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This Summer at Pitman Road

Summer is traditionally a time to slow down... and here at Pitman Road, we do... to an extent! We still have some important and exciting events planned for July and August. Here is a list of some highlights. For more details, check the bulletin, emails, and www.pitmanroadcoc.com as the dates approach.

Tuesday, July 4



10:00 am: **Watch the Pitman Independence Day Parade** from the Cooper's lawn.

6:30: **REFUGE Community Concert** in our parking lot, followed by **viewing of the Alycon Lake Fireworks**. We open our parking lot and restrooms to the community, and hand out free bottled water and hot dogs to our guests.

Saturday, July 8

10:00 am - 2:00 pm: **Feed the Hungry in Trenton**; sign up at the Welcome Center or contact Larry Kellum, Jr. -See page 3.



Sunday, July 9 - Wednesday, July 12



Vacation Bible School!
For kids: Maker Fun Factory,
Sunday - Wednesday at 6:30 - 9:00 pm
For adults & teens: Patrick Mead,
Sunday, 9:00 & 10:00 am, & 6:30 pm;
Monday - Wednesday at 6:30 pm

Saturday, July 15

Cornerstone (young adults) Connect:
Tubing, Kayaking, and Canoeing.
Time: TBA



Sunday, July 16



Noon: **Baby Shower for Brenda Busch** in the Family Life Center.

Sunday, July 16 - Sunday, July 23

Family Promise Host Week: Sign up in our lobby to volunteer.



Saturday, July 22

Noon - 5:00 pm: **Bring Your Own Craft Day** in the Family Life Center.



Saturday, July 22 - Saturday, July 29



Junior High 1 Week at Camp Manatawny, directed by Aaron Pearl; many of our members will be away at camp this week!

Saturday, August 5 - Saturday, August 12

Elementary 1 Week at Camp Manatawny, directed by Manny Vander Vennen; many of our members will be away at camp this week!



Saturday, August 5



Cornerstone (young adults) Serve and Connect: Helping the Hungry in Philadelphia and a trip to the Philadelphia Zoo. Time: TBA.

Sunday, August 6

5:30 - 7:30 pm: **REFUGE**, refreshments, fellowship, praise music. Everyone is welcome!



Saturday, August 12



Women's Embrace Ministry Clothing Swap in the Family Life Center, Time: TBA

Saturday, August 26

Camp Manatawny 50th Anniversary Celebration - See camp's website for details at www.manatawny.org



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den



First Stop!

This is the first stop on our France 2017 Mission Trip, our church's sixth trip! While it once was a garage for auto and truck repairs, Craig and Katie Young, Garth and Diana Hutchinson, and a handful of others dedicated time, talent, and money to literally "convert" this old garage to an assembly place for Christians to gather for worship and study. This has been the home of Chapelle de Fuveau in Marseilles for over 15 years.

Today, **Mary Green, Dominick Hernandez, Joe Marshall, Sherri Herndon, Carl Steiner, Brianna, Brenda and John Peoples, Cassidy and Logan Davis, Clay Olley, Jay Schneider, Garth and Diana Hutchinson**, and myself, are worshipping with our international Christian family

at this building. We are in Marseilles before we head up to Centre Bonnefoi, where we will begin our work first thing tomorrow (Monday) morning. Please pray for our effective work and our safety on the camp construction site. In early July, the camp where we are working this week will be filled with over 120 children, from the homes of Christian, Muslim, and atheistic parents. Most of our group will be flying back next Sunday, July 2!

Thank you for partnering in this ministry with us! - **Dan the Great Commission Preacherman**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Bud Britton
Deacon

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A Servant Speaks

The Last Day

The world today seems to be a mess with terrible storms, global warming, terrorism, and people's values going downhill. It makes me think about the "last days," particularly the very last day.

I dreamed I woke up one day and I could not find my wife. I walked all through the house, but no wife! Where could she be? I checked the vehicles and they were both there, but they would not start. So I decided to walk the mile and half to the church building to see if I could find Barbara there. On the way I encountered a trash truck parked alongside the road; it was not running and no one was in it. What was going on?

I continued on my way and met a letter carrier delivering the mail. She got out of her mail truck and walked behind it and disappeared. Where did she go? This was getting weird! I continued to walk, finding a few abandoned vehicles with their hoods up, but no people anywhere! I was getting a bit scared.

I got to the building and saw cars there. I felt hopeful! I went inside, but could find no one. Neither Dan or Dottie were there! Now I knew things were getting strange. Is this the end? Suddenly, I woke up. Was God trying to tell me something? Was I ready for Jesus to return? Were my values/priorities what they needed to be? I thought about when Jesus was on the earth and how he turned values upside down. As I considered the powerful and famous people of the world, how many got where they are by being humble and gentle - not many! I thought of Jesus' words in Matthew 19:30: "But many who are first will be last, and the last shall be first."

Being very grateful that this was a dream, I decided to examine what is important in my life. I am examining my priorities, and considering things as Jesus would. I hope you will examine your own life. The world looks exciting, but it's values will not get us to spend eternity in heaven. -**Bud**



There are several activities, some new, planned for Independence Day again this year!

As always, the Cooper's lawn will be open to view the annual Pitman July Fourth Parade. Dan will still be in France, but you are welcome to enjoy this prime viewing spot. **New this year: we will have a group**

walking in the parade, specifically to promote our Vacation Bible School! If you would like to participate in this effort, see Troy Spencer or contact him at 609-820-6071.

Later in the day, as always, we welcome the community to use our parking lot and grassy areas to view the Alcyon Lake fireworks. **Tim and Melody Davis, with the teens**, will lead the effort to distribute free hot dogs and bottled water to our guests. The restrooms will be open to our guests as well.

Another new event this year! REFUGE will be putting on a free Community Concert in our parking lot! Come out early at 6:30 and enjoy Christian praise music!



Join us for
A Baby Shower Tea Party
 in honor of
Brenda Busch

Sunday, July 16, 2017 at Noon

Please RSVP to Jackie Fenton • horatiofenton@comcast.net
 or Melody Davis • tmdaviszoo@comcast.net

If you would like to bring food to the shower,
 please contact Melody Davis for menu information.

Is it a boy?... Is it a girl?...

Brenda and Derrick choose to be surprised!

Brenda is registered at Buy Buy Baby • Target • Amazon.com

*Bring an unwrapped package of diapers
 and be entered into a raffle!*

Bring Your Own
Craft Day

Saturday, July 22

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



Thank You!

Dear Pitman Road Church,

It is with much sadness that our days worshiping with you in Pitman has come to an end. When we moved to Jersey almost 2 years ago, we never imagined that we would find a church in the Northeast that would leave as much of an impact on us as you have. Thank you for taking in the young couple from Texas that didn't know a soul when we got here. Never in our wildest dreams would we have thought that we would meet someone from a small town only 30 minutes from where we grew up. Yet God continued to prove that he had his guiding hand over us by placing Pitman Road in our lives to become our family. You have asked us into your homes, taken us to eat, invited us to various functions, given hugs, and offered numerous words of encouragement and prayers. While we oftentimes faced difficulties with our professional lives during the week, we were always assured that come Sunday, we would be encouraged and renewed after worshiping here ready to face another week. You will never know how much this church and group of Christians has meant to us.

When we look back on our time here, the Church will always be in the forefront of our mind and we truly could not be more grateful for showing us what it is like to be true followers of Christ. Thank you for your openness, kindness, generosity, wisdom, and example.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,
 May he make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 May he lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

Until we meet again,
 Marshall & Lacey Early

FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN TRENTON

SATURDAY, JULY 8 • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**SIGN UP AT THE
 WELCOME CENTER
 TO VOLUNTEER TO
 SERVE THE MEAL.**

If you are willing to
 contribute to the cost of
 the meal, note "Trenton
 Meal" on your check,
 drop it in the collection
 plate, or give it to Dottie.
**\$430 is still needed to
 cover the cost.**



Who Left the Lights On?

Actually, it is bigger than "Who Left the Lights On?"

Two out of the last three Sunday afternoons, drop by visits to the church building between 4 and 6 pm revealed a few things:

- The last one out did not turn off all of the lights.
- The last one out did not shut and lock all of the office doors.
- The last one out did not set the alarm.
- The last one out did not lock the main glass doors.

On one hand, it's actually a wonderful problem, in that folks like to hang around the building and visit a long time after Sunday church. On the other hand, it's a not so good problem. An open building is a standing invitation to those with evil or mischievous motives.

So, if you are the last one to leave the building, DO NOT JUST ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE WILL TAKE CARE OF IT! Rather, if you are the last one to leave the building, please be certain all the lights are off, all the doors are locked, and the alarm is set. You don't know how to do all of that? Just ask any one of us in the office, and we'll be glad to show you.

And, if all else fails, and you don't know the lock up procedure, do as much as you can, then call Dottie or Dan, and we will talk you through it, or we will come and do it ourselves.

This is very important. Thanks for your consideration. –Dan

New Testament Half-Time!

We are at the half way point of our challenge to read the New Testament in one year. Here is a half-time pep talk from the people at YouVersion.

When life gets busy, sometimes it's hard to keep up with everything. But when we make time for God's Word, it has a way of putting all of that activity into perspective. If you're a bit behind on your YouVersion Bible Plan, OWNit365 New Testament (NT)+ Plan, we thought we'd share a couple of our favorite tips for getting back on track:

Simply go to your plan's settings and use the "Catch Me Up" button. Your start and end dates will shift and your last fully completed day will become yesterday. If you have partially completed days, those unfinished selections will remain unchecked.

If you've missed individual days in the past, check your plan calendar to see which days you didn't complete. Devote some time to finishing those days. After completing missed reading from days in the past, select "Catch Me Up."

We're convinced that God speaks to us when we read His Word, so we believe it's important to help each other connect with the Bible.

–Your Friends at YouVersion and the Bible App

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

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

Last Week

Bible Class	94
Worship	210
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	81
Contribution	\$10,280
Weekly Goal	\$10,412

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: **Nancy Smith** has returned home after an extended hospital and rehabilitation stay! Please continue to pray for her health and wellbeing.

Sunday Morning Responses:

Marshall and Lacey Early came forward to say good-bye. (See their letter on page 3.) The congregation prayed over the **France Mission Team**. Please continue to pray for them; they return on July 2 and 5.

Prayers Requested:

Izasiga Family as they make final preparation for their move.

Marie Jean-Jerome, Karelle Pierre-Jacques mother, is in rapidly declining health; the family will have to make decisions regarding her care, including probable hospice care. Please pray for Karelle as she makes these decisions, and for her mother's comfort during this time.

Barry Thompson, friend of Jerri Manfre, has begun hospice care. The leukemia has spread; chemo is no longer an option.

Blanche Bartley, William Bartley's mother, diagnosed with breast cancer; she had surgery last Thursday.

Frank Sheehan is at home recovering from extensive surgery on his lungs.

Richard Heartline, friend of Larry and Bert Kellum, colon cancer combined with an infection.

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Elder on Call for June: Brian Holden

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Lori Hernandez
Kids For Christ	Summer Break
Jr. Worship	Summer Break
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry Peterson & Pat Monteleone
Greeters: Back Entrance	Frank & Sandy Sheehan
Information Center	Shacara Adams
Ushers	Dave Perine & Brandon Keeks
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Charles Peterson

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Sympathy

We express our sympathy to **John and Kathy Ashton** on the passing of John's mother, **Laura V. Ashton**, on June 14, in Wilmington, NC. John and Kathy were able to cancel their mission trip to Peru in order to be at her bedside. The funeral service was in Wilmington last week, and a graveside ceremony was held yesterday in Millville, NJ.

If you would like to make a memorial gift in honor of Laura, the Ashton are asking that contributions be made to our Family Promise fund. Please make your check out to Pitman Road Church of Christ, and note "In memory of Laura Ashton" on the memo line. These funds will be used to support our Family Promise ministry here at Pitman Road. Cards can be sent to the Ashtons at the address in the church directory.

We also extend our sympathy to the **Kellum family** on the passing of Larry and Bert's niece **Kimberly Fielder** on June 16, after a series of illnesses. Funeral services were held yesterday. You may send cards to the Kellums' address in the directory.

Vacation Bible School!!!!

Vacation Bible School

For Children ages 0 - 6th grade

Sunday - Wednesday

July 9 - 12, 2017 • 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Bible Stories • Games

Crafts • Snacks • FUN!

For information and registration

visit the Vacation Bible School

tab on our website at

www.pitmanroadcoc.com .



Vacation Bible School for Adults and Teens

Sunday - Wednesday • July 9 - 12

Just Jesus Stories



Featuring
Guest Speaker:

Patrick Mead

See the flyer at the Welcome Center for specific times and topics.