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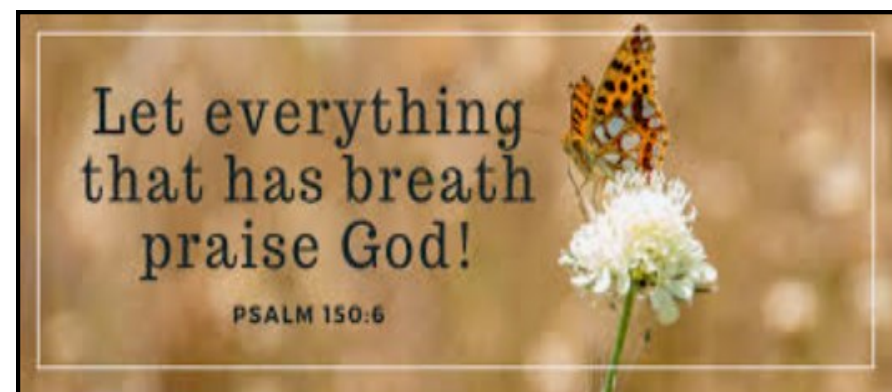
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*Please come and join us and see what's happening at
Pfafftown Christian Church!*



We would ❤️ to have you visit and worship with us!



March, 2022

THE VISITOR



DIVINE DETOX

On March 2, we begin the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. The journey through Lent into Easter is an invitation to examine our lives, to empty out the “junk in our trunk,” and let go of everything that restrains our walk with Jesus. In contemporary language, Lent is sort of a “Divine Detox” of bad habits, old ways of thinking, and ourselves. During Lent God calls us to “lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely . . . and to look to Jesus.” The 12th Chapter of Hebrews expresses it well.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Between March and Easter let’s unplug from ourselves and re-connect with God this Lenten Season. Here are three suggestions!

1. I invite you to start at PCC’s Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 on March 2. We will hold a brief service with the imposition of ashes.
2. During Lent we can stop 10 minutes a day to read and reflect on Richard Rohr’s book, “Wondrous Encounters: Scripture for Lent.” There are copies available for each of us in the Church Office. We will meet before worship at 10am on March 6, in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall to begin using Rohr’s book. Then on Sunday, April 10, we will meet again before the service to prepare for Holy Week. On each Wednesday, we will send out a Lenten devotional over the phone. I look forward to leading this study and to our forty days of Lent together.

3. Make a new effort to worship together in our beautiful sanctuary on all the Sundays of Lent. Make this a time of receiving God’s love for you. We have great services ahead for Palm Sunday and Easter.

Together in Lent - Let’s Unplug and Re-Connect to the Lord!

Blessings,
Rodney



Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, March 2, and is always celebrated 46 days before Easter Sunday and marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent is traditionally a 40 day fast and references the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. This time seeks to prepare the heart of the believer for the solemn remembrance of Jesus’ death. It concludes and is followed by a joyous Easter Sunday celebration of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior! Ash Wednesday is a penitent service that uses ash to mark the sign of the cross on the believer’s forehead, symbolizing our sinful nature and our need for salvation. The use of ashes in the Bible symbolizes mourning, repentance and the frailty of humanity.

Genesis 3:19- “By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground from it you were taken, for dust you are and to dust you will return.” Job 42:5-6: “My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you; therefore, I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”



BIRTHDAY & SPRING LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 20

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

following our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service. Please bring your delicious covered dishes (desserts will be provided). Sign up sheet is located in the Narthex to assist us in planning. We look forward to this beautiful time of celebration, love and fellowship as we celebrate an entire year full of birthdays!



Who Am I?

Who is this beautiful little angel? She has a heart of gold and loves Jesus with all her heart. This sweet lady will light up any room when she walks in as she glows with love for Jesus. The answer can be found hidden somewhere within this news-letter... please look for an * and their name.)



Notes From Tim

And God said to Moses: *“Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel - YHWH, the God of your fathers, God of Abraham, God of Isaac, God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is an everlasting name of mine and for memorial of generations to generations.”* Exodus 3:15

There was a moment when Moses asked God what his name is. God was gracious enough to answer, and the name He gave is recorded in the original Hebrew as YHWH. When I was taking Hebrew in Seminary, I remember our class discussion of this passage and this explanation: Over time we’ve arbitrarily added an “a” and an “e” in there to get YaHWeH, presumably because we have a preference for vowels. But scholars and Rabi’s have noted that the letters YHWH represent breathing sounds, or aspirated consonants. When pronounced without intervening vowels, it actually sounds like breathing. YH (*inhale*): WH (*exhale*). So a baby’s first cry, his first breath, speaks the name of God. A deep sigh calls His name – or a groan or gasp that is too heavy for mere words. Even an atheist would speak His name, unaware that their very breathing is giving constant acknowledgment to God. Likewise, a person leaves this earth with their last breath. So when I can’t utter anything else, is my cry calling out His name? Being alive means I speak His name constantly. So, is it heard the loudest when I’m the quietest? In sadness, we breathe heavy sighs. In joy, our lungs feel almost like they will burst. In fear, we hold our breath and have to be told to breathe slowly to help us calm down. When we’re about to do something hard, we take a deep breath to find our courage.

When I think about it, our breathing is giving God praise. Even in the hardest moments! This is so beautiful and fills me with emotion every time I grasp the thought. God chose to give himself a name that we can’t help but speak every moment we’re alive. All of us, always, everywhere. Waking, sleeping, breathing, with the name of God on our lips.

God's richest blessings be with you! - *Tim*



Please be sure to pick up your copy of the Spring, 2022 Secret Place Devotional located in the Narthex! We encourage you to read it every day and see how blessed you will be!

Remember in Prayer

Please contact Traci at the church office when someone needs to be added or removed from our prayer list. This will assist us in keeping our prayer list updated for our bulletin and newsletter publications. Thank you.

Church Family:

Skip Stanley, Jeanette Shropshire, Sarah Ingram, Alan Fletcher, Jack Groff, Kevin Cline, Mary & Tommy Timmons, Frank and Pat Barber, Garland and Sue Terry, John Grice, Julie Tilley, Betty Tilley

Others:

Jason Alexander: Friend of Jack and Mary Groff
 Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi
 Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker
 Jan Everton: Sister of Jo Stanley
 Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt
 Elaine Grice: Sister of John Grice
 Betty Haddock: Mother of Sharon Binkley
 Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
 Chuck Kolstad: Son-in-law of Evelyn Nifong
 Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
 Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter
 Plemmons Family: Friends of Alan & Debbie Fletcher
 (Kate Plemmons - Kidney transplant 1/25)
 John Shoaf: Cousin of Tim Shoaf
 Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
 Patsy Terry: Daughter-in-law of Garland and Sue Terry
 Judy West: Cousin of Ann Fletcher



CRISIS CONTROL MINISTRY

During the month of March, we will be collecting **Pancake Mix and Syrup** for Crisis Control Ministries (CCM). Thank you for your continued support of this vital, local ministry.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A BIG thank you to everyone that has served in preparing for our communion so far this year. We appreciate your service this vital part of our worship so much!

Currently, we are still in the need of someone to serve for the month of June. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex and the remainder of 2022 will be available shortly. Again, thank you for your dedication and help.



SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

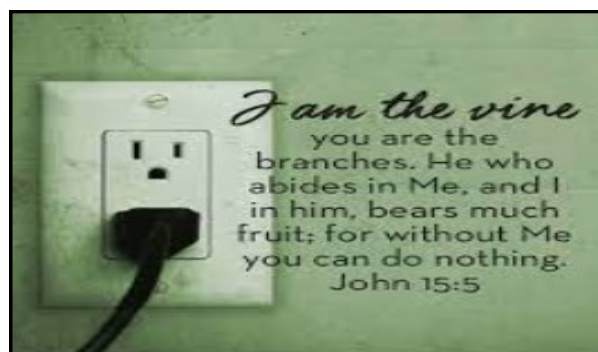
Please don't forget to turn your clock up one hour beginning **Sunday, March 13 at 2:00 a.m.** We sure don't want you to miss joining us at 11:00 a.m. for Worship!

CWF NEWS



CWF Meetings will resume in April and ladies, we are looking so forward to reconnecting and meeting again! Be on the look out for more information coming soon!

MARCH MEMORY VERSE:



MARCH WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 6	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, March 13	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, March 20	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, March 27	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell

ELDERS SCHEDULE

March - May, 2022

MONTH	LEADER	BACK-UP
March	Ken Davis	Tony Bryant
April	Ruth Saalweachter	Steve Clodfelter
May	Betty Simpson	Lynda Bryant

*Jackie Romanello