



# Pack the Pulpit

## FOOD DRIVE

# For Thanksgiving Baskets

Sunday, November 20th

On November 20th bring in your full Pack the Pulpit grocery bags, leave them in the designated place in the lobby, and at the appointed time, the children of our congregation will **PACK THE PULPIT!** What can **YOU** do to make our Pack the Pulpit food drive successful? Please shop from the list below. You can pick up an "official" grocery bag and list in the lobby.

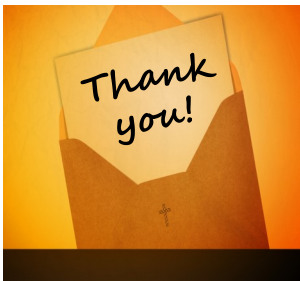
*Your generosity will give a family in need a happier Thanksgiving!*

**We are also in need a total of 50 turkey and 50 fresh pies. So far we only have 2 turkeys and 1 pie committed. If you can donate either of those, please let Dottie know ASAP, and bring them on November 20th as well. (Please don't bring turkeys in before then, we don't have any place to store them.)**

### Thanksgiving Basket Grocery List:

Stuffing	Canned Green Beans	Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams
Cranberry Sauce	Cream of Mushroom Soup	Canned Fruit
Instant Potatoes	French Fried Onions	Canned Gravy

## Send Some Love at Thanksgiving!



**Thanksgiving cards for our former members, missionaries, guest speakers, and continuing supporters are available today!**

This is a tradition that is somewhat unique to the Pitman Road church. The recipients of cards are always so appreciative that we have taken time to remember them during this season of thanks.

Once again, a big thank you goes out to Janet Betts and her team for creating the cards.

Please take a moment to stop at the tables in the lobby and jot down a note of encouragement, thanks, and love to these special people!

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## The Pilgrims and Thanksgiving...

Dramatic and significant is the story of the Pilgrims. On December 21, 1620, the Mayflower dropped anchor in Plymouth Bay, with Captain Christopher Jones at her helm. It had been a grueling voyage, taking the 120-ton-capacity ship sixty-six days to make the perilous crossing...with disease, anxiety, and childbirth among the 102 courageous passengers. Furthermore, they arrived on the shore during a hard winter. That winter claimed half of their number! However, when spring came and the captain of the Mayflower offered free passage to anyone desiring to return, not a single person accepted.

The fidelity of the forty-one men, who while still aboard the Mayflower had signed the famous Mayflower Compact beginning with the words, "In ye name of God Amen," was taking on visible meaning. These adventuresome and faithful souls had dedicated themselves to freedom. They had come to a wilderness to carve out a better way of life. Faith prompted the voyage; faith sustained the Pilgrims and their religious convictions constrained them to raise their voices in praise and thanksgiving as they first came ashore. Their hardships, sacrifice, devotion, concept of government, and vigorous religion all remind and inspire us to greater gratitude for the Providence of God.

Today we continue our one month focus upon thanksgiving and gratitude. (We started last Sunday with my challenge to you to write down 1,000 gifts. I am now up to 465-but I had a head start on you.) It has been said that Thanksgiving is a window to reality; our chief means of spiritual perception. How wonderful then that the final Thursday of November is dedicated for the celebration of Thanksgiving!

But we have some work to do. We often live in unrecognized idolatry, failing to see or to trust in the reality and grace of God. Our beliefs about God become merely empty words. Paul speaks to this in Roman 1:21, "For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God OR GIVE THANKS TO HIM, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened."

(Special thanks to Matthew Dowling for these provocative thoughts!) -*Dan the Grateful Preacherman*



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

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**Operation Christmas Child** It's that time of year again to bless a less fortunate child! The cardboard "shoeboxes" and instructions you'll need to begin packing your boxes are on the table in the foyer. Let's get packing!! Boxes due NEXT Sunday, November 13th. See Tina Broyles if you need more info.



## Thanks from Anne



To my very dear Christian family here at Pitman Road Church of Christ, I want to give you so many thanks for all of the prayers that were said for me. Our amazing God answered all of them because I am so much stronger! I am so privileged to

have been here for 45 years. It doesn't feel that long at all, as I felt right at home doing what was needed. I do believe a church building with God's children in it can be called "home."

Thank you all for the really wonderful party you gave for me. You made me feel like a Grandma Cinderella! May God's blessings be with you all.

Love in the Name of Our Precious Savior Jesus, **Anne**

New contact information: Anne Peoples, Room # IL 206,  
255 Possum Park Road, Newark, DE 19711  
Direct Phone line: (302) 533-6558

## Matching Gift Reduction Challenge

**Just a reminder: We have until December 31st to match a \$20,000 challenge gift offered by some of our former members.**



Add the \$20,000 we hope to give to their \$20,000; and we can reduce our building mortgage by a total of \$40,000! What is even better is that you can make your gift in honor of a loved one or a faith hero of yours, or you can make your memorial gift in memory of a loved one. Use one of the Memorial/Honor Gift forms to list the name of your special person/couple, make your check to the Pitman Church of Christ and add "Matching Gift Debt Reduction" to the memo section.

How are we coming along with our Matching Gift Debt Reduction Challenge? So far we have given \$6,880! We are just over one third of the way to meeting our \$20,000 goal. **-Dan**

## Would You Like to Make a Difference?

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of:

- refugees fleeing from the troubled areas of the Middle East?
- missionaries in French speaking Europe?
- Muslim children?
- children raised in the homes of atheistic parents?
- teenagers in France?
- young couples in the Mediterranean World?

Would you like to use some of your construction, cleaning, carpentry, landscaping, or other skills to build up God's kingdom?

**If you answered yes to any of the questions above, you need to think and pray about joining us on our next mission trip to France next year, June 23rd-July 2nd.** Want more information? Talk to me, Garth or Diana Hutchinson, or Sherri Herndon. Or email me directly at [dcooper@cochrist.org](mailto:dcooper@cochrist.org). **-Dan**

## These Events NEXT Sunday!

**M.E.D.  
Meeting  
NEXT Sunday,  
November 13th  
Noon-2 pm**

Attention Pitman Road Ministers, Elders, and Deacons,  
Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the quarterly M.E.D. meeting. Lunch will be served.  
RSVP to Dan or Dottie by Wednesday, November 9th.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> • 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

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coffeehouse • fellowship • praise  
All are invited! • Young Adult LIFE Group

The Wednesday Night Meals schedule is wide open for the rest of 2016. Please consider signing up to prepare a Wednesday Night Meal between now and the middle of December. The sign up sheet is located in the Family Life Center.

## Birthday Card Shower



Over the past year we have assisted and supported **Diana Chew**, a neighbor of the Holden's, through her surgery, and then the unexpected death of her adult daughter.. It's been a hard year for Diana, and with the holidays coming up, it's an especially difficult time for Diana and her husband Glenn. Diana's birthday is next week, November 11th, and we would like to encourage her by "showering" her with birthday cards. Please send a birthday card to: **Diana Chew, 1320 East Blvd., Glassboro, NJ 08028**

## Food Pantry in Need

Every week our Caring and Sharing Food Pantry provides emergency food for many families in the surrounding communities. The food pantry is stocked with monetary donations from our members, and we can go through several hundred dollars in one week. **Currently, our funds are low, so please consider making a donation.** Checks can be written to Church of Christ, noting "Food Pantry" on the memo section. Donations can be put in the collection plate, or given directly to Dottie.

## Our Schedule

### Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes  
10:00 am Worship

### Wednesday

5:30 pm Meal  
7:00 pm Bible Classes

### Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

## Last Week

Bible Class	139
Worship	246
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	53
Contribution	\$8,644.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$187,416.00
Contribution YTD	\$162,142.00
<b>Budget Deficit</b>	<b>(\$25,274.00)</b>

## Ministers

**Dan Cooper**, Evangelist ..... dcooper@cochrist.org  
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**Elder on Call for November & December: Dwight Thompson**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin Steward
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Information Center	Kristy Romeo Mendez
Ushers	Mike Lazar & Anthony Phillip
Shepherd's Call	Mike Lazar
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Jonathan Steward

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	856-589-4197
Beginning Anew	Church Bldg. at noon	856-589-1500
Brook Besor	Durham's, Thursday at 7pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7pm	856-419-0544
E.H.S.	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	856-589-1500
Family of Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Hammonton	T. DeStefano's at 5pm	609-567-9607
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Greenfields Assi't Lvg. at 2 pm	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Britton's at 6pm	856-478-6972
Teens	Not meeting today	856-589-1500
Vineland	Not meeting today	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. Tuesday at 9:45 am	856-589-1500
College	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	856-589-1500
Young Professionals	Not meeting today	
Young Married		

Wednesday Night Meal: Soup and Sandwiches

Cooks: Harriet, JoAnn, and Judi

## This Week's Prayer Requests

**The monthly prayer list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests for November is now available as an insert in this week's bulletin, also next to the bulletin in the lobby, and will be sent out via email. New, urgent, and immediate prayer requests will appear in the bulletin.**

**Praise:** Thanksgiving for our willing volunteers who serve at fellowship meals and various luncheons!

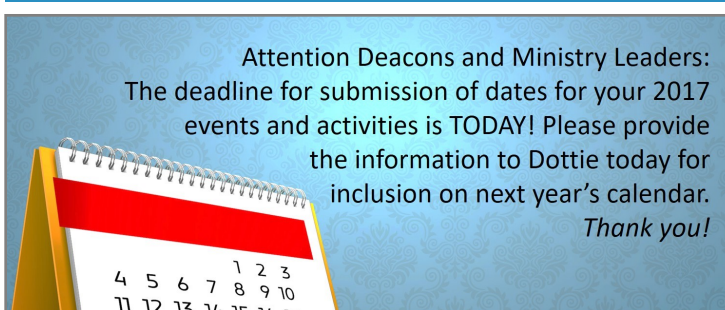
### Prayers Requested:

**Glynn Durham**, recovering from chemo treatment and preparing for the next one.

**Mary Jetton**, prayers requested for pain relief and management of symptoms.

**Angel Eldridge**, requests prayers for her eyesight; she is going blind and there's no treatment available for her.

**Cy Stafford**, former missionary in Tanzania who we supported, recovering from a bone marrow transplant (here in the USA).



## Thank You

Dear Church of Christ Family,

I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for the show of support through the beautiful flowers, the many thoughtful prayers, visits, calls, and beautiful cards that were sent on behalf of our dear and departed mother, Inez Gonzalez. I thank all of you who were present at the viewing and service, cemetery, and tremendous reception that was prepared with so much care and love. You are a church that worships God in spirit and in truth. In all of your works you forever show honor to Christ the One and Only. May God strengthen all of you and forever increase the body of Christ and honor God every day of your lives.

My mother loved coming to this church and I will never forget the love she received every time she entered the front door.

Forever grateful,

**Larry & Gloria Myerson and family on behalf of Inez Gonzalez**



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