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THE VISITOR



One of my favorite verses in the Bible is in its last book, Revelation: **“Behold, I make all things new.”**

God really does make things new. He is in the “RE” business. He **RE**arranges, **RE**claims, **RE**creates, **RE**models, **RE**stores, **RE**visits, and **RE**conciles. I love that about our Father. Nothing is too far to reach, too dried up to moisten, or too worn out to re-energize for Him.

Look around and you’ll see the new grass and the leaves and the air of the new fall season. **“Behold, I make all things new.”** But we don’t have to look too far because there are some new things at PCC as well. **“Behold, I make all things new.”**

The new yearbook/directory. Thanks to Traci and Tim for their diligent work. From the beauty of the front cover to all the information inside, it is an attractive and effective resource for our community of faith.

There are some new people in new roles of service here. Check out the choir and the deacons. Thank you for serving the Lord at PCC!

Finally, most weeks we are seeing new people in worships on Sundays. It’s a great blessing to worship others in the community. Please take a minute to introduce yourself and welcome others.

God is constantly and continually loving us all and making us new. The Good News is a promise that we can see and trust: **“Behold, I make all things new.”**

~ Rodney



World Communion Sunday

There are few Sundays in our Christian year more meaningful than World Communion Sunday. On this Sunday, October 1, our church family will join millions of other Christians represented by many denominations around the world, in sharing this sacrament that symbolizes hope and new life in Jesus Christ. Our lives find meaning in His purpose; our hearts find peace in His forgiveness; our spirits find strength in His presence.

Please join us this Sunday morning. *-Tim*

All Saints Sunday - November 5

If you have a loved one that has passed away since October 31, 2022 and would like to have their names included in our memorial service on November 5, please call or e-mail the church office. Please submit your names no later than **Monday, October 30** to have your loved one(s) remembered in this service. Thank you for being a part of this beautiful and reverent service of remembrance. There will also be forms located in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Lynda Bryant, Worship Chair. (336-924-4223)

OCTOBER WORSHIP

October 1 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
October 8 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
October 15 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
October 22 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
October 29 - Rev. Jeff Carter

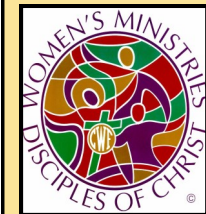


COME WORSHIP WITH US!

*... and see the wonderful things happening at
Pfafftown Christian Church*



Please join us for our next Taste & See Bible Study Luncheon on **Wednesday, October 11th** in the **Downstairs Fellowship Hall from 11:30AM - 12:30PM**. We will gather together for a simple yet delicious lunch as we dive into God's word. You will leave with full stomach and a happy heart! Please sign up in the Narthex or by calling church office by October 4th.



CWF NEWS

We had 15 at our September Dinner Meeting for Senior Services Meals On Wheels Program. We collected \$1,000 to date for Meals on Wheels and approved a \$500 donation to Baby Rose Everton.

Our October meeting will be October 17th in the Downstairs Kitchen starting at 4:00 pm. We will be making chess tarts for the November Bake Sale.

If you are willing to make something to go on order form for pre-order baked sale, please sign up in Narthex. These items will be added to the Bake Sale order form and supplement the items we are making in the workshops at church during October and November.

- *Twice Baked Potato Workshop — date TBD
- *Beef Chili Workshop — date TBD
- *Beef Vegetable Soup — Friday, November 10, 2023
- *Baked /Frozen Goods Pick Up is scheduled for Saturday, November 11, 2023. Mrs. Kitty Hunt will also be hosting a Holiday Sale on this day as well.

Other activities in the planning stage:

Visiting a nursing home and bringing needed items to the residents.

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

2023 CROP HUNGER WALK

October 15, 2023, is the Annual Crop Walk that our church participates in. It is a program sponsored by Church World Service (which is an ecumenical ministry of 37 Christian denominations and communities working in partnership to eradicate hunger and poverty and promote peace and justice around the world.) CWS is a 501(c)(3) not for profit.

CROP Hunger Walks are community led interfaith events that raise funds to end hunger locally and around the world. From the beginning of these walks in 1969, they have grown to include walkers of all ages, faiths and backgrounds in more than 500 communities throughout the United States. From this walk in Winston-Salem, 12 1/2 % of the funds raised will go to Crisis Control and 12 1/2 % to Sunnyside Ministries. The remaining 75% will be distributed globally where needed. CROP hunger walkers raise more than \$6 million annually to bring help and hope to those who need it most.

The walk will begin at **2:30 p.m. on October 15** at Corpening Plaza downtown. It is a fun walk - go at your own pace- and walk with a friend or our group or alone- whichever you wish. Every walker will be given an orange tee shirt when he/she checks in. Please sign up on the sheet on the front table in the Narthex. If you don't feel able to walk, please consider making a contribution by donating either by check or cash. Checks should be made out to CWS/CROP. You may give your donation to any walker.

Feel good about yourself by helping "end hunger one step at a time". The recipients of your help say, "thank



Notes from Tim

Perhaps one of the most commonly used hymns sung on World Communion Sunday is "Let Us Break Bread Together."

*Let us bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.*

*Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.*

Many spirituals were formed in the West African Gullah/Geechee slave culture that later developed in the coastal areas of South-Eastern colonial America, including St. Helena Island, Beaufort, and Charleston, South Carolina. At that time, slaves most often attended worship service in the Episcopal Churches. Their worship was usually held early in the morning at sunrise. Episcopal church altars were often positioned on an east-west axis. Thus, when someone knelt at the communion rail they were facing East, towards the sunrise. For those attuned to Revelation, it also meant they were looking in the general direction from which Christ would return.

The song itself gives us several reminders of the nature of communion and how we should partake of it. Our attitude should be one of *being on our knees*. It implies an attitude of humility. It is recognition that He is God and we are not; we owe our salvation to him, He is not indebted to us.

Mentally, we are to have our *face to the sun* — that is, looking at the Light of the World. We seek his enlightenment, his comfort and his guidance. We do so in the process of acknowledging our debt to him.

We call him "Lord." Never forget that if you are a Christian you are professing Jesus Christ as your Lord as well as your Savior and you owe him your obedience.

Finally, the chorus ends with *Lord have mercy on me*. In communion we explicitly ask our Lord for the forgiveness of our sins based not upon our virtues but upon his loving grace. We ask for what he freely gives: *mercy*.

Look forward to worshipping with you this Sunday as we celebrate World Communion together! *Tim*



Prayer Requests

Church Family: Evelyn Nifong, Tad Elliott, Jack Groff, Jason Hawkins, Helen Johnson, Jo Poplin, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

Others:

- Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
- Barbara Bradley: Sister of Betty Barker
- Ray Boore: Friend of our church family
- Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi
- Joe Casares: Brother of Manny Casares
- Jan Everton: Sister of Jo Stanley
- Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt
- Dean Johnson: Friend of Betty Barker
- Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
- Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
- Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter
- Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter
- Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker
- Danny Safrit: Friend of Traci Canter
- Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
- Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
- Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
- Judy West: Cousin of Ann Fletcher
- Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty Clodfelter

*Please contact Traci in the church office when someone needs to be added or removed from our prayer list. Thank you.



October Elder Leaders

*Ruth Saalweachter, Leader
Steve Clodfelter, Back-up*

Communion Stewards

Judy Gillespie

Thank you to everyone that helps with this vital part of our weekly worship service.



Anne & Sam Safrit no longer receive their mail by a Post Office Box. Please change their address in the new PCC Church Directory to reflect the following:

*Anne & Sam Safrit
4635 Duffer Court
Pfafftown, NC 27040*