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THE VISITOR

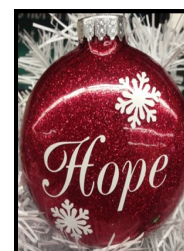
A Word from Rodney...

During the Christmas season we are reminded of how the wise men traveled far to present their gifts to the baby. After bringing their gifts and seeing Jesus, they went home another way. This will be a different Christmas at Pfafftown Christian Church. Like the wise men, we have come a long way in 2021. As we approach Christmas I hope we can join together to share some gifts with Jesus to celebrate his birthday and love for us. May our gifts reflect his great love for us. Let's give by . . .

Sharing fellowship to learn and prepare during the Advent season. On the Sundays of Advent, we will gather in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall from 10 – 10:40, and use the booklet, "While We Wait." to prepare for Christmas. Books are available without cost for you and your family in the Church Office.

Collecting hygiene articles to distribute to individuals and families living on the streets of this area. Pam Backi is assisting us to fill 200 bags of hygiene items for distribution. We need you to bring your gifts of shampoo, lotion, soap, deodorant, and toothpaste in travel size containers to the Church Office by December 10. They will be distributed that weekend.

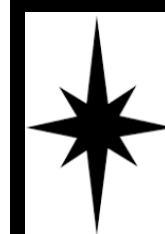
Worshipping together on Sundays at 11! We will gather to sing, pray and remember the birth of Jesus. Make it a priority to join together with family and friends to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas this year at PCC! When we give our gifts and find the baby Jesus, we actually get - and are transformed and go home a different way. - Rodney



Christmas Tree of Hope

PCC will be sharing the love, joy and HOPE with the children at Old Richmond Elementary School again this year. Instead of shopping for items, we will

once again be collecting gift cards to be used at Target, Walmart, Food Lion or Lowe's Foods. The Guidance Office will distribute these gifts to the parents and children in need. You may bring your gift cards to the church office or to Tim no later than Monday, December 13. Thank you for bringing a smile of HOPE to these families this Christmas season.



Christmas Eve Service

December 24 at 5:00 p.m.

Please join us as we gather in the sanctuary to sing carols of praise and thanksgiving as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. We will hear the wondrous Christmas story in God's holy word and celebrate the Lord's Supper. This heartwarming service will close by lighting candles as we open our hearts to God's loving grace and prepare ourselves to go out into this broken world to be His light to others.



CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Story of the Nativity

presented by

The Chancel Choir and Handbells

A Children's Nativity

Sunday Morning, December 19

11:00 Worship Service

Rev. Tim Shoaf, Minister of Music

Rev. Rodney Stilwell, Narrator

A Service of Lessons and Carols presented by the Music Ministry. The children of our church will present a Children's Nativity.

Following the service you are invited to join your church family for a Christmas Covered Dish Luncheon held in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall. Please join us!

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



We would ❤️ to have you visit with us!

Advent Do-At-Home Workshop For Kids



Again this year, I have designed a Do-At-Home Advent/Christmas kit for the kids of our church. Each child has received their "Supply Bag" that includes an Advent Wreath to display in their home and creative activity pages, scripture readings, and numerous crafts they can enjoy making to assist in celebrating the coming of the Christ Child as he brings light, hope, love, joy, and peace to the world.

To culminate their Advent experience, these children will join us in worship on Sunday morning, December 19 to present to our congregation a "Children's Nativity" at the close of the Cantata. Please make sure to be here on the 19th as they bless us in worship! -Tim

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Worship Committee is asking for volunteers to help prepare communion for the upcoming months beginning January - June, 2022. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Thank you in advance for your continued service. If you have any questions, please see Lynda Bryant or Jo Stanley. Thank you!



During the month of December, we will be collecting **Beef Stew** for Crisis Control. During the year of 2021, PCC once again went over and beyond in giving to this precious ministry that has always been so dear to the hearts of our congregation. Thank you just doesn't seem to express the gratitude that is truly felt.. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus within our community!

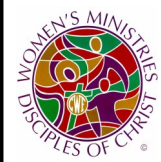
December Memory Verse

Psalm 91:1
He who dwells in the secret place of the most high
shall abide under the shadow of the almighty



Who Am I?

Can you guess who this beautiful little lady is? She is so dedicated to the love and mission of Christ and to PCC. She is truly an example of the Proverbs 31 woman. Answer can be found hidden somewhere within this newsletter... please look for an * and their name.)



CWF NEWS

CWF will meet December 14th for our Meals on Wheels dinner beginning at 6:00 pm in the lower fellowship hall. Dinner will be provided. Please bring a check to donate to Meals on Wheels program and a \$15-\$20 gift for a fun gift exchange. Ladies, come out and join the fun and sisterly fellowship!

December Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 5	~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, December 12	~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, December 19	~ Cantata / Nativity
Sunday, December 26	~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell



We love each and every one of you!

Notes From Tim

*Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

In Luke 2:14, we find this canticle of the angel's song -- one of the most famous and frequently sung of the Christmas canticles. The refrain of "Angels we have heard on high" is taken directly from this verse. Reflecting a common theme found throughout the history of Christian hymnody, a cosmic chorus resounds in the first stanza. The chorus begins in heaven with the angels. Then the "mountains in reply" echo back in response - antiphonally, symbolizing the participation of earth.

The entire hymn is a traditional French carol that originated as early as the eighteenth century and was published in North America in 1819. The original hymn appeared in French - "*Les anges dans nos campagnes*" in eight stanzas arranged in a dialogue from alternating between the shepherds and the angels. The carol first entered in an anonymous version from the play, The Nativity. The English translation by James Chadwick (1813-1882), Roman Catholic Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle was taken from Crown of Jesus (1862), subtitled, "a complete Catholic manual of devotion, doctrine, and instruction." The carol was found in the section headed "The Twelve Mysteries of the Sacred Infancy" with the title "Christmas Hymn" reduced to four stanzas in English.

"Angels We Have Heard on High" is a song invitation from Christians to others to come celebrate Christ's birth with them. The carol begins in a festive spirit, but then, in the second stanza, asks why there is a celebration. In the third stanza, an invitation is given to join the celebration. The fourth stanza concludes the carol with the observation of Christ's birth and the Christian's joyful response. Technically, this is a macaronic carol because it uses two languages: the local vernacular and Latin. The carol uses the effect of a refrain and is one of the few texts that congregations sing regularly in Latin: "Gloria in excelsis Deo!" It is unusual for congregations to sing a long melisma (many notes on one syllable). The melisma on the refrain adds to the exuberant and joyful celebratory feel of the entire carol.

I wish for each of you a wonderful Christmas season!
~ Tim

*Pam Backi



Church Family: Kevin Cline, Jeanette Shropshire (recent knee surgery), Jack Groff, Mary & Tommy Timmons, Jack and Lynda Bryant, Frank and Pat Barber, John Grice, Skip Stanley, Garland and Sue Terry, Julie Tilley, Betty Tilley

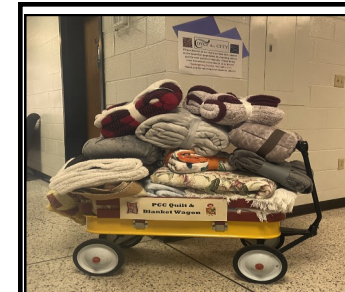
Others:

Jason Alexander: Jack and Mary Groffs' friend
Mike Booth: Pam Backi's friend
Haley Burns: Skip and Jo Stanley's friend
Jerrie Connelly: Betty Barker's sister-n-law
Jan Everton: Jo Stanley's sister
Bill Flynt: Robert Flynt's cousin
Elaine Grice: John Grice's sister
Brenda Guthrie: Friend of PCC
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
Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter's
Plemmons' Family: Alan and Debbie Fletcher's friends

Mike Skovera: Friend of Betty Kiger
Darlene Stewart: Ann Fletcher's sister
Jerry Stoltz: friend of PCC
Patsy Terry: Garland and Sue's Daughter-n-law
Judy West: Ann Fletcher's cousin

Loved Ones in the Military:

Joshua Hughes, Norfolk, VA.; TM1 Chase Lee, SSN 793 Oregon Groton CT/Hawaii; Major Hope Poster, NG, Texas; Cpt. John G. VanHoy IV, Fort Campbell, KY



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone that donated quilts and blankets for the Cover the City Project. PCC collected 17 beautiful, thick, warm

blankets and quilts. What a joy it is to know that we gave to others who are in need love, prayers and warmth that was sweetly tucked inside each blanket and quilt that was donated. Thank you precious PCC church family!

11:19 AM
11/22/21
Accrual Basis

**Pfafftown Christian Church
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through September 2021**

	<u>Jul - Sep 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
PPP Loan	8,180.16	1,324.00	6,856.16
Contributions Income	33,449.71	35,501.00	-2,051.29
Loose Offering	204.00	124.00	80.00
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	251.00	-251.00
Building Rental	400.00	124.00	276.00
Investment Earnings	687.21	1,001.00	-313.79
R G Flynt Endowment	313.57	450.00	-136.43
Yard Sale	0.00	1,301.00	-1,301.00
Memorial Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>43,234.65</u>	<u>40,076.00</u>	<u>3,158.65</u>
Expense			
Administrative Expense	24,441.78	28,041.00	-3,599.22
Christian Education	0.00	349.00	-349.00
Building and Capital Impro	0.00	499.00	-499.00
Evangelism	0.00	125.00	-125.00
Membership	0.00	101.00	-101.00
Fellowship	13.32	251.00	-237.68
Childcare	0.00	49.00	-49.00
Property	7,618.05	9,612.00	-1,993.95
Worship	0.00	825.00	-825.00
Total Expense	<u>32,073.15</u>	<u>39,852.00</u>	<u>-7,778.85</u>
Income over Expenses	<u>11,161.50</u>	<u>224.00</u>	<u>10,937.50</u>

Most of the overage through September is from PPP2 loan proceeds.
Balance of PPP2 loan was used in August 2021.
PPP1 loan was forgiven in November 2021.

Christmas

BIBLE READING PLAN:

Christ is coming

- Day 1 Isaiah 9:2-7
- Day 2 Isaiah 11:1-5
- Day 3 Isaiah 7:10-14
- Day 4 Micah 5:1-5
- Day 5 2 Samuel 7:12-16

Christ is here

- Day 6 Luke 1:26-33
- Day 7 Luke 1:34-38
- Day 8 Luke 1:46-55
- Day 9 Matthew 1:18-25
- Day 10 Luke 2:1-7
- Day 11 Luke 2:8-12
- Day 12 Luke 2:13-20
- Day 13 Matt. 1:1-16

Christ will give

- Day 14 Romans 6:20-23
- Day 15 Galatians 4:1-7
- Day 16 1 Timothy 1:15-17
- Day 17 Titus 3:3-7
- Day 18 Philippians 2:6-8

Christ will return

- Day 19 John 14:1-6
- Day 20 Daniel 7:13-14
- Day 21 Revelation 1:4-7
- Day 22 Revel. 3:20-22
- Day 23 Revel. 22:12-13
- Day 24 Revelation 22:16-17
- Day 25 Revelation 22:20

HOPE FOR THE NEW YEAR

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

—[Jeremiah 29:11](#)—

Who would have thought that the Lord of Heaven and Earth would come into a broken, sinful world as a child born in a stable?

We are about to close the book on 2021. As we look back on the past year, we might find ourselves remembering some of the triumphs and trials of the past year. Even if we have had some wonderful successes in the past twelve months, we can probably remember some low points as well.

As we enter a new year, we need to remember that God's plans have always been to prosper His people. He can transform ordinary events and difficult trials into key moments that help His plans to prosper and mold us to His image. He is not out to harm us, but the dark moments we experience can be part of the most important lessons to help us grow nearer and deeper in Him.

God has a way of doing things that we may find hard to understand sometimes. Thankfully, He introduced His Son into a lost, dying world and gave us His unconditional love and undeserving salvation. That same God comes into our daily lives and draws us into His plans for a hope-filled future!

Prayer: Lord, my life is in your hands. I praise You for the joys You have brought in the past year, and for the ways You refine me through the trials in my life. Prepare me to be part of Your work in the new year ahead. In His holy and precious name, Amen.

Happy New Year!