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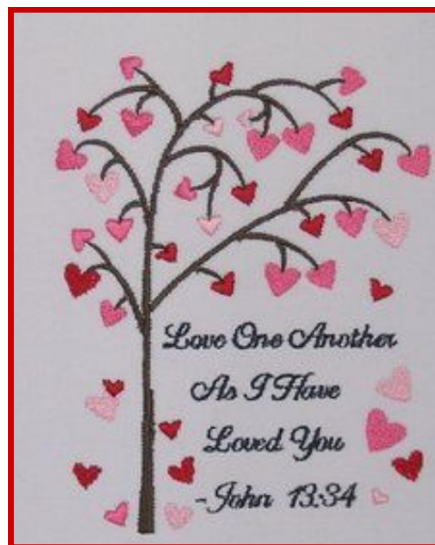
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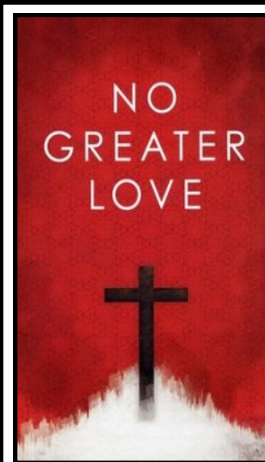
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 Jesus loves you

*We have some wonderful things happening at  
 Pfafftown Christian Church!*

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



February, 2023

**THE VISITOR**



Over the years I took many internships, seminars, and classes. Most were hard when test time came. Sometimes I dreamed about having an open book exam – where the answers to the questions could be easily found right in front of your eyes. Now that would be my kind of teacher!

That is exactly the kind of teacher we have in Jesus. He told us how He will judge his followers. The answers are in Matthew's Gospel, 25:31-40.

When the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. Before Him will be gathered all the nations, and He will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and He will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left . . . Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me.'

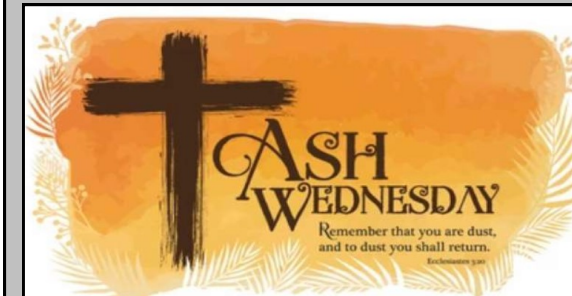
Reaching out to others to share God's love is just as much of discipleship as worship. Every time that a visitor comes to worship with us, I am so touched by how they are welcomed and accepted. The strangers are welcomed. Many of our folk now are homebound with health concerns. You visit them. On Sunday evening, February 26, Tim is taking the choir to the local prison to sing and worship with the inmates. Regardless of whether it's a visitor, an assisted living facility or a prison, we see Jesus when we follow His instructions.

How do we see Jesus? It's easy. Reach out to love those in great need.

~Rodney



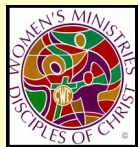
Come and celebrate Transfiguration Sunday with us on Sunday, February 19th at 11:00 am. We will be acknowledging the glorious revelation of God in Jesus Christ and Christ's manifestation as the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. Jesus' radiant and magnificent appearance on the mountaintop evokes the devouring fire of the glory of the LORD at Mount Sinai (Exodus 24.17).



Please join us on Wednesday, February 22, at 6:30 p.m. as we celebrate Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is always celebrated 46 days before Easter Sunday and is the solemn reminder of human mortality and the need for reconciliation with God. Ash Wednesday also marks the beginning of the Lenten Season. Lent references the time Jesus spent being tempted in the desert. This time seeks to prepare the heart of us for the solemn remembrance of the death of Jesus followed by a joyous Easter Sunday celebration of the resurrection.

During our Ash Wednesday Service a mark of the sign of the cross will be placed on the believer's forehead with ash. This cross symbolizes our sinful nature and our need for salvation. The use of ashes in the Bible was used to illustrate mourning, repentance and the frailty of humanity. - Tim





## CWF NEWS

CWF met on January 17th at 6:00pm in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. We discussed outreach plans for coming months.

On February 8th we will be preparing and delivering a meal to the Salvation Army Center of Hope Family Shelter which provides meals and shelter for homeless parents with children. This is the only family emergency shelter in Forsyth County.

During December we collected \$1,045 for the Senior Services Meals on Wheels Program. We voted to add enough to those funds to cover the cost of providing meals for one senior for one year. Current cost is \$1,920--CWF will be sending \$875 to the Meals on Wheels program.

We voted to give \$300 to Evelyn to purchase fabric for the bags she makes for Newborns In Need. In the planning phase: Visiting a nursing home and bringing needed items to the residents. We are gathering information to cook a meal for the Ronald Macdonald House in WS.

We are not meeting in February but will be delivering a meal to Center of Hope Family Shelter as our February activity.

## VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED

The Worship Committee is still seeking volunteers to help prepare communion. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. Thank you for your willingness to serve. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Lynda Bryant or Mrs. Jo Stanley.

\* Ann Fletcher



**Save the Date!**  
**PCC Chili Cook-Off**  
**Sunday March 19**  
**5:00 pm**  
**Upstairs Fellowship Hall**  
**CALLING ALL COOKS!**

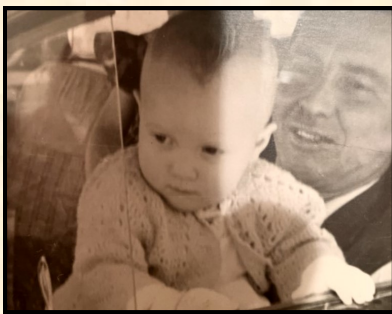
Now is the time for you to shine and show off your good culinary talents with a little friendly competition! Go wooden spoon to wooden spoon with your family and friends as you cook up your prize-winning home-made chili for our PCC family and friends to savor! If you do not want to compete, that is just fine...eaters are an important part of this event, too!

Bring your family and friends for this evening of fun, fellowship and exceptionally good food. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Narthex in a few weeks. If you have questions or will plan to make some chili, please let Beth Faircloth or Tim know.



## Who Am I?

Can you guess who this is sweet little angel is? She has a heart of gold and a special love for people and animals. She sprinkles happiness everywhere she goes! Answer can be found hidden somewhere within this newsletter... please look for an \* and their name.)



Our next **“Taste & See”** Bible Study Luncheon will be Wednesday, February 8th from 11:30A - 12:30P in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex or you may call the church office to sign up. Please make plans now to join us!



## WEEK OF COMPASSION

A special offering will be collected February 19 - 26. This offering is a designated time when congregations come together to lift up and celebrate the very important work of helping others during disasters. Should you wish to donate to this cause, please designate for WOC on your check in the offering plate or when mailing your donation to the church.



The February Crisis Control gift of the month is **Instant Potatoes**. Thank you, PCC Church Family, for your continued willingness to help others in need that are right here in our local community.

## February Worship Schedule

Sunday, February 5	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, February 12	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, February 10	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, February 26	~	Rev. Rodney Stilwell

## Notes From Tim

### Lord, Speak to Me

This particular anthem is one of the most cherished anthems the Chancel Choir likes to sing in Sunday worship. Frances Ridley Havergal, the author of this text has often been called the “consecration poet” because of her deep commitment to Christ. This text first appeared in 1872 in leaflet form with the title *A Worker’s Prayer* accompanied by the Scripture verse: “For none of us lives to himself and none dies to himself” (Romans 14:17). These words have since been widely used in leading others to a deeper consecration of their lives to God:

*Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
In living echoes of Thy tone;  
As Thou hast sought, so let me seek  
Thy erring children lost and lone.*

*O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
The precious things Thou dost impart;  
And wing my words, that they may reach  
The hidden depths of many a heart.*

*O fill me with Thy fullness, Lord,  
Until my very heart overflow  
In kindling thought and glowing word  
Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.*

*O use me, Lord, use even me,  
Just as Thou wilt and when and where;  
Until Thy blessed face I see,  
Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share. Amen.*

Effective service must always begin with prayer asking God to use us to accomplish His eternal purposes in the lives of others. But we must not dictate to our Lord as to how and when we should be used. We are simply to speak His truth boldly but always in love. Asking lost people to be reconciled to God is far different from merely engaging them in theological arguments. We must always remember that the real need of people is to hear about the historical Christ as a personal Savior and Lord and to be guided to a living and vital relationship with Him.

Our Chancel Choir will be singing this anthem in the morning worship service on Sunday, February 5.

God’s grace and peace to you. *Tim*

## Prayer Requests

**Bereavement:** The family of Mr. Frank Barber  
The Family of Mr. Kenny Sorrells

### Church Family:

Pam Backi (heart monitor beginning in February), Jack Groff (Baptist Hospital), Jo Poplin (Vienna Village), Helen Johnson, Pat Millsaps (Davie Nursing & Rehab.), Jeanette Shropshire, Skip Stanley, Garland and Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

### Others:

Jason Alexander: Friend of Jack and Mary Groff  
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  
Kathy Mason: Friend of Tim Shoaf  
Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley  
Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter  
Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter  
Danny Safrit: Friend of Traci Canter  
John Shoaf: Cousin of Tim Shoaf  
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson  
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson  
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi  
Judy West: Cousin of Ann Fletcher

*In Loving Memory of*  
*Mr. Frank Barber*

*June 10, 1926-*  
*January 10, 2023*

