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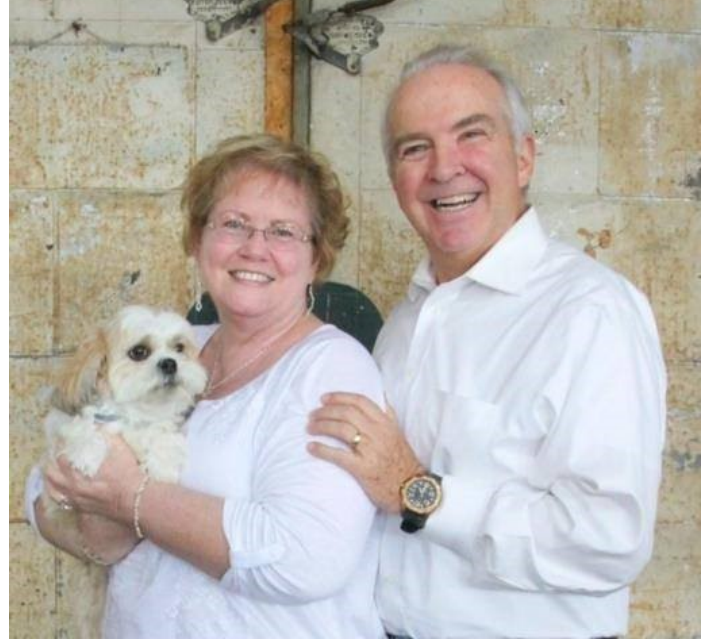
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This is the final article in our three-part series on our new ministry model. We expect all three of these individuals to play an important role in decision making and ministering to our church family and surrounding communities. And though this is the last position we will describe, it is certainly not least.

Our Connections Minister

What is a Connections Minister? Our Connections Minister must be a people person and an encourager. He shows enthusiasm for connecting people to each other and God's message. Having long-held relationships with individuals inside and outside our church family is a plus. This person will be responsible for coordinating events and strategies to develop and deepen connections within our church family and with the communities we serve. Our banners say it; "Connect: Family, Jesus, Others." How do we do it? Our Connections Minister will help this theme to not just be words on a banner, but active, alive, and real. He will promote connections between individuals, families, generations, ministries, and communities. The position can be likened to that of an activities director on a cruise ship. Once you get all the people on the boat, then what? The activities director gets the passengers to mingle, to take part in all the activities, opportunities and excursions the cruise has to offer, and enjoy the



journey. Our Connections Minister will do the same. This type of position is similar to that of a body life minister, but more limited. The goal is the same: help the body members to become and remain active. For the Shepherds, there is only one person to serve in this role; our good brother, **Dan Cooper**.



Dan has been a faithful servant of our church family for 35 years. If there is a ministry hat, he has worn it! What a blessing to have had an individual of his training, talents, and humility to minister among us for so long. Dan still displays the passion and enthusiasm for people that he brought with him when he arrived at Pitman. Dan has a vast amount of expertise in all the types of church and community activities that relate to a church family. Many of us have taught, attended something, gone on a trip, began a ministry, or served in an activity at the invitation of Dan Cooper. Dan is ready to move toward retirement, but not ready to move away from serving God in a professional role completely. It's a perfect fit for Dan, our ministry team, and the church. We look forward to Dan finally getting some time to slow down and rest, and are grateful he is willing to continue to serve our church family in this part-time role as our Connections Minister.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

How to Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving

We've been exposed to a lot of death in recent days. More than I'm comfortable with. Just this year... **Dwight** is gone. Katherine's father, **Dorice E.**, is gone. **Gwen Phillips** has gone on to her reward. **Nicole Ramundo's** life is snatched from us. Barbara Robinson's dad, **Marion Jacobs**, passed. Mark Frock's mom, **Mary Griffith**, passed. **Ken Upchurch**, Allison's dad, passed. **Janet Bush**, Barbara Britton's sister-in-law is gone. And, **Jimmy Rush**, Mary Collier's uncle, passes.

So, how do you remember and honor these "departed saints?" How do we honor their lives? There are many appropriate ways. We send flowers. We send cards to the families. We pray for God to comfort those who are grieving. We make mention of those who have passed in the church bulletin, and even in the Sunday announcements. Every Fall, I buy brilliantly colored mums to honor my mom, because she loved flowers. All of these are good, appropriate ways to remember a life lived well. May I suggest my favorite way to honor those who have passed? Donate to a charity that the deceased appreciated and supported.

One of the ways Katherine and I like to remember those who have "gone on to their reward" is to send a "Memorial Gift" to our church Capital Fund. I know that **Dwight** loved Harding University and he loved this church, so Katherine and I sent memorial gifts to both Harding University and to our church Capital Fund to honor Dwight. Memorial gifts can be small or large.

To some, that may not sound real comforting; but what a magnificent way to honor a life well lived. What a legacy! Because of the death of a loved one, Christ's church is blessed. His kingdom is built up. This is the gift that keeps on giving. Improvements are made around our building. Things are taken care of that would otherwise be left undone. Eternal blessings are shared. And, for every memorial gift given, the family of the deceased is notified of your memorial gift. **It truly is a Win-Win!**

When Glynn Durham passed, Debbie asked that an "outreach fund" be established in memory of Glynn, which would allow us to bring on staff a summer intern to reach out and connect with our community. We currently have over \$4,000 in Glynn's Memorial Fund.

Give a gift that keeps on giving...

- Dan the "Memorial Gift" Preacher Man



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Mother's Day Blessings


Last Sunday, on Mother's Day, we honored and thanked the mothers in our congregation! The kids helped give out carnations to all our women who have mothered young ones. We also gave out small prizes to a few mothers who have reached certain milestones. Our leadership prayed over and blessed the families who have welcomed new babies since last Mother's Day. These families each committed to raise their children to know Jesus. Children and families are so precious to God, and so they are to us as well!




Kick Off TODAY!

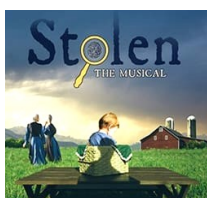
choices OF THE HEART "Choices of the Heart" Baby Bottle Campaign

Wondering how you can help women and families facing a crisis pregnancy? How you can share the love of God with them?

"Choices of the Heart" in Turnersville helps women find alternatives to ending the life of their unborn child by surrounding them with love and a full range of free services. We can help them continue being the hands and feet of Jesus by raising funds in a creative way! Here's how: **Please pick up a baby bottle TODAY from a teen in the church foyer** and fill it with spare change (dollars and checks will fit also). Filled bottles can be returned any Sunday through June 16th. 

 Important Note: "Choices of the Heart" does not perform abortions nor refer clients for abortions. It seeks to help them find alternative choices...thus the name, "Choices of the Heart."

- Diana Hutchinson



The money for the bus trip to see "Stolen" at Bird-In-Hand Stage in Lancaster County, Pa. is due by June 15th. The cost is \$87 for adults and \$57 for children (ages 4-12). The date of the show is **Saturday, September 28th**. The cost includes bus, show and dinner at Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant. Contact **Brian Holden**

for additional information. (H) 856-881-6792 (C) 856-759-2542 (e-mail) bholden94@hotmail.com

Camp Manatawny Family Camp



THIS Coming Weekend! May 24-26, 2019

This is a great time to enjoy our summer camp activities and re-energize your family's walk with God! **Activities include canoeing, kayaking, archery, riflery, swimming, crafts, and family friendly food!** The lessons often follow a family friendly movie theme, along with **thought provoking and engaging messages** throughout the weekend.

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

THIS Saturday!



Pitman Road Church of Christ Outside Yard Work Day

THIS Saturday, May 25, 2019
8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Come and join us this Saturday, here at the church building, for a work day!

We need help mulching, planting, weeding, and raking!

Whether you're able to come for thirty minutes, an hour, or the full time...**ANY AND ALL HELP IS WELCOME!** We can use all the help we can get! **Bring your favorite tool!**



60th Anniversary Church Cookbook

We are putting together a church cookbook, and we need your help! A big part of our fellowship time is sharing good food together. Over the next year, we will all have the opportunity to share our recipes used to prepare that good food! We are starting off with our Annual Memorial Day Picnic. **Recipe cards will be provided this Sunday for you to take and return next Sunday, May 26th, along with your dish!** For any questions, suggestions, etc., please feel free to call, text, or come see me!

- Stephanie DeStefano



If you have good news to share with the church family, please email your information to kikeorha@cochrest.org!

The Count Down is On! 40...39...38...37...36...35...34...Days

The countdown is on for Dan's semi-retirement, effective June 30. Joey and Callie arrive in early June to begin their full-time work with us. Derrick will also resume his full-time responsibilities this June, as we all continue to hope and pray that their house in Philadelphia sells before the end of summer. (In fact, will you stop and pray right now, THIS MINUTE, for the sale of Derrick and Brenda's house and the move of Joe and Callie?) PRAY!

So, what will happen for me between now and June 30? I am scheduled to preach three more times in the next six weeks. I am preaching today, as I begin a two part sermon series, "Lord, Make Me a Servant." Then I will preach again on June 2. And I will deliver this final sermon as your full-time preacher here at Pitman Road on Sunday, June 9th. I am super excited about my final sermon as a full time preacher and have already been working on it. I will look back to the beginning of our ministry here. I will identify specific challenges for us as we go forward. I will call us to live out our vision and mission statements. I will call out this church to be a "great commission" church. I will call the elders forward for a time of thanksgiving and blessing. I will end the day by calling Joey and Derrick to the front for a prayer and commission time.

You might wonder "what will your new job as "Connections Minister" look like? I am excited about it. I happily embrace it. Read the front page. More specifics on that is coming up next week. Stay tuned.

-Dan the Connections Man

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	124
Worship	208
LIFE Groups	49
Wednesday	29

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Elder on Call for May and June: Horatio Fenton

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Hope DeStefano
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham/Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Steve & Jayne DePrince
Greeters: Back Entrance	Justin & Rebecca Guy
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Andy & Donna Mychajlowycz
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowycz' 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
Covenant	Mychajlowyczs' at 5:30 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	Thompsons' at 5 pm	609-320-9260
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	Brittons' at 6 pm	856-340-5423
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearls' at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Adults	Hutchinsons' Friday at 6:30 pm	856-381-9095
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

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This Week's Prayer Requests

Sunday Morning Requests for Prayer: **Sue Scaramuzzi**, co-worker of Mark Frock, just unexpectedly lost her sister, Kristen. She leaves behind a 10 year old daughter.

Prayer Requests:

Dorothy Cunningham, Brenda People's mom, in ICU with a torn artery which cannot be operated on. Brenda is there with her mom.
Jayne Schofield, right wrist broken and casted. Having serious problems with her left ear and jaw due to bone deterioration.
Je'Ani Lyles and Carla Ortiz, health insurance battles.
Clare Hightower, radiation treatment until May 29th.
Patti Frambes, minor growth in tumor, however, doctors are optimistic. Resumed chemotherapy.
Wilma Gillespie, Elinda Hunter's mom, continued prayers requested for issues with her heart.
Angel Bobe, Sr., continuing to suffer breathing complications.
Alan Cattier, friend of the Points, is a recent widower who has mobility issues and is facing a very serious surgery.
16 year old daughter of Aurelia, friend of Kelly Spencer, had a mini stroke which led to the discovery of a lesion on her brain.
Dennis Hobbs, a friend and coworker of Troy Spencer, collapsed at work and found out that he has brain cancer. His prognosis and course of action are to be determined.
Doug Oliver, is receiving treatment at Cancer Treatment Centers of America. Requesting prayers for further upcoming decisions.
Patty Ollek, Sandy Sheehan's cousin, diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer. Had surgery and will start chemo in a week. She is doing well and gives all credit to God and prayers. Cards have been deeply appreciated: 8 Oakwood Ave., Key Largo, FL 33037.
David Balitz, friend of Sandy Sheehan, stage 3 colon cancer. Is continuing with 46 hours of straight chemo every other week with no side effects. He just returned to work and will continue chemo.
Cliff Dando says thank you for your prayers and he will begin therapy for his vertigo soon.
Elinda Hunter, changing from radiation to a pill form of treatment. Several appointments in May.
Anne Peoples is recovering from surgery and a stroke at home. Cards and calls appreciated: cell # 302-634-0792
Please continue to pray for **Judy Fitzpatrick**, **Larry Kellum, Sr.**, and **Linda Prenger**, as they receive treatment for/recover from cancer, as well as **Kareem Rutledge, Jr.** and **Je'Ani Lyles** in their rehabilitation/recovery from life changing injuries.



Annual Pitman Road Memorial Day Church Picnic

Join us for a cook-out here at our church building!

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

NEXT Sunday, May 26
After the worship service

** Inspirational words by Paul Stanford*

You are asked to bring games! (Mostly outdoor games like Horseshoes, Ladder Ball, etc.)

- Each member/family attending is asked to bring hamburgers or hotdogs; 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, buns, and chips will be provided by the church.
- Desserts will be provided by elders' and deacons' wives.
- Any hot dishes should be preheated.

Questions? Contact Tony or Stephanie DeStefano