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THE VISITOR

**AUGUST
2023**

COME WORSHIP WITH US!

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



Vacation Bible School 2023

Saturday, August 12 - 9:45 am -1:30 pm

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

(Pre-K through 5th Grade)

Join us for Bible Lessons, Crafts, Splash 'n Dash Games, Lunch,
and lots of learning and fun!

*(Please remember to bring a towel and/or change of clothes for the Spash n' Dash Games)

You may register your child by calling me at 336-692-5214, or by calling the
church office at 336-924-9925. *-Tim*

Thank you to the many adult volunteers who graciously signed up to assist with our
VBS this year as our children celebrate God's Greatness and His Love for them!

Taste And See

Please join us as we begin our
monthly Taste & See Bible
Study Luncheon in the
Downstairs Fellowship Hall
on Wednesday, August 9,
from 11:30AM - 12:30 PM.
If you haven't been before,
please do! You will be blessed!



PCC is collecting school supplies for
Old Richmond Elementary until
August 13 (list is available in the
Narthex). Then, join us on **Sunday,**
August 20 at our 11:00AM
Worship Service as we ask God's
blessings on all students and staff.



PCC ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, August 20 ~ 5:00 PM

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend and join your church family for some
delicious homemade and store bought ice cream
with all the toppings!

Entertainment will be provided.

A volunteer sign-up for making ice cream and



Life is a Cinch by the Inch
but Hard by the Yard

In the last months I spent a lot of time hiking. While walking, I learned, reflected and worked hard every mile. Looking back now, I am struck by how it can teach one to embrace the present. I saw that I spend too much time re-living the past and worry too much about the future.

We had a goal – to walk to the Cathedral of Santiago, home of the remains of the Apostle James. That destination gave our pilgrimage a direction and a clear purpose. In spite of that purpose, one of the things we faced was the challenge to live in the moment.

A favorite writer of mine, Richard Rohr, believes that our temptation is “always to look to the next moment to be more perfect, the next place, and then the next moment or place . . . **WHEN** I get around the corner, **WHEN** I see this next church, **WHEN** I get to Santiago, **WHEN** I get to the hostel – whatever it might be. But walking on a pilgrimage helps us see that attitude is essentially wrong . . . Because happiness is given in this moment and place.”

Early in his ministry Jesus proclaimed, “The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” **At hand means – right here, right with us, right now.** Jesus is teaching us to live in the moment - to get out of being stuck in the past and not to dream about tomorrow before it arrives. If we live in the past or wait for the future, we will miss what God is doing here and now.

Jesus wants us to live in the moment; to welcome each day – its gifts and its challenges; and to see God at work.



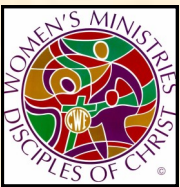
Come and Join the
ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR!

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 several weeks 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 us and call me if you are interested @336-692-5214. You will be welcomed with open arms! -Tim

August Elder Leaders
Lynda Bryant, Leader
Betty Simpson, Back-up
Communion Stewards
Beth Faircloth

Thank you in advance to those who are helping with this vital part of our weekly Worship Service.

CWF News



In the planning phase:

- * Visiting a nursing home and bringing needed items to the residents.
- * August Meeting will be held August 22nd at 6:30PM in the Lower Fellowship Hall. A light supper will be served. We will be planning our fall workshops to prepare items for Frozen Foods/Bake Sale.

Looking Ahead:

September 19 - Dinner to benefit Meals on Wheels
September 28 - Chicken Pie Workshop SET-UP
September 29-30 -Chicken Pie Workshop

CONGREGATION
MEETING

Please join us **Sunday, August 6th** immediately following the 11:00am Worship Service for a congregational meeting. Everyone is invited!

Notes from Tim

The English journalist and novelist Rudyard Kipling lived part of his life on a farm in the hills of Vermont. He had no close neighbors, but one day a woman who lived across the valley had a chance to meet him. She said, "Are you the new light across the valley yonder? You don't know what a comfort they have been to me this winter. You aren't ever going to shroud them up - or are you?" The Kiplings kept their lights bright on that side of the house from then on.

The startling fact about Jesus' word in Matthew's gospel (Matthew 5:14) is that you and I are the light of the world. We so easily assign that responsibility solely to Him. But He reminds us that we are lights to someone across the valley. The followers of Christ are in the world to be like a city, a light at night upon a hill -- fellow pilgrims along life's journey should be able to take their bearings and find their way because we are there.

Of course, Christ is the Source of our light; but we determine how and where and to what extent our light will shine in the world. In our home, office, school or playground --- our witness to Christ will be offered by what we say, how we feel, how we act, and how we react. Our light is our sense of values, our patience, our forgiveness, our understanding, and our concern. Our light is the purpose for which we live and the convictions for which we stand. Our light is the hope which we carry in our hearts from hour to hour and which gives meaning to all of life. We can "shroud them up," as Kipling's neighbors feared, or we can put our light on a stand, as Jesus suggested, to be a blessing to all about us.

During Vacation Bible School, Saturday, August 12, we will be singing a familiar song we all remember from our childhood --"This little light of mine, I'm going to let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine." As Christ's disciples, may we continue to carry this little song and its big message in our hearts forever.

God be with you. Tim

August Worship Schedule

Aug. 6 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Aug. 13 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Aug. 20 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Aug. 27 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell



Prayer Requests

Church Family: Tad Elliott, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Jo Poplin (*Vienna Village*), Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
Barbara Bradley: Sister of Betty Barker
Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi
Jan Everton: Sister of Jo Stanley
Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt
Betty Haddock: Mother of Sharon Binkley
Dean Johnson: Friend of Betty Barker
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
Mike Mitchell: Son-n-law of Betty Barker
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. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated for our bulletin and newsletter publications. Thank you.*

Thank You

Dear PCC CWF
Thank you for thinking of our unhoused families. We have 50 in shelter with 30 children. Most of our school age kids are spending the summer at our Boys & Girls Club Camp having fun. Our prayer is that God is remembering and blessing your church!

Robin Stone, Salvation Army

Dear PCC CWF,
Your generosity is changing the lives and families in our area in need of end-of-life care. On behalf of those families and patients, we are grateful for your support.

Beth Forrester, Trellis Supportive Care