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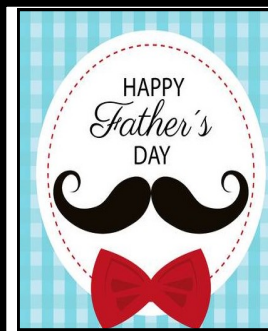
***The Rev. Tim Shoaf***  
Minister of Music & Programs

***Traci Canter***, Office Administrator

*We are here for you!*

During this season, if you should have a need (such as someone to pick up medications or food and drop them at your door) or would simply like to talk during this time, do not hesitate to contact one of the persons listed below:

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# THE VISITOR

*Congratulations*  
**CLASS OF 2020**



**Congratulations to Emma Jane Robertson**, daughter of Scott and Jill Robertson. Emma is a 2020 graduate of Ronald Reagan High School, Pfafftown, NC in May 2020. While at Reagan, Emma was involved in the Reagan dance program, FFA – Vice President and a member of Reagan Shooting Team, participating in Bow and Rifle competitions. Emma will be attending Forsyth Technical College in the fall. Thank you to our church family for your love and support of this young lady. She has endured a great deal in her 18 years of life and she continues to persevere with her strength and determination to succeed. Emma, may you continue to do all things through Christ who strengthens you. We love you and are proud of you and your accomplishments. Our wish for you is love, health and prosperity. We cannot wait to see what the future brings!

**Congratulations to Emily Cooke**, daughter of Sharon and Dan Binkley. Ms. Cooke is a 2020 college graduate of Appalachian State University. Emily received her bachelor's degree in Public Health and will be completing an internship this summer in Texas. She plans on continuing her education to pursue a bachelor's in nursing. May the Lord bless you with courage and endurance to thrive towards your dreams. Congratulations on your great success! We love you!



**Congratulation to Molly Kolstad**, daughter of Cathy and Chuck Kolstad and granddaughter of Evelyn and Jake Nifong. Ms. Kolstad graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in May, 2020 with a bachelor's degree in Education with a specialty in Human Development and Family Studies. She has recently finished her internship and has accepted a job in her field and will reside in Durham. May the Lord continue to lead and guide you. Your family is so proud of you and loves you so much!

**Congratulations to Chloe Paige Reynolds**, daughter of Chris and Erin Flynt Reynolds and granddaughter of Sue and Robert Flynt. Ms. Reynolds graduated from Hopewell High School in Charlotte in May, 2020. She was a two year Captain of the soccer team and homecoming queen her senior year. She will be headed to Appalachian State this fall. Continued prayers for your bright future! Your family loves you and we are so proud of all your accomplishments.





## As Way Leads On To Way

I'm joining up with proud parents and grandparents who are celebrating their graduates in this season of the year. I'm writing as we are two-thirds through May. Normally, we would have a June-graduation date circled in happy red and out-of-towners would have reserved the guest rooms and motel rooms. Sigh.

I, too, am disappointed we won't get to gather up close to mark this occasion, but no amount of adjustment to this virus takes away the meaning of accomplishment. Like a stake put down while way back there in ninth grade, barely visible, our graduates have taken the steps and arrived and reached out to touch the marker.

Fred Craddock was once a graduate. Closer to 1920 than 2020. His father had a way of helping Fred celebrate reaching milestone markers—by moving the stake:

When I was a boy, once I was taken out of the house and to the backyard and was allowed to lie on the grass and chew the tender stems of grass. You know how you do on a summer evening, just lie there, chew the tender grass, and look up at the sky.

And my father said to me, "Son, how far can you think?"

I said, "What?"

He said, "How far can you think?"

"Well, I don't know what you mean."

"Just think as far as you can think up toward the stars."

I screwed my imagination down, and I said, "I'm thinking ... I'm thinking ... I'm thinking."

He said, "Think as far as you can think."

"I'm thinking as far as I can think."

He said, "Well, drive down a stake out there now. In your mind, drive down a stake. Have you driven down the stake? That's how far you can think."

I said, "Yes, sir."

He said, "Now what's on the other side of your stake?"

I said, "Well, there's more sky."

He said, "Move your stake."

And we spent the evening moving my stake out there. It was a crazy thing to do, but I will never thank him enough for doing it.<sup>1</sup>

Graduates, you have arrived. We are celebrating with you, for it has been a long journey to come to this point. Some have traveled around great fields of

boulders to arrive. Some have carried boulders. But we are gathered now, at your goal. At your stake.

"Now, what's on the other side of your stake?"

"What? Move it? I've just arrived."

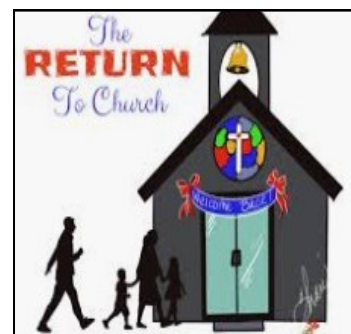
"But what's on the other side?"

Take some time to look up at the stars and chew on some tender grass and compliment yourself for making it thus far. Think into the fields of nighttime stars and daytime blue. Know from where you've come. Think about the endless possibilities of where you will go next. Take a deep breath. Hug yourself for me. Know your life is a gift and you are loved with an everlasting love.

Then move your stake.

—GT

1. Fred Craddock, *Craddock Stories*, Chalice Press, 2001



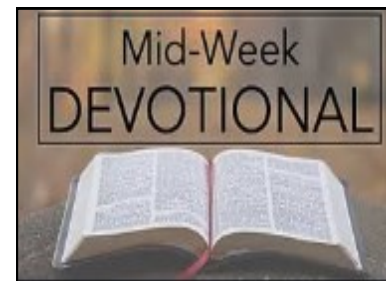
## WE RETURN TO SANCTUARY JULY 5

The Pfafftown Christian Church Board has determined we will return to worship in our sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. on July 5.

We will not restart Connect Groups until a later date. The Board will provide information on our safety precautions as the church prepares for July 5.

Between now and then, Gerald and Tim will continue to provide worship opportunities on our YouTube channel.

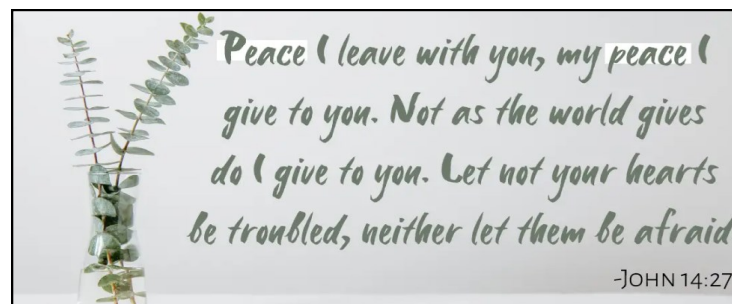
~ GT



## MID-WEEK DEVOTIONAL THOUGHTS

On Wednesdays, Pfafftown Christian Church will broadcast a mid-week devotional

thought by Phone-Tree. We hope you will be encouraged. ~ GT



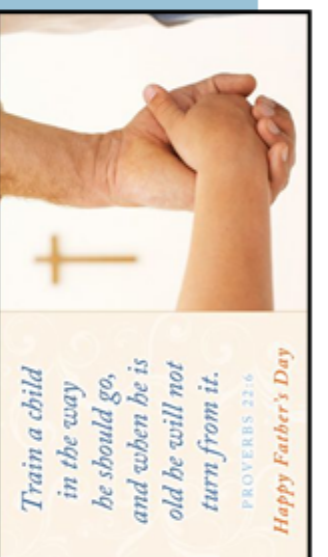
June 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Mid-week Devotional (phone Tree)	4	5	6
7 11:00 AM Worship on YouTube	8	9	10 Mid-week Devotional (phone Tree)	11	12	13
14 11:00 AM Worship on YouTube	15	16 CWF Mtg. 7:00 PM DFH	17 Mid-week Devotional (phone Tree)	18	19	20
21 11:00 AM Worship on YouTube	22	23	24 Mid-week Devotional (phone Tree)	25	26	27
28 11:00 AM Worship on YouTube	29	30				



1 - Edna Williamson 22 - Renee Middleton  
3 - Traci Canter 24 - Mark Bennett  
6 - David Staples 26 - Erick Smitherman  
7 - Lawrence Cline 28 - Joseph Binkley  
10 - Frank Barber 29 - Jamie Redding  
Mel Blakley  
Toni Kibler  
11 - Ashley Terry  
12 - Van Kiger  
13 - Jodi Sanders  
14 - Irma Muetzel



June 6 - Tom & Sarah Ingram June 19 - Bill & Betty Simpson  
June 8 - Jill & Scott Robertson June 27 - Phil & Frankie Denton  
June 9 - Gerald & Marlene Thomas  
June 11 - David & Mindy Mock  
June 12 - Garland & Sue Terry  
June 15 - Ed & Connie Snuffer  
June 16 - Gray & Kathy Tilley  
June 17 - Jason & Ruby Terry





Pfafftown Christian Church  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
July 2019 through March 2020

	Jul '19 - Mar 20	Budget	\$ Over Budge
<b>Income</b>			
Change for Church	253.17		
Carryover from Prior Year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contributions Income	105,707.75	133,635.00	-27,927.25
Loose Offering	735.00	1,080.00	-345.00
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	751.00	-751.00
Building Rental	226.00	374.00	-148.00
Investment Earnings	4,698.76	5,414.00	-715.24
R G Flynt Endowment	1,778.68	2,309.00	-530.32
Yard Sale	3,050.00	3,901.00	-851.00
Fund Raisers	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>116,449.36</b>	<b>147,464.00</b>	<b>-31,014.64</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Administrative Expense	105,408.25	110,491.00	-5,082.75
Christian Eduation	618.28	1,049.00	-430.72
Building and Capital Improv Fd	0.00	1,499.00	-1,499.00
Evangelism	0.00	76.00	-76.00
Membership	300.00	301.00	-1.00
Fellowship	324.10	751.00	-426.90
Childcare	0.00	149.00	-149.00
Property	25,372.82	28,837.00	-3,464.18
Worship	2,394.42	2,475.00	-80.58
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>134,417.87</b>	<b>145,628.00</b>	<b>-11,210.13</b>
<b>Income over Expenses</b>	<b>-17,968.51</b>	<b>1,836.00</b>	<b>-19,804.51</b>

Please note--church year is ending June 30, 2020.

Notes from Tim

Hymn Story: Take My Life

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) was a gifted and passionate saint. The daughter of a church rector, she was raised in Worcester, England and attended schools in England and Germany. In her love of learning, she grew to become an able scholar and a talented singer and pianist.

The deepest desire of her heart, however, was in personal spiritual influence upon others. This led her to value most of all her ability to write; for that reason she expended the majority of her life’s labors in writing prose and poetry that would be spiritually beneficial to the saints. Havergal suffered poor health and was taken by the Lord at just 42 years of age. But the Lord prospered her ministry; her writings had a large impact in her own day, and several continue to be read and sung today. The hymn “Take My Life” gives a good picture of the kind of passion and joy she had in ministering to others. She once recounted her story behind it:

"I went for a little visit of five days. There were ten persons in the house, some unconverted and long prayed for, some converted but not rejoicing Christians. He gave me the prayer, “Lord, give me *all* in this house!” And He just *did!* Before I left the house every one had got a blessing. The last night of my visit I was too happy to sleep, and passed most of the night in praise and renewal of my own consecration, and these little couplets formed themselves and chimed in my heart one after another, till they finished with, “*Ever, ONLY, ALL* for Thee!” In her own words, the hymn is a “consecration hymn” in which the singer commits all of their possessions and being to the Lord for his purposes.

Take my life, and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

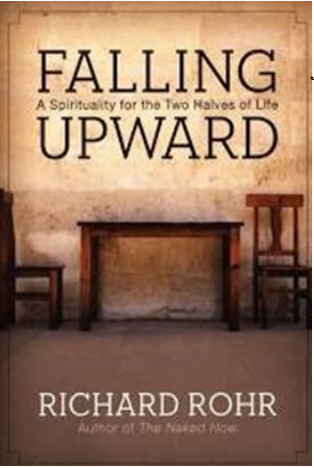
Take my hands, and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing  
Always, only, for my King;  
Take my lips, and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

God's grace and peace be with you. *Tim*

OFF THE SHELF



*Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*  
Josey-Bass, 2011

By Richard Rohr  
“In the first half of life, we are naturally and rightly preoccupied with establishing our identity---climbing, achieving, and performing. But those concerns will not serve us as we grow older and begin to embark on a further

journey, one that involves challenges, mistakes, loss of control, broader horizons, and necessary suffering that actually shocks us out of our prior comfort zone. Eventually we need to see ourselves in a different and more life-giving way. This message of “falling down”--that is in fact moving upward---is the most resisted and counterintuitive messages in the world’s religions, including and most especially Christianity. Richard Rohr offers a framework for understanding one of life’s mysteries: how our failings can be the foundation for our ongoing spiritual growth.” (from the book)

Church may look  
**different** for now.  
But who we are as the church  
will not be cancelled.



*Daddy's Hands*  
(excerpt from *Daddy's Hands*- Holly Dunn)

I remember daddy's hands folded silently in prayer and reachin' out to hold me, when I had a nightmare. You could read quite a story in the callous' and lines. Years of work and worry had left their mark behind.

I remember daddy's hands how they held my mama tight and patted my back for something done right. There are things that I'd forgotten that I loved about the man, but I'll always remember the love in daddy's hands

I remember daddy's hands workin' 'til they bled; sacrificed unselfishly just to keep us all fed. If I could do things over, I'd live my life again and never take for granted the love in daddy's hands.

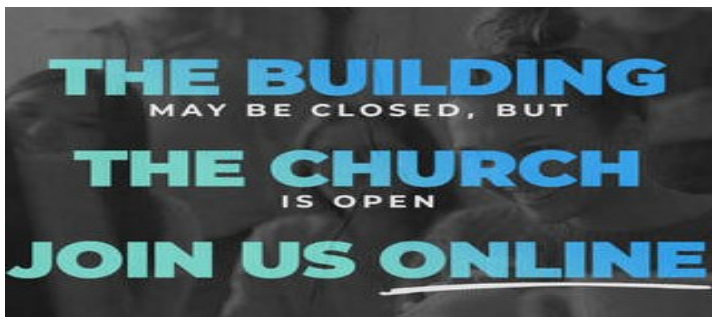
Daddy's hands were soft and kind when I was cryin'  
Daddy's hands were hard as steel when I'd done wrong  
Daddy's hands weren't always gentle but I've come to understand  
***There was always love in daddy's hands.***

*This Father’s Day, let us celebrate the awesome gift of a loving father’s hand (past or present)-impressionable in our own lives and the lives of children and grandchildren. Also, let us rest assured that we are safe and secure under the care of our Heavenly Father’s hand. “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I will give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all.” John 10:27-29*






We have no news to report this month. We all miss going to church and look forward to going back when it is safe to do so. We hope you will continue your financial support during these uncertain times. If you would like an update on your giving, please contact me or Betty Kiger (although this is a very busy time of the year for her) and we will get you the information you need. As mentioned in the last newsletter, we will gear up our stewardship campaign for the coming year in the fall. I hope all is well and God bless you and your family. ~ Bill Simpson



On Sunday mornings, you are invited to enter into a time of worship and meditation through music, scripture reading, and sermon. Join with us on YouTube, the PCC Facebook site, or the PCC webpage.



**SERVERS for June, 2020**  
*If you are unable to serve, please, contact someone to switch with you or call:*  
Lynda Bryant: 336-924-1695 or  
Jo Stanley: 336-813-2522

**ELDERS:** Lynda Bryant, Beth Faircloth  
**DEACONS:** Dan Binkley, Sharon Binkley  
Ann Fletcher, Gerald Fletcher  
**COMMUNION:** Dan & Sharon Binkley  
**CLOSING:** Ken Davis



June's memory verse is:

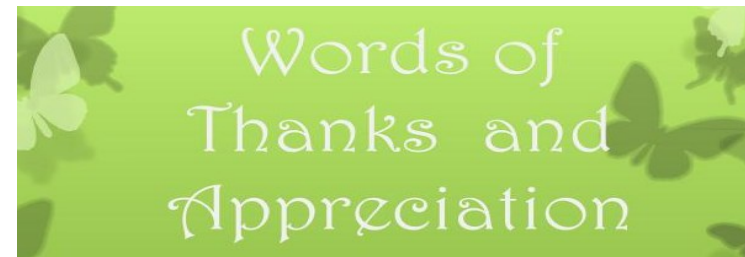
**You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.**  
**Deuteronomy 6:5**



Thank you for your continued prayers, food and financial donations to Crisis Control Ministry. We as a church were able to be a light to others during these very difficult and trying times. Deuteronomy 15:10-11 (ESV) ~ You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'



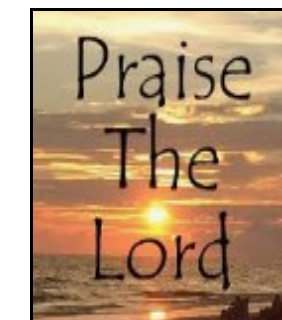
PCC recently received a letter from Ms. Margaret Elliott, Executive Director at CCM, acknowledging a \$200.00 donation given by the Worship Committee in honor of all Mothers and Fathers. "Happy Mother's Day and Father's Day, PCC!" Love,  
♥ Your Worship Committee



*I just wanted to thank all my church family for the prayers, cards and encouragement during the time of my husband's passing. It has meant so much to me. Can't wait until we can be together again. God bless- ~ Pam Backi*

*Dear Friends,  
You have been so faithful for a long time in your prayers for Emory & me. I thank you for every prayers, card and expression of encouragement and caring during these days. May God bless you as we all go forward as well as we can in these uncertain times. Prayers for your health and safety as you can serve our Lord. I give thanks for the way you minister to others in many loving ways. ~ Ella Thomas*

*Greetings!  
Enclosed is a donation to use for the church ministries. My great-grandfathers, Julius Transou, was one of the early members of PCC. I was raised in Pfafftown and at the age of 5 weeks put in the nursery so mother could teach Sunday School. I was baptized in the church. My parents, sister and many relatives were active in PCC. My thoughts and prayers remain with PCC - continue the ministry and may all walk daily in peace with God.  
~ Helen Harris*



Updated News from Bob & Beth Faircloth: Our daughter-n-law, Christine, (Joel's wife) has completed her chemo treatments for breast cancer and will soon begin radiation. Thank you for all your prayers and words of concern.

## Remembering in Prayer



**Bereavement:** Family of Norma Goslen (Evelyn Nifong's sister-n-law) at the death of her granddaughter, Hannah Hartman.

**Brighton Gardens:** Edna Williamson

**Rose Tara:** Vallie Cline

**Willowbrook Rehabilitation:** Bud Barker

**Church Family:** Pat & Frank Barber, Jack Bryant, Christine Faircloth, John Grice, Jodi Saunders, Bill Simpson, Ed Snuffer, Garland Terry, Julie Tilley, Tommy Timmons, Richard Yarbrough

### Others:

Jason Alexander: Jack & Mary Groffs' friend  
Haley Burns: 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  
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  
Plemmons Family: Alan & Debbie Fletcher's friend  
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  
Ella Thomas: Gerald Thomas' mom  
Judy West: Ann Fletcher's cousin  
Brandon Whitley: friend of the Fletcher family

### 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

