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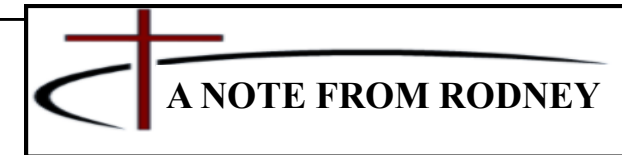
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Happy Mother's Day

May, 2022

THE VISITOR



The Bush Is Back!

Last fall I planted a small Japanese maple bush in a perfect spot in the backyard. A few months later we decided to buy an outdoor shed. Of course, the new bush had been planted exactly in the only spot where the shed could go. So, with much worry, care and labor, I moved it. Immediately the bush let me know that it did not approve of the move. The leaves fell off. The color of the branches changed. I just knew it was dead. All year I expected to dig the bush up this spring and say goodbye.

This week I fearfully went outside to check out the replanted Japanese bush. Much to my surprise – I found buds & leaves everywhere! It not only survived, it thrived!

Spring is everywhere to remind us that God is all about **RENOVATION**. He takes what's used and worn out, and makes something awesome. If we have an area of our life that needs renewal, God is eager to roll up His sleeves and help us start over.

Spring is also a time for **GROWTH**. Outside - that comes from the right combination of sunlight and rain. Inside - for our spiritual lives, it comes from the right combination of being alone with God in His word, and time together with other Christians in fellowship and service.

As we move OUTSIDE to enjoy the blessings of spring - let the sight of green grass, the smell of flowers, and the sounds of birds bring RENOVATION and GROWTH with God INSIDE each of us!

Praying Together: *We ask thy blessing, O God, on all who gather at PCC to worship, learn, and praise You. Transform us by Your presence that we may be Your co-workers, nurturing the hurt, and comforting the lonely. Grow in us a new grace, a new vision, and a new commitment. Amen.*

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!



Come out and join us for Hot Dogs straight off the grill with chili, slaw, sides, and desserts. There will be games and activities for all the children or they can play on the playground! Following the meal, a Program of Remembrance along with patriotic music by guest musicians will be presented to memorialize those men and women who most bravely gave their lives for the freedoms and privileges we each enjoy every day as Americans. Please be sure not to miss this heartfelt tribute commemorating Memorial Day. Please invite your family and friends!



YARD SALE

May 20 and 21

8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come on out and have some fun shopping! Donations are always accepted and always appreciated. If you need your donations picked up, please Call Mrs. Kitty Hunt @ 336-775-8965. Thank you!





Are you new to Pfafftown Christian Church and the Disciples of Christ Denomination?

I want to offer anyone who may be new to our church a resource that you might find helpful in learning more about our church and our denomination. In addition to the brochures and materials available in the Narthex, there is an additional resource: **A Handbook for Today's Disciples** by Duane Cummings, that can be found in our Church Library. This book offers very concise information on Disciples' heritage, thought, worship, mission, and structure. The author illustrates his summaries of Disciples traditions with excerpts from Disciples documents and scripture.

Please see me if you need assistance in finding this book or if you would like additional materials and resources. You may also search on our denominational website at www.disciples.org.

We welcome you! Tim



CWF NEWS

Our May meeting will be **May 17th at 6:30 p.m.** in the **Downstairs Fellowship Hall**. A light meal will be served while we make plans for the coming year and decide on which charities we will support this year. The meeting will be over before sunset, but if you need a ride, please let Betty Simpson or Betty Barker know—they will be glad to pick you! Please join us!

May Memory Verse:



Who Am I?

Can you guess who is this precious little angel is? This lady is so beautiful inside and out! She loves *all* of God's creations which makes her just glow with the love of Jesus every where she goes! The answer can be found hidden somewhere in this newsletter... please look for an * and her name.



During the month of May, PCC will be collecting **Salad Dressing and Condiments** for Crisis Control. Thank you to everyone who continues to faithfully support this wonderful, local ministry.



May Communion Servers Paul Shropshire and Sue Conrad



Elder Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

Notes From Tim

Hymn Story: In the Garden

Early in the morning after Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw the risen Christ, she hurried to tell the disciples the resurrection news: "I have seen the Lord!" And that He had said these things to her. -John 20:18

It was in 1912 that music publisher Dr. Adam Geibel asked author and composer C. Austin Miles to write a hymn text that would be "sympathetic in tone, breathing tenderness in every line; one that would bring hope to the hopeless, rest for the weary, and downy pillows to dying beds." Mr. Miles has left the following account of the writing of his hymn:

One day in April, 1912, I was seated in the dark room, where I kept my photographic equipment and organ. I drew my Bible toward me; it opened at my favorite chapter in John 20 -- whether by chance or inspiration let each reader decide. That meeting of Jesus and Mary had lost none of its power and charm. As I read it that day, I seemed to be part of the scene. I became a silent witness to that dramatic moment in Mary's life, when she knelt before her Lord, and cried, "Rabboni!" My hands were resting on the Bible while I stared at the light blue wall. As the light faded, I seemed to be standing at the entrance of a garden, looking down a gently winding path, shaded by olive branches. A woman in white, with head bowed, hand clasping her throat, as if to choke back her sobs, walked slowly into the shadows. It was Mary. As she came to the tomb, upon which she placed her hand, she bent over to look in, and hurried away.

John, in flowing robe, appeared, looking at the tomb; then came Peter, who entered the tomb, followed slowly by John. As they departed, Mary reappeared; leaning her head upon her arm at the tomb, she wept. Turning herself, she saw Jesus standing, so did I. I knew it was He. She knelt before Him, with arms outstretched and looking into His face she cried, "Rabboni!" I awakened in sun light, gripping the Bible, with muscles tense and nerves vibrating. Under the inspiration of this vision I wrote as quickly as the words could be formed the poem exactly as it has since appeared. That same evening I wrote the music to accompany the text:

I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

I stayed in the garden with Him
Though the night around me is falling
But He bids me go, through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling...

And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own.
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.

Today, may our minds join Mary and the disciples in the garden when Christ first appeared to them following His resurrection. May we respond as did Mary -- "Rabboni!" [my Master] carrying this musical truth and message of hope and joy, very close to our hearts!

God's blessings and grace to you. Tim

In Memoriam

Manfred (Fred) Muetzel
April 15, 2022

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

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Pat Millsaps, Frank and Pat Barber, John Grice, Jack Groff, Helen Johnson, Skip Stanley, Garland and Sue Terry, Betty Tilley, Julie Tilley

Others:

- ***Danny Bowen:** (Palliative Care at home)
- Jason Alexander: Friend of Jack and Mary Groff
- Mike Booth: Friend of Pam Backi
- Jerrie Connelly: Sister-in-law of Betty Barker
- Jan Everton: Sister of Jo Stanley
- Bill Flynt: Cousin of Robert Flynt
- Elaine Grice: Sister of John Grice
- Betty Haddock: Mother of Sharon Binkley
- Cayden Kingsbury: Grandson of Rodney & Beth Stilwell
- Chuck Kolstad: Son-in-law of Evelyn Nifong
- Sue Miles: Friend of Jo Stanley
- Dene Pitts: Friend of Traci Canter
- Plemmons Family: Friends of Alan & Debbie Fletcher
- John Shoaf: Cousin of Tim Shoaf
- Heather Stokes: Niece of Jill Robertson
- Joy Stokes: Sister of Jill Robertson
- Mike Stokes: Friend of Pam Backi
- Patsy Terry: Daughter-in-law of Garland and Sue Terry
- Judy West: Cousin of Ann Fletcher

*(denotes recent additions)

Please contact Traci at the church office when someone needs to be added or removed from our prayer list. This will assist us in keeping our prayer concerns updated for our bulletin and newsletter publications. Thank you.



Children are a blessing from the Lord ([Ps. 127:3-5](#)). Motherhood is a great honor and privilege, yet it is also synonymous with servanthood. Every day women are called upon to selflessly meet the needs of their families. Whether they are awake at night nursing a baby, spending their time and money on less-than-grateful teenagers, or preparing meals, moms continuously put others before themselves.

Sometimes this constant serving can be exhausting and even discouraging—particularly for a first-time mother. But you can take real encouragement from Jesus. One of the best examples of gracious servanthood is found in [John 13:3-16](#). By kneeling to wash His disciples' feet, the Lord showed that the key to true leadership is humility. And it is humility that leads to eternal reward.

Unless you are willing to stoop down and get your hands dirty, you will miss the real riches of motherhood. By dying to your own desires and pouring your life into someone else, you become like Christ and create a godly legacy that will carry on for generations to come. What greater blessing could one hope for? Of course, the motivation for serving others is not to reap benefits, but when we follow God's plan for our life, that's what happens.

In giving us children, God places us in a position of both leadership and service. He calls us to give up our lives for someone else's sake—to abandon our own desires and put our child's interests first. Yet, according to His perfect design, it is through this selflessness that we can become truly fulfilled. Thank you to **ALL** mother's and for **ALL** do!

Charles Stanley- In Touch: , 5/21

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Pfafftown Christian Church			
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual			
July 2021 through February 2022			
	<u>Jul '21 - Feb 22</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Income			
PPP Loan	8,180.16	3,532.00	4,648.16
Contributions Income	86,752.36	94,668.00	-7,915.64
Loose Offering	380.00	332.00	48.00
Sales Tax Refund	0.00	668.00	-668.00
Building Rental	1,600.00	332.00	1,268.00
Investment Earnings	3,715.89	2,668.00	1,047.89
R G Flynt Endowment	1,290.71	1,200.00	90.71
Yard Sale	600.00	3,468.00	-2,868.00
Total Income	<u>102,519.12</u>	<u>106,868.00</u>	<u>-4,348.88</u>
Expense			
Administrative Expense	68,340.64	74,774.00	-6,433.36
Christian Education	349.31	933.00	-583.69
Building and Capital Imprc	0.00	1,332.00	-1,332.00
Evangelism	0.00	333.00	-333.00
Membership	97.50	268.00	-170.50
Fellowship	47.12	668.00	-620.88
Childcare	0.00	133.00	-133.00
Property	22,035.77	25,631.00	-3,595.23
Worship	695.00	2,200.00	-1,505.00
Total Expense	<u>91,565.34</u>	<u>106,272.00</u>	<u>-14,706.66</u>
Income over Expenses	<u>10,953.78</u>	<u>596.00</u>	<u>10,357.78</u>