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NEXT Sunday: Join Us As We Celebrate Memorial Day!



Join us next Sunday for our 1st Annual Memorial Day Sunday Church Picnic here at Pitman Road!

Our master grill cooks are warming up their spatulas, tongs, and forks in preparation for a whole lotta grillin'! We are asking our wonderful church family cooks to bring traditional picnic side dishes. We hope to have both indoor and outdoor seating. There will be fun and games for both children and adults to participate in!

Yes, this is a “new” event for us, and we want to make it an annual event that we look forward to each year, the way we looked forward to the Walker’s picnic. But we need YOU to make that happen! How can you be a part?

- If you would like to help with the activities, see Dan; he will connect you with the appropriate people.
- Each member/family attending is asked to bring hamburgers or hot dogs, enough for you and your family plus a little extra for guests.
- Each member/family is also asked to bring a traditional “picnic” side dish.
- Beverages and buns will be provided by the church.
- Desserts will be provided by elders’ and deacons’ wives.
- Any hot dishes should be preheated.
- Questions? See Tony or Stephanie DeStefano.

And the Survey Says.....

The church survey taken on Souper Sunday is neither gone, nor forgotten. We want to thank the over 170 members of our church family that took the time to complete the survey. Valuable information was collected about the demographics, beliefs, and dreams of the Pitman Road membership. We are diverse and united. Praise the Lord. Information collected will not only help in planning our future, but will also help to evaluate and strengthen what we currently think and do. Thank you for your continued patience.

-Your Shepherds

Our Mission

Meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

From Daniel's Den

"Closing the Gap" Sunday

Our church's fiscal year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. This year we have gradually fallen behind our budget. This is not the first time we've fallen behind, and it probably won't be the last. Why are we behind? There have been job transfers, loss of jobs, bad weather, and a variety of other factors that have negatively impacted our weekly contributions. So, on June 5th, as we begin the final month of our fiscal year, we are making a congregation wide effort to **"Close the Gap."** Will you help?

In Ezekiel's day, God was looking for a person to **"stand in the gap."** God was looking (according to Ez. 22:30 KJV) for "a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." He needed someone, but He found none! He needed a person that would "step up to the plate" in modern day terminology. He needed someone who would understand, "the buck stops here," then "take the bull by the horns," and act.

Currently, we are \$21,000 behind our regular budget. That means if all of us triple up on our weekly regular contribution on June 5th, we can "close the gap!" Will it be easy? No! Will it be a sacrifice? Yes! Can we do it? Absolutely! Some will do more than triple their regular contribution, and others will simply not be able to give anything extra. We are in this together! Just so you know, your elders and ministers have committed to doing our part in "closing the gap." Your deacons have been challenged to do the same. Your leaders are going first! Now it is your turn. Will you plan to be extra generous on June 5th? Help us close the gap!

The point is this: ***Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*** (2 Cor. 9:8-9) – ***Dan the Giving Preacher***



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

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Manny Vander Vennen
Deacon over
**Kids for Christ and
Church Directory**



A Servant Speaks

Planting Seeds...

The **Kids for Christ** ministry serves some of our youngest members and guests (ages 3 – kindergarten) with an age appropriate lesson during the sermon portion of our worship service. A dedicated and talented group of KFC staff members rotate teaching the class. Each teacher creates a unique lesson that may include songs, games, crafts, videos and other fun activities that bring Bible stories and lessons to life for this very young audience.

We need YOU! If you enjoy working with young children, and would like to be part of the team planting seeds of faith in the minds and hearts of these precious ones, please let me know. We would love to have you become part of this great ministry!

If you're not using the new **Online Church Directory** yet, you're missing out on a terrific way to stay connected. There are 3 ways that you can easily access the directory:

1. The **Online Member Directory** allows you to login online to view our directory at any time using the following website: members.InstantChurchDirectory.com. **Please note, in order to access the online directory, you have to be listed in the online directory with a current email address. This allows for a layer of security for everyone's personal information.**
2. The **Mobile App** allows you to have a copy of our church directory on your iPhone, iPad, Android device, or Kindle Fire! You can search, email, call, or text members right from your device. The **Instant Church Directory** is easily downloaded from the app store on your device.
3. If you would prefer a **Hard Copy** of the directory – no problem! Just let either myself or Dottie Grillo know, and a hard copy will be provided to you.

If you would like to update your photo in the directory, please either email a recent photo to Sheri Herndon at splitrock50@yahoo.com, or arrange with her to have your picture taken at church. Finally, please feel free to contact me with any questions, or if you need assistance in any way with the church directory. My hope is that all our members are able to use this great resource!

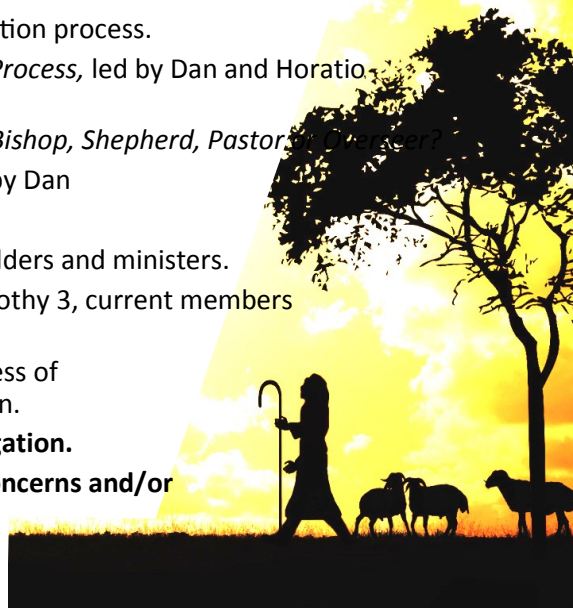
-Manny

Appointment of Additional Elders

This is an exciting time for our congregation! We are in the midst of doing something that has not happened often in the over 50 year history of our church. Today, the names of the men you have chosen from among yourselves (Acts 6:3) as additional shepherds will be announced to the congregation! To be clear, they are not chosen by the existing elders, but nominated by our full membership. You will have two weeks, from today until June 5th, to pray and discuss any concerns you may have directly with these brothers. Please, we ask that you go directly to the brother with any concerns or if you wish to offer your encouragement.

Below, for your information, is a refresher on the timeline of our elder selection process.

April 24	Adult Bible Class in the FLC: <i>Introduction to Elder Selection Process</i> , led by Dan and Horatio
May 1	Adult Bible Class in the FLC: <i>The Process... What Do We Call These Guys? Elder, Bishop, Shepherd, Pastor, Overseer?</i>
	Worship Service: Sermon: <i>Select From Among You</i> (Acts 6) by Dan
May 6	Day of fasting and prayer. - Or any day between May 2-7.
May 8	Adult Bible Class in the FLC: Panel discussion with existing elders and ministers.
May 8-11	After reviewing the "qualities" outlined in Titus 1 and 1 Timothy 3, current members submit potential elder nominees.
May 15-18	Current elders interact with nominees to ascertain willingness of "top nominees" to place their name before the congregation.
May 22	Names of willing candidates to be shared with the congregation.
May 22-June 5	Congregation prays for and is encouraged to share their concerns and/or words of encouragement directly with elder candidates.
June 11	Second day of fasting and prayer.
June 12	Day of appointment of new elder(s).



Honduras Mission Trip 2016

We have a team of members who will be going on the TORCH Missions trip to Honduras this summer, July 3-14. **Tyler and Kathryn Steffy**, who have attended this trip annually for a number of years, are coordinating our efforts here at PRCOC. **If you are a mission team member, there is a meeting TODAY after the worship service in the Young Adult classroom.**



If you are not attending the trip, but would like to support the team, please attend this week's Wednesday Night Meal/TORCH Honduras benefit. Also, you can stop by the Information Center for the list of items being collected for the trip.

France Mission Trip 2017

Next year's 2017 France Mission Trip is scheduled for June 23-July 2. We must limit the number of participants on our team to 25. (A \$200 deposit, made out to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, will reserve your place.) So far, we have four confirmed participants. Others will be joining us there, but our team will have a maximum of only 25 participants. Make your checks payable to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, and note "2017 France Mission Trip" on the memo section of your check. (Total cost is likely to be \$2,100 per person.)



If you would like to make Pitman Road church your church, or simply find out more about our Vision, Mission, Beliefs, and Values, then we would love for you to join us at our next Starting Point meeting. Starting Point is an informational meeting for anyone interested in being part of the Pitman Road church. Starting Point lasts 2 hours and provides a great opportunity to meet some of our leaders, ask questions, and discover ways in which you can move into our church in a deeper way. We also will provide lunch & childcare for these 2 hours. You can sign up to attend Starting Point in the lobby at our Information Center. Our Starting Point meeting occurs on the 1st Sunday of every month. **Our first meeting will be on Sunday, June 5th, at 11:45 am in room B-2. Hope to see you there!**

Important "Summer Break" Information

You can't tell by the weather, but believe it or not, things at PRCOC are winding down for the summer months!

- **TODAY, May 22nd, is the final Sunday for Munchkin Ministry until next September.** So after next Sunday, plan to have coffee and breakfast on your own for the next few months.



- **TODAY is also the last "official" LIFE Group meeting for the 2015-2016 year.** Groups are free to continue to meet, however, we will not be recording attendance, listing locations on the back of the bulletin, or providing LIFE Group lessons until September. Please encourage your groups to attend the Memorial Day Picnic here next Sunday as your final meeting before the summer. Thanks to all who led and attended LIFE groups!

- **THIS Wednesday, May 25th, is the final Wednesday Night Meal until next September.** For the next several months, a meal will not be served, but you are welcome to "bring your own" and eat here with others who do the same.

Friday Evening, May 27th

YOUNG ADULTS
connect

Mark your calendar...
More details to come...

Sunday, June 5th 5:30 – 7:30 pm
You're invited to...

refuge

coffeehouse • fellowship • praise

Light refreshments served.

Young Adult LIFE Group

Assistance Needed

Dear Ladies,

We are asking for anyone who is willing and able, to help one of our dear sisters, **Barbara Perry**, as she is now recovering at home. While she is making progress, it's not best for her to be home alone.



Starting next week, Monday through Friday, there will be 3 hours a day that she will be by herself: 1 hour at 10:00-11:00 am and 2 hours at 3:00- 5:00 pm. You can sign up to visit once or multiple times. She welcomes the company.

Please contact Debbie Contravo at (856) 956-6890 or Brenda Peoples at (856)206-7688 to sign up, or if you have any questions. There will also be a sign up sheet available at the Information Center.

We will also be coordinating meals for **Roseann Savastano**, who is preparing to have major surgery. If you would like to prepare a meal for Roseann, please contact Alice DeTolla at 856-478-9584. **Thank you!**

PITMAN ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

TORCH MISSIONS TRIP TO HONDURAS
WEDNESDAY NIGHT BENEFIT MEAL



BAKED POTATO BAR! THIS Wednesday night, May 25th
...all funds collected **BENEFIT** those from our church who will be going on the TORCH Missions Honduras trip this summer!
So please be generous!

Checks can be written to our church, noting TORCH Missions.

You can also give directly to our Honduras missionaries anytime using **ONLINE GIVING** at www.pitmanroadcoc.com.

Bring Your Own
Craft Day

Saturday, May 28th

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



Pitman Road Church of Christ
AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, June 10th at 2:30-7:30 PM

Appointments are preferred but not required.

A sign up sheet is available at the Information Center.

Contact Hope Hooley for more information.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Will Mendez**! Will & Kristy were married last Sunday afternoon in a beautiful ceremony in the backyard of the home of **Kathy and John Ashton**, her mother and step-father. Family and friends rejoiced with them as they began their new life together!

Are You Selling a Car?

Are you selling a car or planning to sell one in the near future? **Janet Betts** is looking for a reasonably priced, reliable, used car. Please contact her at 856-264-8635.



Graduation Open House

in honor of

Makayla P. Clements - West Deptford

Christopher A. Jones, Jr - Clearview

Sharnice A. Jones - Drew University

Holiday Inn South Philadelphia - Swedesboro
Sunday, June 12, 2016 5:00 - 8:00pm
1 Pureland Dr. Swedesboro, NJ 08085

RSVP by June 01, 2016 856-803-0591

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayers Requested:

Anita O'Hara is now in Elmwood Hills Healthcare at Lakeland recovering from ulcerative colitis. Her address, should you wish to visit her or send her a card will be:

Anita O'Hara, Elmwood Hills Healthcare Center, (S-1 Unit, Room 137 - B), 425 Woodbury-Turnersville Road, Blackwood, NJ 08012

Mary Collier is at home recovering.

Pat Schuehler recovering from surgery.

Barbara Perry is now recovering at home.

Roseann Savastano's surgery will be rescheduled.

Nancy Perine, Dave Perine's mom, heart catheterization went well. No stent. She will be having additional testing.

Pat Jenkins, recovering from surgery for brain aneurysm. If you would like to send a card of encouragement you can send it to 1011 Hudson Ave., Deptford, NJ 08096.

Steve Musso is back at home.

Nilda Cruz, Rebecca Cruz's mother, still hospitalized with 2nd and 3rd degree burns as a result of a cooking accident.

Gwen Phillip, radiation treatments.

William Bartley, reinjured his back and is unable to work.

Barby Jo Crema continues cancer treatment.

Jayne Schofield, having trouble with her knees, multiple health issues.

Nancy Calabro, numerous health concerns.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

David Spaeth, deployed with the Reserves

Engaged:

Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks, September 17, 2016

Rebecca Cruz & Justin Guy, November 6, 2016

Jonathan Hooley & Mary Bernadette McElroy, June 2017

Expecting:

David and Ryoko Marshall, a girl, July 29th.

Thank You for Prayers

Thank you, Pitman Road Church of Christ, for the powerful prayers, cards, as I recover. It was a blessing to be here on Wednesday night and fellowship with all of you!

-Pat Jenkins

Glory and praise to God! I am so pleased to share some good news with you. Mom's (Barby Jo Crema) consult with her team of doctors on Monday went very well. The scans showed very little growth! They consider her condition as "stable" and we are starting another round of the same treatment on Mon., May 23rd. Thank you to all for your many thoughts and prayers! God is so good all the time and all the time God is so good! **-Noreen**

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Tim Davis Teens

Tony DeStefano Body Life & Fellowship

Glynn Durham LIFE Groups

Darren Fields Greeters Ministry

Brian Holden Special Activities; Body Life

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	166
Worship	243
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	91
Contribution	\$7,100
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$485,760.00
Contribution YTD	\$464,748.00
Under Budget	(\$21,012.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Jenn Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	
Hall Monitor: Worship	
Greeters: Front Entrance	Hope & Jonathan Hooley
Greeters: Back Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Ushers	Steve DePrince & Devon Wescott
Information Center	Linda Prenger
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Jonathan Steward

L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	TBA	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	A. DeStefano's at 5PM	856-899-9466
Marriage Mentoring	Contact Buchanans for sched.	856-229-1558
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Eileen Dubois' at 12:15 PM	484-886-5349
Silver Linings	Cooper's at Noon	856-589-4197
Solid Gold	Lazar's at 6PM	856-223-1699
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0015
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues. at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	Isaziga's at Noon	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Honduras Mission Team Benefit

Menu: Baked Potato Bar

Elder on Call:

May/June: Greg Krinks



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