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May 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Anniversaries</u> Al & Kim Luper (3rd); Dean & Beth Katsilis (5th); Mike & Wendy Lee (11th); Gerald & Ann Fletcher (14th); Gene Trippe & Susan Smith (19th); Barry & Caroline Smitherman (27th); Reginald & Judy Yarbrough (28th); Bob & Beth Faircloth (31st)			1 6:00 Supper 7:15 Choir	2	3 Estimates of giving due by today	4
5 3:30 Eagle Ceremony (sanctuary)	6 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Scouts/Handbells	7 11:00 Staff meets	8 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	9 7:00 NIN	10 8:00-2:00 YARD SALE	11 8:00-2:00 YARD SALE
12 Mother's Day	13 11:30 Goodtimers 7:00 Scout/Handbells	14 11:00 Staff meeting 7:00 Elders meet	15 6:00 Supper 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	16	17	18
19 Pentecost Worship (wear something red)	20 Newsletter deadline 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Scouts/Handbells	21 6:00 CWF	22 8:30 Spring Fling (Seagrove pottery, NC Zoo) 7:00 Choir	23	24 DFH & sanctuary in use (evening wedding rehearsal)	25 Sanct. & DFH in use (6:30 wedding)
26 Memorial Day Lawn Party	27 Memorial Day (office closed)	28 7:00 Council	29 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	30 10:30 Newsletter crew	31	

BIRTHDAYS

- 02 Nikki Mock
- 02 David Lane
- 03 Anne Safrit
- 04 Bill Kibler
- 04 Kim Luper
- 09 Shirley Hauser
- 10 Edith Sprinkle
- 11 Jill Robertson
- 14 Mary Ferguson
- 14 Matthew Edwards
- 15 Samantha Goliat
- 17 Cory Luper
- 19 Barry Smitherman
- 19 Christine Faircloth
- 21 Mary Groff
- 21 Mary Catherine Middleton
- 22 Sue Conrad
- 23 McKenzie Bryant
- 23 Megan Downing
- 25 Pat Millsaps
- 26 Janet Hauser
- 27 Bill Millsaps
- 31 Chip Lanier



May Visitor ²⁰¹³



PENTECOST OFFERING TO BE RECEIVED

Disciples churches are growing! Since 2001, Disciples have started 800 new communities of faith in the United States and Canada. The Pentecost Offering, which supports the new church movement, will be taken on May 12 and May 19.

More than 50,000 new lives have been brought to Christ, and—talk about diversity!—18 languages are spoken at Disciples churches. Now, that's good news worth celebrating! New Disciples churches are being planted and new mission fields are being created throughout the United States and Canada.

On May 12 and May 19, 2013, Disciples churches will collect the Pentecost Offering to fund the new church movement. **We need your support.** This offering is creating opportunities to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ in places that don't have a Disciples witness. When you give to the Pentecost Offering, one half of your gift stays in the Region where you live and one half goes to Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation to support the recruitment, assessment, training and coaching of new church pastors, spouses and core team members.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sunday, May 19, we will celebrate Pentecost, the day the Spirit of God came upon the first disciples and the Church was born!



The account of this miraculous birth is in the second chapter of the book of Acts. It is a dramatic story, a story of wind and fire and the gift of understanding. The disciples finally understood their mission in the world, and those who were witnesses to the event understood the Good News of God in their own native language. We are a Church, a People, born of the wind and fire of God. The image of wind says that 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, to celebrate a birthday in grand style as the windy, fiery people of God, and since Red is the liturgical color symbolic of Pentecost and represents the flame of the living Christ in our hearts, wear something "red" on Pentecost Sunday to represent the Holy Spirit among us!

Grace and peace to you!

— Tim

Memorial Day Lawn Party

Come and join your church family and friends from the community on Sunday afternoon, May 26, as we commemorate Memorial Day!

Beginning at 4:30 p.m. we will enjoy patriotic games and activities for all ages! A picnic supper will include hot dogs and hamburgers hot off the grill with all the trimmings! Homemade ice cream and desserts will be served as we sit under the trees and enjoy the music of Nashville Recording Artist Sean Mettler. Sean is the 2012 Forsyth County Country Music Artist of the Year and has performed for over 60 fundraisers, charities, and benefit concerts such as United Way, Susan G. Komen, Red Cross, St. Judes, Returning US Armed forces/Veterans, Treatment Centers, Homeless Shelters, Hospice, Retirement communities, and various church related causes.

Please mark your calendars now and invite your friends and neighbors to come and enjoy this spectacular community-wide event as we commemorate Memorial Day! This is Pfafftown Christian Church's gift to our community!



STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

The Stewardship campaign officially began on April 8th and will end on May 3, 2013. **Please provide an estimate of your giving ASAP but in any event before May 3rd.** We provided you with a card and envelope in our letter to you dated April 8th. If you have misplaced it you will find additional cards in the Narthex or you can email Bill Simpson at was1941@gmail.com or call and leave a message on his voicemail at 918-6028. As always, your information will be treated confidentially.

Some of you might be interested in consulting with your tax advisor to perhaps take advantage of paying the church directly from your IRA....here is the tax idea:

What about giving assets from your IRA to the church? Could this be better than giving low cost basis assets?

Tax Adviser: Eligible taxpayers can make a distribution of cash from your IRA DIRECTLY to a qualifying charitable organization of up to \$100,000 in 2013. This will count towards your Required Minimum Deduction from the IRA for the year. This may be better than using appreciated securities. **This ability to make IRA distributions to qualifying charities is only available to people over 70 ½ and only up to \$100,000. It is also only available for 2013 unless Congress extends this provision.**

It may be the best for some but not for others...your tax advisor should be consulted before pursuing this approach.

Anyone deciding to use this approach may want to give more than their current pledge and prepay in this tax year for future church budget years. The church would receive the contribution, but not recognize the income until the year(s) designated by the donor.

Church Council to Meet

On Tuesday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m. the Church Council will meet in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall to discuss the 2013-14 ministry/program budget. All Chairs are requested to be present. Also, this will be a planning session for the June-August season of programming for our church. Please come with some great and fresh ideas from your various committees so that we can make sure these events are placed on our summer calendar! — *Tim*

GOODTIMERS TO HAVE GREAT FUN!

The Goodtimers will meet on Monday morning, **May 13, at 11:30 a.m.** in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be served by Susie Lanier and her crew! **Jack Bryant** will provide some toe-tapping music on the harmonica and our program will be a special game of "Pictionary" presented by **Gaye Duggins and Tim Shoaf** involving the entire group!

You will definitely not want to miss this! Come out for a great time to be had by ALL! Please remember to invite a friend to join you!

P.S. Dick Flynt really appreciated the special Birthday card and wishes that the Goodtimers sent him for his special 97th Birthday! Thanks to Julie Tilley for designing this beautiful card for us!

Two PCC Youth Attending Camp

Two of our young people will be attending camp at Christmount in June. Jason Cost and Matthew Nance (Donna Emmary's grandson) are registered for this enjoyable experience. Please keep them in prayer, both that they have a great time and that they may be open to the wonder of a special experience with God during this time. We know that the church's camping program has a dramatic and lasting effect on those who participate in it, and we celebrate the fact that these two members of our church family have this opportunity.

—Bob

KIDS AHOY!

END OF SCHOOL YEAR BOWLING PARTY!



All kids and youth are invited to join us for a Bowling Party on **Wednesday afternoon, May 29, at the AMF Major League Bowling Lanes** on Jonestown Road. We will meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. and carpool. Parents are welcomed to join us! **Cost is \$5.00** per child/or adult (includes 2 hours of bowling and shoes). We will also provide snacks.

Everyone had such a great time at our bowling party in March and had asked if we could go bowling again real soon. So....here is your chance to get together again for some great fun as we celebrate the end of another school year! You may also invite a friend or two to join you if you like!

Permission and registration forms will be available in the Narthex or you call me @ 692-5214.

— *Tim*



The Christian Year — Part 1 (What is it?)



Someone asked recently if I would explain the meaning of the colors we use as we go through the Christian Year. What a great question for us to consider! But, we can't talk about the colors until we first talk about the seasons they represent. So we ask this question: just what *is* the Christian Year and why is it important? That is the question we will consider now, and next month, we will go through the colors and just what they mean.

Many years ago, church leaders realized that they needed a simple way to guide folks through the many significant faith-events that make up the Biblical story. Two of the great holy-days had already been established, and they had been tied to already-existing celebrations in secular society.

- The observance of Christ's birth (the *Christ Mass* or *Christ's Mass* – later abbreviated to *Christmas*) was linked to ancient observances of the winter solstice. At winter solstice, the days are no longer becoming shorter. Daylight begins its long-awaited return, promising warmth and new life. The church decided that this would be the perfect time to celebrate Christ's birth, because the coming of Christ truly brings the promise from God of **new light** and **new life** into our lives.
- In a similar fashion, the church's celebration of the resurrection of Christ became linked to the long-established Anglo Saxon celebration of *Ēostre* (or *Ostara*), the pagan goddess of spring. Of course, we know that the resurrection took place during the Passover season, so the time of year was established as early spring. The English monk/poet/historian Bede writes in the 8th century that the old pagan celebrations in honor of *Ēostre* had pretty much died out and been replaced with the Christian observance of what we now call *Easter*, so we've been doing this for a long time!

Taking these two pivotal events in the Biblical story of Christ, church leaders divided the year into two major portions.

- The first portion of the year told the story of the coming of Jesus into the world. It includes these observances:
 - Advent – the time of repentance and spiritual preparation for the coming of Christ. It is the 4 weeks before Christmas.
 - Christmas – the celebration of the birth of our LORD. It begins on Christmas day and continues for eleven more days (the “twelve days of Christmas”).
 - Epiphany – the proclamation to the wider world of the news of Christ's birth. It begins on the 13th day after Christmas with the celebration of the arrival of the magi and continues until the beginning of Lent.
- The second calendar portion told the story of Christ's death and resurrection. It includes these observances:
 - Lent – the time of repentance and spiritual preparation as we consider the powerful message of God's love for us expressed in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. It is the 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. The “40 days” is a reminder that Jesus was in the wilderness for 40 days before he began his ministry. Sundays are not counted as part of Lent because every Sunday is considered a “little Easter,” when we celebrate the resurrection.
 - Easter – the time of remembrance of the wonderful message of grace that we find in the resurrection. It continues for 50 days following the Day of Resurrection (Easter Day).
 - Pentecost – the observance of “the birth of the church” on the day of Pentecost – a Jewish harvest festival 50 days after Passover.
- This leaves the time from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent without a special emphasis, so it is called *Ordinary Time*. That actually doesn't mean to convey our modern understanding of ordinary as “not special,” but comes from the meaning of *ordinal*, or *counted* (numbered) time. Sundays in this period are referred to as “the *n*th Sunday after Pentecost” or “the *n*th Sunday of Ordinary Time.”

Thus, the Christian Year begins with Advent and continues until Advent in the next year.

The next problem was to help people remember the seasons of the Christian Year. That will lead us next month to the colors we use through the year. Stay tuned!



Announcing!

Vacation Bible School

August 4-7, 2013
5:30-8:00 p.m.



It is incredible to believe that Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. We want to announce the dates for VBS now, so that families can plan their summer vacations and activities around this very special opportunity for our children!

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 information will follow in the June Newsletter and we will be seeking teachers and volunteers to make this a truly spiritual learning experience for our children.

If you have questions, please contact Frankie Denton or Tim Shoaf for more details, or if you would like to volunteer to teach or assist!



RECEIVED IN THE MAIL

We would like to thank the congregation of Pfafftown Christian Church for all expressions of concern for our granddaughter, Julia, during her recuperation from the fall. She continues to make progress every day.

Sincerely,

Bob & Beth Faircloth

Thank you for your support of people in need in Forsyth County. Your gift (of items for the food pantry) make a real impact in the lives of people who are hurting and in crisis.

Each day, volunteers and staff are hard at work meeting with families who come to Crisis control Ministry for food, prescription medications, or help with their rent, mortgage or utility bills. Last year, we provided over \$5 million worth of these services to our neighbors.

Without the generosity of people like you, we would not be able to meet the needs in our community. Through your support we are able to provide help for today and hope for tomorrow.

Gratefully,

Margaret P Elliott

Executive Director
Crisis Control Ministry

Dick Flynt Wonderfully Surprised!



Thanks to all of you who wrote best wishes and signed the special Church birthday card/poster in celebration of Dick Flynt's 97th Birthday on Tuesday, April 16! Pat and Bill Millsaps and I delivered it to him, and he was so surprised and appreciative! (We made some great photos that we will share on the church bulletin board).

We had a great visit and as always, he shared wonderful memories, and had great things to say about his church family and his years in Pfafftown as he reminisced about the "good old days!"

What a great man and inspiration to all of us! Thanks to the Membership Committee and each of you for your best wishes in making this milestone occasion for Dick a day he will truly cherish!

Thank you Dick, for your many, many years of dedicated service and love to Christ and to Pfafftown Christian Church, and may God continue to bless you.

— Tim

SUMMER REMINDERS:

Worship services in the months of **June, July, and August** will begin at **10:30**. We had good feedback when we experimented with this schedule last summer.

The Christian Education Committee has decided that we will have a summer break for children's Sunday School. There will be no children's Sunday School classes during June, July, and August.

The piece below was written by Jackie Romanello's mother. She used it in a devotion at a circle meeting at First Christian Church in Rocky Mount. It was found in her devotional book when she passed away unexpectedly in 2006. What a lovely memory! We appreciate Jackie sharing this timely and treasured piece!

WE ♥ MOMS!

MOM
thanks



God didn't put Adam and Eve in the church of Eden. God made them a garden. Faith grows in a garden whether it is a few pots or plots of land. I feel much closer to God in the spring than any other season when I'm on my knees, pulling weeds and planting flowers. It is my time for prayer and communion with God.



A horticulturist from UPI told a class I went to in Greensboro, "God made these weeds, they are beautiful in their own right, but God gave humans the knowledge to propagate, hydrodize, or cultivate these weeds and other plants into such beauty for all to enjoy."



There are people out there that we need to find so that we can cultivate and nourish and love them in the life of our church family. Our Christian garden is our church. We need to love each other in good times and bad times. —Janice Allen

MOM
thanks



CHRISTMOUNT CAMPS

Camp Sunshine	June 3-7 July 15-19
Middle Schools Girls Camp	June 10-15
Mountain Camp	June 10-15 July 1-6
Created to Be Me Camp	July 7-13
Work Camp for Youth	July 22-27

CHRISTMOUNT ADULT RETREATS

Green Chalice Conference	May 17-19
Week of Wonder Adult Work Camp	May 23-31
Discovery Weekend Women's Retreat	May 31-June 2
Music Workshop	June 13-16

For more information, see the brochures on the bulletin board or contact the church office. Online registration is available or the church office can supply you with downloaded forms.

Spring Fling Trip

Seagrove Pottery Museum
& The North Carolina Zoo
Wed., May 22
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Come travel with your church family and friends as we visit the NC Pottery Center and Museum in Seagrove, NC—a showcase of the remarkable history and on-going tradition of pottery-making in North Carolina featuring more than 800 pieces of pottery and artifacts.

Following lunch at the famous Jugtown Cafe, featuring some of the finest food and delicious homemade desserts & pastries you can imagine, we will visit the North Carolina Zoo.

Connect with wildlife from two different continents as you explore 500 acres of exhibits carefully constructed to resemble natural habitats. Capture a view of Africa's grasslands to North America's Arctic coast. Located at the foot of the Uwharrie mountains, the zoo is located just outside of Asheboro.

We will leave the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. for a day of spring weather and great fun! Cost: \$46.00 includes tickets and H & R Tours transportation. Lunch will be Dutch treat. Make checks payable to PCC for *Spring Trip*. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex or you may call me at 692-5214 to register.

— Tim



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REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR DONATED ITEMS FOR THE YARD SALE!

Mother's Love

Her love is like
an island in life's ocean,
vast and wide
A peaceful, quiet shelter
From the wind, the rain, the tide.
'Tis bound on the north by Hope,
By Patience on the West,
By tender Counsel on the South
And on the East by Rest.
Above it like a beacon light
Shine Faith, and Truth, and Prayer;
And thro' the changing scenes of life
I find a haven there.

—Author Unknown



SERVERS for MAY

ELDERS: Susie Lanier, Beth Faircloth

DEACONS: Chip Lanier, Matt Scharf
Beth Scharf, Bob Faircloth

COMMUNION: Jackie Romanello, Lorrie Bennett

OPENING/CLOSING: Chip Lanier

NURSERY

05 Ruth Saalweachter
12 Kitty Hunt
19 Jackie Romanello
26 Kim Luper

SUNDAY SCHOOL

05 Ralph Botte
12 Mother's Day
19 Jill Robertson
26 Paula Stuart

HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS

Church Family

Pat Boulware, Jack Groff,
Jake & Evelyn Nifong, Betty & Theodore Tilley,
Fred Muetzel, Dick Flynt, Dot Jodrey,
Betty & Bud Barker, Doris Spough, Ludie Blakley

Others

Jane Browder, 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