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NEXT Sunday!



Women's Ministry Meeting
Sunday, January 24, 2016
11:45 am - 1:30 pm
Meet in the Family Life Center
Our "new" Women's Ministry will be unveiled...
...but we need YOU to make it a success!
Please plan to attend this important meeting.
Lunch will be provided - Your RSVP is needed.
Sign up NOW at the Information Center or
look for the balloons in the foyer on Sunday mornings!

If you desire an active Women's Ministry that includes **greater spiritual growth, deeper fellowship, more social activities, and opportunities to serve each other and our community we need you!**

Please plan to attend the scheduled meeting on Sunday, January 24, immediately after worship service. Lunch will be provided - a "baked potato bar" - at 11:45 am and we plan to end by 1:30 pm.

Your attendance is **requested and needed** for this very important "kickoff" to the new Women's Ministry. TODAY, Please sign the RSVP list at the Information Center...or look for the balloons this morning so that we have an accurate count for lunch.

In order to fully support the Women's Ministry, LIFE Groups will not meet that day. Men, if you have small children, please make plans to support your wife and encourage her attendance at this meeting. Childcare service is not planned, but if care is needed, please contact **Brenda Peoples** (856-728-0307) so that we can help facilitate your attendance. **We need you!**

MLK Day Observance TODAY!



"If These Stones Could Talk"

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Day Service

TODAY, January 17th
at 3:00 PM

Hosted by
The First Presbyterian Church in Pitman
10 Wildwood Ave., Pitman, NJ 08071
856-589-1050

Reception will follow.

Presented by members of
Jacob's Chapel AME Church of Mt. Laurel

Today, we pause to pay tribute to the extraordinary life and legacy of Dr. King, and we reflect on the lessons he taught us. Dr. King understood that equality requires more than the absence of oppression; it requires the presence of economic opportunity. He recognized that "we are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny." In a world full of poverty, he called for empathy; in the face of brutality, he placed his faith in non-violence. His teachings remind us we have a duty to fight against poverty, even if we are wealthy; to care about the child in the decrepit school long after our own children have found success; and to show compassion toward the immigrant family, knowing that we were strangers once, too. Dr. King transformed the concepts of justice, liberty, and equality, and as he led marches and protests and raised his voice, he changed the course of history.

**-Excepted from the Presidential Proclamation --
Martin Luther King, Jr., Federal Holiday, 2015**

Our Vision

A place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.

From Daniel's Den

Thank You...For the 32nd Time!

As long as I live, I will never forget that first Christmas our family moved to Pitman and began ministering to this church. It was the Christmas of 1984. We made the traditional trip to Pascagoula, MS to visit with Katherine's parents for Christmas. And then, the first Sunday of the new year, the elders called Katherine and me to the pulpit to present us with a gift from the church. I was shocked! That had never happened to us before. We were humbled, and ever so grateful for your generosity.

And now, it has happened 32 times! Every year, sometime in early January the elders call us forward to express their/your appreciation and love for our service. They present us with a card and inside the card is generous cash. What a blessing! What a gift! I always use at least part of your gift to purchase golf rounds (so you'll bless me this summer, too). We typically do something for the house, and this year Katherine is using part of her portion for the grandkids. Your gift is also covering the Sight and Sound Samson show for us!

With one voice, Katherine and I together say: **I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace...** Phil. 1:3-7

You know who you are church family, whatever you gave, your gift is a blessing. Thank you so very much.
- With a Never Ending Love, Dan and Katherine



Dan Cooper
 aka
**"Dan, Dan,
 the Preacherman"**

What a
 blessing!
 What a gift!



Merle (Glynn) Durham
Visitation Minister

A Few Moments with Merle

Blessings

For some time, Debby Durham, teacher for our 1st and 2nd grade Bible class, asks her students write down their blessings at the beginning of class. Here are some samples: "I went to Grandma's house." "I got treats on Halloween." "I love my daddy because he tricks me." "I went to Friendly's." "I gave a massage to my sister." "I went hiking with my friends." "God gave me food." "I played outside." "I like to play with my two dogs." "I played in a soccer game." "My Mommy helped me walk down stairs because it was slippery." Debby hangs their papers showing their blessings in the hallway on display outside her classroom down in the "D" wing. Check them out. They will bless your heart.

So, how would you list your blessings? How many can you name? I have many blessings. Let me tell you about one of the blessings high on my list.

I am blessed by my LIFE Group that meets in my and Debby's home every Thursday night (Brook Besor). I get lots of hugs (and give hugs, too). I am prayed for. I am able to laugh (and even cry if I need to) every week. It is a place where I can be honest with my feelings without feeling judged. My friends hold me accountable to do what I say I will do in making commitments to the Lord. The Word of God encourages me, shapes me, and molds me as I open myself up to what He is doing in my life. My LIFE Group has given me joy and has helped me to grow in the Lord.

On Sunday, January 24 we are going to "re-boot" our LIFE Groups with a sermon and another appeal for every Pitman Road member to be in a group. We are doing this mid-year because we want to finish strong. You can be richly blessed by participating in a LIFE Group.

If you have questions about our LIFE Group ministry, or if I can help you connect to a group, let me know.

Merle (Glynn)

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This week we are hosting Family Promise.
Please be considerate of the privacy of our guests.
 Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve this week.

Three Weeks from Today!



All of our members and guests are invited to attend our annual "Souper" Sunday Pre-Game Party!

It doesn't matter whether your team made it to the big game or not...
 there will be food, fun, & fellowship for all!

Members are asked to bring, soup, chili, or sandwiches, enough for your family and to share.

Please bring all hot food pre-heated!

Beverages will be provided.

Desserts will be provided by ministers', elders', and deacons' wives.

Questions? Please see Tony or Stephanie DeStefano



BE SUPER GENEROUS!!! As you enjoy Super Bowl Sunday, please be mindful of the less fortunate and help us be SUPER supportive of Family Promise in 2016 by giving now. You can make a contribution to our Family Promise Fund at Pre-Game Party and each of the Super Bowl parties.

All donations will be designated for the support of the Family Promise program here at PRCOC, which offers assistance to homeless children and their families. Write checks to Pitman Road Church of Christ and note "Family Promise" on the memo line.

Haven't joined a LIFE Group yet?

**Join us for a LIFE Group Re-Launch
 NEXT SUNDAY, January 24th.**

**LIFE Group Leaders will be available
 in the foyer...
 ask them about their group!**

Find where **YOU BELONG!** and sign up!

L.I.F.E. Groups at Pitman Road Church of Christ

Bring Your Own
Craft Day

NEXT Saturday, January 23rd

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



A Visit from the President

The President will be visiting our church this coming April. **April 3rd** to be exact! It is true! The newly appointed president of Harding University, **Dr. Bruce McClairty** will be with us at the Pitman Road Church of Christ. **This is a campaign stop!** The president is on a campaign to help parents and teens know of the wonderful opportunities that Harding University presents to students who want to pursue an academically challenging university experience.

The president will speak at our Sunday morning worship service at 10:00 AM. After worship, a complimentary lunch will be provided at our building for all teens and their parents, as well as all Harding University Alumni. For now, mark the date on your calendar.

Sincerely, **Dan**

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Our 2016 calendar of events is being finalized. If you are a deacon or ministry leader, and you have not submitted dates for your events or activities, contact Dottie with that information immediately. The deadline for submissions is January 24th.

NEW for 2016: After January 24th, anyone requesting to schedule an event must follow this procedure:

1. Contact Dottie to see if the date is available on the calendar.
2. Your request will then be submitted to the elders for their review. You will be contacted within 7 days regarding approval of the event.

Attention Secret Sisters



Getting Ready for 2016!

I need to know a couple of important things right now to help me prepare.

- If you are NOT continuing with Secret Sisters, please let me know right away.
- If you are not a Secret Sister and would like to join, or if you need to update your information, please see me for a questionnaire.

Party Information:

Date: Saturday, February 13th **Time:** 1:00pm

Location: The home of Sandy Sheehan,
4 Parker Lane, Williamstown, NJ 08094

What to bring? Your favorite finger food and your "revealing" gift for your Secret Sister.

Please note: If you are not able to attend the party please be sure to give your gift for your Secret Sister to Sandy or me. It is no fun for any person to be left out.

Thank you so much for your support of the Secret Sister Program. -Dottie

Next Sunday January 24th, all TORCH Missions participants and anyone else who is interested in participating in the Honduras trip in July 2016 are asked to attend a meeting in the Young Adult classroom at 9:45am.

Questions? Contact Tyler Steffy

mission trip

Thank You Church!



Wow. You have blown us away yet again. You have been a blessing to our family since our arrival to Pitman Road. Your

love and generosity are things that seem to just come natural to you, that has been very evident to us. Over the last couple of years we have experienced God's love in you by watching you give to help people in disasters, the fatherless, the persecuted, the hungry, and now to one of your ministers. Wow. Thank you for allowing God to supply our needs through you. These following verses truly remind us of you...

"And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. 5 And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will."
-2 Corinthians 8: 1-5

God bless you church. Looking forward to what God will continue to do through us in 2016.

Because of Jesus, *The Isaziga Family*

Ticket Money Due

The money for the Sight and Sound bus trip to see **SAMSON** at the Sight and Sound Theater on Saturday, May 7th is due by



Sunday, February 7th. The cost is \$98 for adults, \$79 for teens (ages 13-17), and \$56 for children ages (3-12). Please contact me as soon as possible if you signed up but have decided not to go because I have a long standby list. Please pay by the due date. The cost includes bus, show and dinner at Shady Maple restaurant.

Please contact me if you need additional information.

-Brian Holden

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New Baby!



Last Sunday morning, January 10th, after many long hours of labor, **Tim and Paige Holmes** welcomed their new baby daughter, **Olivia Morgan**, into the world! She weighed in at a petite 6 pounds, 13 ounces. This is their first child.

As you can imagine, **Grandma Cordelia, Grandpa Ray, and Uncle Brandon** are over the moon! They are visiting the new family in Connecticut this weekend, so be prepared for the photos next week!

We Extend Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Sherri Herndon** on the passing of her mother, **Phyllis Herndon**, on January 8th. She was 89 years old. Funeral service were held in Missouri last Wednesday. Sadly, it's only been 14 months since Sherry's dad passed, so it's a great deal of loss for the family in a short time.

Cards of condolence can be sent to Sherry at the her address in the church directory. Memorial donations can be made to the Pitman Road Church of Christ Capital Fund.

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: A new baby! (See left.)

Prayers Requested:

Charles Busch, back in the hospital with breathing problems.

Jack Martin, open heart surgery last Thursday.

Dakota Warburton, Jenai Cerquoni's cousin, 17 yrs. old, diagnosed with cancer in her lungs and throat, currently in CHOP awaiting treatment.

Bunny Smith, friend of the Broyles, now in hospice care.

Harry Ake, recovering from carpal tunnel surgery.

Ed Gandolfi, Annette Perine's dad, prostate cancer may be advancing. 3D MRI on Tuesday.

James, Carlos' uncle, cancer surgery last week.

Rose Baptiste, Mike Lazar's aunt, age 99, fell and is now bed ridden, sleeping a lot and in hospice care.

Rachel Stetser, mastectomy surgery on January 29th.

Glynn Durham, surgery for stomach cancer, date TBD.

Barbara Perry, simultaneous chemotherapy and radiation treatment.

Dorice E. Mitchell, Katherine Cooper's dad, congestive heart failure and progressively weakening heart.

Alana Peterson, recovering well from surgery.

Gwen Phillip, chemotherapy for breast cancer.

Monet Darisow, Lucy Fair's granddaughter, severe case of lupus.

JoAnne Darrah requests our continued prayers for her recovery. She is improving slowly.

Marty Harrison, Linda Prenger's sister, diagnosed with cancer.

Gladys Isaziga, Carlos' mom, chemotherapy

Nancy Calabro, numerous health concerns.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

Expecting:

Tyler and Katherine Steffy, a boy on February 2

Alexa (Rinner) & Marshal Price, a girl on February 14

Engaged:

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien, April 16, 2016

Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks, September 17, 2016

Jonathan Hooley & Mary Bernadette McElroy

Traveling:

Paul Stanford



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Garth Hutchinson Local Evangelism

Larry Kellum, Jr. Caring & Sharing

Brian Mansdoerfer .Building Maintenance; Jr. Worship

Chuck Olley Teens

Aaron Pearl Youth

John Peoples New Member Involvement

Steve Pierre-Jacques
..... Audio Visual; Information Technology; Website

Jay Schneider Serving Our Seniors

Carl Steiner World Evangelism

Manny Vander Vennen
..... Church Directory, Kids for Christ

Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM Bible Classes

10:00 AM Worship

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30-6:30 PM Meal

7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes

7:45 PM Fellowship

Last Week

Bible Class	147
Worship	235
LIFE Groups	107
Wednesday	66
Contribution	\$11,764
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$295,680.00
Contribution YTD	\$284,041.00
Under Budget	(\$11,639.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Desna Yanzuk
Kids For Christ	Carla Clements
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Volunteer Needed
Hall Monitor: Worship	Becky VanderVennen
Greeters: Front Entrance	Glynn & Debby Durham
Greeters: Back Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Ushers	Horatio Fenton & Justin Guy
Information Center	Dory Ann Seitz
Shepherd's Call	Greg Krinks
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	Ron Dargan

L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	Durhams, Thursday at 7PM	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Prenger's, Tuesday at 7PM	856-689-7932
Convenience Group	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Hammonton Group	Ashton's at 5PM	609-561-8371
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Parke Place at 12:45 PM	484-886-5349
Silver Linings	Krinks' at Noon	856-881-2039
Solid Gold	Hightower's at 6PM	609-682-4502
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	Hale's at 6PM	856-765-9478
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues. at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	Church Bldg. at Noon	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Mary Lea Thompson, Lori Hernandez

Menu: Chicken and Mac & Cheese

Elder on Call:

January/February: Mike Broyles



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