



# JUNE VISITOR 2013



## A NOTE from the parents of OUR GRADUATE

Lilly Scharf graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts from UNC-Asheville on May 11, and Distinction in Art History, and Distinction in University Scholars. She appreciates all the support the Church Family has given her throughout the years. Lilly will be staying in Asheville while she plans her next challenge!

—Beth and Matt Scharf



## YES!



We thank Tommy Timmons and his crew for another highly successful yard sale. This year the sale brought in \$3,031.95. We applaud those who donated items, those who helped set-up, those who worked on the days of the sale, those who cleaned-up, and those who came out and bought!

## HOW TO PLANT A GARDEN FOR DAILY LIVING

### PLANT ONE ROW OF PEAS:

1. "Peace" of mind

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

### PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be diligent
3. Lettuce be joyful
4. Lettuce Love one another

### PLANT TWO ROWS OF TURNIPS:

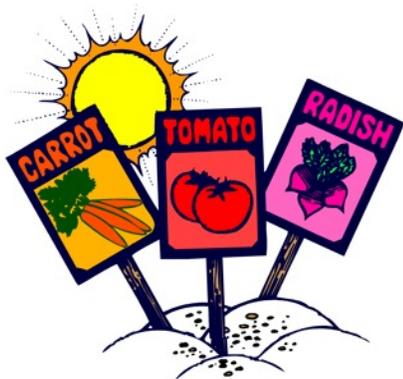
1. Turnip for worship
2. Turnip for service

### TO COMPLETE OUR GARDEN, YOU MUST HAVE THYME:

1. Thyme for God
2. Thyme for self
3. Thyme for family
4. Thyme for friends

WATER FREELY WITH PATIENCE AND CULTIVATE WITH LOVE

-sent in by Lorrie Bennett



## COMMUNITY GARDEN

No, the yellow tape isn't marking a crime scene, and we won't be having a showing of *NCIS: Pfafftown!* It's meant to help guide our local deer population away from the garden goodies.

Our corn, potatoes, tomatoes and other produce are beginning to make a show from the road, and we'll be providing harvest to the food bank before you know it. Also, our personal garden plots have drawn a number of folks from the community to join in our garden adventure. See Anne Safrit or Beth Faircloth if you'd like more information about the garden.

## The Christian Year — Part 2 (What Do the Colors Mean?)

Last month's article explained the various parts of the Church's liturgical (worship) calendar – or what we call the Christian Year (to review the complete article, go to the Newsletter Archive on the "News & Events" page of our website). But to jog your memory, here's a summary of the seasons of the Christian Year:

- Advent preparing for Christ's birth
- Christmas celebrating Christ's birth
- Epiphany proclaiming Christ's birth to the world
- Lent repentance in preparation for Easter
- Easter celebrating the resurrection
- Pentecost celebrating the birth of the Church
- Ordinary Time the Sundays between Pentecost and Advent

Now for an explanation of the colors used to represent these parts of our calendar:

- Advent** **Purple** is used in Advent. Purple was once so rare that only the rich could afford it, so it became "the color of royalty." The color has now also become associated with penitence, which is an important part of our Advent preparation. Some churches also use **blue**, as it is the color associated with Jesus' mother, Mary.
- Christmas** **White** is the "color of the angels," as well as the color associated with the risen LORD. In the early church, new Christians were dressed in white tunics when they emerged from the water of baptism. White is also used for funerals, representing resurrection. White is also used for weddings, representing God's joyous love.
- Epiphany** **White** is the color used for the actual Day of Epiphany, representing the glory of God's gift to the world. **Green** is used for all of the days following Epiphany. As it is the color of vegetation it represents life and vitality and the presence of God's Spirit among us.
- Lent** **Purple** is used to represent this season of repentance in preparation for Easter. See **Advent** above for more about purple.
- Easter** celebrating the resurrection
- Pentecost** celebrating the birth of the Church
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—Bob

### Gardeners Provide Beauty

Let's offer thanks to some folks who work behind the scenes to bring touches of beauty to PCC. You may not be aware of our dedicated gardeners:

- Steve Clodfelter maintains the courtyard garden beside the offices.
- Chip Lanier maintains the container gardens at the main entrance and the flower bed near the education wing.
- Debbie Fletcher maintains the flower bed beside the front entrance driveway.
- Anne Safrit and Donna Upchurch maintain the herb garden.

These faithful efforts brighten our landscape and beautify the House of the Lord. **Thanks!**



### Congregational Meeting June 23

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship on Sunday, June 23. At this meeting we will elect officers to serve the congregation and adopt our budget for ministry and mission for the 2013-2014 church year. We need you to join us as we commit ourselves to God's work for the coming year. Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this important process.

### Celebrate Father's Day at PCC



Make plans to worship with us on June 16, as we celebrate fathers everywhere. We will give thanks to God for fathers and their opportunities to share God's love with their families. We will celebrate the gifts of those men in our lives who have served as "substitute fathers" when they were desperately needed. And we will offer prayers for those who will become fathers, asking for God's guidance and grace as they prepare to share their lives with those yet unborn. Invite someone to share this time of worship with you, and bring them into the House of God to receive the blessing of God's love and peace on that day.

## VIOLENT WEATHER DESTROYS MIDWEST COMMUNITIES

We all have a need to respond to the terror of the tornados that have struck with such fury in Oklahoma, Texas, and other parts of the Midwest.

Fortunately, Week of Compassion is already involved on our behalf, doing first things first, as they do so well. At first, only trained first responders are allowed into the affected areas, but WoC is in communication with the Midwest Regional offices of the Christian Church, and needs are being determined.

At this time, information about damage to Disciples congregations is still sketchy, but we know that thousands and thousands of people are affected, and we will respond as our faith guides us.

As Week of Compassion has told us many times before, our tasks now are threefold:

- *Stay*
- *Pray*
- *Pay*

We cannot go, so we *stay*. We seek God's help, so we *pray*. We support the work Week of Compassion will provide on our behalf, so we *pay*.

Contributions for the work of Week of Compassion can be made by check to PCC, marked ***Week of Compassion*** or ***Tornado***. Your funds will go directly to support those most in need.

Gifts can also be made securely online at <https://npo.networkforgood.org/Donate/Donate.aspx?npoSubscriptionId=2980> - as you fill out the secure online form, you will be able to list PCC as your congregation, so that they will know you are "one of us."

When the time comes for volunteers to step in and help, the Office of Disciples Volunteering will let us know how we might become involved. We will keep you posted as we receive more information.



## FROM THE PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE:

The Committee would like the congregation to know that we have begun the search process. We are meeting and working within the protocol as set forth by Disciples headquarters. Members of the committee are: Jennie Peacock, Scott Robertson, Frankie Denton, Debbie Fletcher, Jackie Romanello, Beth Scharf, and Steve Clodfelter as sponsor.

Thank you for your prayers.

—Matt Scharf and Paul Shropshire, Co-Chairs

## Kids Ahoy!

*FUN! FUN! FUN FOR EVERYONE!*

**We are celebrating the third summer of our Kids Ahoy!** program at Pfafftown Christian Church and we have planned some really exciting events for you!

**On Tuesday, June 25, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.** we will enjoy a day at the **Vineyard Christian Retreat Center** in Westfield, NC, located at Sauratown Mountain.

There will be something for everyone, and you can have your choice of the many activities you would like to participate in during the course of the day including the **Rappelling Tower, Zip-line, Swimming (including a Blob), High and Low ropes, Crafts, and so much more!** There will be **instructional activities as well!** The Retreat Staff will be on hand to assist with all the activities of the day!

Lunch will also be included! Imagine how much fun we will have in these 7 hours! The Vineyards is truly a great camp/retreat center and you will not want to miss this Kids Ahoy! event. We are being offered a very special rate- **Cost is only \$12.00 per child** (includes all activities and lunch). We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 a.m. and return at 6:00 p.m. Registration/Permission forms will be available in the Narthex, or you may call me at 692-5214 for more information.

Looking forward to this wonderful event and day of fun for our children.

—TIM

## THE BLESSINGS OF SUMMER

The pace changes in summer. Church programming is slowing, so take advantage of the more leisurely pace to linger and smell the coffee! Un-stress. Deep breathe. Pray without ceasing. Spend time with family and friends (your chosen family). This month there are no choir rehearsals, no bell choir rehearsals, no children's Sunday School, no Larson Campbell Sunday School. Look up at the blue sky. Notice a butterfly. Use the blank spaces on the church calendar to write the name of a friend that you'll hold in prayer (and call or take to lunch). Spend time counting blessings. Before the ice and snow comes again...give thanks.

Congratulations Dan & Susan Showers

who welcome a new granddaughter:

Natalie Mariah Kaufman



7 lbs 13 oz 19" long

Born May 9, 2013 to

Doug & Laura Kaufman

Baby "Nia" and parents live in Boone, NC

**In birth, in death...God's presence  
holds us. We are not alone.**

In memory of our beloved sister,

Pat Boulware

whose spirit lives on

following her passing from this Earth  
on May 8, 2013.

*Dear Pfafftown Christian Church family:*

*Rex and Vallie Cline would sincerely like to thank each one of you for your thoughts, prayers, and love for us while Rex was in the hospital. We are so very thankful to be a part of such a warm and supportive church. Please continue your prayers as Rex is recovering and feeling more strength as he continues his daily duties at home. With Christ's love to each of you, we thank you.*

*—Rex and Vallie Cline*

#### **CWF NEWS**

The CWF will meet at 6:00 p.m. in June on our regular meeting date of the third Tuesday (June 18th). Watch for more details in coming bulletins and/or phone trees. We hope that you will plan now to be there then!

—Susie Lanier & Jennie Peacock

#### **SCHEDULE CHANGE FOR SUMMER**

The Lawson Campbell Sunday School Class will not meet in June, July, and August. The class will resume on September 8, 2013.

—Steve Clodfelter

**Pat Boulware** requested that a note of thanks be placed in the next newsletter to thank everyone who prayed for her, who sent cards, and who provided transportation and meals. Though Pat has now passed from her earthy life, this note is being printed as Pat requested. It speaks her heart in her absence. It reminds us of her living presence.

#### **NEW MEMBER OF NEWSLETTER CREW**

At the passing of Pat Boulware, we lost a friend who wore many hats. One of her "hats" was serving on the newsletter crew as a tabber. This involved coming to the church once a month to apply (by hand) the round sticky "tab" to each and every newsletter (over 200). It was a labor of love. Pat Boulware can never be "replaced," but she would definitely want the work of the newsletter crew to move forward.

That is why we are most thankful that Ray Boore has agreed to step up and accept this monthly task. Thank you, Ray!

Doris Spaugh is again living at  
Reynolda Park  
847 Reynolda Rd., Winston-Salem 27106  
Her cell phone number is 336-924-2476.

#### **A Letter from Your Pastor**

Dear Friends at Pfafftown Christian Church,

As you are all aware, I previously announced my coming retirement. At that time, I let you know that I was expecting that my retirement would be effective sometime next spring.

After thinking carefully and prayerfully about our plans, Debbie and I have decided that it will work better for us if we move up my retirement time. With this in mind, I have decided that I will retire from my ministry here among you on September 30 of this year.

As you know, I have great love and respect for our congregation. You are filled with talent and possibilities, and the great heritage of this congregation can inspire you to build an even greater future. God's Spirit can do much among you, and I pray that you will grasp the gifts of that Spirit to do God's will and proclaim God's goodness even more than ever before.

There is much for us to do during these months that remain between now and the end of September, and I trust that we will embrace what God is calling us to do during that time.

I hope you know that Pfafftown Christian Church will continue in my heart and prayers after I retire. May you share the blessings of God with all who come to know you.

In Christian love,

—Bob



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**REMEMBER: SUNDAY WORSHIP AT  
10:30 DURING THE SUMMER!**

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



**Vacation Bible School  
August 4-7, 2013 5:30-8:00 p.m.**

**Everywhere  
Fun Fair**

At *Everywhere Fun Fair*, our VBS participants will experience the love of Jesus, meet great Bible friends, and learn about neighbors from around the world! We will enjoy activities and experiences that demonstrate God's welcoming love to everyone. Each day we will find ways to love and share God with others and be neighbors to the world.

More details are coming later, but if you have questions, please contact the church office or Tim Shoaf. Please volunteer to teach or assist!



**SERVERS for JUNE**

**ELDERS:** Sam Safrit, Phil Denton

**DEACONS:** Don Robertson, Betty Clodfelter  
Betty Kiger, Nancey Cost

**COMMUNION:** Jack & Lynda Bryant

**OPENING/CLOSING:** Tony Bryant

**NURSERY**

- 02 Mary Groff
- 09 Lorrie Bennett
- 16 Frankie Denton
- 23 Kitty Hunt
- 30 Debbie Fletcher

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

No children's Sunday School until September.

**HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Church Family**

Art Boulware, Irene Hussey, Craig Bracken,  
Polly Archie, Rex Cline, Jack Groff, Jake & Evelyn Nifong,  
Betty Tilley, Fred Muetzel, Dick Flynt, Dot Jodrey,  
Betty & Bud Barker, Doris Spaugh, Ludie Blakley,  
the Search Committee

**Others**

Jim McClure (Megan Downing McClure's father-in-law), Clive & Opal Miller (neighbors of the Clodfelters), Linda Rephan (friend of Frank & Kay Range), Mark Depew (friend of Kent Doub), David Tuttle, Cassie Mackie (Mary Timmon's sister), Carolyn Bennett, Bill Showers (brother of Dan), Barbara Hester (Jill Robertson's aunt), Jonathan Schaffer, Joy Beck (Jo Stanley's mother), Mary Ellen Cutter (Art Boulware's sister), Emma Woodard (Lauren Range's niece)

**Loved Ones in the Military**

PRAN Joshua Hughes/Norfolk, VA  
1LT Hope Tucci/Texas  
Sgt. Samantha Goliat/Egypt  
Specialist Victor Sechrist/Alaska  
1LT John G. Van Hoy, IV/ WA  
Chase Lee/New Haven, CT



Remember: Our June worship services begin at 10:30. This pattern continues through the summer months.

# June 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Donation food for Crisis Control for this month: Canned meats						1
2	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8
9 11:30 CWF leaves for Lunch at Cody Creek	10	11 7:00 Elders	12	13	14	15
16 Father's Day 3rd. Sunday Fellowship	17	18 6:00 CWF	19	20	21 Summer begins	22
23 11:30 Congregational Meeting	24	25 9:00 Kids Ahoy! trip to Westfield	26	27	28	29
30	Copies of the proposed budget for 2013-14 will be available in the Narthex beginning Sunday June 9th. Please pick up your copy that you might consider it prior to the Congregational Meeting on the 23rd					

## BIRTHDAYS

- 01 Edna Williamson
- 03 Kay Range
- 06 Linda Staples
- 07 Lawrence Cline
- 07 Don FitzGerald
- 08 Wayne Smitherman
- 10 Frank Barber
- 10 Mel Blakley
- 10 Toni Kibler
- 10 Rita Bennett
- 11 Ashley Terry
- 12 Van Kiger
- 13 Jodi Sanders
- 14 Irma Muetzel
- 16 Daisy Long
- 19 James Lanier
- 20 Neal McInnis
- 21 Rex Cline
- 22 Renee Middleton
- 22 Debra Smitherman
- 24 Mark Bennett
- 24 Jennie Peacock
- 26 Erick Smitherman
- 29 Jamie Redding

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 Robert & Sue Flynt
- 04 The Ranges
- 06 The Ingrams
- 08 Scott & Jill Robertson
- 08 The Scharfs
- 11 The Mocks
- 12 Garland & Sue Terry
- 14 The Southards
- 17 Jason & Ruby Terry
- 18 Don & Cynthia Robertson
- 19 The Simpsons
- 24 The Laniers
- 24 Wayne & Debra Smitherman
- 25 The Middletons
- 26 The Hausers
- 27 The Dentons