

2011

# November VISITOR

## HARVEST DINNER



*For all the blessings of the year,  
For all the friends we hold so dear,  
We thank Thee, Lord.*



On Sunday evening, November 20, at 6:00 p.m., come and join your entire church family and friends for our annual "Harvest Dinner" held in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall. Susie Lanier and her helpers will be preparing the turkey, dressing, and gravy. You are asked to bring a vegetable, salad, and/or dessert.

This is always a very special time for our church family and friends as we enjoy this Thanksgiving meal and fellowship together. A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex for the next few weeks to help us in planning. Your presence will make this special event complete!



**\*\*Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour when you go to bed Sat. Night, Nov. 5th!!!! If you fail to remember this, we will be happy to welcome you to Sunday School when you come for church services!!! (now that's an idea!)**



## *Raising Up Servant Leaders: 2011 Thanksgiving Offering*

- ♦ In 2010, our Disciples Seminary Foundation sponsored four students who traveled to Haiti in solidarity with our Global Ministries Church Partner CONASPEH. Jerri Handy, Lizzy Beach, Sharon Mann, and Lindsay Million were the first Disciples/UCC team to provide crisis relief for the earthquake-stricken country. In reflecting on the trip, DSF student Jerri Handy said, "I am so thankful to belong to a great Church who understands the need to respond with physical presence in times like these."
- ♦ Danielle Cox, a student at Lynchburg College, spent two months studying in India through Lynchburg's international studies program. During her time in India, Danielle worked with the Hope Foundation teaching geography and English in the slums of Cheinnai. "Because of my Disciples education, I understand my life work as vocation. I am now exploring seminary and God's call to ministry," Danielle shared.

These stories are among examples of how Disciples students are educated in a service-learning model. Your gifts to the 2011 Thanksgiving Offering support the care and nurture of servant leaders.

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve. Your support provides scholarships, church relations programs, and chaplaincy offices. Most importantly, your support of the 2011 Thanksgiving Offering helps Disciples raise up servant leaders!



## FOOD FOR OTHERS

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



When you come to worship on Nov. 13 and 20, please bring some food from your own pantry to share with others. Our Outreach Committee will deliver your gifts to Crisis Control on Monday the 21st in time to enhance the Thanksgiving dinners of friends in need. Thank you.



# BAZAAR



## PCC's Annual Fall Bazaar

Autumn is definitely here, and with it come many delightful activities, such as the CWF's "Annual Fall Bazaar!" This is one event you will not want to miss. The Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 12th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will be selling ham and tenderloin biscuits, chicken pies, chili, vegetable soup, a variety of home baked breads, twice-baked potatoes, lasagna, turketti, chess tarts, other wonderful home-baked goods, crafts, and much more. Tommy's Christmas items will also be sold at the Bazaar, and there will be a 50/50 raffle. And remember, ladies, thanks to Evelyn Nifong, your aprons 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.

Please come out and have lunch with us that day, too. And remember that we are offering a Silent Auction for those who would like to donate or buy!

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 11th (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. This year we also would like to recruit people 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!



### CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS FEATURED BOOK FOR NOVEMBER: *A Time To Remember* by Barbara Rainey

**SYNOPSIS:** This book is designed to help families rediscover "the roots of thankfulness" and the "joy of tradition" on Thanksgiving. As you gather together, take some time to remember that Thanksgiving is not just about turkey and football. Review Thanksgiving history, research God's Word about remembrance, and learn original ways to create enduring memories.

There are many other new books in the Church Library which you may also want to check out! (The library is open from 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday-Friday in addition to Sunday mornings)

### ALL SAINTS DAY APPROACHING

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> is All Saints Day. If you have loved ones or friends who passed away since October 31<sup>st</sup> of last year and would like to include their names in our memorial service for that Sunday during worship, please call the office or give the information to Lynda Bryant or Jo Stanley before November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Romanello family and the Rhein family are already included.

—The Worship Committee

### CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AND CHURCH WORKDAY!

ALL men of the church, please join us for our Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast and Church Workday on Saturday, December 3, at 7:30 a.m. At 8:00 a.m. 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 December 3.

Thanks,  
TIM

### All Saints' Sunday Music Concert A Symphony of Psalms and Anthems

Sunday afternoon, November 6  
4:00 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary

presented by

The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir  
featuring oboe, cello, and organ

Make plans to come and also invite your friends

## CHRISTMOUNT'S CORNER

I'm issuing a challenge to the women of PCC: let's go to Christmount together! Wouldn't it be fun to have enough women registered for a Christmount event that we could rent a van and travel as a body? Well...let's just make up our minds to do it!

Mark your calendars now for Discovery Weekend Women's Retreat next year. It's June 1-3, 2012, and the theme is "Taste and See," with featured retreat leader Rev. Dr. Pam Harris. Don't tell Tim (or he'll try to hide in the van to accompany us), but part of the "tasting" is the consuming of chocolate, chocolate, and more chocolate! In fact, if you look at the hot-off-the-press latest brochure on the bulletin board, it will make you drool. I'm not kidding.

Discovery Weekend Women's Retreat is a time of spiritual renewal, relaxation, fellowship, worship, and recreation—five things that we all need (and then...there's that chocolate!). I'm planning on going. Please join me!

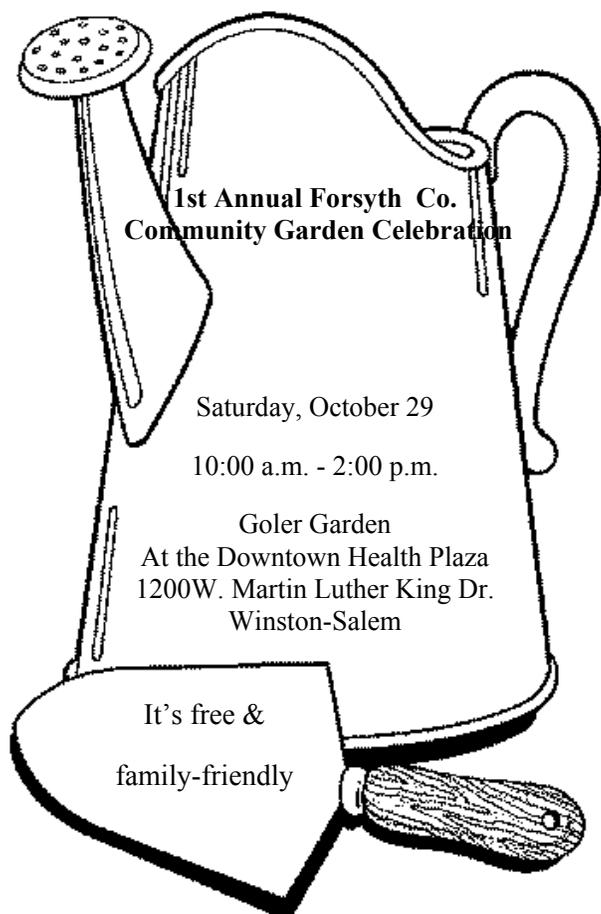
—debbie parvin

## CHANGES FOR YOUR YEARBOOK

Changes are inevitable! As folks move, get new phones, get married, graduate from school, etc., we will need to update our records. To keep your Yearbook current, make these changes as we inform you. Also, please report any changes in your status that we might pass it on to your church family. Here are the latest changes as we have been informed:

Bill Simpson has retired! His new email address is [WAS1941@gmail.com](mailto:WAS1941@gmail.com)

Another change: please delete the number listed in the yearbook as Cat Vegvary's home phone. Instead, use the cell phone number as listed.



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

For the past several months, several local volunteer organizations have experienced a decrease in the number of new volunteers they usually receive. The Shepherd Center and Meals-On-Wheels still need new volunteers and are asking for help. Debbie Fletcher is a volunteer with Meals-on-Wheels and will be glad for anyone interested to accompany her on her rounds if you would like to try out this experience. Right now, Meals-On-Wheels is looking for a person for the Pfafftown area who might be available on Fridays.

Debbie Parvin volunteers at Shepherd Center and provides weekly respite care for a cancer patient. Linda Lewis of Shepherd Center writes this: *Right now, we have several visitation clients who are waiting for volunteers. (We especially need male volunteers!) About a quarter of our medical transportation trips are being covered by cabs, meaning that the grant money designated for this purpose is being used rather quickly, and we have no guarantee that additional funding will be available next year. Home repair requests are at an all-time high as more and more people need assistance with necessary repair needs.*

See either Debbie Fletcher for information on Meals-On-Wheels, or Debbie Parvin for information on Shepherd Center.

These are "trying times"...and trying times are times for trying! Volunteer in whatever way you are led. No one is called to do it all...just do what you are able...and do it with joy.

## NOTE OF THANKS RECEIVED

*Dear Friends at PCC,*

*Thank you all so much for the many cards, prayers, and support during my recent surgery. The surgery went so well, and I am doing very well now. I can't tell you how much your support has comforted me. Much love, Nancy Everton*

## GOODTIMERS TO MEET!

If you are looking for GREAT FUN and FELLOWSHIP then this event is for you! On Monday, November 14, at 11:30 a.m. the Goodtimers will meet at Southern Family Restaurant for lunch.

Our program will be presented by Richard Starbuck from the Moravian Foundation speaking to us about the origin of the various Moravian Christmas traditions and customs we enjoy and celebrate during this holy season. Everyone is invited! Bring your friends and neighbors to join us!



## REMEMBERING OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have some very special young people in our church who are in college. As a church family we want to hold them in our prayers asking God's blessings to be with them throughout this year as they pursue their various avenues of learning. Please remember to pray daily for them and drop them a note or card when you can. It is always nice to receive a "little something" from their church family. The Membership Committee is sending them a copy of "The Secret Place" devotional guide every quarter and the monthly newsletter in addition to a few other things from time to time. Let them know just how much their church family loves and misses them. The addresses can be found on page 18 in our new 2011-2012 church yearbook.

### Our College Students:

Montana Dawson (East Carolina University) Scott Hall Rm 121R C; Greenville, NC 27858  
Ellen Denton (Wesleyan College) MSC 583; 59 College Ave.; Buckhannon, WV 26201  
Hannah Everton (UNC-Asheville) 128 LaMancha Dr. Apt C; Asheville, NC 28805  
Kayla Gardi (Wake Tech) 2701 Sterling Park Rd; Raleigh, NC 27603  
Caila Luper (UNC-Charlotte) HI 0033 A-1; University City Blvd; Charlotte, NC 28223  
Lilly Scharf (UNC-Asheville) 900 Longwood Ln Apt 307; Asheville, NC 28806  
Dillon Wallace (Coastal Carolina University) 304 Kiskadee Loop; Unit L; Conway, SC 29526



## Tommy's Christmas Yard Sale

Tommy Timmons is preparing for his special Christmas-themed sale to be held during the CWF Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 12. Your gently-used items are needed to stock the sale, so take a few minutes now to look over your Christmas decorations and see what you want to replace this year. You know what we mean—that precious cute reindeer decoration is still perfectly good, but it's been on your mantle for far too long. You need to make a change this year, so bring it to Tommy. He'll help find a good home for it and support the ministries of PCC at the same time!

In addition to new or gently-used Christmas decorations, Tommy said that he also needs "anything from A to Z, including antiques, crafts, coats & jackets, baskets, etc."

Let's be sure that Tommy has a wealth of items to offer our guests when they visit our bazaar.

## 2011 CROP Walk is Huge Success

PCC took a giant step forward in fighting hunger as our ten walkers joined some 1,750 others in the Winston-Salem CROP walk. Our walkers brought in over \$1,100 for this great cause, which supports the work of Church World Service (CWS) worldwide and Crisis Control and Sunnyside ministries locally. We Disciples have a strong connection to this effort, as Church World Service has been one of our global ministries partners for many years, and Crisis Control is one of our favorite local ministries.

We congratulate Cat Vegvary for her outstanding leadership in organizing our participation, and we thank each of our walkers and everyone who contributed to this excellent mission outreach project.

## HORN OF AFRICA CRISIS CONTINUES

Currently there are over 13 million people dying, starving, and being displaced in the Horn of Africa. This is a crisis like no other. It is the worst drought in 60 years and the worst famine in 20 years. Every six minutes a Somali child is dying. Every six minutes.

In many ways this has been a neglected emergency.

I would urge us, my Disciples, to not neglect this emergency. Too many people are in great need. We can do something about that need. Our sisters and brothers in Kenya have had no choice but to eat their own seed supplies; through CWS we are supplying them with drought-resistant seeds. We are also constructing sand dams and shallow wells in the Rift Valley and Eastern provinces of Kenya.

In Somalia and Ethiopia we are working through our ACT Alliance partners to provide significant food aid and hygiene supplies, as well as desperately needed nutritional supplements.



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**IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES,  
COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS!**

Rev Bob Parvin,  
Pastor

Rev Tim Shoaf,  
Minister of Music & Director of Programs

Debbie W Parvin,  
Secretary



Let us live simply that  
others might simply  
live.

*Attendance at Worship*

10-02-11	63
10-09-11	65
10-16-11	66
10-23-11	72



*Invite a friend to Church...  
And watch us grow!*

**HOLD IN YOUR  
PRAYERS**



**Church Family**

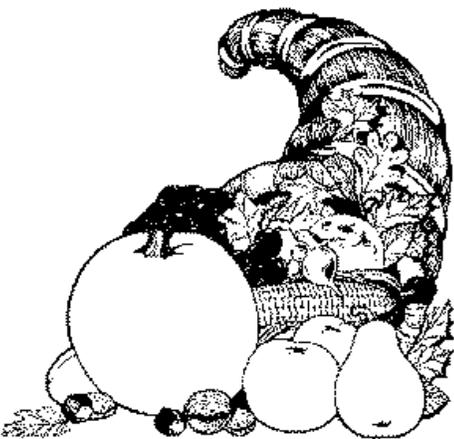
Mary Helen Boone, Wilma Dane Hill, George Myers,  
Doris Spagh, Matt Scharf at the death of his uncle

**Others**

Bill Showers (brother of Dan; back surgery & hand surgery), Emma Wagoner (Debbie Parvin's mother), Vance Parker (friend of the Stanleys); Buck Horn (serious condition leukemia; friend of Alan & Debbie Fletcher), Carol Wood (friend of Wayne & Debra Smitherman), Iris Westmoreland (sister of Vallie Cline), Jeanette Shelor (Garland Terry's mother), Jarman "Ozzie" Jenkins (friend of Skip & Jo Stanley), Bob Hurst (Kay Range's uncle), Barbara Hester (Jill Robertson's aunt), Kelly Allen (Jackie Romanello's sister-in-law), Pauline Archie (Sam Safrit's mother), 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**

Sgt Paul E "Trey" Floyd/Iraq  
PRAN Joshua Hughes/Norfolk, VA  
Sgt. Edmund E. Davis/Alaska  
1LT Hope Tucci/Iraq  
Samantha Goliat/High Point, NC  
Pvt. Victor Sechrist/Afghanistan



**Servers For NOVEMBER**

**ELDERS:** Beth Faircloth, Sam Safrit

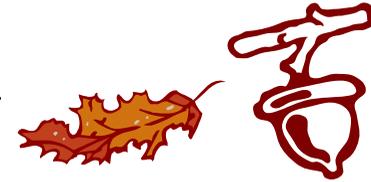
**DEACONS:** Jack Bryant, Lorrie Bennett  
Nancey Cost, Betty Kiger

**COMMUNION:** Bob & Beth Faircloth

**OPENING & CLOSING:** Bill Millsaps



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## BIRTHDAYS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday the 6th.		1 7:00 Handbells	2 6:00 Supper 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	3 7:00 Special Choir Rehearsal w/instruments	4	5 *before bed, set your clocks back one hour
6 All Saints Sunday 4:00 Symphony of Hymns & Psalms	7 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Scouts/Handbells	8 7:00 Elders	9 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 7:00 NIN Triad (in NIN Office)	11 Veterans Day	12 <b>CWF Bazaar</b>
13 Bring canned food to church today	14 11:30 Goodtimers 7:00 Scouts/Handbells	15 Newsletter deadline	16 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
20 3rd Sun. Fellowship Bring canned food today 2:00 Chrismon Tree set-up 6:00 Harvest Dinner	21 6:00 Jr. Girl Scouts 7:00 Scouts/Handbells	22	23	24 Thanksgiving (Office Closed)	25 (Office Closed)	26
27 First Sunday of Advent	28 7:00 Scouts/Handbells	29 10:30 Newsletter Crew 7:00 Board	30 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	Crisis Control Donation Item for the month is: <b>Baking Mixes</b>		

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



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Jack & Lynda Bryant