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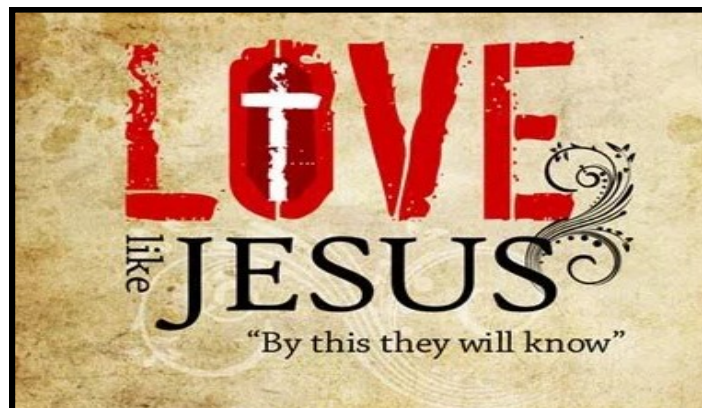
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Trust In The
Lord
With All Your
Heart
Proverbs 3:5

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THE VISITOR



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. (Ephesians 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.

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 Education	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.



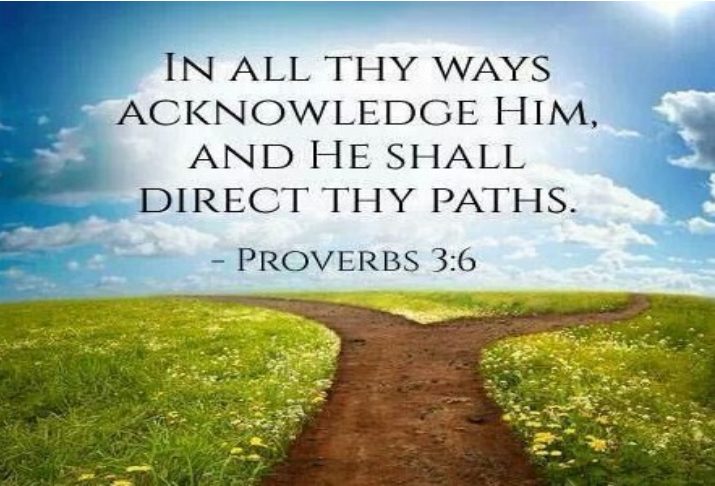
CWF News

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!

SERVERS for February, 2020

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

Lynda Bryant: 336-924-4223 or
Jo Stanley: 336-813-2522

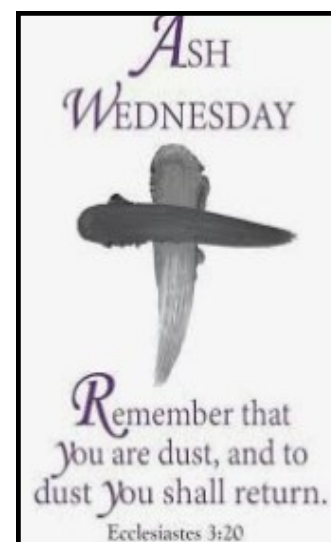
ELDERS: Lynda Bryant, Jackie Romanello

DEACONS: 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!



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.



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
Wednesday, February 12
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.