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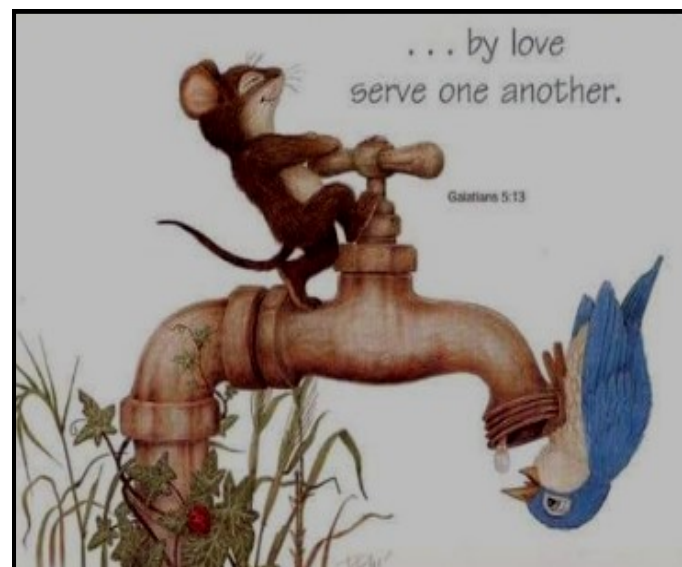
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*We have some wonderful things happening at
Pfafftown Christian Church!*



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



March, 2023

THE VISITOR



All We Need is LOVE

Sometimes I feel that our country is so far apart along a lot of different lines — politics, religion, culture.

If we are to come together, maybe LOVE can do it. LOVE is a good place to start from, a good place to head towards, and a good way to get there. No matter who we are or what we look like, LOVE has something for us all. There's probably a long list that we could do without as a human race. LOVE isn't on the it.

Jesus was asked about this. He replied, "You shall LOVE the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself" . . . DO this, and you will live."

Jesus didn't say, "think it," or "feel it." He said, "Do." Maybe He meant that LOVE is a verb. It is a doing word. LOVE can't just stay in our hearts. It means something only when we demonstrate it with our hands and feet. Jesus demonstrated his LOVE for us with his hands and feet. He reached out of his heart and used his hands to heal, feed, and share. We call it out-reach for a reason.

THX PCC for letting LOVE be a verb that "does" by reaching to LOVED ones who are homebound, infants in need, families who are hungry, folks who have lost their spouses, and singing with those in prison.



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 homemade 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!

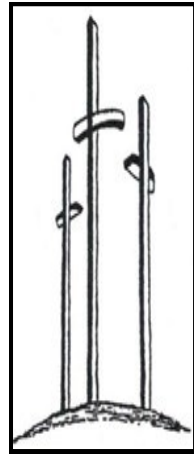
Bring your family and friends for this evening of fun, fellowship and exceptionally good food. A sign-up sheet is located in the Narthex. (If you plan to make some chili please sign up for that as well or contact Beth Faircloth or Tim). Thanks.



Disciples of Christ Easter Offering
April 2 - April 9

March Worship Schedule

Sun. March 5 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sun. March 12 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sun. March 19 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell
Sun. March 26 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell



Tenebrae Service

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7, 2023

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Seven Last Words of Christ

A Sacred Choral Work composed by Theodore Dubois

presented by the

Chancel Choir, Soloists, Harp, Timpani, and Organ

Tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. At a Tenebrae Service we feel the emotion of the passion story as shared in music. This is not a service of celebration. We sing solemn hymns and hear the scriptural narratives of Jesus' final words from the cross. Seven black candles and a Christ Candle are lit. After each reading of Jesus' words a candle is extinguished until only the flame of the Christ Candle remains. The Christ Candle is carried out of the Sanctuary at the end of the service leaving us in total darkness (tenebrae).

The Tenebrae service recreates the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the crucifixion and is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day. It is a moving spiritually reflective service. We need to witness the full story of Jesus' last hours to truly experience the wonder of Easter morning.

Make plans now and invite family, friends and neighbors to this powerful Tenebrae worship experience. *-Tim*



CWF News

On February 8th we delivered a meal including 6 chicken pies to 20 children and 13 adults at the Salvation Army Center of Hope Family Shelter which provides meals and shelter for homeless parents with children. Evelyn Nifong, Betty Barker and Ruth Saalweachter helped with this meal.

We have some outreach activities in the planning phase now: Visiting a nursing home and bringing needed items to the residents there and we are gathering information to cook a meal for the Ronald Macdonald House in Winston-Salem.

CWF will not meet in March, but we are already looking forward to meeting again in April. All ladies of the church are always welcome and encouraged to join us!

In Appreciation...

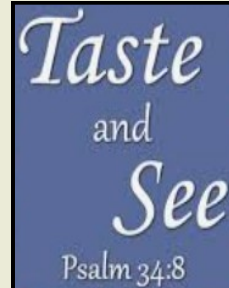
Paul Shropshire, thank you for donating the mulch and providing the Landscaping Crew to enhance our Church grounds as we prepare for the Spring and Easter Season.

MARCH ELDER LEADERS

*Ken Davis, Leader
Tony Bryant, Back-Up*

COMMUNION STEWARDS

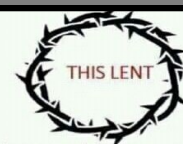
Vicki and Ken Davis



Come and join us for our next "Taste & See" Bible Study Luncheon to be held Wednesday, March 8, 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.



The Crisis Control gift for March is **canned fruit**. Thank you so much, PCC Family, for your continued support to help others in need.



Pray with purpose.
Prostrate every day. Be slow to anger. Give the benefit of the doubt. Seek wisdom and grace.

Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Speak softly. Place others' needs above your own. Reach out to someone, just because. Give up something that's hard to let go. Be gentle. Apologize for a wrong (even if you were right). Repent with tears. Confess, and confess again. Try to understand. Welcome a stranger.

Put down the phone. Pick up the Bible. Forgive someone who hurt you, as hard as it may be. Stop looking for fault. Give thanks. Listen more. Esteem others better than yourself. Give alms. Have mercy. Meditate on His immeasurable love for us. Reflect that love to everyone you meet. +++

Notes from Tim

As we begin the Lenten Season and recall the sacrifice that Christ made for our sins and the sins of the world through his death on the cross, we know without a doubt, that if we believe in Him and His glorious resurrection that we have the promise of salvation and will live with Him forever--eternally! That is His promise to us!

One of my favorite Lenten hymns is *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*. The Choir will be singing this as an anthem in worship one Sunday during the season of Lent. Hymns of our faith relay a sermon and story within them:

*When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!*

What beautiful words relayed here! This classic hymn of Isaac Watts has often been called the greatest hymn ever written. Another contemporary of Isaac Watts once said of this hymn, "There may be a few others equally as great, but there is none greater." All one needs to do to realize the truth of this statement is to sing this majestic hymn. Isaac Watts based this hymn on the Scripture reference of Galatians 6:14. "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world." Christ's love, so amazing, so divine; demands my soul, my life, my ALL! The majestic phrases of this deeply solemn hymn are as moving today as when Watts penned them in 1707.

Watts' lifetime ambition was to be a servant of Christ, a servant to churches, and a helper of Christians. He won the hearts of a large share of the English speaking people over a long period of years. For the last thirty years of his life, he became an invalid, but devoted himself in comfortable and happy surroundings to the writing of many of the beautiful hymns we still sing in worship today. Some of them include: *Come, We That Love the Lord; Joy to the World; Alas and Did My Savior Bleed?* and many others. Watts was a contemporary of many other hymn writers including Charles Wesley and John Newton.

As we sing the great hymns of the church during this Lenten season, be attentive to the text and the message relayed in each hymn as we recount the last weeks and days of Christ's earthly life, his sufferings and crucifixion, along with the glorious news of His resurrection, and how through our music and the wonderful hymns, we affirm our faith in the living Christ! Grace to you, *Tim*

Prayer Requests

Church Family:

Pam Backi, Jack Groff, (*Accordius Health*) Jo Poplin (*Vienna Village*), Helen Johnson, Pat Millsaps, 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

Please let us know of additions or updates to our prayer list by placing a message in the offering plate as you leave the sanctuary or by calling the church office.

*"Unless there is
Good Friday in your
life, there can be
no Easter Sunday."*

-Fulton J. Sheen