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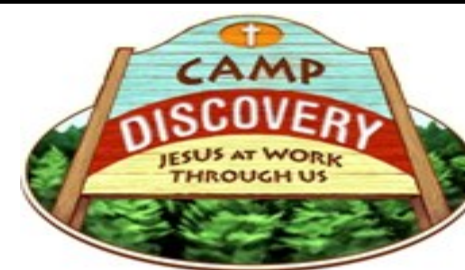
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Rejoice in the Lord always;  
and again I say, Rejoice.

**August, 2022**

**THE VISITOR**



**Camp Discovery VBS!**  
**Outdoor Kid's Bible**  
**Adventure & Day Festival**  
**Saturday, August 6**  
**10:00 am - 1:00 pm**  
(Pre-K through 5th Grade)

At **Camp Discovery**, held on our church lawn, kids will have fun being kids! As we explore the Bible, make new friends, hear God's word through our lessons we will learn how Jesus works through us in our everyday lives and how we can share his love with others.

We will enjoy five outdoor sites learning God's message through:

**Treetop Bible Storytelling ~ Fun Splash 'n Dash Games**

**Big-Timber Bible Challenge ~ Wilderness/River Crafts**

**An Adventure Hike ~ Campfire Lunch/Snacks!**

You may still register your child by calling the church office at (336-924-9925) or by calling Tim at (336-692-5214).



**PCC Ice Cream Social**

**Sunday, August 7**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Church Pavilion**

Come out and join your Church Family for a refreshing and relaxing evening of fellowship! We will have freezers of home-made ice cream and additional ice cream for "Making Your Own Favorite Sundae" with all kinds of toppings! (You might also bring a favorite topping to share!) Entertainment will be provided by Phil Lanier, guitar; Joe Andrews, mandolin and vocals sharing some old-time gospel and country favorites for our enjoyment! Come and invite a friend to join us!

A volunteer sign-up for making ice cream or assisting with this event will be located in the Narthex or you may call Tim @ 336-692-5214.

**Worship Schedule for August**

Sunday, Aug. 7 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell

Sunday, Aug. 14 ~ Rev. Tejado Hanchell

Sunday, Aug. 21 ~ Rev. Jeff Carter

Sunday, Aug. 28 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell

**Welcome New Members**

**Joan Thomas and Jason Hawkins**

We are so happy to have them join our church family at PCC and welcome them in Christ's love and fellowship.



PCC will sponsor the students and staff at Old Richmond Elementary School (ORES) this year. A list of supplies needed will be available in the Narthex. Please bring donations before August 19 and place them in the "school supply wagon" in the Narthex. Join us on **Sunday, August 21** as we welcome ORES staff as we dedicate the supplies and ask for God's blessings for a new school year of learning and achieving.

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



*We would love to have you visit and worship with us!*





After hiking one morning in Spain my wife and I sat down at a drink stand to catch our breath and wet our thirst. Just to our left we took note of a mother and her 2 daughters, who we had seen before on the trail. Coming from their residence in South Korea, the pilgrim family was even farther from home than we were. Isolated by culture and language, we noticed that they didn't connect a lot with others along the way. We all exchanged pleasantries and settled in to enjoy a minute's rest. Trust me, right then that cold Coke was the only thing on my mind.

That's about as far as it was going until Beth noticed that as soon as she pulled a snack out of her pack, the eyes of our fellow pilgrims became riveted to her potato chips. It was obvious that the chips were a much-needed reminder of home, comfort and love.

Even though she was hindered by the language barrier, Beth poured out the chips and made a gesture to share them. All three ladies jumped across the patio with smiles and open hands. We ate some together then Beth gave them all she had. After the shared feast, we saw the family often, and Beth became good friends with the ladies over the next weeks. A few chips opened a lot of doors.

After returning home my wife received this e-mail:

*Hello Beth,  
It was a blessing to meet you. I am thankful to Jesus. And you. Whenever I see Pringles it makes me remind that day. I hope I could meet you again. Thank you. Take care.  
Soonju*

In the Gospel, Matthew describes Jesus sending out the twelve "... preach as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

The best sermons never see a pulpit. We hear and see them in the oddest and most common events of life, every day. If we look for Jesus, He always seems to show up. Just "preach as you go." And leave the rest to Him.

I won't ever look at a can of Pringles again in the same way!

*Buen Camino! Rodney*

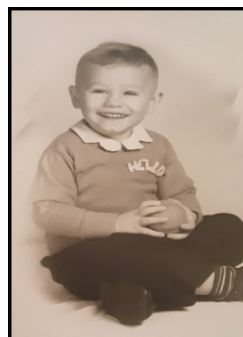
## August Memory Verse

May the God of hope  
fill you with all  
**joy & peace in believing,**  
so that by the power  
of the Holy Spirit  
you may abound in  
**hope.**  
—Romans 15:13



## Who Am I?

Can you guess who this handsome lad is? This happy fellow has been a member of PCC for 42 years! His hobbies include woodworking, leather crafting, and old cars. He's been called by many names, but these days, his favorite is "Pop". The answer can be found hidden somewhere in this newsletter... please look for an \* and his name.



*thank you*

PCC has supported several ministries recently and we have received thank-you notifications from the following:

### CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) Donations

The Salvation Army- \$500  
Samaritan Purse- \$1000  
Crisis Control-\$1000  
Christmount-\$400  
Trellis Supportive Care-\$500



### Worship Committee Donations

HOPE of Winston-Salem- \$200

## August Elder Leader/Back-up

*Lynda Bryant (Leader)  
Betty Simpson (Back-up)*



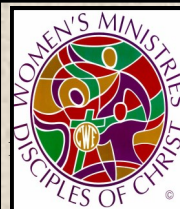
## August Communion Server

*Worship Committee*

We are still in need of volunteers to prepare communion for the month of October. Please sign up in the Narthex. Thank you to everyone who helps make this such a beautiful part of our weekly Worship Service.



**Peanut Butter & Jelly** are the Crisis Control items of the month for August. Thank you for your continued support to this local ministry!



## CWF NEWS

CWF will meet **August 16th at 6:30pm** in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall. Please your calendars. A light meal will be served. We will do some cleaning in both kitchens to get ready for our fall workshops.

### Looking forward to the following dates:

September 20—CWF Meeting & Chess Tart Workshop

Sept 30/Oct 1—Chicken Pie Workshop  
**(we will need lots of help!)**

Sign-up sheets will be in Narthex to let us know what you can make for our Baked/Frozen Goods sale in November.



## Come and Join our Handbell Choir

Ever thought about how much fun it would be to play Handbells?...you guessed it..**A LOT!** If you have interest in playing we will begin a new season in September! Reading music is helpful but not mandatory. (If you can count to four, you can play bells!) The only requirement is that you are able to attend rehearsals regularly! I will be happy to work with any new prospects during the next couple of months if you like, teaching you some basic skills and techniques to help you. Once I have a list of both new folks and our current Handbell members, we will decide on a weekly rehearsal time that works best for everyone beginning in early September! Please consider joining and call me if interested @336-692-5214. You will be welcomed with open arms! -Tim

## Notes From Tim

In my recent trip to New England, I was once again reminded of God's awe and majesty while traveling on some of the backroads through the beautiful mountains and scenic farmlands of New Hampshire, Vermont, and across Upstate New York. These words of Psalm 121 kept coming to mind: *I will lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.*

The more we pursue God's majesty and greatness, the greater becomes our strength to live victoriously. Each day we need to take time to look away from ourselves and focus our attention on our Creator God. For the psalmist, it was looking at hills all around him, reminders of God's power and authority.

In another portion the psalmist reminds us: *In time of need we should flee like a bird to our mountain and there find rest and security* ~Psalm 11:1. Yet the instruction is clear that though we receive inspiration from observing the majesty of creation, our real source of help must ultimately come from a personal relationship with God himself, "the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

A beautiful choral anthem I remember from years ago contained this poetic text based on this Psalm 121:

*Unto the hills around do I lift up my longing eyes;  
O whence for me shall my salvation come, from whence arise? From God, the Lord doth come my certain aid,  
from God, the Lord, whom heaven and earth hath made.*

*He will not suffer that thy foot be moved: Safe shall thou be.  
No careless slumber shall His eyelids close, who keepeth thee. Behold, our God, the Lord, He slumbereth never, who keepeth Israel in His holy care.*

*Jehovah is Himself thy keeper true, thy changeless shade;  
Jehovah thy defense on thy right hand Himself has made.  
And thee no sun by day shall ever smite; no moon shall harm thee in the silent night.*

*From every evil shall He keep thy soul, from every sin;  
Jehovah shall preserve thy going out, thy coming in.  
Above thee watching, He whom we adore shall keep thee henceforth, yea, forevermore.*

As we live each day, enjoy the majesty of some particular part of God's creation -- a mountain, sunrise, sunset. Breathe a prayer of gratitude to the One who has made this possible. Determine to rely on Him more fully throughout your days and carry this musical truth with you. ~Tim

\* Gene Saalweachter