invitations and more information on the Edible Evening will follow in the coming weeks.

The first chicken pie workshop of the fall will be on Friday and Saturday, September 28th and 29th. These chicken pies will be for sale to our church family and friends. The cost for a large (9") chicken pie is \$12 and the cost for a box of two small (5") chicken pies is also \$12. There will also be a chicken pie workshop in October for the pies that are to be sold at the Bazaar. A volunteer sign-up sheet and order form will be placed in the Narthex several weeks prior to the workshop.

—Lorrie Bennett

Church Council Dinner & Planning Session

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday evening, August 28, in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. A light meal will be served beginning at 5:45 p.m. followed by our Council Planning Session at 6:15 p.m. It is imperative that all Council Chairs be present as we make some exciting plans for the coming months.

We will be dividing into groups and reflect on our Church Mission and Vision statements as we set goals and objectives. I have already met with some of the committee chairs and will be meeting with all chairs in preparation for this session. All Chairs will be scheduling a meeting with their committees prior to the Council Planning Session. Program worksheets and planning calendars are available for each chairperson. Please remember to bring these with you to the planning session so we can assign dates and times to the activities planned.

My wish is for this to be a very productive meeting for the Council as we together lead our church congregation in meaningful mission and ministries that exemplify the living Christ; and honor and glorify God by creating settings, activities, and events where children, youth, and adults can enter into a life-changing relationship with our God.

As members of the congregation, if you have any great ideas and events that you think would be helpful in our planning for the coming year, please let me know and I will forward them to the appropriate committee chairs for consideration!

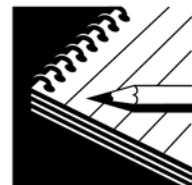
Grace and peace,

—Tim



BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT!

In August, as children are getting ready to return to school, we are asking that you donate back-to-school items. Any school item would be appropriate—notebook paper, pencils, spiral notebooks, erasers, rulers, backpacks, etc. Also, because teachers often pay (from their own pockets) for common classroom supplies such as hand sanitizers and Kleenex, these items would be greatly appreciated. Need more suggestions? There are lists of back-to-school items in several department stores (Target, Wal-mart, Dollar Tree, etc). Please bring your items to church and place them in the receptacle just outside the Narthex.



Items need to be at the church **NO LATER** than Sunday morning, August 19! On that Sunday during the Morning Worship Service, we will dedicate these items and ask God's blessings to be with children everywhere as they begin a new year of learning! These items will be taken to Old Town Elementary School so that they may be distributed to the many children in need of these items as school begins on Monday, August 27. Thank you!

—The Outreach and Christian Education Committees

DOWN BY THE CREEKBANK

** Calling all kids and youth! **



Please mark your calendars and make plans to join us for our first rehearsal of the musical "Down By The Creekbank" on **Wednesday afternoon, August 29, at 4:30 p.m.** Books and materials will be distributed, as we preview and begin assigning roles and parts for this play! Refreshments will be served!



This musical is staged in a "scenic creek setting" where children and youth will present songs and dramatic roles as they share the message of God's creation, love, and faithfulness! In addition to children and youth participation, there will be a few roles for a couple of adults. Also, I will need several parents and adult volunteers to attend rehearsals, help with staging, lighting, sound, etc. I will be calling on many to help! We will present the musical on the stage in the Upper Fellowship Hall in October!

Kids, we will have lots and lots of fun in addition to learning more about God's plan for our lives and how we can serve God! So, grab a fishin' pole and a friend and join us for the most fun anyone can have "with crickets and tadpoles, turtles and frogs, down by the creek bank, at the old, holler log!" See you on the 29th! — **TIM**

Children's Corner

As we get ready to "go deep with God" in our Vacation Bible School — **Operation Overboard**, please use the **following words and fill in the blanks below** as you read this exciting story about ocean life.

Algae

whale

dolphins

tuna

coral

crab

schools

shark

Sunlight

octopus

jellyfish

starfish

The oceans are full of life. A variety of animals and plants must survive together. Invertebrates like j_____h, s_____h, and o_____s, roam the sea floors. Beautiful c_____l, grow in large numbers, creating a home for these creatures. All of these animals are called invertebrates, because they do not have a backbone.

Meanwhile, s_____s of fish roam the depths also looking for a bite to eat. The triggerfish looks for a wandering c_____b in a reef while a group of t_____a pass by. They must stay alert, because the ferocious tiger s_____k is looking for its prey.

In shallow depths, the plant life flourishes. S_____t beams down on the different types of a_____e. These simple plants serve as food for many animals of the sea. In the deeper parts of the ocean, the largest animal known is swimming around.

The giant blue w_____e, which can reach 80 feet in length, is a mammal. A family of d_____s, plays nearby, but must beware of the pod of killer whales looking for a meal. Together, these plants and animals make up what we call sea life.

One way to explore the ocean life is by scuba diving. At Vacation Bible School, we will learn a lot of exciting things about the ocean, and have a visit by a scuba diver along with "Ocho" the octopus as we dive-in and learn about God's underwater universe!

EXTRA CREDIT: If you can, draw and/or color a picture of the ocean, a sea creature, octopus, fish, coral, or underwater scene, etc. and bring it to church on Sunday, August 5th, and we will use it in our decorations for VBS!



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COME TO VBS!

Rev Bob Parvin,
Pastor

Rev Tim Shoaf,
Minister of Music & Director of Programs

Debbie W Parvin,
Secretary

**RALPH BOTTE UNDER CARE
OF COMMISSION ON MINISTRY**

In July, Ralph met with the Commission on Ministry of the Christian Church in NC to discuss his call to ministry and request that he be placed under the care and nurture of the Commission as he continues his seminary education and other preparations for ordination as a Disciples of Christ ministry. John Richardson, our Regional Minister, has informed us that the commission approved Ralph's request.

Ordination in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a partnership involving the candidate, the local congregation, and the regional church. As Ralph continues his journey of preparation, this partnership will provide support, challenge, vision, and the undergirding of prayer. We are pleased to be in this partnership with our brother, Ralph.

—Bob

SERVERS for AUGUST

ELDERS: Beth Faircloth, Ruth Saalweachter

DEACONS: Betty Kiger, Donna Emmary
Phil Denton, Nancey Cost

COMMUNION: Scott & Jill Robertson

OPENING/CLOSING: Craig Bracken

NURSERY

05 Lorrie Bennett
12 Rita Moore
19 Nancey Cost
26 Debbie Fletcher



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Church Family

Ray Boore (surgery); Doris Spaugh,
Jake & Evelyn Nifong,
Ludie Blakley, George & Ruth Myers

Others

Lee Crabill (Frankie Denton's brother), Billy Burnes (Vallie Cline's nephew), Mark Depew (brain cancer; friend of Kent Doub), Dwayne Sloan & family (friend of Alan & Debbie Fletcher), Raye Feltner-Kapornyia (Disciple minister), Wade Tuttle, Cassie Mackie (Mary Timmon's sister), Jane Browder (friend of Jack & Lynda Bryant), Carolyn Bennett, Bill Showers (brother of Dan), Carol Wood (friend of Wayne & Debra Smitherman), Iris Westmoreland (sister of Vallie Cline), Bob Hurst (Kay Range's uncle), Barbara Hester (Jill Robertson's aunt), Jonathan Schaffer, Joy Beck (Jo Stanley's mother), Mary Ellen Cutter (Art Boulware's sister), Sandra

Loved Ones in the Military

PRAN Joshua Hughes/Norfolk, VA
Sgt. Edmund E. Davis/Alaska
1LT Hope Tucci/ Texas
Samantha Goliat/High Point, NC
Pvt. Victor Sechrist/Alaska
1LT John G. Van Hoy, IV/Afghanistan

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## BIRTHDAYS

| Sunday                                          | Monday                                            | Tuesday                                                            | Wednesday                                          | Thursday                         | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------|----------|
| DONATION ITEM OF THE MONTH: GRITS & OATMEAL     |                                                   |                                                                    | 1<br>6:00 Supper                                   | 2<br>5:00 Farm2Table             | 3      | 4        |
| 5                                               | 6<br>6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts                         | 7                                                                  | 8                                                  | 9<br>5:00 Farm2Table<br>7:00 NIN | 10     | 11       |
| VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30-8:00                 |                                                   |                                                                    |                                                    |                                  |        |          |
| 12<br>2-6 Picnic Shelter Reserved               | 13                                                | 14<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>7:00 Elders                           | 15<br>6:00 Supper                                  | 16<br>5:00 Farm2Table            | 17     | 18       |
| 19<br>3rd Sun. Fellowship<br>Saylor Reunion DFH | 20<br>Newsletter Deadline<br>6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts | 21<br>10:00 Staff Meeting                                          | 22                                                 | 23                               | 24     | 25       |
| 26                                              | 27                                                | 28<br>10:00 Staff Meeting<br>10:30 Newsletter Crew<br>5:45 Council | 29<br>4:30 <i>Down by the Creekbanks</i> Rehearsal | 30                               | 31     |          |

- 01 Michael Flynt
- 01 Hannah Pfaff
- 04 David Wood
- 05 Art Boulware
- 06 Jim Nelson
- 12 Katherine Hunt
- 13 Al Luper
- 13 Gennie Sinclair
- 19 Gene Conrad
- 20 Allen Maine
- 22 Donna Emary
- 25 David Staples
- 25 Sarah Ingram
- 27 Connie Edwards
- 28 Ruby Mossor
- 30 Paul Shropshire
- 30 Sue Terry
- 31 Ruth Parenteau

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 Craig & Elaine Bracken
- 13 Skip & Jo Stanley
- 14 Bill & Pat Millsaps
- 14 Sam & Anne Safrit
- 18 Bill & Rosetta Lane
- 22 Betty & Bud Barker
- 26 Allen & Carol Maine