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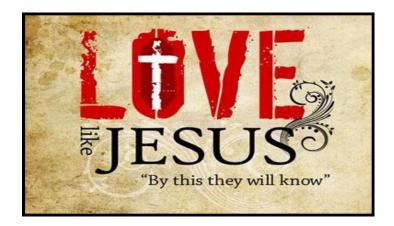
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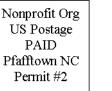
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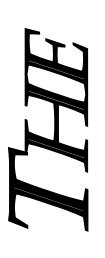






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Lenten Study Supplies for the Journey The Basics We Carry With Us

Six Sunday mornings during Lent 9:45 a.m. Sign up in the Narthex

Lent is a season of heightened commitment to our faith. You are invited to join a special Connect Group on Sundays in Lent as we examine the basic matters of faith Christians carry on their journey. Study Topics:

March 1: Christian. What's In a Name?

March 8: Following Jesus

March 15: The Bible

March 22: Making Our Prayers to God

March 29: Worship

April 5: Life in a Church

We will begin on Sunday, March 1 and conclude on Palm Sunday, April 5.
Persons who sign up are asked to commit to being present every Sunday during this study as an act of increased devotion during Lent. Each participant will receive his/her own study guide. Each guide also contains devotional guides for each day of the week.

Ten ways to love

Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
Share without pretending. (Sphesians 4:15)
Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)



In Australia, high temperatures and drought

conditions are contributing to one of the worst fire seasons in living memory. Since September, these fires have burned across 28 million acres. killing at least 28 people and an estimated 480 million animals. Meanwhile, thousands of people have been displaced as the fire danger inches closer to their homes. The heartbreaking news footage offers just a glimpse of the widespread destruction, and Disciples are wondering how to help. Week of Compassion is in conversation with local partners and is prepared to provide support once plans are in place for a response. To give, please designate "Australia Fires," and 100% of your gifts will go to the fire response. Meanwhile, as Puerto Rico continues to recover from Hurricanes Irma and Maria from 2017, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake on Tuesday struck the southwest part of the island, following 5.8 magnitude earthquake on Monday, as well as many smaller tremors over several days. Week of Compassion is in touch with Disciples leadership in Puerto Rico. Several congregations are in the affected area, but at this point, the Disciples churches do not appear to have structural damage. The Disciples church in Guayanilla is providing shelter to their members and neighbors displaced by the quakes. Disciples congregations in the area are coordinating with local government and other churches. Week of Compassion is in ongoing conversation with church leaders and ecumenical partners about current needs and the best ways for our wider Church to offer support. To support Puerto Rico, designate your gift for "Earthquakes," and 100% of your gifts will go to affected communities. Thank you for your care for and support of those affected by both of these disasters. Time and again, the deep compassion of Disciples reaches those in need, through generosity and through prayer.

Pfafftown Christian Church will be collecting for the WOC Offering on February 16 and February 23. Thank you to everyone for their generous heart of giving.

As Way Leads On To Way

Refrigerators

When Boomer the cat took up residence, he spent a lot of time exploring the lay of the land. Up and down, over and under book cases, counter tops and the beds in every room. All of it was new, exciting, and a bit disconcerting. Finally, he became comfortable enough to settle on the end of the couch in front of a crackling fire. My past experience with cats is the barn-type that lounged in the yard on the farm. Never gave them a thought. But any animal with an appreciation for a good fire was good enough for me.

Besides the fire, Boomer became enthralled with the refrigerator. He happened to be standing nearby when we opened the door, preparing an evening meal. His eyes lit up. He poked his head inside, nose twitching with excitement. "Wow! A whole box of food!" When the door closed, he began a stakeout. When we don't find him on the couch, he's in the kitchen, camped out in front of the fridge, waiting, waiting for... "Oh joy! The door came open!" and he gets to glimpse, however briefly, a chow-cat's dream.

I worried that sometimes he was examining the *outside* of our fridge to learn something about us. When visiting in people's homes, I am also interested in their refrigerators. (No, I don't sit in the floor, waiting for the door to open. I prefer to pull up in a chair.) My concern is the *outside*. There, it is common to find pictures of important people: children and grandchildren, husbands and wives, picture Christmas cards—the one's with children in holiday clothing that cause us to say from year to year, "Geez, how much they've grown!"

There is art work, created by some of those same children. There are quotes. There are calendars (always warms my heart to find the church calendar there). There are grocery lists and notes. One family uses the little magnetic, plastic letters from a child's play set. They form the letters into notes between them: N-E-E-D M-I-L-K or L-U-V-Y-O-U.

Our refrigerator groans beneath the weight of many of these same pictures and artifacts of life. We add minor league baseball schedules, of course. The stuff of our particular lives. Everybody's refrigerator is unique—and revealing.

"One does not live by bread alone," Jesus observed. Not just by that white bean chili on the second shelf within the fridge. But also by the detritus of life clinging to the outside. Examining the commitment of our lives in the season of Lent, we might sit as Boomer. It is exciting to hope someone overlooked the last piece of lemon meringue pie. It is a Lenten discipline to peruse the outside of the old ice box for what feeds the essence of our living. ~GT



Off the Shelf

The 36-Hour Day: A Family Guide to 36-Hour Caring for People Who Have Alzheimer Disease, Other Dementias, and Memory Loss.

John Hopkins Press, 2017

By Nancy Mace and Peter Rabins Through five editions, The 36-Hour

Day has been a resource for families who love and care for people with Alzheimer disease. Whether a person has Alzheimer disease or another form of dementia, he or she will face a host of problems. The 36-Hour Day will help family members and caregivers address these challenges and simultaneously cope with their own emotions and needs.

Featuring useful takeaway messages and informed by recent research into the causes of and the search for therapies to prevent or cure dementia, this edition includes new information on

- devices to make life simpler and safer for people who have dementia
- strategies for delaying behavioral and neuropsychiatric symptoms
- changes in Medicare and other health care insurance laws
- palliative care, hospice care, durable power of attorney, and guardianship
- dementia due to traumatic brain injury
- choosing a residential care facility
- support groups for caregivers, friends, and family members

The central idea underlying the book—that much can be done to improve the lives of people with dementia and of those caring for them—remains the same. The 36-Hour Day is a most informative dementia care guide.

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Pfafftown Christian Church Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

July through November 2019

	Jul - Nov 19	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
Projected W/D from CIF	0.00	0.00	0.00
Carryover from Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions Income	61,588.07	74,243.00	-12,654.93
Loose Offering	333.00	600.00	-267.00
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	419.00	-419.00
Building Rental	126.00	206.00	-80.00
Investment Earnings	2,806.31	3,006.00	-199.69
R G Flynt Endowment	1,127.47	1,281.00	-153.53
Yard Sale	2,000.00	2,169.00	-169.00
Fund Raisers	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	67,980.85	81,924.00	-13,943.15
Expense			
Administrative Expense	57,887.63	61,384.00	-3,496.37
Christian Eduation	208.96	581.00	-372.04
Building and Capital Improv Fd	0.00	832.00	-832.00
Evangelism	0.00	44.00	-44.00
Membership	300.00	169.00	131.00
Fellowship	211.62	419.00	-207.38
Childcare	0.00	81.00	-81.00
Property	13,844.19	16,019.00	-2,174.81
Worship	238.46	1,375.00	-1,136.54
Total Expense	72,690.86	80,904.00	-8,213.14
Income over Expenses	-4,710.01	1,020.00	-5,730.01



Abraham and Sarah (Genesis 17-18)Ah, Abraham and Sarah – the couple that traveled together, caused trouble together and dreamed big together! Imagine when Abraham first told Sarah they were going to move far away from their families (besides bringing Lot along) – this may have seemed welcomed at first, but moving away back then meant you were leaving for good. Abraham also let his insecurities and lack of faith get the best of him as he told Sarah to lie about who she was. Sarah became impatient waiting around for God and took building a family into her own hands. As a highly regarded Biblical couple, their story

shows that no one is perfect. How many marriages today are broken up because of family stress or even infidelity? See Abraham and Sarah as an example of how God can bless your marriage if you stick together and learn to fully trust Him sooner.

Jacob and Rachel (Genesis 29) Every woman today should desire their future (or current) spouse to be a Jacob. He adored Rachel and loved her dearly that he became her father's servant and sacrificed years of his life to appease Laban. Rachel was not always happy in her marriage, especially since she had to share her husband with her sister Leah (yeah, this seems foreign and unimaginable!). God didn't forget Rachel, but blessed her with kids when she cried out to Him. Jacob strongly favored his sons from Rachel and this created divisions between the kids, but Jacob and Rachel showed how marriage can still work when the situation is not the most ideal or fair.

Ruth and Boaz (Ruth 4) Ruth and Boaz' story is sweet and charming. After experiencing the death of her first husband, Ruth stayed close to her mother-in-law, whom she loved dearly. Boaz was attracted to Ruth's loyalty and began leaving tokens of extra food for her. What man doesn't try to make life easier for the woman he is trying to impress? Their relationship is one of servant hood as their love grew while serving one another.

Mary and Joseph (Matthew 1) You would think that being the parents of Jesus would have helped them create a strong bond from the very beginning of their marriage, but that's just not how their story began. They were getting ready to become united in marriage when Mary became pregnant and Joseph knew this was impossible. God intervened and although they were afraid – especially of what their family and community would say – they knew that Jesus was going to be special. After surviving the first few years of Jesus' life while moving to a foreign land for refuge, Mary and Joseph had a larger family and realized that Jesus was very special at a young age, maybe what many would call a gifted child by today's terminology.

Adam and Eve (Genesis 2-3) The original couple in the Bible, Adam and Eve had many blessings to share in the Garden of Eden, but ended up choosing a life of toil and struggle (sounds familiar, right?). What I admire about them is that they had to learn as they went and, yes, they had guidance and council from God, but they were setting the original standards. They had to learn their occupations from scratch – talk about inventing the wheel! One of their sons murdered his brother. Life was certainly not easy, but they remained committed and I believe they were immensely blessed because of it.



The GoodTimers will be meeting at the church on February 10 at 11:30 a.m. to go to Town and County Restaurant in King for a delicious lunch and then we will make some visits with some of our dear church family shut-ins. Please make plans now to join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and blessings.

Matthew 7:12 Do unto others as you would have them do to you.



CWF News

CWF will not meet in February, but please mark your calendars for our next meeting to be held Tuesday, March 17

at 6:30 p.m. in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall.

There were 11 ladies present at our January Meeting and it was agreed and voted upon to spend \$300 for the purchase of fabric for Ms. Evelyn Nifong to make bags for the Newborns in Need Program. It was also approved to transfer \$2,000 to the Music Fund to assist with the cost of our guest musicians.



The Memory Verse Challenge for February is:





Sundays, 9:45 a.m., Downstairs Fellowship Hall

JOSEPH: A LIFE

February 2: Joseph and His Brothers, Genesis 37

February 9: Success, Temptation, Imprisonment, Genesis 39

February 16: Interpreter of Dreams

Genesis 40 - 41

February 23: What Goes Around Comes Around... Genesis 42 - 45



Children's sermons have been re-established in morning worship. The presence of Owen has brought us back to this practice. Owen is a vibrant part of our church on Sunday mornings. We hope for other grandchildren and the children of visitors to join him.

Children's Classes Training

Sunday, February 9, 2 p.m.

If you are willing to prepare a lesson and be a part of our teaching rotation, it is not too late. Please call the church office and submit your name.





Help stock the Crisis Control Ministry Food Pantries. The pantry is running low on the following: applesauce and canned fruit, canned salmon, corn muffin mix, 100% fruit juice, canned carrots, assorted vegetables, collard greens, spinach, potatoes, and jelly. Please bring these items to Pfafftown Christian Church and leave in our Crisis Control collection box. Thank you for opening your hearts to helping others!



DEACONS:

SERVERS for February, 2020

If you are unable to serve, please, contact someone to switch with you or call:

> Lvnda Brvant: 336-924-4223 or Jo Stanley: 336-813-2522

ELDERS: Lynda Bryant, Jackie Romanello

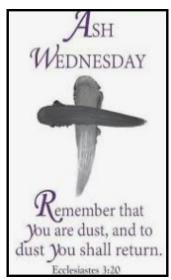
Dan Binkley, Sharon Binkley

Ann Fletcher, Gerald Fletcher

COMMUNION: Ken & Vicki Davis/Gerald Fletcher

CLOSING: Gerald Fletcher

Thank you for your part in ministry at PCC!



Meeting

Please join us for our beautiful and meaningful Ash Wednesday Service to be held February 26 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Good Timers

Monday, February 10~11:00 a.m. (meet at church)

Elders' Meeting

Tuesday, February 11~7:00 p.m. (DFH)

The Gathering

Wednesday, February 12~6:00 p.m. (DFH)

Pastor Relations Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 20~ 7:00 p.m. (Pastor's Office)

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 26~ 6:00 p.m.

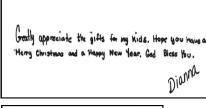
Nothing you confess could make me love you less



To Jackie Romanello & her fellow congregants: Many thanks for once again blessing our Old Town family with your generosity and kindness. Enclosed please find individual notes of thanks from Efren, Romeo and Laura, the Penalta children.

Jan Morgan

Parent & Family Engagement Coordinator Old Town Elementary School















Thank you to everyone that brought all the delicious birthday cakes for our Annual PCC Birthday Luncheon. What a great time that was had by everyone!



The Gathering 6:00 p.m. DFH

Notes from Tim

Beginning the Day with God

Prayer is one of the powerful themes of the New Testament and a dominant characteristic of Jesus' life and personality.

We have wisdom in scripture that Jesus began each day with prayer; sometimes He got up long before daybreak (Mark 1:35) to ensure quiet time with the Father.

A few weeks ago I was looking through a collection of my Dad's devotional books and came across one of my Dad's favorite poems composed by Methodist Bishop Ralph S. Cushman. I want to share it with you...

I met God in the morning When the day was at its best, And His presence came like sunrise, Like a glory in my breast, All day long the Presence lingered, All day long He stayed with me. And we sailed in perfect calmness O'er a very troubled sea. Other ships were blown and battered, Other ships were sore distressed But the winds that seemed to drive them Brought to us a peace and rest. Then I thought of other mornings, With a keen remorse of mind, When I, too, had loosed the moorings, With the Presence left behind. So I think I know the secret, Learned from many a troubled way; You must seek God in the morning If you want him through the day!

God's blessings be with you.

Tim



Remembering in Prayer

Bereavement: Family of Connie Snuffer (Ed Snuffer)

Family of Elfi Haddock (Dan and Sharon Binkley) Baptist Hospital: Brandon Whitley (friend of the

Fletcher Family)

Brighton Gardens: Edna Williamson

Rose Tara: Vallie Cline

Walnut Cove Rehabilitation: Mary Ferguson Willowbrook Rehabilitation: Bud Barker Church Family: Pat & Frank Barber, Christine Faircloth, John Grice, Jodi Saunders, Ed Snuffer, Garland Terry, Julie Tilley, Tommy Timmons

Others:

Jason Alexander: Jack & Mary Groffs' friend Haley Burns: Skip & Jo Stanley's friend Chuck Burleigh: Skip & Jo Stanley's friend John Davis: Ken and Vicki Davis' friend Tommy Disher: Traci Canter's Uncle Jennifer Durham: Irma & Fred Muetzel's granddaughter

Geraldine Edwards: Ann Fletcher's aunt

Jan Everton: Jo Stanley's sister June Fulton: Jill Robertson's friend 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 Margaret Laudine: Ann Fletcher's friend

Sharon Linscott: Gerald & Marlene's friend Ramon Mandry: Pat Millsap's family Doug McClay: Marlene Thomas' uncle

Scott McDaniel Family: Alan & Debbie Fletcher's

friends

Sue Miles: Jo Stanley's friend

Tina and Charles Norman: coworker, Scott Robertson and Skip Stanley

Plemmons Family: Alan & Debbie Fletcher's friends Daniel and Lewis Shields (infants): Jill Robertson's friends

Darlene Stewart: Ann Fletcher's sister Heather Stokes: Jill Robertson's niece Joy Stokes: Jill Robertson's sister

Emory and Ella Thomas: Gerald Thomas' parents

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.

Wednesday, February 12

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