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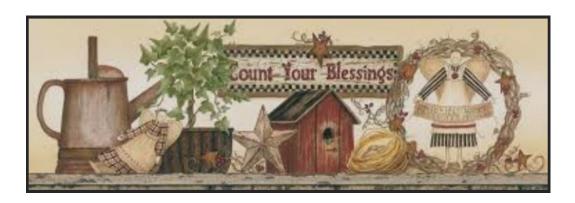
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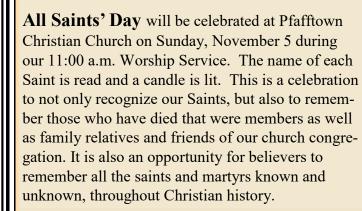
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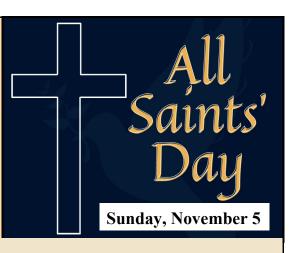
... and see the wonderful things happening at Ffafftown Christian Church



November

2023





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.

Church Members

Pat Barber

Frank Barber

Garland Terry

December 8, 2022 PCC member and friend January 10, 2023 PCC member and friend

Tommy Timmons April 25, 2023

Husband of Mary Timmons Father to Debbie Christensen, Kitty Hunt, & Julie Mayberry PCC member & friend

May 1, 2023

Husband of Sue Terry Father to Curtis, Monty, Bret,

Mark & Lee PCC member & friend

Friends & Family

Austin Harris May 7, 2023

Kathy Mason

Thomas Combs

Ted Jackson

Nephew of Anne Safrit Rita (Blakley) White Mary 24, 2023

PCC Friend June 2, 2023

Peggy P. Steelman Cousin of Dinah Myers

Patricia Combs July 14, 2023

Aunt of Shawn Widmyer

July 19, 2023

Friend of Timothy Shoaf September 20, 2023

Cousin of Shawn Widmyer Danny Safrit

October 18, 2023 Friend of Traci Canter October 19, 2023 Friend of Traci Canter

NOVEMBER Worship Schedule

November 5 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell November 12 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell November 19 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell November 26 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell

Clocks will "fall back" one hour at 2am on Sunday, November 5





PCC Holiday Bake Sale Saturday, November 11 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Frozen Goods, Baked Goods, Beef Vegetable Soup, Country Ham & Tenderloin Biscuits. Coffee, Hot Cider and Kitty Hunt's Holiday Sale!! Come out and join us for great food, fellowship and shopping!



As a young man, Saint Francis of Assisi received a message from Jesus on the crucifix saying, "Go, Francis, and repair my house which, as you see, is well-nigh in ruins." He rebuilt and refurbished several churches, and reformed the entire Church of his day.

Francis is remembered for many reasons. He renounced worldly goods and family ties to embrace a life of poverty. He considered all nature as the mirror of God, and often preached to the birds. His deep sense of community under God embraced everyone, for "he considered himself no friend of Christ if he did not cherish those for whom Christ died."

Saint Francis is also remembered for this famous prayer:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

His prayer is a stark contrast to the greed and violence that dominate Eastern Europe and Palestine today. Centuries later the love of St. Francis calls Christians in a world ravaged by fear and war to live in community as children of God. Each hour doctors, soldiers, priests, and nameless others are on these frontlines healing and helping. Jesus calls them all his children: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God."

Let us all therefore, pray, serve, give and hope. May God give us the grace to serve Him as instruments of peace, sowing forgiveness, both near and far.

Blessings! Rodney

November Elder Leaders Betty Simpson, Leader Lynda Bryant, Back-up

Communion Stewards

Jim & Sue Adams

Thank you to everyone that helps with this vital part of our weekly worship service.



Come and join us for our next
Taste & See Bible
Study Luncheon on
Wednesday, November 8th in
the Downstairs Fellowship Hall
from 11:30AM - 12:30PM.

You will leave with a happy heart and a happy belly as we gather together for lunch and study God's word.

This is a blessing you don't want to miss!

Please sign up in the Narthex or by calling the church office by November 3rd.

CWF NEWS

We had 11 ladies attend our October Chess Tart Workshop.

We are opening our Annual Baked Sale/Frozen goods on Saturday November 11th to the community for the first time since 2019. If you are willing to make something, please sign up in narthex. These items will supplement the items we are making in the workshops. Please bring your items to the church by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, November 10th. Kitty Hunt will also be hosting a Holiday Sale.

Beef Vegetable Soup — Friday, November 10, 2023 9:00 a.m.

In the planning stage:

Visiting a nursing home and bringing needed items to the residents.

Meal for Salvation Army Homeless Shelter.





Thanksgiving Luncheon Sunday, November 19 12:00 noon Covered Dish Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Please bring your favorite dishes, casseroles and/or desserts for this Thanksgiving church family feast! Mark your calendars and come and join us as we the remember this season of gratitude to God with our church family and friends.



An Evening of Christmas Music

Sunday, December 10

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, Handel, Rutter and Martin

A reception will follow in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall



Prayer Requests

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

Others:

Ken Barker: Friend of Rodney & Beth Stilwell Barbara Bradley: Sister of Betty Barker Ray Boore: Friend of our church family Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi Jan Ritchie: Sister of Jo Stanley Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt Dean Johnson: Friend of Betty Barker Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of

Rodney & Beth Stilwell

Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter
Pamela Reynolds: Friend of Traci Canter
Scott Richmond: Friend of Betty Barker
Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
Judy West: Cousin of Ann Fletcher
Shay Whitehead: Daughter of Steve and Betty
Clodfelter

*Please contact Traci in the church office when someone needs to be added or removed from our prayer list. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS TREE OF HOPE

PCC will be sharing the love, joy and hope with families and children at Old Richmond Elementary School again this year. Like in previous years, we will be collecting gifts cards from Target, Walmart, Food Lion or Lowe's Foods. You may also make a monetary donation and we can purchase the gift cards for you. Should you have any questions, please contact Tim Shoaf at 336-692-5214. Thank you.

"Gratitude turns what we have into enough and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity... it makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow."

~ Melody Beattie