



# December Visitor

2011



## *Come To The Manger*

*Nativity Displays  
Christmas Candlelight Open House*

Sunday, December 4, from 4:30 p.m.–8:00 p.m. we will present a Christmas display of inspirational Nativity sets, figurines, and symbolic decorations on loan from members and friends of our church family. This drop-in "Candlelight Open House" held in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall is a church-wide event and the entire community is invited!

- A special "Children's Corner" will also be an inspirational highlight and include a special Christmas item!
- Moravian sugar cake, cookies, spiced apple cider, and coffee will be served.

There will be many nativities displayed, hand-crafted in various styles, materials, and designs. Several will be from Jerusalem, Israel, etc. So....please invite your extended family, friends, and neighbors to join us as our church shares the Christmas Story in our community and prepares our hearts and minds for this holy season as we "Come to the Manger."

—The Music Ministry and Fellowship Committee

### AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

December 18  
5:00 p.m.

*Rejoice with Christmas Music*

#### ***O HOLY NIGHT***

presented by the PCC Chancel Choir  
accompanied by  
strings, harp, flute, oboe, clarinet, trumpet,  
tympani, bells, percussion, and organ

*Music of the Season*  
presented by The Adult Hand Bell Choir

Following the program, there will be a reception in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall, complete with a visit from Santa! Assorted hot hors d'oeuvres will be served. Sarah Ingram will be our food coordinator. If you would be willing to bring something, please call her at 924-2059. Please call the church office or Membership Chair Donna Emmery if you need a ride. Also, a nursery will be provided. Please note that the cantata will begin at 5:00 p.m.!

### GLORY TO THE NEWBORN KING

### CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Come and enjoy singing some of your favorite Christmas carols as we share the joyous news of Christ's birth on Sunday evening, December 11. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. for a spaghetti supper in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall followed by Christmas caroling in Pfafftown Village. In the event of rain, we will meet in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall, sing Christmas carols, and enjoy a meal and fellowship together. Please mark your calendars and join us for this special event during this Holy Christmas season!

If you have questions please call Nancey Cost, Fellowship Committee Chair at 499-6499.



## Christmas Eve



WORSHIP PLANNED

As you plan your Christmas activities and traditions, nothing could be more fitting than to be in worship with your congregation as we celebrate God's gift of the Christ. At five o'clock on the eve of Christmas, we will gather in the sanctuary to sing carols of praise and thanksgiving as we welcome our LORD into our lives once more. We will light candles and rejoice that the gift of love truly comes into our world and our lives as we open our hearts to God's loving grace. Whatever you plan this Christmas, don't miss this very special time of joy!



## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS



The Worship Committee will be ordering poinsettias for the Christmas season. If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the church office by Tuesday, December 6. The poinsettias will be red and will cost \$13.00 each. They will be delivered to the church on December 10. You may pick up your poinsettia after the Candlelight Service on Christmas Eve.



## THE ADVENT WREATH

The Advent Wreath is one of the most recognized symbols of the Advent season. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning and no end, reminds Christians of God, God's eternity, and endless mercy and love. The evergreen of the wreath speaks of the hope Christians have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, and eternal life. Advent leads us through a journey that finds its fulfillment on Christmas Day. The purple candles represent this period of waiting, as a candle is lit each Sunday during Advent to help us focus on this special journey. The white candle, the Christ candle, is lit on Christmas Eve to signify the birth of Jesus our Savior—the true Light of the world.

Be with us each Sunday during Advent as various persons and families in our church will be lighting our Advent candles in worship.

## TREE OF HOPE

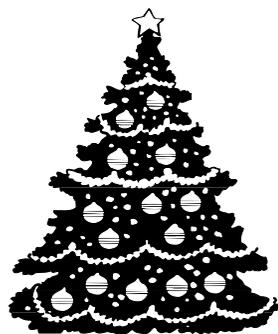
The Tree of Hope will be up and ready the first Sunday in Advent. We are sponsoring local families in the Pfafftown community. Here's how it works: Please take an angel from the tree. Buy and wrap your gifts, and attach your angel tag to the gifts, leaving them under the tree.

Here's another alternative to buying and wrapping: there will also be gift card requests for groceries, gas, and medications. You can turn in these gift cards or gifts of money to the church office, or give them to Sam Safrit or Jackie Romanello on the Outreach Committee. We also would like for people to bring a pair of gloves or mittens to hang on the Tree of Hope once they remove an angel (who wants a naked tree?). These will be donated to local shelters. We would love to see a tree filled with mittens!



Please remember: **All gifts should be placed under the tree no later than Decembers 18, so they can be distributed in time for Christmas!** —The Outreach Committee

## CHRISMON TREE



We are truly fortunate to have in our sanctuary one of the most beautiful Chrismon trees of any church around. The Chrismons were beautifully constructed by very dedicated and talented individuals in our church, and our first Chrismon Tree lighting was held on Sunday morning, December 2, 1984.

A Chrismon, a combination of words "Christ" and "monogram," is a symbol that represents the life and ministry of Jesus. The very first Chrismon was the "Chi Rho" the first two Greek letters of "Christos" or Christ. The Chrismon Tree is decorated with such common Chrismons as crosses, stars, angels, doves, fish ("ichthys") and triangles representing the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Chrismons are white and gold....white to represent Jesus' purity, gold to represent his

power and majesty.

The idea of the Chrismon tree originated at Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, Va. in 1957 by Frances Spencer, and the Chrismon tree has since been adopted by various denominations of Christians around the world. Many of our church members had an opportunity to see the original Chrismon tree at Ascension Lutheran Church about four years ago on one of our Christmas Trips.

Please take a few minutes sometime during the Advent Season to get a closer look at our Chrismon Tree and experience its beautiful and artistic telling of the Christmas message. A Chrismon Brochure will be available on the Narthex table to help guide you and explain the symbolism represented by the various Chrismons.

—The Worship Committee

## CWF CHRISTMAS MEETING

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30 p.m. and plan to attend the CWF Christmas meeting in the DFH. Bring party sandwiches, a salad item, or a dessert. You may consider bringing your favorite holiday dish to celebrate the season. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or call the church office to let us know if you plan to attend. If you would like to attend but are unable to because you don't have a ride, please let us know by calling the church office, and we will make sure that you have a ride so that you, too, can join us on December 6th at 6:30 p.m.



A big *thank you* from Lorrie Bennett and Martha Williamson goes to all who helped with the bazaar. At the printing of this newsletter, the final proceeds were not in, but we do know that the event was a total success due to the help of so many workers!) **THANK YOU!**



## CHRISTMOUNT'S CORNER

### Good News in the Book of Revelation

#### Elders and Deacons Workshop: March 2-3, 2012

Will you be left behind? What does the book of Revelation really say about the end times? Join us as we discover why the book of Revelation really is good news!

Christmount and Lexington Theological Seminary collaborate for the Elders and Deacons Workshop to give lay leaders an opportunity to hear Disciples scholars and learn more about their particular ministry.

Dr. Margaret N. Ralph, Director of M.A. Program for Roman Catholic Students at LTS, will keynote. Elders and Deacons can benefit from this event in many ways:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the work they do.
- Learn specific skills, like how to visit in homes, how to deepen their personal spiritual lives, and how to talk about faith and the major issues of the modern world.
- Share concerns with and learn from other Elders and Deacons. Fellowship with other Disciples.

### Different Strokes

Three Artists, Three Styles, One Show

New works by **Frankie Denton,**  
David Kessler & Amos Westmoreland

On Exhibit through December 18  
at the Community Arts Cafe

For more info call 793-8000

## Grove Park Inn Christmas Trip Monday, December 12 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Come and enjoy fun and fellowship with friends as we travel to the beautiful Historic Grove Park Inn in Asheville for a wonderful Holiday Lunch Buffet in the Blue Ridge Dining room and tour the spectacular Gingerbread House

Display! Delight in the imagination shown in these sugar-and-spice creations and enjoy 350-plus entries of these unique architectural masterpieces. We will also enjoy the many other beautiful holiday decorations throughout the Inn and warm by the gigantic 14-foot stone fireplaces in the Grand Lobby!

You will not want to miss this special holiday treat! Cost is \$77.00 per person which includes the tour, delicious buffet lunch, and coach transportation. We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return by 6:00 p.m. Call Tim to make your reservation, or sign-up in the Narthex. Invite your friends and family, and you might just want to bring along your camera.



### Christmas Crafts-R-Us!



Inviting all kids and youth to a "Crafts-R-Us" on Sunday afternoon, December 11, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the

Downstairs Fellowship Hall. We will be making Gingerbread Houses complete with gum drops and all the trimmings that you can take home and enjoy during the Christmas holidays! All supplies will be furnished. Also, we will design and construct some unique Christmas cards to be given to the kids at Brenner Children's Hospital as we share the joy of Christ's birth and His love. Supper will be served at 6:00 p.m. followed by a time of Christmas Caroling in Pfafftown Village.

Please invite a friend to come and join us as we have some great fun together! Parents are also welcome to come! If you have any questions please call Frankie Denton or Tim Shoaf.

We wish each and every one of you  
a Spirit-filled Christmas  
as you celebrate the birth of our Lord.  
May the New Year  
bring you love, joy, and the hope  
that we might become the change  
that we seek for the world.  
With great love for our PCC family—

Your Church Staff:

*Bob, Tim, and Debbie*

## NEW ADDRESSES FOR YOUR YEARBOOKS



Ralph Botte  
1022 Polo Rd  
Winston-Salem, NC  
27106  
Phone: 484-218-8558  
Birthday: Nov 17

Angie Jordan  
417 Tighfield Dr.  
Mebane, NC 27302

## A BIG WELCOME TO RALPH BOTTE!

Ralph Botte became an official member of PCC on Sunday, November 6. Ralph is a first year Divinity student at Wake Forest University. He enjoys softball and reading (especially history). He cherishes time with friends and has New York Jets season tickets which he uses when he's able to go home. Where is home? New Jersey! He may be a long way from New Jersey, but we're glad that he's making PCC his home church while he's here! New though he is, Ralph is already attending some of the Wednesday night dinners, and most recently helped out at the Bazaar. Welcome, Ralph!

## THANK YOU!

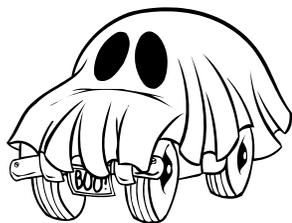
Fred Jodrey wishes to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits during his hospitalization and recovery.



## BEST WISHES TO PAT WHITE!

The long time president of the Piedmont Triad Newborns in Need chapter here at our church, Pat White, has retired due to family health problems. She continues to take care of the bereavement part of our mission. This involves turning donated wedding dresses into Angel Gowns and making memory envelopes and burial layettes.

Angelika Stevens is now directing the local chapter. She is in management at Hanesbrands. She needs more volunteers, so if anyone is interested, the chapter meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month here at the church.



## TRUNK-OR-TREAT A HUGE SUCCESS!

A word of thanks to our Fellowship and Evangelism Committees for making our second annual spooktacular

Trunk-or-Treat a GREAT success!

\*A special "thank you" to Nancey Cost for coordinating this wonderful event (and the many others who assisted by helping with games, parking, advertising, etc.). Also, thanks to Anne Safrit for the fishing booth with church info treat bags. Thanks to Home Depot on University Parkway for building and donating the fishing booth. Thanks go to the Dance Troop who performed three shows on the outdoor stage for us. Last but not least, thanks to the Headless Horseman!

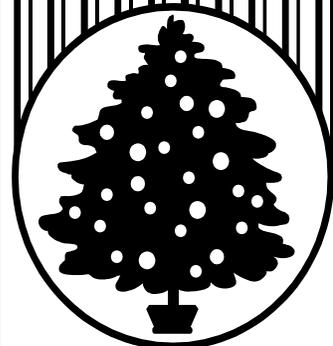
\*A BIG "thank you" to those of our congregation who very creatively decorated their car trunks and gave out handfuls of candy and treats.

What a tremendous turnout of children and families from our community—and we had so many words of appreciation from parents thanking our church for providing this wonderful experience for their children! We look forward to next year!

## HELP!

Over 13.3 million people—more than the combined population of New York City and Los Angeles—are in need of immediate assistance due to the food crisis in the Horn of Africa.

REMEMBER these neighbors in your Outreach giving. Checks may be made to Pfafftown Christian Church with a memo to Week of Compassion (Horn of Africa). The misery and heartbreak is great. Give now.



## CELEBRATIONS AT-A-GLANCE

Sun. Dec. 4, 4:30-8:00  
Come to the Manger

Sun Dec. 11, 4:00-6:00  
Crafts-R-Us

Sun Dec. 11, 6:00 pm  
Christmas Caroling

Mon Dec. 12, 8:30 a.m.  
Grove Park Trip

Sun. Dec. 18, 5:00 pm  
Cantata

Sat. Dec. 24, 5:00 pm  
Christmas Eve Service

Sun. Dec 25, 10:30 a.m.  
Breakfast & worship  
(casual)

**Pfafftown Christian Church**  
**General Fund Budget vs. Actual**  
**July through September 2011**

	<u>Jul - Sep 11</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
Carryover from Prior Year	3,057.90	1,500.00	1,557.90
Contributions Income	27,412.08	42,465.00	-15,052.92
Loose Offering	448.25	600.00	-151.75
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	250.00	-250.00
Building Rental	406.00	125.00	281.00
Investment Earnings	1,294.11	1,200.00	94.11
R G Flynt Endowment	1,725.21	1,750.00	-24.79
Yard Sale	5,807.00	1,232.00	4,575.00
Drink Machines	41.05		
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>40,191.60</u>	<u>49,122.00</u>	<u>-8,930.40</u>
<b>Expense</b>			
Administrative Expense	36,207.47	34,592.00	1,615.47
Christian Education	635.70	375.00	260.70
Stewardship	0.00	12.00	-12.00
Building and Capital Improv Fd	0.00	500.00	-500.00
Evangelism	0.00	75.00	-75.00
Membership	135.00	175.00	-40.00
Fellowship	130.53	425.00	-294.47
Childcare	0.00	37.00	-37.00
Property	8,920.57	12,006.00	-3,085.43
Worship	483.71	925.00	-441.29
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>46,512.98</u>	<u>49,122.00</u>	<u>-2,609.02</u>
<b>Income over Expenses</b>	<u><u>-6,321.38</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>-6,321.38</u></u>

**FROM OUTREACH**

Remember that December 3rd is the deadline for the Penny Campaign to benefit Samaritan Kitchen.

Also...remember to donate your empty ink cartridges to the church (receptacle is in the office hallway). The church is getting \$2 for every ink cartridge turned in, and this is helping greatly with the expenses of office supplies. —Sam Safrit

**WORSHIP ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

This year, Christmas Day is on Sunday. Worship and celebration with our church family can be very special at a time like this. As our staff and worship committee began planning for our Christmas Day worship, we considered these things:

- ♦ The first focus of children everywhere will be on that wonderful visit from Santa! They will rejoice, and we all smile just thinking of their delight. Therefore, ***we will not be having Sunday School on Christmas Day.*** We can spend that time with family, or simply thank God for the beauty of children and their joys.
- ♦ Many of our church family will be visiting in other places and not be able to share in worship with us on that day. We will have them in our prayers for God's traveling mercies and protection, knowing that they have us in their prayers, as well.

**What we will do is this:**

- ♦ We will gather in the Upper Fellowship Hall at 10:30 on Christmas morning for a casual time of breakfast and worship.
- ♦ We will share memories and stories of special Christmas time and experiences.
- ♦ We will thank God for the wonderful gift of our Lord, Jesus Christ.
- ♦ We will sit with our friends as our greatest Friend invites us to share bread and cup in His memory.

Join us if you can. We cherish your presence. And have a very merry and Spirit-filled Christmas!

— Bob



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JOYFUL & TRIUMPHANT!**

Rev Bob Parvin,  
Pastor  
  
Rev Tim Shoaf,  
Minister of Music & Director of Programs  
  
Debbie W Parvin,  
Secretary

# Peace & Joy

## NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE!

By the time you receive this newsletter, our new website should be completed and available online.

- It will have a regularly-updated calendar, the current newsletter, and lots of other great information.
- Check it out at [www.pfafftownchristian.org](http://www.pfafftownchristian.org), and let us know what you think. Your input will help us make it a great resource for the congregation and visitors and others who want to learn about us.

### *Attendance at Worship*

10-30-11	72
11-06-11	90
11-13-11	88
11-20-11	65

*Invite a friend to Church...  
And watch us grow!*



### Servers For DECEMBER

**ELDERS:** Steve Clodfelter, Pat Boulware  
**DEACONS:** Phil Denton, John Flynt  
Debra Smitherman, Jordan Myers  
**COMMUNION:** Phil Denton  
**OPENING & CLOSING:** Al Luper

## HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS



### Church Family

Rex Cline, Tom Logan,  
Mary Helen Boone,  
Wilma Dane Hill, George Myers,  
Doris Spaugh

### Others

Scott Stanley (Jo & Skip's son; back surgery on 11-29),  
Bob & Carol Morris, Ricky Styers (Mary Sallie Flynt's  
husband), Bill Showers (brother of Dan), Vance Parker  
(friend of the Stanleys); Carol Wood (friend of Wayne &  
Debra Smitherman), Iris Westmoreland (sister of Vallie  
Cline), Jeanette Shelor (Garland Terry's mother), Jarman  
"Ozzie" Jenkins (friend of Skip & Jo Stanley), Bob Hurst  
(Kay Range's uncle), Barbara Hester (Jill Robertson's aunt),  
Kelly Allen (Jackie Romanello's sister-in-law), Pauline  
Archie (Sam Safrit's mother), Jonathan Schaffer, Joy Beck  
(Jo Stanley's mother), Mary Ellen Cutter (Art Boulware's  
sister), Sandra (friend of Frankie Denton), Ed & Emma  
Wagoner (Debbie Parvin's parents), Drew Morgan (condition  
worsening), Sloan family (friends of Alan & Debbie Fletcher)

### Loved Ones in the Military

Sgt Paul E "Trey" Floyd/Iraq  
PRAN Joshua Hughes/Norfolk, VA  
Sgt. Edmund E. Davis/Alaska  
1LT Hope Tucci/Iraq  
Samantha Goliat/High Point, NC  
Pvt. Victor Sechrist/Afghanistan  
2LT John G. Van Hoy, IV/Afghanistan



# DECEMBER 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>DONATION ITEM FOR DECEMBER: Cooking Oil</b>				1	2	3 7:30 am CMF Workday
4  4:30 Come to the Manger	5 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Scouts/Handbells	6 Deadline for ordering poinsettias 6:30 CWF	7 6:00 Supper 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	8 7:00 NIN Triad	9	10
11  4-6 Crafts-R-Us 6:00 Caroling	12 8:30 Grove Park Trip 7:00 Scouts/ Handbells	13 7:00 Elders	14 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	15	16	17
18  Deadline for Tree of Hope gifts 5:00 Cantata	19 Newsletter deadline 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Scouts	20	21	22	23	24 5:00 Christmas Eve Service
25 No Sun. Sch. 10:30 Breakfast & Worship (Casual) 	26 Church Office closed	27	28	29 10:30 Newsletter Crew	30	31 <b>RING IN THE NEW!</b>

## BIRTHDAYS

- 01 MaryKathryn Faircloth
- 02 Anne Bryant
- 04 Randal Blankenship
- 04 Betty Clodfelter
- 04 Ruby Terry
- 05 Harold Lanning
- 08 Martha Williamson
- 10 Natalie Mansson
- 12 Ryan Cline
- 14 Cat Vegvary
- 15 Beth Ibrahim
- 16 Bill Simpson
- 18 Phyllis Nelson
- 20 Rosemary McNemar
- 20 Hannah Middleton
- 27 Dawn Pfaff
- 29 Terrence Davis
- 30 Ray Boore
- 30 Hannah Everton

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 Bennetts
- 21 Jodreys
- 21 Timmons
- 21 Parvins
- 22 Groffs
- 23 Nifongs
- 27 Clines (Rex & Vallie)