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… and see the wonderful things happening at
Pfafftown Christian Church

THE VISITOR

July 2024

A NOTE FROM RODNEY

I planned this column with one thought in mind – to say thank you for providing me with the blessing of being away from preaching in order to travel and hike this summer. Thanks so very much.

But there's more. This is important to me and to all of us. Occasionally, you need a break from hearing my long sermons. We are blessed to have other terrific preachers share with us here while I'm away. And it's also important for me to step back, remember why God has me at PCC, and rest with my family.

Look back in the Book of Genesis and you'll see that the first holy thing in all of creation, was not a people or a place but a day, the Sabbath. God made everything in creation and called it good, but when God rested on the seventh day, He called it holy. One writer calls the Sabbath a "palace in time." It's a time to rest, laugh, restore, worship and enjoy God's abundance.

Looking up at the canyons made by rivers, and marveling at the carvings from the wind was restful, worshipful. The rest brought me closer to God. Sabbath rest is vital for all of us. Whether it's a vacation, reading a faithful story, listening to the birds sing, or sitting in quiet reflection early in morning – I encourage all of us to keep some regular Sabbath time. It is God's gift to you and me. And it's holy.

Thanks be to God.

Rodney

Vacation Bible School
Saturday, August 10
9:45 am – 1:30 pm

(Pre-K through 5th Grade)
Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Discovery through Bible Lessons, Crafts, Cosmic Experiments, Splash 'n Dash Games, Lunch, lots of learning and fun!

You may register your child by calling Tim at 336-692-5214, or by calling the church office at 336-924-9925.

VBS Adult Volunteers

Our VBS plays a vital role in the spiritual formation, nurturing, and growth of our children in the Christian faith.

We can use additional adult volunteers to lead/assist in Crafts, Lessons, Bible Games, Splash n' Dash Games, Lunch and set-up for our Vacation Bible School. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for you to sign your name for the event/station you would be willing to serve or assist. Please list your email and phone number and you will be contacted for finalizing plans and provide instructions, materials, etc. Thank you in advance! ***Tim***

Worship with Us

JULY Worship Schedule

July 7 ~Rev. Robert Wolfe
July 14~Rev. Rodney Stilwell
July 21~Rev. Rodney Stilwell
July 28~Rev. Tejado Hanchell

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting on **July 14th** immediately following the 11:00 AM Worship Service. Anyone may attend, but only church members can vote.

CWF NEWS

The Christian Women's Fellowship giving for 2023-2024 is as follows:

Samaritan's Purse for Maui Wildfires - $1,000
Baby Rose Everton - $500
Newborns In Need - $400
DMF (Disciples of Christ) - $600
Christmount Christian Assembly - $400
Crisis Control - $1,000
Trellis Supportive Care - $500
Salvation Army - $500
Forsyth Jail & Prison Ministries - $600
Meals on Wheels - $2,675
Fabric for Newborns In Need bags - $500
Subtotal 8,675
Meals on Wheels dinner-- donations - $1,325
Total giving $10,000

"Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."
Proverbs 31:29

**There will be no CWF meeting until September.*

PCC GARDEN

In memory of our long-time member, Mr. Bill Simpson, the "Bill's Garden" began shortly after he passed away in November, 2020. Bill's love for gardening continues today with the beautiful crops of squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, and peppers. Also adorning the edges of the gardens, you will find beautiful marigolds and gladiolas. Thank you to ALL of our devoted, hard working gardeners that are continuing this PCC legacy.

JULY Worship Leaders

ELDERS
Steve Clodfelter, Lead
Ruth Saalweachter, Back-up

COMMUNION STEWARDS
Lynda & Jack Bryant

PCC will sponsor the students and staff at Old Richmond Elementary School again this year. A list of supplies needed will be available in the Narthex. **Please bring donations before August 5th** and place them in the "School Supply Wagon in the Narthex. Join us on Sunday, August 11th as we welcome ORES staff and dedicate the supplies as we ask God for His blessings on the upcoming school year.

CMF NEWS

The Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held on **Tuesday, July 16, at 9:00 am** at Mama Zoe's Restaurant located at 2859 Reynolda Road in Winston-Salem. All men come out and join us as we enjoy a meal and some great fellowship together. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex or you may call Tim Shoaf at 336-692-5214.

Notes from Tim

Recently, I was reading about the life of Thomas Barclay who was, for many years, a Presbyterian missionary to Taiwan. Until his death in Taiwan, he dedicated his life to modernization of Taiwan's culture, educational system, and missionary work for over sixty years. Following his death, a well-worn, yellow-with-age, paper titled *My Decision* was discovered among his many personal things. Barclay had first signed the paper on his 16th birth-day when he was a student at Glasgow University. Then every year on his birthday he added his signature again right through to his 85th year!

In the decision Barclay drew up for himself, he surrendered his life to God and made the Lord's work the singular priority of his earthly existence. He consecrated to God all he was and all he had—his mind, his body, his possessions, his time. Barclay ended the commitment by saying: "To Thee I leave the management of all events and say without reserve, 'Not my will, but Thine be done…'"

It is good for us to renew our vows and commit-ments to the Lord periodically. In our ritual service of Baptism, The Lord's Supper, Profession of Faith, and through Membership (gifts, time, and talents) in Pfafftown Christian Church, we do formally reaffirm our commitment. But perhaps it should be a daily (and very personal) reaffirmation also. As with Thomas Barclay's decision we can also, through our own daily devotions, prayers, and moments with God, renew our vows of our own Christian commitment.

There are mountain peaks and valleys in the spiritual pilgrimages of all of us—but we need to remember that the most significant imperative of the Christian life is **faithfulness.** Occasionally the flame of our devotion to the Lord and His work may flicker, but we fuel that flame as we daily, hourly, open ourselves to His Grace and intention-ally reaffirm our willingness to live Christ's love in the world.

See you in church this Sunday, *Tim*

PRAYER Request

Church Family: Sue Flynt, Mel Blakley, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

Others:
Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi
Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker
Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter
Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt
Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson
Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter
Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker
Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley
Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer
Scott Stanley: Son of Skip & Jo Stanley
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty Clodfelter

And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Matthew 21:22 KJV

Crisis Control Items for July: Canned Pastas

(Chef Boyardee, SpaghettiOs, Beefaroni, Ravioli, etc.) Please place your donations in the box located near the Narthex.

There will be **NO** Taste and See in JULY, but we are looking forward to studying God's word with you over lunch beginning next month!

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2024 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Crop Walk will be held on **Sunday, October 20th** in Downtown Winston-Salem. More information will be coming soon!