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



"Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings," Psalms 17:8 (KJV)

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

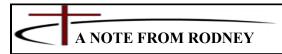


September 2022

### **CAMP DISCOVERY VBS 2022**

Our Theme: Follow in Jesus' Footsteps taken from I Peter 2:21 "To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps." Our theme was explained by Bible Lessons and activities about the Feeding of the Five Thousand, Calling the Disciples to be Fishers of Men and a Treasure Hunt of items to remind us how we can follow Jesus throughout life. Memory verse memorization, constructing five crafts, and concluding our day with an awesome water slide activity, made this a wonderful experience for the 20 kids who attended! Special thanks to the adults who volunteered, making this a very successful Bible Adventure for our kids! -Tim





In Psalm 34:8 we find these words - O taste and see that the LORD is good! Happy is the one who takes refuge in him!

Mark Twain's definition of a classic book was "... something that everybody wants to have read and nobody wants to read."

Sounds like the Bible to me. Yet the Bible we read and hear is no ordinary book. It offers security but it's not a security blanket or a rabbit's foot. It's as much a set of questions as a set of answers - a human-divine paradox. A book of 66 books. Scripture is the Word of God in the words of people. God's Word is not a statement of conclusions and explanations but of testimonies and proclamations.

Our Church Denomination is "The Disciples of Christ." Disciples are made from discipline. There are many disciplines in following Jesus Christ. One is the Discipline of Scripture. In worship we read it, pray it, repeat it, and hear it. As Disciples we need to seek God's guidance and love through the reverent reading of the Bible each day, following a definite plan of study.

This fall I hope you'll plan to read the Bible more. As a part of that plan, I invite you to a monthly program at PCC called "Taste & See." The second Wednesday of each of the remaining months of this year, we will take one hour to study the Bible together over lunch. The first program will be from 11:30am - 12:30pm, September 14, in the Downstairs Fellowship Hall.

I hope to see you there! Together we'll taste some good food and see into God's Word. Rodney



Please come and join us for our next CWF Meeting to be held September 20th at 4:00 PM in the Downstairs Kitchen. We will be making delicious chess tarts for our upcoming Fall Bake Sale. Also,

please mark your calendars for other upcoming important dates and times.

Thursday, September 29 – 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Folding boxes, cooking chicken and set up)

Friday, September 30 - 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (Cooking chicken and chicken pie assembly)

Saturday, October 1 - 8:00 a.m. until done (Chicken pie assembly and clean up)

Saturday, November 12- Baked/Frozen Goods Pick up

Sign-up sheets will be in Narthex to let us know what vou can make for the Baked/Frozen Goods Sale.



Thank you so much for everyone that donated to Old Richmond Elementary School Supply Drive. Your hearts of giving to others is Christ-like. We were happy to have the Principal and Staff worship with us on August 28, as we dedicated these items in the morning worship service.



**Canned Greens** are the Crisis Control item of the month for September.

Control Thank you everyone for your continued support to this local ministry!

## Worship Schedule for September

Sunday, September 4 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell

Sunday, September 11 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell

Sunday, September 18 ~ Rev. Rodney Stilwell

Sunday, September 25 ~ Rev. Robert Wolfe

## CWF NEWS



September Elder Leader/Back-up Ken Davis (Leader) Tony Bryant (Back-up)

## **September Communion Server**

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We are in need of a volunteer to prepare communion for the month of October. If you can assist us, please sign up in the Narthex or call Lynda Bryant 336-924-4223.



# Who Am

Can you guess who this beautiful, gentle, warm, loving little girl is? She has been going to church at PCC for 53 years, has directed VBS, taught children's Sunday School, and worked in the medical field for many years. She

enjoys gardening, sewing, and doing arts and crafts. The answer can be found hidden somewhere in this newsletter... please look for an \* and her name.



## In Memoriam John Grice

February 1, 1945 - February 23, 2022

Betty Tilley in the death of her son, Randall Tilley

Jason Hawkins in the death of his mother Gwen Stewart, and also in the recent death of his granddaughter, Ferren Robinson

The ministers and congregation of our church extend deepest sympathy to these families and pray they may know the comfort and peace of our Heavenly Father.



**Enzo Parker Romanello** Born July 1, 2022 7 lbs. 1 oz. 20.5" long



**Congratulations John & Tiffany Romanello** and proud grandmother, Mrs. Jackie Romanello! "Heavenly Father, we lift up this precious baby boy to You. We pray You watch over Enzo as he grows and protect his steps in life. May his life be a light to You and to the world. Amen."



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

DOWNSTAIRS FELLOWSHIP HALL

Make plans now to join us following the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service for some delicious food and awesome fellowship! Please bring two (2) of your favorite dishes to share. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex to assist us for planning and set-up.



Bicycle Rodeo

## Sunday, September 11th 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Hosted by Cub Pack 918 at Pfafftown Christian Church

This is a fun and active course for kids (boys & girls ages 5-10 with parents) to learn bike safety and it's free to attend! Prizes will be given for everyone that completes the course. Bring your bike & helmet. Snacks & beverages will be provided. Membership information will also be available. Thanks!

## Notes From Tim

On Sunday, morning August 28, at the 11:00 service we presented School Supplies, Backpacks, etc. to the teachers and students of Old Richmond Elementary School for the beginning of a new school year. Many from the school worshipped with us as we dedicated these items and asked God's blessing on each and every student and educator. I have decided it might be meaningful to share some of our dedication liturgy with you as we remember these leaders and students not only now, but throughout this entire school year and would ask that you keep this liturgy close by so that you may pray for them often:

Gracious and Loving God. Thank You for the beautiful gift of children. We pray that every school will be a lively center for learning; a place for discovery of new ideas and a place to make new friends.

We ask Your blessing on the students, the teachers, the staff and the administrators as they begin a new school year. May the year be full of promise for the students and teachers as they experience life together.

We pray for the students. Provide for them the food and clothing they need. Give them peace when they feel anxious, focus when they feel distracted, energy when they feel tired. Open their minds to the lessons they will learn both in and outside the classroom. Help them to make friends that build one another up, and be friends to those who need them. Guide them in making good choices as they grow in wisdom and maturity. Be ever-present with them in the classroom, on the school bus, on the playground, and at home, and may they feel Your loving care in all they do... and above all, please keep them safe.

We pray for the adults: parents, teachers, staff and administrators. Grant them energy, passion, discipline, and endurance for their daily tasks. Bless each one beyond measure for their willingness to pour in the next generation through education. Infuse the classrooms with an atmosphere of care and mutual respect, that all interactions will be bathed in patience and understanding. Help the teacher's lessons grow pupils in knowledge and character. May they find ways to make learning fun for the students and for them. And may they feel Your loving care in all they do...and above all, please keep them safe.

O Lord, give us all teachable spirits that we may learn from one another. This is our prayer offered in the name of Jesus Christ and who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen. --Tim

\* Jeanette Shropshire