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You Write the Front Page of the Bulletin This Week!

Here are the instructions:

Write down 50 items for which you are thankful, and share 10 to 20 of those items with Dan before this Wednesday. Then, as you celebrate Thanksgiving with your family, share your gratitude list.

Begin your writing as we take the collection today!

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Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

The Church at First...From Day One

The **"Rule of Life"** for Christians in the first century church is clearly laid out in Acts 2! Luke, the same author who penned the Gospel of Luke, also authored the first book of church history. We call that book "Acts," because it reveals the actions of the apostles (especially Peter and Paul). There was only one church and there was exceptional excitement among those first century believers! Those believers were called "Christians" (Acts 11:26). What was it like to become a Christian in the church in first century Jerusalem? What did they do that we can duplicate? What should we duplicate? Can we learn from them? Luke paints a clear picture. Luke says they devoted themselves to the following:

1. **Apostles Teaching**
2. **Fellowship**
3. **Breaking of Bread**
4. **Prayer**

My call is a call to be faithful to the example of the church at first. Presidents come and go. Political parties come and go. Dictators come and go. Kingdoms and nations come and go. Christ's Church is here to stay! His church will be here until He comes to take her home! Church folks tend to be about ½ inch deep and to live off of other people's spirituality. Don't let the call of the evil one call you away from the church Jesus died to save. Go deeply into God's word. Go below the surface and share your life in rich fellowship. Commune with other believers as you break the bread and celebrate the Lord's table. Pray without ceasing!

Thank you, Jesus Christ, for dying to save your church! For dying to save me! Help me to do my part to make the church of the first century the church of the 21st century. **- Dan the Preacherman**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Matching Gift Challenge

So how are we doing as of today with that generous \$20,000 Matching Gift Debt Reduction Challenge?

Just to remind you, in case you somehow missed it earlier, some of our former members offered our church a challenge. They are offering a \$20,000 gift, which was given specifically to help with debt reduction on our mortgage. In return they are challenging us to match that \$20,000 gift, ultimately reducing the debt on our mortgage by a total of \$40,000.

I am thrilled to report that we are almost half way there, with six weeks to go before the end of the year. So far we have given \$9,155 toward that challenge, and I believe that our generous people will continue to give until December 31st. What a great way pay down our debt for the next generation! You can also honor or memorialize a loved one when you make your special donation(s).

I am thanking God in advance for those who have already made an "above and beyond" contribution, and anticipating many other gifts in coming days.

Yes, I am aware that we are running behind in our current weekly contributions, and that is of concern. Please do not reduce your regular weekly giving to help with this special challenge. Test God with a special donation, and see if He is faithful (Mal. 3:10).

Believing Thankful, in Advance; **Dan**

Guy Got His Girl!



Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Justin Guy! Rebecca and Justin were married here in a beautiful ceremony last Sunday, surrounded by family, church family, and friends. The couple exchanged heartfelt, personal vows, and the bride may have shed a few tears! It's been a blessing to witness the growth of Justin and Rebecca's Christ centered relationship over the last couple of years, and for us as their church family, be a part of their story. Continue to pray for them as they begin their life together with Rebecca's children, Nathan, Amanda, and Hannah, and of course, Max, the family's beloved dog!

M.E.D.
Meeting
TODAY
after worship
in the FLC.

MINISTERS, ELDERS,
AND DEACONS:
MEET IN THE
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
IMMEDIATELY AFTER
WORSHIP.



Countdown to Thanksgiving!



You are invited to an Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm
Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish,
Our Lady Queen of Peace
Roman Catholic Church
161 Pitman Ave., Pitman, NJ 08071

Please take a moment to sign the Thanksgiving cards in the lobby with a note of encouragement and love to former members, missionaries, guest speakers, and continuing supporters of our congregation. Don't know the some the card recipients? That's okay! A simple "Happy Thanksgiving" and your name will be welcome encouragement.



Bring your groceries in for Pack the Pulpit Sunday NEXT Sunday! Shopping bags and lists are available in the lobby. **We are also in need of at least 50 turkeys and 50 fresh pies. Please see Dottie ASAP if you can donate pies or turkeys.** Please don't bring those in until next Sunday as well, as we do not have room to store them all in the refrigerators and freezers.



IMPORTANT SCHEDULE INFORMATION

- There will be no Wednesday night meal or meeting on Thanksgiving "Eve," Wednesday, November 23rd.**
- The church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25.**
- Our Wednesday "Midweek" on November 30 will be treated as a "Fourth Wednesday."** There will be activities for children, classes and meetings for adults and teens.

Annual Cookie Exchange!

SUNDAY, December 4th at 1:00 PM

At the home of Donna Lazar,
 214 Harrison Ridge, Mullica Hill 856-223-1699

Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in 1/2 dozen packages, (6 cookies per pack.)

Hope to see you there!!!



Women's Ministry News



Embark Ministry-Serving Our

Community: If you reflect on your life as a child and recall what it meant to receive a toy at Christmas, you can't help but realize the joy you felt. You can also imagine how devastating it would have been to receive nothing while all your friends received a brand new toy.



The Eleanor Corbett House in Glassboro provide shelter for single women and women with children. The holiday season can be quite lonely – especially for the kids. They have a program called **Adopt a Family** designed to help meet the needs of these families during the holiday season. **Embark Ministry adopted two families and we are asking our members**

of our congregation to purchase one gift from the families "wish list" or give a monetary donation. Visit our table after church today for more information and to choose your wish list item. Please bring your wrapped gift by Sunday December 11th. Leave all gifts in the designated area in the Family Promise room, D1.

This is the time of the year that we are asked to give a lot, so thank you for your generosity and making this Christmas a joyous one for families in great need. "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done." Proverbs 19:17

Leza Davis, Carla Clements -Embark Branch Coordinators

Engage Women's Ministry is kicking off a new ministry! Introducing the College Age Encouragement Ministry.

Many of our Pitman Road college aged young adults live away from home, some on Christian college campuses, some on state campuses, some still living at home but attending college, some are in the military, some are working and making future education plans. We all know what an exciting, frightening, and challenging time this is in a young person's life. Engage Women's Ministry is asking our life groups, and individuals, or families at Pitman to adopt a college aged member and send them encouraging notes, texts, and possibly an occasional small care package (this IS NOT mandatory). We have 22 college aged young people who've agreed to participate. They've provided us with contact information and how you could best encourage them along with prayer. Please contact **Andrea Olley** at andreaolley30@gmail.com or on her cell #609-457-6464



The Engage Women's Ministry is planning to host a Health and Wellness Fair in April of 2017. We are looking for anyone interested in being a member of the health and wellness committee/group.

Specifically anyone in the medical field, or connected to the medical field in ANYWAY. See in person or contact- **Carla Clements** (Carla.Clements@va.gov, ph# 856-803-0591) or **Alana Peterson** (janda2thehardway@yahoo.com, ph# 609-744-2999), who have agreed to spearhead this project, or **Andrea Olley** (andreaolley30@gmail.com, ph# 609-457-6464).

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	140
Worship	229
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	65
Contribution	\$9,528.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$197,828.00
Contribution YTD	\$171,670.00
Budget Deficit	(\$26,158.00)

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Elder on Call for November & December: Dwight Thompson

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Lori Hernandez
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham & Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Brian & Cindy Holden
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Information Center	Debby Durham
Ushers	Glynn Durham & Lee Collier
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Dwight Thompson
Communion	George Kenner

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowcz's at noon	
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	Not meeting today	
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	TBA	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Britton's at 6pm	856-478-6972
Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. Tuesday at 9:45 am	856-589-1500
College	REFUGE at 5:30 pm	856-589-1500
Young Professionals	REFUGE at 5:30 pm	347-922-2248
Young Married	Call or text for location	856-899-9466

Wednesday Night Meal: Lasagna

Cooks: Harriet, Judi JoAnn

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Justin Guy!

Prayers Requested:

Emily Penn, coworker of Tina Broyles, cancer.

Glynn Durham, awaiting CT scan results.

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).

Paul Stanford has begun his wintertime travels. He asks that you keep him in your prayers.



A Heartfelt Thanks from Anne's Family

Dear Church Family,

Please accept our sincere thanks for the wonderful party. It was truly the most love a single room could hold. So many of you, all there for our Mom.

Rest assured you will see her from time to time. She loves all of you very much. I know she misses you. We hope some of you will be able to visit us also.

Thanks again to all of you for your love and kindness. God bless you! "Your thoughtfulness brought so much joy, it really made our day!" It's wonderful to be loved by so many, thanks for such a special, unforgettable day.

Barry & Toni Harlin, Janice Oliver, Rob & Mary Waegile, and of course, Mom. (Anne Peoples)

Area Wide Activities

The Court House Church of Christ is hosting the 5th Wednesday Area-Wide Sing on November 30, 2016, at

6:30-8:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. For more information contact Evelyn Johnson at johnsone@peoplepc.com .

Please join the Echo Lake Church of Christ, 419 Springfield Ave., Westfield, NJ for a special night of singing as they host their 24th Annual Incarnation Celebration, **The Christian Harvest** on December 11, 2016, 5:00-6:30 pm. For more information: www.echolakechurch.org or 908-233-4946.



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