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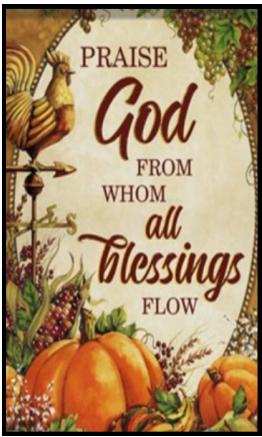
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*Please come and join us and see what's happening new at
Pfafftown Christian Church!*

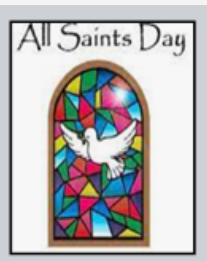


We would love to have you visit and worship with us!



November, 2022

THE VISITOR



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated Sunday, November 6, at our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, As the name of each Saint is read, a candle is lit and a bell is rung.
This celebration is held not only to recognize our Saints, but also to remember those who have died that were members as well as family relatives and friends of our church congregation that have entered into their eternal home during the past year since our last All Saints' Sunday. This is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. Please join us as we pay honor to the lives and witness of those who have influenced us and dedicated themselves through discipleship to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and His church.

A NOTE FROM RODNEY

*In Germany, they came first for the Communist.
I did not speak out because I'm not a Communist.
Then, they came for the Jews. I did not speak because I am not a Jew.
Then, they came to fetch the workers, members of the trade unions.
I did not say anything because I was not a trade unionist.
Afterwards, they came for the Catholics.
I did not say anything because I was a Protestant.
Eventually, they came for me, and there was no one left to speak.*

Over the years I have found this quote of Martin Niemöller, to speak to me in various ways. As we prepare to go to the polls this fall, it spoke to me again.

Beginning in the 1920's Niemöller was a prominent Lutheran pastor in Germany, who supported various radical political movements. In his early years he sympathized with many Nazi ideas. However, Nazi persecution quickly expanded to harm a variety of others, including Niemöller himself. Most Germans did not object to Nazi actions. Rather, they either supported the regime or ignored the pain of their fellow citizens.

After the war, Niemöller traveled widely and publicly confessed his inaction and indifference to the fate of many victims. His words served as a model of how to accept personal responsibility for complicity in the Nazi regime.

From the first sermon I shared at PCC to the present Sunday, I have never preached specifically on political candidates. Don't worry - my silence on specifics won't change now. "Who" is a decision each of us must make.

But the "Why" is a different matter. As Christians we must not be silent. It is important that as followers of Jesus we **PRAY** for guidance, and let our faith speak. We must **VOTE** for the leaders of our country and community who we believe will best serve us according to the teachings and life of Jesus. Regardless of the election's outcome, we are called to seek the welfare of our community.

After we choose them, we are called to **PRAY** for our leaders. Blessings PCC! *Rodney*

PRAY.VOTE.PRAY.

ELDERS MEETING

NOVEMBER 1 - 6:30 PM - DFH

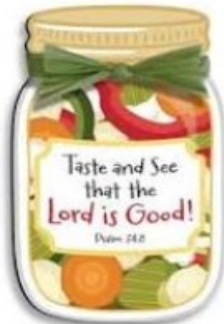


November Elder Leader/Back-up

Betty Simpson (Leader)

Lynda Bryant (Back-up)

November Communion Server - Ed Snuffer

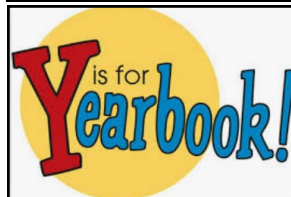


Come and Join Us!

Our next "Taste and See" Bible Study Luncheon will be held **Wednesday, November 9 from 11:30A -12:30P** in the **Downstairs Fellowship Hall**. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex or you may call the church office at (336-924-9925). Please make plans

now to join us as we dig into God's word, enjoy a delicious free lunch, while basking in delightful company among your church family. **Psalms 34:8**

**Veterans
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We are
Thankful for
your Service



We are diligently working on a new PCC Yearbook and anticipate it being finished in January. If you have any recent updates or changes, please



Summer, 1963



A true love story never ends

Frank & Pat Barber
October 25th



September, 2021

Who Am I?



Who is this beautiful little girl? Her eyes just reflect her love and kindness. She is the baby of four and this rocking chair is still in her possession and was used by her two girls. The answer can be found hidden somewhere in this newsletter... please look for an * and her name.



Please join your Church Family

Sunday, November 20

12:00 noon

Covered Dish

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

The turkey will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dishes and/or desserts.

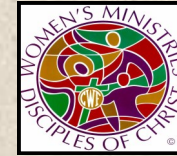
In order to better prepare for the luncheon, please sign-up in the Narthex or call the church office no later than Monday, November 14, if you are planning to attend.

Mark your calendar now and come and join us as we celebrate the season of Thanksgiving with our church family and friends.



For the month of November, we will be collecting **sugar, flour, baking items** for the month of November for Crisis Control. Thank you so much for your dedicated and continued support of this local agency.

CWF NEWS



CWF will collect donations in November for Meals on Wheels.

On December 6th we will have our Meals on Wheels Dinner and Annual Christmas Meeting. Please bring a \$15-20 gift if you would like to participate in a special gift exchange.

Fri., Nov. 11 - 8:00 am

Making Beef Vegetable Soup

Sat., Nov. 12 - 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Baked/Frozen Goods Pick-up.



An Evening of Christmas Music

Sunday, December 11

5:30 p.m.

Cantata presented by

The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

Accompanied by Strings, Harp, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Trumpet, Timpani, Percussion, and Organ.

Jill Gardner, Soprano Soloist

Rev. Tim Shoaf, Minister of Music and Organist

Choral, Solo, and Orchestral Advent/Christmas works by Mozart, Rutter, Handel, Bach, Hayes

*A reception will follow in the
Downstairs Fellowship Hall*



Notes From Tim

Let Us With a Gladsome Mind!

When I was a Junior at Davie High School back in 1975, I chose to take as one of my electives, a "Major British Writers" class. It was an in-depth study into the works of Chaucer, Dickens, Blake, Milton, Wordsworth, Shelley, and of course, Shakespeare, as well as several others. The details of many of these writings have waned from my memory over these last forty-seven years since that class, but at this Season of Thanksgiving I still recall one of John Milton's poetic works that I have always admired. It is based on verses 1, 2, 7, and 23 from Psalm 136, that reminds us that God's love, mercy, and kindness endures forever.

Milton wrote this poem in 1623 when he was only 15 years of age while a pupil in St. Paul's School in London. It contains twenty-six verses of which I will share only four.

*Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord for
He is kind: For His mercies shall endure, ever
faithful, ever sure.*

*He, with all-commanding might filled the new-
made world with light: For His mercies shall
endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

*All things living He doth feed; His full hand
supplies their need: For His mercies shall
endure, ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Let us then with gladsome mind praise the Lord,
for He is kind: For His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

A gladsome, joyous mind is the product of a grateful, praising heart. Gratefulness is the opposite of selfishness. The grateful Christian realizes that all achievements and blessings come only from God's bountiful hand. This realization results in a life of praise.

Far too often our prayer life consists only of a series of personal requests. God wants our requests, but He also desires to hear our praise for His eternal kindness and love in response to our daily needs.

On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 20, the Chancel Choir will sing this text as an anthem at the morning worship service! Blessings, **Tim**