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*Please come and join us and see what's happening at
Pfafftown Christian Church!*



We would ❤️ to have you visit and worship with us!



January, 2022

THE VISITOR

Always We Begin Again

As we start over in 2022, take a second and listen to the great Old Testament prophet Isaiah's words:

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, 'In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.'

Our life of faith is continually reaching out and returning, resting and renewing. During the Christmas season we reached out to others, sang carols, and visited. Now we are resting and renewing in preparation for a new year and a new beginning. Following Jesus has many beginnings. Always we begin again.

To help us begin again in 2022, I have gathered a collection of Old and New Testament Scripture verses for the congregation. I will print a single verse on a piece of paper to be drawn out by each member during the worship services in January. These will not be chosen by personal preference but selected by each of us out of a basket. The Scripture will be your personal verse from God for 2022. I believe your verse will be a promise, an encouragement, an admonition, and a word of comfort. Throughout the year we can engage other PCC members, friends and family in conversations about the verse.

*As we enter a new year, I hope that God will work through your verse, and the fellowship at PCC to remind you that He is with you each and every day. **Always, and together, we begin again!***

~Rodney



In celebration of our church family birthdays, we will have our Annual Birthday Luncheon on Sunday, January 30 following the 11:00 AM Worship Service. Lunch provided will consist of a salad bar, baked potato bar and of course, birthday cake for everyone! Happy Birthday! You are loved!

January Worship Schedule

Sunday, January 2 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, January 9 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, January 16 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, January 23 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sunday, January 30 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell

Thank You

Dear Pfafftown Christian Church Family,
Thank you so much for the bountiful giving of your prayers, time, and money in our recent outreach ministries. Many lives have been sweetly blessed and impacted as a result of your generous, Jesus-like hearts. Thank you again!

Thank you to **EVERYONE** for your part in all our beautiful Christmas celebrations. The true meaning of Christmas could be felt by everyone. May we remember to hold on to Christmas in our hearts all year long! We truly have a wonderful church family.

Dear Friends,

Skip and I would like to thank each of you for your prayers and well wishes over the last few months. We hope your Christmas was filled with peace and grace, as we wish each of you many blessing for the new year.

Love, Skip and Jo Stanley



Elder's Schedule January - March, 2022

MONTH	LEADER	BACK-UP
January	Steve Clodfelter	Ruth Saalweachter
February	Lynda Bryant	Betty Simpson
March	Ken Davis	Tony Bryant



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!

2022 GIFT OF THE MONTH		
January Crackers	May Salad Dressing & Condiments	September Canned Greens
February Instant Potatoes	June Canned Meats (Salmon, Beef, Spam, Tuna)	October Applesauce (Please no glass jars)
March Pancake Mix & Syrup	July Toilet Tissue	November Sugar, Flour, Baking Items
April Instant Oatmeal & Grits	August Peanut Butter & Jelly	December Beef Stew
Crisis Control MINISTRY Neighbors Helping Neighbors www.crisiscontrol.org		

PCC will be faithfully supporting our local Crisis Control Ministry. This ministry holds a special place in all our hearts here at PCC. Please see the 2022 Gift of the Month Guide. During the month of January, we will be collecting boxed crackers. Thank you to everyone for your heart of giving to this beautiful ministry which provides hope and nutrition to so many others in need.



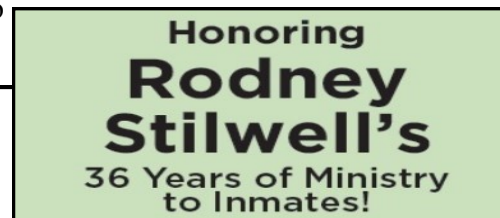
On Tuesday, November 30th our Minister, Reverend Rodney Stilwell, was honored at a breakfast held at the Benton Convention Center in downtown Winston-Salem for his impeccable career of ministering to inmates and prisoners within the Forsyth Jail and Prison for an amazing 36 years! Several PCC members and staff attended this honorary event. To have

the opportunity to hear the many tender, life-changing testimonies of how Rodney has ministered to so many people, was truly a blessing. One can easily think of Colossians 3:23: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." The countless lives that Rodney has touched by being God's servant is an example to us all. Congratulations, Rodney, on your retirement and many achievements. We love you and are honored, blessed, and humbled by your guidance, presence and ministry here at Pfafftown Christian Church.



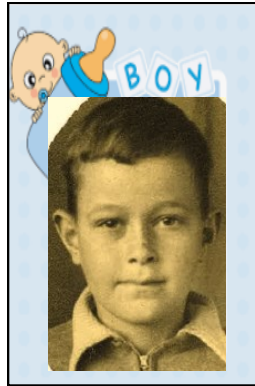
CWF NEWS

At our December meeting, we collected **\$1,000 for the Meals on Wheels** Program in Forsyth County. Many thanks to all who supported this fund-raising event. We also discussed and approved sending **\$1,000 to the Tornado Victims** in Kentucky through the Samaritan's Purse Relief effort. CWF will not meet in January.



Who Am I?

Can you guess who this handsome lad is? He loves and trusts his Savior, loves and cares for his family and is an example of Christ to anyone he comes in contact with. Answer can be found hidden somewhere within this newsletter... please look for an * and their name.)



Notes From Tim

2022!...It is hard for me to realize that the new year is already upon us! After the past year of many uncertainties in our lives and our world, we have a varied anticipation of the unknown. We do not know where or when—but we do know that we will all experience good times and some bad times in the days ahead... happiness and sorrow... mountaintops of joy and some dark valleys of heartache.

The truth which stabilizes us all, in an emotional sense and—perhaps more importantly—in a spiritual sense is the assurance that the Lord is with us in and through it all. In the afterglow of Christmas we once again affirm the gospel—"Emmanuel," meaning "God with us."

Physical pain, loneliness, hardships, natural disasters, traumatic experience among loved ones, neighbors, relatives and friends can plague our lives, but the light and warmth and renewing power of God's grace can continue to strengthen us and restore our souls.

About the only certainty we carry into this new year is that God in Christ will continue to be with us. Actually, that is about the only certainty we need in this life. Some words come to my mind that James Cowden Wallace wrote which express this truth and which can make a significant difference in how we face the future:

There is an eye that never sleeps
Beneath the wing of night
There is an ear the never shuts
When sinks the beams of light.
There is an arm that never tires
When human strength give way;
There is a love that never fails
When earthly loves decay.
That Eye unseen overstretchs all;
That Arm upholds the sky;
That Ear doth hear the sparrows call;
That love is ever nigh.

God is with you and me. ~ *Tim*

REMINDER: The last class for the While We Wait Advent Bible Study will be held **Sunday, January 9th** in the **Downstairs Fellowship Hall** at **10:00 a.m.** Please make plans to join us! Even if you haven't attended the previous classes, we would still love to have you come and join us!



Church Family: Skip Stanley (recovery from surgery), Jeanette Shropshire (recent surgery), Jack Groff (recent surgery), Kevin Cline, Mary & Tommy Timmons, Lynda Bryant, Frank and Pat Barber, John Grice, 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
Mike Stokes: Pam Backi's friend
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



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

	<u>Jul - Oct 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
PPP Loan	8,180.16	1,766.00	6,414.16
Contributions Income	45,278.04	47,334.00	-2,055.96
Loose Offering	204.00	166.00	38.00
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	334.00	-334.00
Building Rental	800.00	166.00	634.00
Investment Earnings	932.31	1,334.00	-401.69
R G Flynt Endowment	313.57	600.00	-286.43
Yard Sale	0.00	1,734.00	-1,734.00
Memorial Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>55,708.08</u>	<u>53,434.00</u>	<u>2,274.08</u>
Expense			
Administrative Expense	32,494.88	37,387.00	-4,892.12
Christian Education	0.00	466.00	-466.00
Building and Capital Imprc	0.00	666.00	-666.00
Evangelism	0.00	166.00	-166.00
Membership	97.50	134.00	-36.50
Fellowship	47.12	334.00	-286.88
Childcare	0.00	66.00	-66.00
Property	9,887.28	12,817.00	-2,929.72
Worship	0.00	1,100.00	-1,100.00
Total Expense	<u>42,526.78</u>	<u>53,136.00</u>	<u>-10,609.22</u>
Income over Expenses	<u>13,181.30</u>	<u>298.00</u>	<u>12,883.30</u>



“ 2022 Will Be An Abounding Year”

As we embark on the year 2022, as Christians we have hope in a promising year filled with God’s blessings, but we also know that trials will more than likely come too. The word abound means to be in great plenty, or to be very prevalent. We can choose to be abound spiritually while basking in our blessings or we can choose to be abound spiritually while dealing with our unforeseen trials. Here’s what the Bible tells us about the word abound.

ABOUND IN LOVE- I Thessalonians 3:12, “ And the Lord make you to increase and **abound** in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you.” How am I demonstrating the unconditional love of Christ to those around me? Who have I reached out to recently?

ABOUND IN GRACE- Romans 5:20b, “But where sin **abounded**, grace did much more **abound**.” God extends unlimited grace to me... how well am I extending this grace to others?

ABOUND IN FRUIT- II Peter 1:5-8, “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and **abound**, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Are the qualities of faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity being displayed in my life?

ABOUND IN SPIRITUAL GROWTH- Colossians 2:6-7, “As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: Rooted and built up in Him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, **abounding** therein with thanksgiving.” I Thessalonians 4:1, “Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would **abound** more and more.” How is my walk with Christ? Is my walk in Him growing or has it become stagnant?

What are our goals for this new and fresh year? May we all be reminded to keep Christ in the center of our focus and have a beautiful year **abounding** in the love and promises of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Happy New Year!**