



2012

November VISITOR

Scripture Verse for November

*Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; Let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation!
Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.*

Psalm 95:1-2

Please post this Bible verse on your refrigerator, in your daily diary, or in a place where you can refer to this special verse throughout the month of November.

— Tim

Thanksgiving Sunday Breakfast

Sunday morning, November 18, at 9:30 a.m. our entire church family and friends are invited to a **Thanksgiving Breakfast** in the Lower Fellowship Hall. At 10:10 a.m. Steve Clodfelter and others will lead us in a special Thanksgiving Program. At 11:00 a.m. We will worship together as we give thanks for all the marvelous blessings God has provided us!

The **Christian Men's Fellowship** will be cooking a **Southern American Breakfast** including bacon and sausage, and eggs, grits, biscuits and gravy! You definitely do not want to miss this special event on Sunday morning, November 18!

This would be a **great opportunity** to invite your friends and neighbors to join you for breakfast and the 11:00 worship service as we share our thanks to God as a community of faith!

— Tim

Down By The Creekbank

presented by

The Children's Choir

Sunday evening, November 4

6:00 p.m.

Upstairs Fellowship Hall

Come and join us for this delightful musical presented by the children and youth of our church. This musical is staged in a "scenic creek setting" where the children will share the message of God's creation, love, and faithfulness. Several children are featured as soloists along with the children's choir as they both sing and present in musical drama God's plan for our lives and how we can serve Him!

Following the musical, finger foods and refreshments will be served to give you a chance to speak to the children and enjoy a time of fellowship. Please support the children of our church with your presence and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join you! — Tim



The Staff of Pfafftown Christian wishes each and every one of you a blessed Thanksgiving filled with deep gratitude. —Bob, Tim, Ralph, & debbie



ALL SAINTS SERVICE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

On Sunday, November 4, our morning worship will provide us the opportunity to honor the memories of the saints of the church who have gone before us. We will light candles of remembrance for members, family, and friends of the church who have died since last All Saints Day. As scripture reminds us, we are not alone in our faith. We are surrounded by a "cloud of witnesses." These dear ones have helped shape our faith and make us who we are. Let us remember them with thanksgiving in our worship.

— Bob

Central District CMF Meets at Mt. Pleasant

The men of the district will gather around three in the afternoon at Mt. Pleasant Christian Church in Greensboro for fellowship, learning, inspiration, and the work of the district. The speaker will be Rev. Kenny Hooker, Associate Pastor of the host church. Kenny will speak on the theme "That All May Be One." The \$10 registration includes dinner.

—Bob



A national leader in civic education, Kids Voting USA gets students involved and ready to be educated, engaged citizens. Students learn about democracy through a combination of classroom activities, family dialogue and

an authentic voting experience.

At polling places like ours here at PCC, kids will have an authentic election experience that allows them to complete a ballot with the same slate of candidates and issues as adult voters, and to have those ballots electronically tabulated and reported on Kids Voting websites.

Supported locally by the Girl Scouts of America, The Forsyth County Public Schools, and the Forsyth County Board of Elections, Kids Voting USA will have a Kids Polling Place right here at PCC. We are pleased to be a part of this effort to help kids become more involved in democracy in action!

—Bob

Winter Bible Study Planned



I'm looking quite a bit ahead here, but time seems to fly as we plan church programs and events! In January and February, I'll be teaching The Gospel of John on Thursday evenings. I hope you will plan to participate, because it should be a great study. It is based on the movie, *The Gospel of John*, a faithful and powerful dramatization of the Biblical text. The movie, starring Henry Ian Cusick as Jesus and narrated by Christopher Plummer, has a cast of over 2,500 people. It follows, word for word, the American Bible Society's Good News Bible. We will view the movie together on Sunday, January 6, and then begin our Thursday evening study sessions.

I hope you will join us for this major Bible study.

—Bob

Notes from Tim

Two weeks ago I took a trip to West Jefferson to visit with some friends of mine in the Baldwin community. After taking in the beauty of the countryside I stopped at West Jefferson Park to take some photos of the fall foliage. The view of Mount Jefferson from the Park could not have been more beautiful in its full autumn splendor! As I walked beneath the huge oaks and maples showing off their brilliant colors of yellow, orange, and bright reds, and listened to the wind gently rustle the leaves, and felt the warmth of the sunshine on my face, I was in awe of God and His masterwork in the creation of such a beautiful world He has created for us to enjoy!

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we truly have an opportunity to be thankful to God for His countless blessings that we all enjoy! Thankfulness is a wonderful thing! We are taught to say "please" and "thank-you" as part of our manners from our earliest days of childhood. When a person is grateful, it causes them to want to show further kindness and gratitude. It brings a smile and cheerful feeling of joy!

On Thanksgiving Day we remember to be thankful for our parents, family, friends, clothes, food and shelter, and all the things that God has provided for us! In scripture, James 1:17 says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like the shifting shadows." I Timothy 6:17 goes on to say that, "...the living God gives us richly all things to enjoy." Life, health, wealth, freedom --all are from God. Without God, we wouldn't even be here, let alone have things to enjoy. This is not to say that life is without difficulties, disappointments, and sorrows, but even amidst these things we are a blessed people. God in His mercy, continues to bless us in so many ways.

In speaking of thankfulness, we would be remiss in not thanking God for our most important and wonderful blessing of all—there is no gift so great, no gift so costly, no gift so lovingly given, no gift so available as this Gift: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."--John 3:16

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day with family and friends, may we not only pause to pray to God in thanksgiving for our many blessings on just this day, but each and every day throughout the year! Blessings to each of you!

Goodtimers Thank Julie Tilley!

Thirty-two Goodtimers truly enjoyed Julie Tilley's great program at our October meeting. Julie had five large tables displaying her vast collection of paper stamping art work including many elaborate seasonal cards as well as numerous unique and intricate holiday creations. What a talent! Everyone was awestruck as she shared some of the techniques she uses and the hours and hours it takes to make these beautiful items! It was truly a delightful and interesting program and we thank Julie for sharing her talents with us! (Some of her items will be on display at the "Come to the Manger" Nativity event at our church on Sunday afternoon, December 2).



There will be a brief *congregational meeting* on Sunday, November 4th to approve a nominee for the office of Trustee.

Goodtimers November Meeting

The Goodtimers will meet on Monday, November 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Following a hearty lunch we will enjoy a Veterans Day program. We will sing some patriotic songs and share remembrances of Veterans Day and its significance to the freedoms we enjoy as American—United States citizens today! See you November 12 at 11:30! — Tim

Email address correction for your Yearbook:

Jennie Peacock's email does NOT have a dot between the two "r's" Please correct her address to read:

jpeacock1@triad.rr.com Thank you!

Address update for your Yearbook:

Specialist Victor Sechrist
Room 221
3415 Rhineland Ave
Ft. Wainwright, AK 99703

Come to the Manger Nativity Displays

Many people have requested, in addition to our Church Council, that we have our "Come to the Manger" Nativity display event again this year! So on **Sunday afternoon, Dec. 2nd, from 4:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.** we will present "**Come to the Manger**"-- a **Christmas exhibit of inspirational Nativity sets** on loan from our church members and members of the community. This drop-in "Candlelight Christmas Open House" held in the Upper Fellowship Hall will be a church-wide event and the entire community will be invited!

Again, the Fellowship Hall will be beautifully decorated to ring in the Christmas season and will include a special "**Children's Nativity**" corner as well. Moravian Sugar Cake, spiced apple cider, and coffee will be served.

For this event to be successful, we will **need as many Nativity sets as possible!** I have already had several calls from new folks volunteering to display their sets and we need everyone that loaned us a set(s) last year to let us use them again as well! All members, family, and friends that would be willing to loan a manger scene(s) to be displayed again this year, please call Tim Shoaf, Lynda Bryant or the church office **no later than November 20**, and complete the following information form indicating your willingness to participate. Remember, we need your help to make this a very successful event again this year!

Nativities may be ceramic, wood, glass, pewter, large or small, German pyramid style, paper maché, very old or new, etc. It could be a special Christmas angel, a framed Christmas scene, or inspirational figurine as well. Extra care will be taken to assure that each Nativity set is securely displayed. A printed placard next to each Nativity set will provide information about each entry. Your answers to the following questions would be helpful and add interest and historical qualities to each display.

Tell all your friends and neighbors to mark this date on their calendars so that they can join you in experiencing the true meaning of the Christmas season! —Tim

INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR NATIVITY

For those who would be willing to share more than one entry, please fill out a separate form for each. Additional forms will be available in the Narthex.

Your Name or Owner's Name _____ Can name be displayed? ____ Yes ____ No

Who made the Nativity set? _____
(i.e. Was it handcrafted, purchased abroad, or name of set, etc.)

What year was it made? _____ Was it a special gift? _____

How long has it been in your family? _____

Is there anything unique about its origin or memorable about it you would like to share? Memories of it when you were a child, where it was displayed, etc.?

(Additional instructions will be available to each participant once we have received this information).

Food for Others

As we prepare for Thanksgiving feasts with family and friends, we want to remember those who do not have food to prepare and serve to their families. Before Thanksgiving, we will be receiving your gifts of non-perishable food items for others.

When you come to worship on Sundays November 11 and 18, please bring some food from your own pantry to share with others. Please place these items in the large wooden box just across from the Church Library.

Our Outreach Committee will deliver your gifts to the Crisis Control Center on Monday, November 19th in time to enhance the Thanksgiving dinners of friends in need.

Thank you.

—Sam Safrit and Jackie Romanello,
Outreach Chairs

A Big Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who participated in the Big Sweep Clean-up event on October 6, at Shaffner Park. Our group of 12 picked up lots of trash, aluminum cans, glass, debris, plastic, tree limbs, etc. (14 extra-large trash bags full in all)! Thanks to members of the children's choir for their assistance as well. The pizza lunch was great and a welcomed treat after three hours of worthwhile work! We thank all that participated in this project to keep our city and community beautiful.

—Tim

Are you new to Pfafftown Christian Church and the Disciples of Christ Denomination?

I want to offer anyone who may be new to our church a resource that you might find helpful in learning more about our church and our denomination. In addition to the brochures and materials available in the narthex, there is an additional resource: **A Handbook for Today's Disciples** by Duane Cummings, which can be found in the Church Library. This book offers concise information on Disciples' heritage, thought, worship, mission, and structure. The author illustrates his summaries of Disciples traditions with excerpts from Disciples documents and scripture bringing our American religious movement to life.

Please see me if you need assistance in finding this book or if you would like additional materials and resources.

—Tim

Children's Corner

Thanksgiving is a time when we remember all the many things God has given us in the past year—loving parents, family and friends; food to eat, clothes to wear, pets, for a God that loves and cares for us and for a God that created this beautiful world in which we live.... and for so many other things that we can't even count them all!

To show your love to God for what he has done for you—read Psalm 100 just before you say the blessing at supper one evening, and talk about what this scripture means at this special time of the year!

Now, please do the following word search to help remember some of the favorite things we celebrate at Thanksgiving!



turkey

dinner

harvest

feast

family

november

stuffing

thankful

pilgrims

pumpkin

pie

celebrate



Plan to be at our Thanksgiving Breakfast on Sunday morning November 18, at 9:30 a.m. to help us as a church family give thanks to our wonderful God!

—Tim

BAZAAR

PCC's ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR

Autumn is a wonderful time of year for many delightful activities such as the CWF's "Annual Fall Bazaar!" This is a huge event that you don't want to miss! The date of the Bazaar is Saturday, November 10th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. To start your day, we will be selling delicious ham and tenderloin biscuits for breakfast. There will also be for sale, for the Bazaar, chicken pies, chili, vegetable soup, home baked breads, twice-baked potatoes, lasagna, turketti, chess tarts, delicious home-baked goods, crafts, and much more. Tommy's Christmas items will also be sold at the Bazaar in the DFH. The 50/50 raffle will be back again this year so please be sure to purchase your raffle tickets in advance and sell as many as you are able to your family, friends, and co-workers. And remember ladies, thanks to Evelyn Nifong, your aprons, table runners and other items sewn by Evelyn will be ready for sale. We encourage everyone to come and invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. This is a great opportunity to stock your freezer, shop for Christmas, and enjoy the fellowship with our church family and community. There will be a silent auction, so please let us know if you have any items that you would like to donate to the Silent Auction.

Of course, the Bazaar can't take place without a lot of work and helping hands. We need volunteers and a lot of items to sell, such as baked goods (breads, cakes, pies, muffins, cookies, candy, etc.), canned and frozen goods, needlework, artwork, woodwork, and any other crafts. All items should be brought to the church on or before Friday, November 9th (all day Friday until 8:00 p.m.). Last minute baked goods may be delivered to the church before 9:30 a.m. on the day of the Bazaar. We will also need volunteers to help buyers carry their goods to their cars.

When you support the CWF, you support the projects of Pfafftown Christian Church, plus our Outreach giving. It's a church-wide event! Sign-up sheets are located in the Narthex for those who would like to volunteer as well as donate items to be sold at the Bazaar. We hope everyone will take part in making this a successful and fun-filled Bazaar! Thank you!

-Lorrie

Save the Date! Christmas Cantata

The "Many Moods of Christmas" composed by world renown choral composer, Robert Shaw, will be presented by the Chancel Choir on **Sunday afternoon, December 16, at 5:30 p.m.** in the sanctuary. This is a four-suite classical collection of beautifully arranged Christmas Carols. A full orchestra will accompany the choir. Festive music of the season will be presented by the Adult Handbell and Children's Handbell Choirs.

Please mark your calendars now and invite your friends and family to join us for this 13th Annual Christmas music event.

- Tim

Appreciation Breakfast for Teachers and Staff at Old Richmond School

Teachers are some of the most special people to ever grace our lives! They help to mold and shape us into the successful people we can be by offering support, guidance, and patience as they provide us with the skills needed to live a very prosperous and Godly life!

On Monday, November 5, at 8:00 a.m. members of the Evangelism and Christian Education Committees will be providing a continental breakfast for the 50 teachers and staff at Old Richmond Elementary School to show our appreciation to them for the great job they do for the children of our church and community! (We will offer this same act of kindness to the teachers and staff at Vienna Elementary School on Tuesday, January 22).

If you would like to make a monetary contribution toward the purchase of breakfast items please see Anne Safrit or Frankie Denton. Checks should be made payable to Pfafftown Christian Church (School Breakfast).

Thank you!

- Tim



Church Library News Featured Book or November:

Footprints of a Pilgrim
by Ruth Bell Graham

Synopsis: Expressing the kind and welcoming attitude Ruth Bell had adopted throughout her life of faith, from the time she was a teenager through her roles as wife, mother, grandmother, poet, and disciple-maker. This collection of her writings and poems spans more than sixty years of living. It reflects the personal trials and joys of a woman of steadfast faith and constant love for people.

Please take a moment to browse through our Church Library. It is open each day during church office hours — also on Sunday mornings before Sunday School and following the Worship Service.

Hoping you have a Blessed Thanksgiving Season

— Pat Boulware and Edna Williamson

Christian Men's Fellowship & Church Workday!

ALL men of the church, please join us for our Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Church Workday on Saturday, **December 1, at 7:30 a.m.** in the Lower Fellowship Hall. At 8:15, following a devotional, we will begin our church workday, so please bring your rakes and other yard tools as we enjoy fun and fellowship, leaf raking, and beautifying our church grounds! Ladies of the church are also invited to join us!

Let us always glorify God by continuing to maintain our church property and grounds as we would our own homes.

Please mark your calendars now and join us on Saturday morning, December 1.

Thanks,
Frank Range, CMF President
Craig Bracken, Property Chair



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COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!**

Rev Bob Parvin,
Pastor

Rev Tim Shoaf,
Minister of Music & Director of Programs

Ralph Botte,
Ministerial Intern

Debbie W Parvin,
Secretary

Did you know that we have started our annual Samaritan Kitchen Penny Campaign to help the people of Forsyth County?



Do your soul some good...experience **Christmount** to enhance your celebration of Christmas and attend *An Appalachian Advent* on December 4-7. Come to worship, sightsee, shop, relax, share fellowship, and experience an approach to the Advent/Christmas story that is creative, informative, amusing, and inspiring. For more information, pickup one of the brochures that are available in the Narthex.



Goodbye to...

On Sunday, November 4th, we return to Eastern Standard Time. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** an hour Saturday night!



Don't Forget!

YARD SALE NEWS



A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to Tommy Timmons and all those who worked so hard to provide a successful Yard Sale. On October 19th and 20th, the fall Yard Sale was held under the picnic shelter in the crispness of autumn's air. The sale brought in a total of \$2,759.50. Thanks to all helpers. Thanks to those who came out to buy. Thanks to those who donated. Thanks to Tommy !



SERVERS for NOVEMBER

ELDERS: Ruth Saalweachter, Lynda Bryant

DEACONS: Nancey Cost, John Flynt
Betty Clodfelter, Bob Faircloth

COMMUNION: Jo Stanley, Steve & Betty Clodfelter

OPENING/CLOSING: Bill Millsaps

NURSERY

- 04 Nancey Cost
- 11 Debbie Fletcher
- 18 Beth Faircloth
- 25 Jo Stanley

HOLD IN YOUR PRAYERS



Church Family

Dot Jodrey, Tommye Logan, Pat Barber, Garland Terry,
Doris Spaugh, Ludie Blakley, George & Ruth Myers.

Others

Margee Kjelson, Linda Rephan (cancer; friend of Frank & Kay Range), Lee Crabill (Frankie Denton's brother), Billy Burnes (Vallie Cline's nephew), Mark Depew (brain cancer; friend of Kent Doub), Raye Feltner-Kapornyia (Disciple minister), Wade Tuttle, Cassie Mackie (Mary Timmon's sister), Jane Browder (friend of Jack & Lynda Bryant), Carolyn Bennett, Bill Showers (brother of Dan), Iris Westmoreland (sister of Vallie Cline), Barbara Hester (Jill Robertson's aunt), Jonathan Schaffer, Joy Beck (Jo Stanley's mother), Mary Ellen Cutter (Art Boulware's sister), Sandra (friend of Frankie Denton)

Loved Ones in the Military

PRAN Joshua Hughes/Norfolk, VA
Sgt. Edmund E. Davis/Alaska
1LT Hope Tucci/Texas
Samantha Goliat/High Point, NC
Specialist Victor Sechrist/Alaska
1LT John G. Van Hoy, IV/ WA



NOVEMBER 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Crisis Control Donation Food for the Month: 2 lbs. bags of sugar				1 UFH Reserved	2	3 10-12:00 CHILDREN'S CHOIR DRESS REHEARSAL
4 Daylight Savings ends All Saints Sunday Congregational Meeting 6:00 Down by the Creekbank (UFH)	6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 Adult Handbells	6 ELECTION DAY 7:30 am PCC polls open	7 5:00 Children's Handbells 7:00 Chancel Choir	8 7:00 NIN	9	10 10:00-2:00 BAZAAR
11 Veterans Day	12 11:30 Goodtimers (DFH) 7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 Adult Handbells	13 7:00 Elders Meet	14 5:00 Children's Handbells 6:00 Supper 7:15 Chancel Choir	15	16	17
18 9:30 Breakfast 3rd Sunday Fellowship	19 Newsletter deadline 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 Adult Handbells	20 7:00 Chancel Choir	21	22 Thanksgiving (Office closed)	23 (Office closed)	24
25	26 7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00 Adult Handbells	27 7:00 Board Meets	28 7:00 Chancel Choir	29	30	

REMEMBER to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 3rd, so you'll arrive at church when you intend to!



BIRTHDAYS

- 07 Joel Faircloth
- 09 Samantha McNemar
- 13 Tony Bryant
- 15 Doris Spaugh
- 15 Vicki Davis
- 16 Betty Kiger
- 17 Beth Faircloth
- 17 Ralph Botte
- 21 Anne Fletcher
- 23 Jake Emmary
- 25 Virginia Darnell
- 27 Jason Terry
- 28 Tim Shoaf

ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Jack & Lynda Bryant