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Construction Zone

VBS 2021

Building God's House



Construction sites are exciting places, filled with interesting, heavy machinery and abuzz with noise and activity. When we accept Jesus, God begins a good work in us. We become the construction site where God is building something amazing! Through this VBS kids will learn that God is working in the hearts of those who follow Jesus!

God's House - The Church, is where we learn a lot about God. Through our VBS lessons and crafts we will learn about how to construct God's house. We will learn about the purpose of an architect and building contractor, blueprints, building permit, the structural parts, laying a foundation and cornerstone, cement and stones, windows and doors, the tools of the trade, and the how the construction crew works together to complete their job right on schedule!

Again this year, I have designed this as a 3 to 4 day VBS Program that your kids can do-at-home in August whenever it fits your schedule. I have assembled a "construction backpack" with Bible lessons, blueprints, activities and pre-packaged crafts to compliment the theme, along with a "God at Work" yellow hard-hat for each child to wear as they learn about being a follower of God.

On this Sunday August 1, these VBS backpacks will be available for you to pick-up or you may pick them up during regular church office hours, or I can bring them to you if you wish. If you have not already registered for yours, please call me 336-692-5214.

I'm excited about our children building God's house! Blessings, **Tim**

✚ Calendar of Worship Services

Sunday, August 1- Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, August 8 - Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, August 15- Rev. Steve Wood
Sunday, August 22- Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, August 29- Rev. Rodney Stilwell

Some Old-Time Religion!

During the month of August we will be singing some of the Old-time Hymns in worship! If you have a favorite old hymn you would like the congregation to sing or be played during worship, please contact me at 336-692-5214 and I will plan to include it! Thanks, Tim



PCC will once again sponsor the wonderful students and staff at Old Richmond Elementary School this year. A list of the school supplies needed is available for pick-up in the Narthex. Please bring your donations on or before August 15 and place them in the "school supply wagon" also located in the Narthex. Then, plan to join us on Sunday, August 21 as we welcome some of the school staff and teachers and dedicate the supplies, asking God's blessing for all students as they begin a new year of learning and achieving.

*Please make plans now to join us and see what's happening new
at Pfafftown Christian Church!!*



We would ❤️ to have you visit with us!

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THE VISITOR

Welcome to the PCC Family!

Palmer Elizabeth Myers

Born July 4, 2021 - 7 lbs. 12 oz. - 21 inches long
Daughter of Jordan and Lauren Myers
Granddaughter of Dinah Myers



Crisis Control Food Box

During the month of August, we will be collecting **Cooking Oil** for Crisis Control. Thank you, to everyone who support this wonderful ministry month after month.



CWF NEWS

CWF will not meet during the month of August; however, we will kick off our next few busy months of fellowship and outreach by meeting on September 21st at Betty Kiger's office (2630 Reynolda Road, WS). Please be there at 6:30 p.m. as dinner will be provided. This is our Annual Meal on Wheels fundraiser and donations will be accepted. Also, we will be resuming our Wednesday Night Suppers during the month of September (yeah!) A sign-up sheet is located in the Lower Fellowship Hall. Lastly, we are planning for a Pre-order Bake/Frozen Goods Sale to be held on November 13th. More information will be forthcoming on both of these upcoming and exciting events. All women are encouraged and invited to become a part of CWF. Please join us for sisterly love, laughter, fellowship, friendship and in the planning of outreach for our church and community!



CWF recently donated \$400 to Christmount and \$300 to the Salvation Army. Thank you acknowledgments were recently received and are posted on the Ministries Bulletin Board outside the Narthex. We truly are the hands and feet of Jesus!

A BIG thank you to the individuals that helped the New Born in Need Ministry sort and count inventory on Saturday, July 25th! Your help was SO appreciated.



Who Am I?

Can you guess who this beautiful bundle of sweetness is? This member has been a dedicated, constant ray of sunshine at PCC for nearly 60 years! She is a true blessing to all that know and love her. (Answer can be found hidden somewhere within this newsletter... please look for an * and their name.)



ENLARGING THE TABLE

PCC is continuing its long-standing tradition of serving communion to our members who are unable to join us on Sunday mornings. If you would like to receive communion at home, please contact the church office at 336-924-9925 or Elder Chair, Tony Bryant at 336-416-2619 and we will add your name on our list. The Church Elders would like to include everyone in our Lord's Table fellowship.



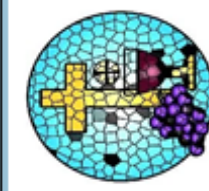
August Memory Verse



AUGUST 2021



August 12	August 25
Katherine Lee Hunt	Sarah Ingram
August 13	August 27
Genevieve Sinclair	Connie Edwards
August 14	August 30
Ed Snuffer	Paul Shropshire
	Sue Terry



Communion is a very important part of our weekly worship service and we are so grateful for our volunteers.
August - Pat Millsaps
September - Pam Backi/Jackie Romanello
October - Sue Conrad/Paul Shropshire



August 13
Skip & Jo Stanley
August 26
Allen & Carol Maine

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 11:00 AM WORSHIP	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 11:00 AM WORSHIP	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 11:00 AM WORSHIP (School Supply Dedication)	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 11:00 AM WORSHIP	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 11:00 AM WORSHIP	30	31				



On Sunday, July 4, 2021 our congregation was blessed to be together to celebrate and honor Independence Day. This was our first time gathering for a meal and fellowship since the COVID pandemic. This special time together was a gentle reminder of our freedoms and the many blessings sometimes take for granted as a country and as God’s people. Thank you to the many hands that helped to make this special gathering so beautiful, meaningful, and delicious! We love and serve such a loving Father and we are blessed to such a wonderful church family! Below are pictures of the Chancel Display in the Sanctuary and the Downstairs Fellowship Hall decorations. Also, below is the Litany that was read during the Independence Day Worship Service.



A Litany for Independence Day

As we remember the birth of our nation, and the gifts of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, let us offer our thanks and prayers to God, the giver of all good gifts. For the men and women who long ago braved the long and courageous journey by sea to come to this new world to be free to worship, and for who inhabited this land for generation upon generation, **We thank you Lord.** *Symbol: The Mayflower*

For patriots who dreamed of, and fought for, a free nation; for the men and women who laid the foundation of our democracy, and who pledged liberty and justice for all, and for those who built this country brick by brick, road by road, and town by town, **We thank you Lord.** *Symbol: A Handmade Brick and Trowel*

For the brave soldiers who have fought for our country, for all who paid for our freedom by their service, and especially those who paid by their ultimate sacrifice; and for those who serve in all areas of public service -- firefighters, police, emergency and medical occupations, **We thank you Lord.** *Symbol: Military Medal, Nurse’s Cap, Fireman’s Helmet*

For the innovators, poets and teachers, farmers, and factory workers; for all who labor and provide for the common good, **We thank you Lord.** *Symbol: A Barn and Textile Spools*

For this land, with its peaks and valleys, coasts and deserts, fields and meadows, rolling hills and streams. For our community, our church, for those who came before us in this place, and for our neighbors near and far. **We thank you Lord.** *Symbol: The Church*

Dear Lord, we pray for the United States of America, that we might always be a nation which defends and promotes liberty and freedom; that we will always follow God’s teachings contained in the Holy Bible, and that those who are elected to govern and lead, would be guided by you, and be ever aware of the trust that has been given them, **We pray to you Lord.**

Symbol: The Holy Bible presented to PCC at the Sanctuary Consecration - 1974

Notes from Tim

The speed of life can be exhilarating but also very exhausting. Fulfillment is usually found not in something up ahead that we’re pursuing but in the good things around us that we rush past. From the sacred suggestion to "consider the lilies" or the reminder we often hear, "to stop and smell the roses," we have all been invited to slow down, even for a few moments, and enjoy the beauty of the earth and experience God’s wonder as we declare his glory, majesty, and His wonderful love.

When we dash past a flower, we have missed an opportunity to consider one of nature’s most beautiful creations. Sunsets happen every day, but how often do we stop to let those moments of serenity and beauty lift our spirits? A short pause to feel the breeze on our face, to appreciate a towering tree, and to listen to the song of a bird can clear our minds and refresh our perspective, giving us renewed energy and motivation, as well as the assurance that God is with us in all of life.

There is a beautiful anthem “Consider the Lilies” that the Chancel Choir will be singing in a few Sundays. It is one of my most favorite anthems and includes a portion of this text from the Gospel of Luke:

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow,
Consider the birds in the sky, how they fly,
He clothes the lilies of the field,
He feeds the birds in the sky,
And he will feed those who trust him
and guide them with his eye.
He feeds the lambs of his fold.
And He will heal those who trust him.
And make their hearts as gold!

Perhaps God has a message for each of us in His glorious creation—if we will only take a moment to stop, observe, and listen. As we witness this beautiful fall with the autumn leaves, the deep blue sky, and the cool fall breeze, let us remember that God is with us and He speaks to us and cares for us, just as He cares for every living thing. Some years ago, I remember a quote which read, "Where there are eyes to see, there will be visions to inspire." May we let our eyes be fixed on God that He may inspire us and give us the vision that will empower us do great things for His glory as we continue on our pilgrimage in the Christian faith.

God’s love and peace to you,
Tim

HEAR OUR PRAYER, O LORD

Church Family: Lynda Bryant (treatable lymphoma), Rodney Stilwell, Frank and Pat Barber, Jack Groff, John Grice, Garland and Sue Terry, Julie Tilley, Betty Tilley, Tommy Timmons

Brighton Gardens: Edna Williamson;

Rose Tara: Vallie Cline;

Others:

Jason Alexander: Jack and Mary Groffs’ friend

Haley Burns: Skip and Jo Stanley’s friend

Jerrie Connelly: Betty Barker’s sister-n-law

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

Jake Gardner: Jill Gardner’s husband

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

Sue Miles: Jo Stanley’s friend

Tony Petrack: Friend of Betty Simpson

Plemmons’ Family: Alan and Debbie Fletcher’s friends

K.L. Sheek: Alan and Debbie Fletcher’s friend

Darlene Stewart: Ann Fletcher’s sister

Heather Stokes: Jill Robertson’s niece

Jerry Stoltz: friend of PCC

Joy Stokes: Jill Robertson’s sister

Patsy Terry: Garland and Sue’s daughter-n-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



Get your stomachs and hearts ready!! Beginning in September we will resume our Wednesday Night Suppers!! We are so excited and thankful to start back. Look for sign-up sheet in the Narthex soon!

Pfafftown Christian Church
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July 2020 through May 2021

	<u>Jul '20 - May 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
PPP Loan	4,792.42	0.00	4,792.42
Contributions Income	132,194.09	163,339.00	-31,144.91
Loose Offering	180.00	1,320.00	-1,140.00
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	924.00	-924.00
Building Rental	400.00	451.00	-51.00
Investment Earnings	3,498.00	6,611.00	-3,113.00
R G Flynt Endowment	1,746.71	2,816.00	-1,069.29
Yard Sale	2,460.00	4,774.00	-2,314.00
Memorial Income	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
Total Income	<u>148,271.22</u>	<u>180,235.00</u>	<u>-31,963.78</u>
Expense			
Administrative Expense	117,629.19	135,047.00	-17,417.81
Christian Eduation	193.10	1,276.00	-1,082.90
Building and Capital Impro	0.00	1,826.00	-1,826.00
Evangelism	0.00	99.00	-99.00
Membership	223.75	374.00	-150.25
Fellowship	0.00	924.00	-924.00
Childcare	0.00	176.00	-176.00
Property	26,390.35	35,244.00	-8,853.65
Worship	<u>947.21</u>	<u>3,025.00</u>	<u>-2,077.79</u>
Total Expense	<u>145,383.60</u>	<u>177,991.00</u>	<u>-32,607.40</u>
Income over Expenses	<u><u>2,887.62</u></u>	<u><u>2,244.00</u></u>	<u><u>643.62</u></u>

In May \$4,792.42 of PPP loan proceeds was used to cover salaries of church staff.
Remaining PPP funds will be used to cover June and July salaries.

Bringing Up Daisy



One cold April morning a neighbor boy brought me a baby squirrel in a cardboard box. He had found the squirrel under a large oak tree in his backyard. He knew that I sometimes cared for injured birds and animals. We could see that the squirrel was cold and barely breathing. Its body was only about two-and-one-half inches long with a tail about the same length. Since it did not even have any fuzz on its body or tail, we knew it was not very old.

I brought the tiny squirrel into the house and fixed up an incubator to keep it warm. I filled the bottom of a large wooden box with crushed newspaper. Then wrapping a hot water bottle in a wool blanket, I placed this in the middle of the box. A nest of cotton was placed on top of the blanket, and into this nest went the tiny squirrel. I wondered if it would live.

Warming some canned milk, I tried to get a few drops into its tiny mouth by using an eye dropper. Getting six drops into its tummy this way took all day. I found one of my daughter's doll bottles, and it worked much better. The little squirrel quickly learned to drink from it, and for the next 36 hours, feedings were three hours apart. I named the little squirrel "Daisy."

As Daisy grew larger she got feedings of orange juice or grape juice in between milk feedings, until she was about two months old. Then she began to eat solid food. She liked oranges, watermelon, cantaloupe, avocado, rose petals, dandelion leaves and leaves from the tips of branches.

This story makes me think of how the Lord Jesus takes care of His children. His children are those who have accepted Him as their Savior. Just like Daisy, we were helpless and without any way we could please God. But God knew that we needed to be saved and sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to save us. He came into the world to rescue us. As sinners, there was no hope for us, except by the love and grace of the Son of God. He was perfect and could not sin. But His love for us was so great that He took the punishment for our sins on the cross. All that we have to do is admit that we are helpless sinners and accept what the Lord Jesus has already done for us. Will you let Him be your Savior now, before it is too late?

Daisy would have died if someone had not taken such good care of her and given her the food that was just right for her. God has given us the Bible, which is the best food that we can have. It helps our Christian life grow so that we can please Him. Daisy could not have grown if she had not eaten the food that was given to her. And we cannot grow in the things of God if we do not read the Bible and use what we have learned from Him.

Daisy lived in our house for two years. I kept a branch for her to exercise on, and she learned to follow orders. Squirrels can be trained indoors so that when the time comes for them to be released outside, they are ready for life in the open. Daisy was released among the trees in our backyard. She has lived there for almost three years and has raised several families of her own.

Daisy was cared for until she could take care of herself. God has promised to be with us and take care of us until He takes us to be with Himself in Heaven. The Apostle Paul stated his own trust in these words: "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12).

Two Things To Help You Get Closer To God



The more intimate we are with Him, the more powerful our lives will be. We begin to resemble and act like those we spend time with. So, if we “hang out” with Christ, we will eventually become more like Christ. The trouble is many of us don’t spend a whole lot of time with Him.

Intimacy Takes Time—and Truth So many people are afraid to make time to get to know Him or to study His character. We can be scared to seek wisdom and guidance from Him because of what we think He might tell us.

God’s Word tells us that the truth will make us free. And in the book of Psalms, it says that David sought one thing of the Lord and basically, that was time with Him. So, to develop intimacy that cultivates power with God, we have to face the truth that God reveals to us about ourselves. We must get a hold on our thoughts—thoughts about ourselves, our past or future, even thoughts about God. God loves us so very much and He will not leave us. He is always ready and waiting to change us from the inside out. It takes time for that to happen because we first need to be able to see the truth about ourselves, and many times, that is the hardest part of growing because we don’t like what we see. We may pray for God to change our circumstances, but we need to be able to face the fact that He wants to change us—regardless of the circumstances. So many times the Holy Spirit will reveal things that we just don’t want to see about ourselves. But remember, the truth will set us free! So don’t be afraid to change; be more afraid of staying the same!

How God Really Sees You God is not mad at us. If you’re a parent just think of this: Can you love any of your children more than you do right now? Do you still want to see changes in their behavior? Well, it’s the same way with our heavenly Father. He loves us—period. He loves us now as much as He ever will. That will not change. But He still wants to see us grow and mature and experience the best He has planned for us. The more we trust Him, the more we’ll want to spend time with Him. The more time we spend with Him, the more we change and the more His power develops in our lives. So, schedule a few private meetings with God. Talk to Him about your problems. Face the truth He reveals to you about yourself. Trust that He is always working for you to live an abundant, fruitful, powerful life! (some excerpts from JoyceMyer.com)

* Mary Timmons

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