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MARCH

THE VISITOR

2025

**Pfafftown Christian Church
CWF Project to make
No Sew Fleece Blankets for
WNC Mountain Helena Relief**

Tuesday afternoon, March 18

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Upstairs Fellowship Hall



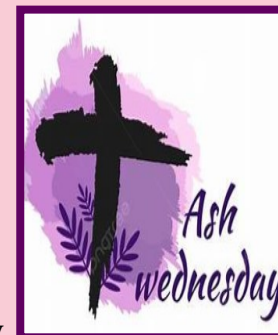
The entire congregation is invited to join the ladies of our CWF as they make twenty-five handcrafted blankets to be delivered and distributed among those affected by the Hurricane in the communities of Creston, Lansing and other areas in and around Ashe, Watauga and Avery counties.

All supplies will be provided. We do ask that you bring a pair of good sharpened scissors to assist you as we cut the tabs and tie knots making the fringe.

If you have questions, you may call Cheryl Johnson 336-466-4852, Joan Hawkins 919-423-5409, or Betty Kiger 336-480-1432.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us on March 18! Thank you!

Join us on
**Wednesday,
March 5th** at
6:30 PM as we
celebrate Ash
Wednesday.



Ash Wednesday is always celebrated 46 days before Easter Sunday and is the grave 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 hearts 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 ashes. This cross symbolizes our sinful nature and our desperate need for salvation. The use of ashes in the Bible was used to illustrate mourning, repentance and the frailty of humanity.

Make plans now to come and join us for this very meaningful service.



Please come and worship with us every Sunday at 11:00 A.M!

We would love to have you!



CWF

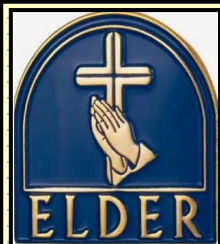
The CWF ladies made 40 quarts of Beef Vegetable Soup at our February Meeting. The proceeds from the sale of soup will be used to purchase fleece for the blankets we're making at our March meeting.

Our meeting this month will be **Tuesday, March 18th at 1:00 in the Upper Fellowship Hall**. We will be making fleece blankets for Western Carolina hurricane victims. We are purchasing fleece to make 25 blankets for children and adults. All ladies and men are invited to come and help. Invite your friends and neighbors to come with you! No sewing required. This will truly be a blessing for all!



CMF

The next Christian Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be on **Tuesday, March 18**, at Mama Zoe's Restaurant located at 2859 Reynolda Road. Men, come join us! If you have any questions, please call Tim Shoaf.



ELDERS' MEETING
Tuesday, March 4th ~ 6:00 PM
Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Crisis Control Ministry

Crisis Control Gift for the month of March is
Pancake Mix and Syrup

We thank you church family, for your continual support of this vital, local ministry.

*Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come.*

~Song of Solomon
2:12

TASTE AND SEE

that the Lord is good

Psalm 34:8

Please join us for our next
Taste & See Bible Study Luncheon
to be held on **Wednesday,**
March 19th beginning at 11:00 AM
in the **Downstairs Fellowship Hall.**
Please sign up in the Narthex
by **March 16th.**



HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF

We will continue to collect canned goods (preferably with tab pull top) and paper products (paper plates, paper towels, trash bags, toilet paper, etc.) items for our brothers and sisters in Western NC. Any monetary donations may still be made payable to Pfafftown Christian Church with a notation for **Hurricane Relief** on the memo line. All of these funds will be used to purchase other items needed prior to the next designated delivery date. Should you have questions, please contact Pam Backi, Hurricane Relief Coordinator, at 336-416-8155.

Thank you, PCC church family, for your continued prayers and unfaltering support of others. Your hearts of love and generosity are a true example of God's instructions He gives to us to love others. (Mark 12:31)

Be sure to
"spring" your
clocks forward
at 2 a.m. Sunday,
March 9, 2025!



Notes from Tim

Hymn Story: Trust and Obey

*When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.
Trust and obey—for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."*

A few Sundays ago, we sang this song as our Hymn of Dedication at PCC. Life can often be a restless and disruptive existence until we give ourselves wholeheartedly to something beyond ourselves and follow and obey it supremely. Such implicit trust in God's great love and wisdom with a sincere desire to obey is always the first step toward God's blessing in our lives.

This hymn was inspired in 1886 when the composer of the music, Daniel B. Towner (1850-1919), was the music leader during one of Dwight L. Moody's famous revivals. Towner provided the following account cited by Moody's musical partner, Ira D. Sankey, in his biography, *My Life and the Story of the Gospel Hymns*:

"Mr. Moody was conducting a series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts, and I had the pleasure of singing for him there. One night following the sermon, a young man rose in testimony and said, 'I am not quite sure—but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey.' I just jotted that sentence down, and sent it with a little story to the Rev. J. H. Sammis, a Presbyterian minister. He wrote the words to hymn, and the tune was born."

As is the case with most gospel songs, these lines provide the central theme around which all of the stanzas were written. The text and tune first appeared in the 1887 collection, *Hymns Old and New*, and the hymn has continued to be included in nearly every hymnal since. Sammis was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and was a successful businessman in Logansport, Ind. Through his work with the YMCA he was called to the ministry, attended McCormick and Lane Seminaries, and was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1880. After serving congregations in Iowa, Indiana and Minnesota, he joined the faculty of the Los Angeles Bible Institute.

Many sermons have been based on these three words--*trust and obey*, and following the singing of this hymn, many worshippers have headed home humming or whistling the refrain. This hymn "is concerned with the rewards of trusting God's word and obeying God's will." The ultimate reward, a heavenly one so common in hymnody, appears in the final stanza when the hymn writer proclaims "in fellowship sweet we will sit at his feet!" What a joy and blessing we share as Christians!

Tim

Prayer Requests

Bereavement: The family of Ann S. Thomson

Church Family: Betty Barker, Dan Binkley Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Evelyn Nifong, Jo Poplin, Doug Ramsey, Skip Stanley, Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley, Mary Timmons

Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell

***Terry Carter: Friend of Traci Canter**

Bob Connelly: Brother of Betty Barker

Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker

Glenda Disher: Mother of Traci Canter

Isaiah Johnson: Great-Grandson of Helen Johnson

Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Lawson Family: Friend of Tony Bryant

Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley

Ryan Platz: Friend of Cliff & Kitty Hunt

Regina Perry: Friend of Dan & Sharon Binkley

Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter

Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker

Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley

Wes Snuffer: Son of Ed Snuffer

Darlene Stewart: Sister of Ann Fletcher

Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson

Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson

Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam

Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty Clodfelter

* **Depicts new prayer request**



March Worship Leaders

Elders: Judy Gillespie, Leader

Tony Bryant, Back-up

Greeters: Gene & Ruth Saalweachter

Communion Stewards:

Gene & Ruth Saalweachter



Keys to a GMC have been found in the front parking lot.

If they are yours, please contact the church office @ 336-924-9925.