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During this season, if you should have a need (such as someone to pick up medications or food and drop them at your door) or would simply like to talk during this time, do not hesitate to contact one of the persons listed below.

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THE VISITOR



The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth. Individuals throughout Christian history are celebrated, such as Peter the Apostle as well as people who have personally guided one to faith in Jesus, such as one's relative or friend. "All Saints Day" reminds us annually of our connectedness as Christians. The Bible teaches that *Anyone* who trusts in Christ alone for salvation is a saint in God's sight. Acts 26:10, Romans 8:27, and 1 Corinthians 1:2. Scripture says that the person of faith actually becomes the very righteousness of God. (2 Cor. 5:21)
*excerpts from Christianity.com

The following Saints will be honored and acknowledged during our All Saint's Day.

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| Helmut Backi | Pam Backi's Husband |
| Chuck Burleigh | Jo & Skip Stanley's Friend |
| Michael Grimstead | Alan & Debbie Fletcher's Cousin |
| Richard High | Betty Barker's friend |
| Elizabeth Long | Tim Shoaf's Aunt |
| Ruth Mitchell | Betty Barker's friend |
| Julie Nicholson | Beth Faircloth's Cousin's Wife |
| Dorthine Oakley | Tim Shoaf's Aunt |
| Billy Page | Pam Backi's Father |
| Lane Ragsdale | Friend of PCC Chancel Choir |
| Tom Seaver | American & Baseball Player
Alan Fletcher |
| Connie Snuffer | Ed Snuffer's Wife |
| David Spaugh | Friend of PCC |
| Emory Thomas | Gerald Thomas' Father |
| Naomi Jenkins Warren | Jackie Romanello's Aunt |
| Pat Wishon | Evelyn Nifong's Sister-n-law |

*Precious in the sight of the Lord
is the death of his saints.
Psalms 116:15*

**Frozen Food/Baked Goods Sale
Saturday, November 14**

Pre-Order forms are located on the table in the Narthex. Forms need to be returned by **November 2**. Thank you for your support!



In October, PCC delivered 50 jars of peanut butter to the New Communion Food Pantry. Thank you to Ken and Vicki Davis for sponsoring our effort.

NOVEMBER'S SPONSORS:
Alan and Debbie Fletcher

Advent Do-At-Home Workshop For Kids



As we prepare for the Advent Season which begins on Sunday November 29, I have designed a do-at-home Advent/Christmas Workshop for the kids of our church. I am assembling a "Supply Bag" for each child that will include an Advent Calendar and creative activity pages, scripture readings, and several crafts. Also, provided will be an Instruction Guide and materials so parents can assist your child with the activities and crafts. These will be available for you to pick up or have delivered to you by Sunday, November 18. This will be a wonderful activity to involve the entire family!

Blessings to you,
Tim

As Way Leads On To Way



Pearl Sandow lived 103 years as a fan of the game. She once attended 1,889 consecutive Atlanta Braves' games. Before the Braves, she was a steady presence for the Atlanta Crackers. She is currently honored as the Braves' "most loyal fan" in the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

Pearl's love for the Braves makes a lot of fodder for some preachers. Some say it is a shame we can't be that fanatical about Jesus. Can't be that zealous for church attendance. Can't be that committed to reading our Bibles. Can't be that consistent in praying. Can't be that worked up about giving our money to the church. Can't be that steady in bearing witness.

Two things get lost in such a treatment of Pearl's life. The first is that she did a lot of kindness to Braves players over the years. Because he makes a lot of money, we may make little of a baseball player's humanity. Pearl did kind things for players when they were struggling at the ball-park—and at home. If you know anything about Braves baseball, you know she sat through a lot of losing. A lot. She also sat with players through their personal struggles.

Her love for the Braves wasn't this fickle mess we call "fanaticism" when you're ten games ahead of the Mets for the pennant. She wasn't there for the winning. Pearl was there for the people. In the end, when her health failed her, players would take her home after a game. She was kind, they were kind, and kindness is one of God's requirements (Micah 6:8).

The other thing we lose in using Ms. Sandow as a prop for preaching diatribes on commitment is that folks who are committed to Jesus don't always cooperate with our fanaticism. We confuse fanaticism over Jesus with observable practices. Jesus had other ideas.

"When you give, do it with one hand tied behind your back so the right hand doesn't know what old lefty is up to."

"When you pray, go into your closet and close the door"

"If you have two ball caps, quietly give one away." If we do get a glimpse, it's usually because "they will know you are my students if you have love, one for another."

At the game, some of the fans wear jerseys that read "Braves." When the wins are down, some of the jersey-wearing crowd stay home and bemoan the sorry state of

affairs. "Beware the fanatics," Jesus taught, "They like to wear their colorful jerseys and sit in box seats." He also warned, "They place burdens on the people they cannot bear." (Matthew 23)

Fanaticism in Christianity makes me nervous because such language sometimes leads to fans who trample people on their way to prove commitment to Jesus. We may wave all manner of banners to prove we are wonderful Christians. Still, nowhere in the Bible does Jesus say Christians are wonderful people.

The example of Jesus seems much quieter to me. Steadier and quieter. Like an elderly lady who keeps slipping up next to the dugout to say "Don't worry about that last one. You'll get them tomorrow. Or the day after. Maybe next week. Well, until you do, I'll be right here." ~ GT

OFF THE SHELF



Ava's Man
Vintage, 2020
By Rick Bragg

When I was about the size of loaf of bread, my maternal grandfather died. My mother makes note when something I say or do mirrors my grandfather. It is haunting to consider bearing something of the person you never knew. In his follow-up to *All Over But the Shouting*, Rick Bragg reconstructs the life of the grandfather he never met, Charlie Bundrum. Charlie was a hard working, hard drinking, abundant living family man who made his way in the Great Depression South. Like *All Over But the Shouting*, you will find Bragg's work to be one of the books you'll want to have on your bucket list. ~ GT

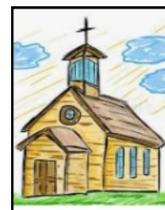


Gift of the Month

This month we are collecting sugar, flour and baking items. Thank you to everyone that tirelessly gives every month towards this wonderful organization. May God richly bless you for your love and kindness!

What is the Most Dangerous Room at the Church?

We will explore the answer to this question on Sunday, November 15 in morning worship.



Notes from Tim

A few Saturdays ago, I headed to the Blue Ridge mountains to experience a scenic Parkway drive from Galax, Va. to Blowing Rock. I as traveled some 80 miles weaving through this morning sun-filled landscape of colorful splendor, I decided to make a stop at Doughton Park. While there, I walked beneath the huge oaks and maples -- showing off their brilliant colors of yellow, orange, and bright reds, and listened to the wind gently rustle the leaves, and felt the warmth of the sunshine on my face I was in awe of God and His masterwork in the creation of such a beautiful world He has created for us to enjoy!

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we truly have an opportunity to be thankful to God for His countless blessings that we all enjoy! Thankfulness is a wonderful thing! We are taught to say "please" and "thank-you" as part of our manners from our earliest days of childhood. When a person is grateful, it causes them to want to show further kindness and gratitude. It brings a smile and cheerful feeling of joy!

On Thanksgiving Day we remember to be thankful for our parents, family, friends, clothes, food and shelter, and all the things that God has provided for us! In scripture, James 1:17 says, *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like the shifting shadows.* I Timothy 6:17 goes on to say that, *"the living God gives us richly all things to enjoy.* "Without God, we wouldn't even be here, let alone have things we so enjoy. This is not to say that life is without difficulties, disappointments, and sorrows, but even amidst these things we are a blessed people. God in His mercy, continues to bless us in so many ways.

In speaking of thankfulness, we would be remiss in not thanking Him for our most important and wonderful blessing of all -- there is no gift so great, no gift so costly, no gift so lovingly given, no gift so available as this Gift:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life."-John 3:16

As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day with family and friends, may we not only pause to pray to God in thanksgiving for our many blessings on just this day, but each and every day throughout the year!

Love and blessings to each of you! ~ Tim



At Home Sick: Frank Barber

Recuperating: Pat Millsaps, Sarah Ingram, Skip Stanley, Betty Tilley, Betty Simpson, Betty Clodfelter, Ann Fletcher, Traci Canter

Homebound

Brighton Gardens: Edna Williamson

Rose Tara: Vallie Cline

Willowbrook Rehabilitation: Bud Barker

Church Family: Pat Barber, John Grice, Jodi Saunders, Garland & Sue Terry, Julie Tilley, Tommy Timmons, Richard Yarbrough

Others:

Jason Alexander: Jack & Mary Groff's friend

Haley Burns: Skip & Jo Stanley's friend

John Davis: Ken and Vicki Davis' friend

Tommy Disher: Traci Canter's Uncle

Jennifer Durham: Irma & Fred Muetzel's granddaughter

Geraldine Edwards: Ann Fletcher's aunt

Jan Everton: Jo Stanley's sister

June Fulton: Jill Robertson's friend

Elaine Grice: John Grice's sister

Betty Haddock: Sharon Binkley's mother

Cayden Kingsbury: Rodney Stilwell's grandson

Chuck Kolstad: Evelyn Nifong's son-in-law

Scott McDaniel Family: Alan & Debbie Fletcher's friends

Sue Miles: Jo Stanley's friend

Plemmons' Family: Alan & Debbie Fletcher's friend

Pam Reynolds: Traci Canter's friend

Daniel and Lewis Shields (infants): Jill Robertson's friends

Kent Shropshire: Paul Shropshire's cousin

Darlene Stewart: Ann Fletcher's sister

Heather Stokes: Jill Robertson's niece

Joy Stokes: Jill Robertson's sister

Judy West: Ann Fletcher's cousin

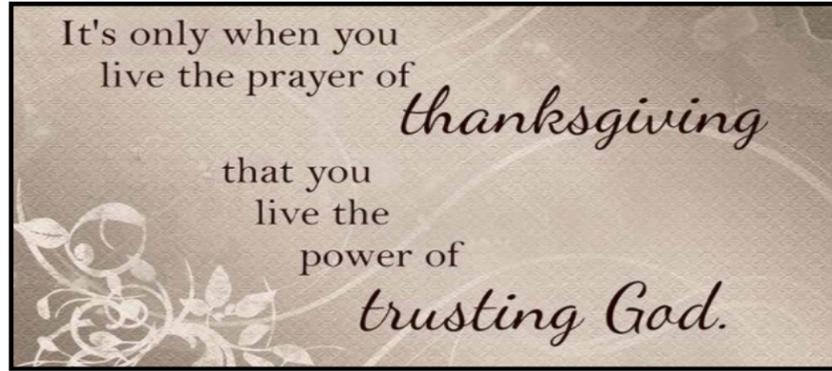
Brandon Whitley: friend of the Fletcher family

Loved Ones in the Military:

Joshua Hughes, Norfolk, VA.; Chase Lee, Guam;

USS Key West; Major Hope Poster, NG, Texas;

Cpt. John G. Van Hoy IV, Fort Campbell, KY



Enter [God's] gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name ~ Psalms 100:4

The Coronavirus has changed ALL of our lives. Many families are losing their loved ones, some are becoming unemployed, some have very little to eat and to some folks, the disease is effecting them emotionally and mentally. However, during this pandemic, we can also take the time to start thinking more about things we probably haven't in a long time.

Be thankful for the breath you just took while you are comfortably reading this newsletter. You are alive and breathing the gift of life today while others are denied that privilege. What a precious gift to be given every day.

Be thankful for the ample amount of food and clothes you have today. There are some that have barely anything to eat and they have only the clothes on their backs.

Be thankful for the home you have protecting you. There are some that are homeless or others that are in rest homes or assisted living facilities and will never have the privilege of being in their home again.

Be thankful daily for the good health you have. Many of us wake up to many aches and pains, but there are some that are in the hospital sick, struggling and facing imminent death.

Be thankful you have work from home, a job, or a source of income. There are some that are barely scraping by or others that are facing the reality of losing everything they have worked all their lives for.

Give thanks to the precious people in your life. Call your family, friends, and siblings and tell them how much you love and appreciate them. Don't wait another second to tell them.

Thank God for *All* He has given you despite how difficult things have been since March. The coronavirus may have taken many things away from us, but may this time also remind us of the blessings we have that we may have been taking for granted.



November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:00 Worship Sanctuary	2	3 Mid-week Devotional	4 Mid-week Devotional	5	6	7
8 11:00 Worship Sanctuary	9 Elders' Meeting 7:00 PM Picnic Shelter	10	11 Veteran's Day Mid-week Devotional	12	13	14
15 11:00 Worship Sanctuary	16	17	18 Mid-week Devotional	19	20	21
22 11:00 Worship Sanctuary	23	24	25 Mid-week Devotional	26 Happy Thanksgiving!	27	28
29 11:00 Worship Sanctuary	30					

November Birthdays!

1 Mallia Davis	17 Beth Faircloth
7 Joel Faircloth	21 Anne Fletcher
13 Tony Bryant	26 Gerald Thomas
15 Vicki Davis	28 Tim Shoaf
16 Betty Kiger	

Happy Anniversary!

November Anniversaries!

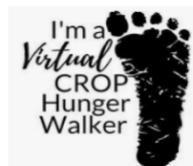
20th Jack and Lynda Bryant	26th Steve and Cheryl Johnson
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In Everything Give Thanks

1 Thessalonians 5:18

November Memory Verse

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1 at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to turn you clocks back one hour Saturday, October 31st before you go to bed!



Winston-Salem/Forsyth County CROP Hunger Walk



PCC had a great response to this year's virtual walk. We had 14 persons participate by walking on their own schedule in the month of October. Because we are still collecting funds, we don't have a financial total, but will report this later in November. Thank you, thank you to all who are responding with energy and purpose in this season. Your participation brings great joy!



Pastor Gerald & Marlene Thomas ❤️



Tim Shoaf ❤️



Steve Clodfelter ❤️



Betty Simpson ❤️



Bob & Beth Faircloth ❤️



Lynda Bryant ❤️



Pam Backi ❤️



Kitty Hunt ❤️



Betty Kiger ❤️



Traci Canter ❤️



Jackie Romanello ❤️



Cliff Hunt ❤️



A great BIG thank you to Mr. Kevin Cline for cleaning up the PCC garden and bush-hogging. We appreciate ALL that you do!

Love, Your PCC Church



Dear Friends of Pfafftown Christian Church, Thank you!! Even though we were not able to kick off our school year by attending the "Blessings of the School Supplies Service", you still somehow managed to bless us with a very generous delivery of school supplies! You have always been there for us with prayers, support and pure kindness. Yes... these are very challenging times. However, it has been wonderful to witness so many helping so many. We are simply humbled by your willingness to give to others. The focus has been on building relationships. What a blessing and opportunity for all of us!

With love, Old Richmond Elementary School



Dear PCC Church Family, Thank you so much for all your prayers, texts, cards, and beautiful flowers during my recent recovery from surgery. I care and love each and every one of you so much. Every day I unlock those front doors, I am reminded without a doubt that Jeremiah 29:11 is true for me in my journey here. Being at PCC is truly one of the biggest blessings of my life. Thank you again for all you do for me but more than anything for loving me. Love, Traci Canter



Dear Pfafftown Christian Church, We are so grateful for your great act of love and compassion by collecting food items for our food pantries. Thank you for your donation of 389 pounds of food! That is amazing and we are thankful for the effort and generosity you have displayed in collecting the food. May God bless you as you continue to serve this present age! ~ Crisis Control Ministry



It was the eleventh hour of the eleventh day in the eleventh month in 1918 when the world celebrated as a treaty was signed ending what was to be "the war to end all wars" - World War I.

One year later, on what came to be known as Armistice Day, Americans came together to remember and honor the sacrifices of the men and women who served during the war. Soldiers who survived the war marched in parades and were honored by speeches and ceremonies recognizing their contribution to peace throughout the world.

Congress declared Armistice Day a national holiday in 1938. By this time, with unrest in much of the world, Americans realized World War I would not be the last war. After the Second World War, which was even bloodier than the first, Armistice Day continued to be observed. In 1954, Congress changed the name of the holiday to Veterans Day to include veterans of all United States wars.

Today, Americans honor the service and sacrifice of our armed forces in the past as well as the present on Veterans Day. The official, national ceremony takes place at Arlington National Cemetery at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldiers. A color guard representing all the branches of the military executes "Present Arms" at the tomb, a Presidential wreath is placed on the graves, and a bugler plays "taps."

We wish to thank each and every Veteran for your courageous service and unselfish sacrifice in protecting all of us and our freedom. www.crosswalk.com

