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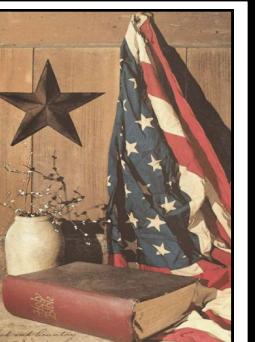
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*Please come and join us and see what's happening new at
Pfafftown Christian Church!!*



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THE VISITOR

A Message From Your PCC Board

The Church Board met on March 7, 2021 to discuss the Minister position that would become vacant on March 21, 2021. After a lengthy discussion, it was the opinion of the Board that we do not need two full time minister positions at the present time. What are we doing? We have expanded the role of Rev. Tim Shoaf to include the day to day operations of the Church. If you need pastoral care, please call Rev. Shoaf or an elder. We will be using temporary ministers to preach on Sundays. At a later date, if we find someone that would fit our needs, we will consider offering that individual a part-time Sunday position with the possibility to be involved in some church activities. The Board will meet again in June to review our situation and we will have a congregational meeting in July to share with you our long range thinking and to allow your input into the direction we need to proceed.

God's love and grace to you,
Steve Clodfelter,
PCC Board Chair

Pfafftown Christian Church Yard Sale Friday & Saturday, May 21 & May 22

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Donations may be dropped off at the Pavilion or in front of Room 104. If you need items picked up, call Kitty Hunt at 336-775-8966.

Thank you!



Celebrating Pentecost Sunday

May 30, 2021

The Seasons of the Christian year are such an important part of our church life and we sometimes do not realize just how vital they are as a part of our individual Christian lives as well. They serve to remind us to worship in a particular way while enhancing such things as our prayer lives and our discipline, all designed to bring us closer to, and develop a close personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We are all well aware of Christmas and Easter, but there are many other days and seasons that also have great meaning such as Pentecost.

Pentecost is a celebration day derived from our Jewish roots, found in the Old Testament as the festival of weeks. This tradition was upheld by New Testament Christians who were celebrating the Jewish festival when God sent the Holy Spirit upon them. The Holy Spirit is characterized as fire in Acts 2:3, which is that part of God who energizes us and gives us that ability to live life in the "here and now."

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 30, as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday—the day the Spirit of God came upon the first disciples and the church was born!

God be with you! **Tim**

Holy Week/Easter Do-At-Home Workshop

These are some photos from our Do-At-Home Holy Week/Easter Workshop for our church kids and a few other friends! They participated in understanding and learning more about the events of Jesus's life from Palm Sunday Hosannas, The Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, Jesus' Crucifixion and Death on Good Friday, and His Glorious Resurrection on Easter Morning; as they read and heard the Biblical accounts through lessons and made crafts representing each day. Also, on Easter Sunday they opened a special Easter Egg containing a packet of Cosmos seeds to plant and observe as they grow into beautiful flowers -- representing "new life and beauty" found in Jesus' wondrous resurrection! -Tim



May 2021

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | | | 1 | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 11:00 AM Worship | | | | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | |
| Mother's Day | Elders' Meeting 6:30 PM | | | | | |
| 11:00 AM Worship | 17 | CWF Meeting 6:30 PM LFH | | | 21 | 22 |
| | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 11:00 AM Worship | | | | | | |
| 30 | 31 | Memorial Day | Church Office Closed | | | |

MAY MEMORY VERSE



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1- Reese Fletcher | 2- David Lane |
| | Nikki Mock |
| 4- Bill Kibler | 9- Sharon Binkley |
| 4- Kim Luper | Shirley Hauser |
| 11- Jill Robertson | 14- Matthew Edwards |
| 17- Cory Luper | 19- Christine Faircloth |
| 21- Mary Groff | Caroline Smitherman |

Happy Anniversary

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|---------------------------------|
| 5- Dean & Beth Katsilis |
| 14- Gerald & Ann Fletcher |
| 27- Barry & Caroline Smitherman |

Pfafftown Christian Church
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through February, 2021

| | Jul '20 - Feb 21 | Budget | \$ Over Budget |
|--|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Income | | | |
| Contributions Income | 94,704.08 | 118,792.00 | -24,087.92 |
| Loose Offering | 160.00 | 960.00 | -800.00 |
| Sales Tax Refund | 0.00 | 672.00 | -672.00 |
| Building Rental | 400.00 | 328.00 | 72.00 |
| Investment Earnings | 2,526.72 | 4,808.00 | -2,281.28 |
| R G Flynt Endowment | 1,355.35 | 2,048.00 | -692.65 |
| Yard Sale | 2,460.00 | 3,472.00 | -1,012.00 |
| Memorial Income | 3,000.00 | 0.00 | 3,000.00 |
| Total Income | 104,606.15 | 131,080.00 | -26,473.85 |
| Expense | | | |
| Administrative Expense | 91,197.36 | 98,216.00 | -7,018.64 |
| Christian Education | 193.10 | 928.00 | -734.90 |
| Building and Capital Improv Fd | 0.00 | 1,328.00 | -1,328.00 |
| Evangelism | 0.00 | 72.00 | -72.00 |
| Membership | 223.75 | 272.00 | -48.25 |
| Fellowship | 0.00 | 672.00 | -672.00 |
| Childcare | 0.00 | 128.00 | -128.00 |
| Property | 18,351.20 | 25,632.00 | -7,280.80 |
| Worship | 247.21 | 2,200.00 | -1,952.79 |
| Total Expense | 110,212.62 | 129,448.00 | -19,235.38 |
| Income over Expenses | -5,606.47 | 1,632.00 | -7,238.47 |
| \$30,131 was spent in April to replace the roof over Sanctuary and Educational Wing. The monies to complete this project were taken from the Capital Improvements Fund. | | | |

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
MAY 6

The 2021 National Day of Prayer theme is: "LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY." Once again praying and proclaiming a promise of God in our theme verse, 2 Corinthians 3:17, "Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

Let's begin praying together now, please join me.



Jesus we come now professing that You are our Lord, the One and only Son of God who came to take away the sin of the world and that whosoever believes in You will not perish but have everlasting life. As our Lord we are clay in Your hands, vessels of Your plans and love. Fill us we pray, to be overflowing vessels and examples of Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY. We thank you for loving us and commit to showing and sharing Your love. We thank you for our life, and commit to serve You in the awe and respect You deserve, knowing You have put Your image in all of us, and that every person is fearfully and wonderfully made. We thank you for forgiving our sins; for the LIBERTY you have given us, the mercy You have shown us, and You suffered in agony on the cross and the wrath of the Father was upon You, so that I might be found "Not guilty" through Your shed blood. Help me to show compassion and respect to others so that they may hear the gospel and come to know You as Lord and know the release of being a slave to sin. Pour out Lord, and pour through Your Church across America we pray, in Jesus Name. Amen!

Notes from Tim

Hymn Story -- He Touched Me

Singer and songwriter of southern gospel music Bill Gaither had written more than fifty songs, none of which became popular before writing the hymn -- "He Touched Me," in 1963. Elvis Presley heard the song and recorded it as the title song of his 1972 album that sold over one million copies and earned a Grammy Award. It began Presley's lifelong love for gospel music in general and Gaither songs in particular. Before long, it was being published in numerous church hymnals and being sung by congregations and vocalists in all parts of the world.

The text of this hymn is inspired by the account of the cleansing of the leper by Jesus' touch in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The two stanzas contain a sequence of the story, not so much of the leper in the gospel, but of an individual's personal healing. Stanza one begins with the shackling of the soul beneath the burden of guilt and shame. The touch of Jesus and the resulting healing and forgiveness changes and transforms the sinner. Stanza two testifies to a new life of praise for having been saved, cleansed, and made whole. The refrain sings of the joy of having been made whole by the touch of Jesus! Thus, this hymn's main themes are: burden, healing, transformation, salvation, restoration, and joy. It is based on scriptures from Matthew 8:1-3; Mark 1:40-42; and Luke 5:12-13.

*Shackled by a heavy burden,
 'Neath s load of guilt and shame,
 Then the hand of Jesus touched me,
 And I am no longer the same.*

*He touched me, Oh, He touched me,
 And Oh, the joy that floods my soul!
 Something happened, and now I know,
 He touched me and make me whole.*

*Since I meet this blessed Savior,
 Since He cleansed and made me whole,
 I will never ceased to praise him;
 I'll shout it while eternity rolls!*

What a beautiful and inspiring hymn with such a profound message! Grace to each of you,

Tim

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Frank and Pat Barber, Craig Bracken, Betty Clodfelter, Robert Flynt, John Grice, Jodi Saunders, Garland and Sue Terry, Julie Tilley, Betty Tilley, Tommy Timmons, Richard Yarbrough

Brighton Gardens: Edna Williamson

Rose Tara: Vallie Cline;

Willowbrook Rehabilitation: Bud Barker

Others:

Jason Alexander: Jack and Mary Groffs' friend

*Stephanie Balas: Traci Canter's neighbor

Haley Burns: Skip and Jo Stanley's friend

Tommy Disher: Traci Canter's Uncle

Jennifer Durham: Irma and Fred Muetzel's granddaughter

Geraldine Edwards: Ann Fletcher's aunt

Jan Everton: Jo Stanley's sister

Bill Flynt: Robert Flynt's cousin

June Fulton: Jill Robertson's friend

Elaine Grice: John Grice's sister

Betty Haddock: Sharon Binkley's mother

Cayden Kingsbury: Rodney Stilwell's grandson

Chuck Kolstad: Evelyn Nifong's son-in-law

Merle and Graham McAllister

Sue Miles: Jo Stanley's friend

*Tony Petrack: Friend of Betty Simpson

Plemons' Family: Alan and Debbie Fletcher's friends

Darlene Stewart: Ann Fletcher's sister

Heather Stokes: Jill Robertson's niece

Joy Stokes: Jill Robertson's sister

Patsy Terry: Garland and Sue's daughter-in-law

Judy West: Ann Fletcher's cousin

Loved Ones in the Military:

Joshua Hughes, Norfolk, VA.; Chase Lee, Guam; USS Key West; Major Hope Poster, NG, Texas; Cpt. John G. Van Hoy IV, Fort Campbell, KY

* Depicts new prayer request





Sending warm wishes to the arm forces of America who have always been fighting for the glory, happiness and growth of the country and countrymen.
May God bless you!!

**Happy Memorial Day
2021**

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Pfafftown Christian Church thanks and recognizes the price paid for all of our freedoms. Let us never forget the sacrifices of every soldier.

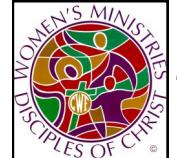


Crisis Control Food Box

We delivered 170 lbs. of grits and oatmeal during the months of March and April!

During the month of May, we will be collecting **toilet tissue** for Crisis Control. Thank you, PCC members, for always stepping up for this wonderful ministry we support. ~ *PCC Outreach*

CWF News



The CWF will meet on Tuesday, May 18th at 6:30 in the lower fellowship hall.

Please plan to join us as we discuss plans for the coming year.



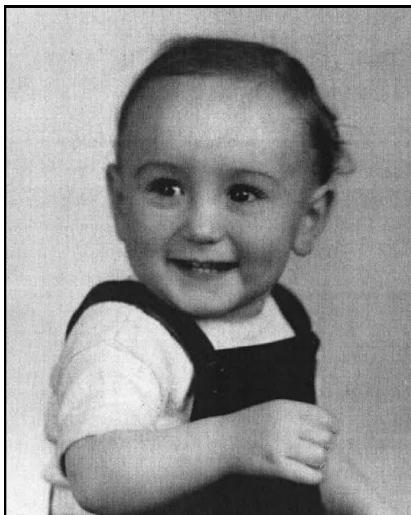
Calendar of Worship Services

Sunday, May 2, 11:00 a.m. - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, May 9, 11:00 a.m. - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, May 16, 11:00 a.m. - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, May 23, 11:00 a.m. - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, May 30, 11:00 a.m. - Rev. Ed Reynolds

Happy Mother's Day
to all moms, both
here on Earth and
up in Heaven.



Can you guess who this cute little grinning bundle of sweetness is? This happy soul continues to bless everyone they are around! (Answer can be found hidden somewhere throughout this newsletter... please look for an * and their name.)



Newborns in Need is a 501(c)3 non profit charity that donates essential baby care items to local hospitals and county agencies that provide for the needs of premature and newborn babies that are sick or born in crisis. Our volunteers meet monthly to pack "Essential Care" bags that are filled with handmade blankets, clothing, and hygiene products. If you are interested in volunteering or donating items, please contact Jennifer Reader at 336-464-5924.



A Marvelous Love

On a cold Christmas Eve in 1952, when Korea was in the throes of civil war, one young woman struggled along a village street, obviously soon to deliver a child. She pleaded with passers-by, "Help me! Please help me. My baby."

No one paid any attention to her. "Please . . ." she begged.

She had heard of a missionary living nearby who might help her. Hurriedly, she began walking to that village. Shivering and in pain, she struggled over the frozen countryside. The night was so cold and the snow began to fall. Realizing that the time was near to deliver her baby, she took shelter under a bridge. There, alone, her baby was born on Christmas Eve.

Worried about her newborn son, she took off her own clothes, wrapped them around the baby and held him close in the warm circle of her arms.

The next day, the missionary braved the new snow to deliver Christmas packages. As he walked along, he heard the cry of a baby and he followed the sound to a bridge. Under it, he found a young mother frozen to death, still clutching her crying newborn son. The missionary tenderly lifted the baby out of her arms.

When the baby was 10 years old, his now adoptive father told him the story of his mother's death on Christmas Eve. The young boy cried, realizing the sacrifice his mother had made for him.

The next morning, the missionary rose early to find the boy's bed empty and he followed the trail that led back to the bridge where the young mother had died.

As the missionary approached the bridge, he stopped, stunned. Kneeling in the snow was his son, naked and shivering uncontrollably. His clothes lay beside him in a small pile. Moving closer, he heard the boy say through chattering teeth: "Mother, were you this cold for me?"

This story reminds us of another mother and Son who sacrificed so much for true, genuine, unconditional love. One winter night, Jesus left his home, His glory and the beauty of heaven to be born in a stable to an unwelcome, cruel world. Just before He was born, Mary, His mother, was not welcome in any of the cozy inns in Bethlehem. Instead, she delivered her baby in the darkness of a cold stable. The Creator of the Universe, the Perfect Judge who could destroy the world with a single word, was willing to endure this inauspicious beginning for you and me. He loves us beyond what our human minds can begin to understand. His love has no conditions or strings attached. Nothing we can do, or say, or think can ever take His love away from us. NOTHING.

We have experienced God's unconditional love and are we are commanded to share that love with others. John writes in 1 John 4:11 "Dear friends, since God loved us that much, we surely ought to love each other" (New Living Translation). God wants us to express His supernatural love to others. We can become examples of God's love to this very broken world when we love our neighbors through the enabling of God's Holy Spirit. Excerpts taken from Thoughtsaboutgod.com



Happy Mother's Day!