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Annual Camp Manatawny Issue!

Over the years, members of our church have played important roles at camp as Summer Directors and as members of the Board of Directors. And that continues to be the case! This year we have members who have taken on some very BIG roles and we want you to hear from them!

NEW Jr. High 1 Directors!



Elizabeth and Rebekah Lazar

The word is out—Elizabeth and I will be co-directing Junior High 1 at Camp Manatawny this summer and we **COULD NOT BE MORE EXCITED!** It is a huge honor to have the opportunity to take the reins from Aaron and Jenn Pearl.

This week has worked so well that we plan to keep much of it the same, but we also have some creative ideas brewing about new activities and events

to make the week extra special for the campers. We are contemplating a pep-rally style first night welcome, a revealing ceremony as we introduce our four tribes, a camp-wide trading game adventure... and maybe even a pumpkin chuck! (Anyone know how to build a catapult?) That's as much as I can say because there are some potential JH1 campers reading this who we want to be surprised!

JH1 is entirely volunteer-driven, and we are recruiting for a number of roles. **In particular, we are looking for a couple of good Bible class teachers, lifeguards, and a worship coordinator. And our most critical need is for counselors—first-timers welcome!** (PS: If you think you might be interested in getting certified as a lifeguard, Camp Manatawny offers a certification course at the start of the summer. It's free if you lifeguard at camp!) **Mark your calendars for July 21-28, 2018**, and talk to me or Elizabeth if you think we might be able to find a way to get **YOU** involved, during the week or even in the preparation beforehand.

Please also be praying for the week. Here are some practical things to pray for now: pray for potential campers and their families that they won't be hindered by finances and that they will make a choice to come to camp; pray for the staff -that we identify a strong team of servant-hearted and energetic volunteers; and pray for Elizabeth and me as we take on this new role.

-Rebekah

Editor's note: This is a ground-breaking, ceiling smashing appointment! Rebekah and Elizabeth are the first women directors of a camp week at Camp Manatawny. Their many gifts and talents, as well as many years of faithful service to camp have equipped them to take on this role.

NEW Member of the Camp Board!



Andy Mychajlowycz

I became a member of the Camp Manatawny Board of Directors six months ago and have been attending board meetings for nearly 10 months. I currently serve on three board committees (Finance, Marketing & Communication, and Admin). My board membership is in keeping with the long tradition of Pitman Road members serving on the board, and also as summer session directors, counselors, Bible teachers, and workers. For all your years of service, I offer a heartfelt **Thank You!**

My connection to camp goes back many years. Donna and I started sending our two girls to camp at a very young age and continued to send them while living in Switzerland – usually making them the kids who came the greatest distance to attend! They have both served as counselors. And our oldest, Cassie, even met her husband at camp and got engaged in the gazebo there 1 ½ years ago. Our family loves camp!

Camp Manatawny is currently going through dramatic change. In the last 2 years, the number of kids attending summer sessions who are not from a church of Christ background has passed 50%! Day campers from Reading and other cities have increased the opportunity to reach the unchurched for Christ. And a dramatic increase in the number of summer sessions campers (expected to reach 1000 within 3 years) will make it necessary to add a summer week and increase the housing to accommodate these campers.

In order to finance this increased need for housing, a capital campaign, launched at last summer's 50th Anniversary Celebration will raise funds to build new, larger, all-season cabins. These new cabins will also make it possible to increase our off-season rentals, generating additional income to support our summer sessions, which are at the heart of our mission. The board has committed to aggressively retiring all the camp debt through the capital campaign, and to never carry debt again.

On April 15, **Andrew Cooper**, chairman of the Camp Manatawny Board of Directors, will be speaking at Pitman and sharing more about the great things happening at camp. We thank you for your past support and hope you can join us, with God's leading, in continuing to support Camp Manatawny in the future. **-Andy**

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Time Limits

Below is one of Katherine's writings from 30 years ago. I read this article at her mother's graveside service last Monday afternoon. Back in the day, Katherine wrote a weekly bulletin article called "Katherine's Kitchen." -Dan

Rachel and her best friend, Megan, had been drifting around the house all morning, slightly bored, looking for things to do. It was one day I figured they would be relieved to separate at lunch time. So at 11:15 I cheerfully notified them that there were only ten minutes of play-time left.

Then, suddenly, the girls came to life. Only ten minutes left! Ten minutes to finish a cup of hot chocolate. Ten minutes to race outside and climb in the dogwood trees. "Only ten minutes left." The words were magic.

A time limit makes special things more special. One day at Disney World. Fifteen minutes at a dear friend's house. Five minutes for a special long distance phone call. We treasure them all the more for their brevity.

Death is the ultimate time limit. Because of death, we treasure life more fully. Because of death, we come to life. But death seldom reveals its coming in advance. We know not whether we have eighty years or only eight to become our ideal person. Suddenly, without warning, our play time is over.

Longevity is not guaranteed. So, play without guilt. Work without resentment. Love without reservation. Serve God whole-heartedly.

Some day we will have only ten minutes left.

-Katherine Cooper

Shared in memory of Katherine's mother, Valeria Mitchell, affectionately known as "Mee Maw."



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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John Peoples
Shepherd

Jesus had
some things
to say about
giving
traditions
more
importance
than scripture.

Shepherd's Voice

Traditions

What's your favorite tradition? Is it something special you do around a holiday? Do you have an annual family vacation or a weekly activity with friends or family? My family has had a few, and one of my favorites was watching a movie together on Friday nights when our kids were younger. We didn't have all the movie options at our fingertips that are available now, and sometimes we had to go to a store and rent one! I remember more about the idea of that weekly tradition than the specific movies or moments. It was special time we had as a family, and we made sure we did as consistently as possible.

I like traditions; they are important in many ways, but in the end they are just traditions. From a spiritual point of view, Jesus had some things to say about giving traditions more importance than scripture (see Mark 7:3-8 ff). The ancient Jewish culture, over time, developed traditions that were intended to put a hedge around the Mosaic Law as written in the Torah and prevent it from being broken. These regulations and qualifications were heaped on top of the law, often masking what was its true intent. This is the danger of moving the status of tradition to the status of scripture. Scripture should never be changed or ignored, but traditions can change.

Women's roles at the Pitman Road church are based on both tradition and scripture. There is no spiritual difference between men and women. Galatian 3:28 says that all are one in Christ. But there are differences in how God created the bodies of men and women, all the way down to a cellular level, and scripture teaches that God created men and women to have different roles in His plan.

At Pitman Road, we want to enjoy our traditions, hold to scriptural roles, but not hedge or regulate the role of women because of tradition alone. Your shepherds will continue to follow scripture, but expand some women's roles that have been based solely on tradition. Stay tuned as we meet others where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ.

Grace and peace, **John**

Why I Love Manatawny Summer Camp!

I attended women's retreats at Camp Manatawny even before I became a member of the Church of Christ, and thought camp was a nice place. But it wasn't until I dropped my son off at summer camp for the first time that I fell in love with Camp Manatawny. There were campers, parents, and staff everywhere, and I could sense something very special was happening. Summer camp was not a part of my growing up, but I knew that day that I wanted to be involved at Camp Manatawny as an adult.



This is my favorite picture that I've taken at camp: John Reimels in 2004. I find a way to include it in this issue most years!

I had my first chance to do that in 2004 as "the canteen lady" for Jr. High 1 week, then directed by John Reimels. The following year, I became "the office lady" and have held that job ever since! Being a first generation Christian, camp is where I met and formed relationships

with many other Christians I may not have otherwise known. I deepened relationships with other members here at Pitman Road that I may not have had opportunity to without that intense time away from the world. I also learned to be part of a team and the importance of putting aside self for the sake of something greater.

Due in part to my "office lady" job at camp, two other important things came about in my life.

When you are the "summer office staff" (the official term for "office lady"), you interact with the staff in the business office and get to know a bit more about how summer sessions work. Eventually, that knowledge played a large part in the opportunity to serve as Summer Session Coordinator at Camp Manatawny. I was blessed to work with and be a part of the men and women who make camp "happen" each summer! And those office administrative skills that I learned serving one week each year in the "summer office" have now rolled into my job here at Pitman Road.

Camp's mission is summed up as "Impacting Lives for Christ." It doesn't just impact children; it impacts all who spend time there!

-Annette Perine



Serving at camp has become a Perine/Keeks family tradition!

Summer Camping Sessions at Camp Manatawny

Camp Fees and Discounts for 2018:

\$295 Early Bird Discount if paid in full by April 30th.

\$325 after April 30th. A deposit of \$100 (non-refundable) is required at time of registration. Any balance not paid in full or registrations made within one week prior to the start of the session will pay an additional \$25.

First Time Camper Discount: First time campers are welcomed with a \$25 discount and a free camp t-shirt!

Multi Camper Discount: Families that register more than two campers from their immediate family (i.e., brother, sister) will receive a \$25 discount per additional camper. Applies to the third or more child.

2017 Summer Sessions Schedule:

Senior High 2: June 23 - 30

for teens who have completed grades 11 & 12
Director: Shawn Cutts

Senior High 1: June 30 - July 7

for teens who have completed grades 8, 9, & 10
Director: John Mark Niehls

Junior High 2: July 7 - 14

for teens who have completed grades 7, 8, & 9
Director: Matthew White

Intermediate: July 14 - 21

for children and tweens who have completed grades 5 & 6.
Director: Jonathan Woodall

Junior High 1: July 21 - 28

for tweens and teens who have completed grades 5, 6, & 7.
Director: Rebekah Lazar

Elementary 2: July 28 - August 4

for children who have completed grades 3 & 4.
Director: Matt Ahearn

Elementary 1: August 4 - 11

for children who have completed grades 1 & 2.
Director: Manny Vander Vennen



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMP

If you would like your child to attend camp this summer, but have concerns that you will not be able to pay for part or all of the camper fee, we do not want that to hinder your child from attending camp. **Please see Dottie Grillo if you would like to receive financial assistance from the church.** You will then need to go to www.manatawny.org and register your child for camp. During the registration process, you will have an opportunity to indicate that you will be receiving a **sponsorship** from our church. It is important that you indicate you are receiving a **sponsorship** (not a campship) from the Pitman Road Church of Christ, and the

amount of the sponsorship so that you will be charged the correct balance, if any, at the end of the registration. **After you have completed the registration process, you must let Dottie know so that she can make sure the balance is paid before your child arrives at camp.**

For members who are willing and able to contribute to sending a Pitman Road child to camp this summer, this would be the appropriate time to let Dottie know. This summer's base camper fee is \$325, but there may be discounts that may apply depending on each particular child's eligibility. Write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, note "camp sponsorship" on the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

Camp Manatawny Calendar of Events for 2018

Spring Work Day • April 14 • 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
ALL AGES AND ABILITIES ARE NEEDED
Help us get camp ready for summer!

Enjoy a day of work, fun, and fellowship as we prepare Camp for our Summer Camp season.

We will have all kinds of work available for all kinds of talents. We will be cleaning cabins, kitchen and dining hall, landscaping, and doing general maintenance. Camp will provide a light lunch and drinks. If you know you are coming please RSVP to valerie.gemmell@manatawny.org so we can assign jobs, and have enough food for everyone.



Jr/Sr High Retreat: RESOLUTE
April 20-21 Grades 7 & 8

Do you miss camp? Are you new to camp and want a taste of what it's like? If you're in Jr. or Sr. High... then this relaxed fun, and spiritual weekend is for you! You'll participate in games and activities, enjoy some free time, and worship Christ through singing and studying God's Word. Invite your friends! Get your youth group involved,! Don't miss this opportunity!

Cost: Only \$35! Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast & lunch on Saturday. Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! AREA WIDE WORSHIP

April 29, 2018: 4:00-5:00 pm - Hymn Sing/Worship
5:30-7:00 pm - Meal and Annual Corporation Meeting

August 26, 2018: 5:00 - 8:00 pm (tentative schedule)

November 4, 2018: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

One Body, One Mission

God's people are everywhere, so let's come together for a collective time of worship and encouragement and as a reminder that we are on mission together. Need more information? Contact Scott Rutherford, 484-769-7228



NEW TIME OF YEAR AND DATE!

MANATAWNY WOMEN'S RETREAT • May 4 & 5, 2018

Let Perseverance Finish its Work

We invite all women and girls to join us for a weekend of refreshment and restoration as we enjoy God's creation and the fellowship of others! The weekend offers encouraging sessions, relaxation, and fellowship. Bring a group from your church, see old friends from other churches, and make new friends! We would love to have you join us as we seek God for what He desires to teach us through His Word.

Cost: Only \$35! Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast & lunch on Saturday. Girls 12 and under only \$10 Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more information.

Family Camp • May 25-27, 2018

Facing Your Giants

This is a great time to enjoy our summer camp activities and re-energize your family's walk with God and the goal of Family Camp is to provide just that. There's something for everyone!

Activities include canoeing, kayaking, archery, riflery, swimming, and crafts. The lessons often follow a family friendly movie theme, and the speaker will provide thought provoking and engaging messages.

Cost: \$100. Includes 2 nights seasonal cabin lodging, all meals, and activities for up to 4 family members. (Upgraded lodging is available for an additional cost during registration.) \$20 for each additional family member ages 5 and older. Children 4 & younger: free. Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more information.

Camp Manatawny Open House
May 26, 2018 • 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Going to camp is a big step for many children and it's common for both parents and children to feel uncertainty about being away from home for a week.

Prepare yourself and your camper for their summer experience at Camp Manatawny with a tour of camp! During your visit camp staff will answer any questions, and show you how camp will open up a whole new world for your child. This Open House is free and open to the public. No reservations required. Rain or shine. Can't make it to the open house, call 610-689-0173 to arrange a personal tour.



Camp Sonshine • June 2 & 3, 2018

Camp Sonshine is two days and one night of Christian summer camp offering love, acceptance and fun to children ages 8 to 18 with special needs. Everything is customized to make camp accessible and meet the varying needs of campers diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and those who may use wheelchairs, walkers, or crutches. The goal is for campers to be engulfed by God's love and to have the time of their lives!

Cost/Registration: Camp Sonshine is operated by volunteers and funded by donations from area churches, businesses and gracious individuals. Camper attend free of charge! There's a lot more information for this event, so please go to manatawny.org.

Manatawny Men's Retreat
September 14 & 15, 2018

Semper Fidelis

This is a great opportunity for men and boys to focus on their spiritual life and develop their faith along with peers. The youth will have their own special program and lessons and are highly encouraged to attend. Bring your sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers, brothers-in-law, co-workers.

Cost: Only \$35! Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast & lunch on Saturday. Boys 12 and under only \$10 Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more information. **At Pitman Road, contact Dan or Andy if you are interested in going as a group.**



Manatawny 5K Race/Fun Run
October 20, 2018

Participate in the annual 5K run/walk to raise funds for the camp sponsorship run. More information available soon. Check back at manatawny.org.

**Special Wednesday Night Spring Quarter Kick Off
HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR
THIS Wednesday, March 14!**

**BBQ Meal in the Family Life Center
at 5:30-6:30 pm.** Grilled Hamburgers
and Hot Dogs, Salads, Beans, and
Desserts! **Sign up today!**



**Annual Winterfest Report from our
teens in the auditorium at 7:00.**

Whether or not you eat dinner here,
plan to attend this special program. We
will hear about the exciting spiritual experiences our teens had at
this year's Winterfest. These young people are the future of the
church, and they deserve our support and attention. The
enthusiasm and renewal they return with each year is contagious
and we can all use the encouragement!

**NOTE: Wednesday Night Spring Quarter Classes will begin
NEXT Wednesday, March 21.**

TWO Baptisms Last Sunday!



Two of our teens, both of whom
were brought up in the church,
entered into a covenant relation-
ship with Jesus last Sunday
through their baptisms! **Ashley
Pearl** and **Adam Cerquoni** were
both already counting the cost of
becoming Christians when they
departed for Gatlinburg, TN a cou-
ple of weeks ago. Once there,



both were significantly impacted
by the messages they heard at
Winterfest, and returned home
ready to make that commitment.
(If you doubt the importance of
the annual Winterfest trips, here
is proof again that Winterfest is a
worthy investment of time and
resources for our teens!)



We've gotten to watch
both of these young
people grow up over the
years. Both Ashley and
Adam stood in the tradi-
tional "love circle" after
their baptisms as third
generation Christians,
with their parents and
grandparents along side
them! Blessings to you
Ashley and Adam; alt-

hough you were already a part of the "Pitman" family, you are
now part of the larger family of God!



Sunday, March 25, 2018

Children ages 0-12

Lunch will be served at 11:30 AM

Egg Hunt begins at 12:30 PM

Photos with the Easter Bunny at 1:00 PM

We need YOU to make our Egg Hunt a success!

Sign up at the bulletin board in the Children's Wing.

**Please give donations of candy and plastic eggs, or money,
to Aaron or Jenn Pearl.**

Bring a basket to collect your eggs.

(Bags will be provided if you don't have one.)

**Adults are asked to accompany their
children throughout the festivities.**

**Invite a friend on
Easter Sunday!**

April 1, 2018

Our schedule:

9:00 am - Bible classes for all ages.

9:40 am - Coffee and donuts in our lobby.

**10:00 am - Worship service featuring a
special theatrical presentation
by the Pitman Road youth.**

**Invitation cards for both events are available
at the Welcome Center!**

**Bring Your Own
Craft Day**

Saturday, March 24

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Last Week

Bible Class	104
Worship	199
LIFE Groups	107
Wednesday	NA (Snow)

Giving for February

February GOAL	\$39,472
Total February Contribution	\$43,023
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$345,380
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru Month	\$339,791

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: Two baptisms last Sunday! (See page 5)

Prayers:

Gwen Phillip, unfortunately Gwen's breast cancer has returned and metastasized, but the good news is that it is very manageable. Praise God! She will have chemotherapy infusions for 2 to 3 weeks, and then switch to a pill form of chemo. Please pray for both Gwen and Anthony.

Emma Clemons Drummer, continuing eye problems, treatment at Wills Eye Hospital.

Tamme DeLoskey is having surgery for an abdominal hernia this Thursday, March 15.

Van Edwards, further testing after mammogram. Spinal surgery on March 19 & 21.

Anita O'Hara recovering from cataract surgery.

Jacob Theis, recovering from surgery.

Dwight Thompson chemotherapy.

Ray Holmes, radiation treatment for prostate cancer ongoing.

Nancy Smith, in rehab at Cumberland Manor.

Steve Musso, in Lincoln Specialty Care, declining health.

Mike Lazar, recovery from neck surgery. P.T. for shoulder.

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Elder on Call for March and April: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Jayne Schofield
Kids For Christ	Carla Clements
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Diana Hutchinson
Information Center	Mary Lea Thompson
Ushers	Larry Peterson & Corny Walker
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Larry Kellum Jr.

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowycz's at noon	908-294-4056
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Cornerstone	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Hammonton	Broyles' at 6 pm	609-561-8532
Life Challenges	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	Lazar's at noon	856-223-1699
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Not meeting this week.	856-981-9754
Young Married	TBA	856-899-9466

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A Saint Has Gone on to His Reward



Harry and his sons James and Jonathan on the day of his baptism.

Our sympathy is extended to **Jonathan, Robin, Christian, Justin, and Mason Steward** on the passing of **Harry Steward** last Saturday, March 3. He was 90 years old.

Harry was baptized here on January 1, 2015, at the age of 87. Jonathan, Robin, and their family were faithful witnesses to Harry for many years. **Greg and Linda Krinks** played a pivotal role, studying the Bible with Harry for several weeks before he made the decision to commit his life to Christ. Since then he has faithfully attended church, health permitting, often with his caretaker, **Pat Jenkins**.

We are sad that Harry will no longer be here with us, but we rejoice that he is with Jesus.

You can send cards to the Stewards at their address in the church directory. Memorial gifts can be made to the Pitman Road Capital Fund.