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Happy Memorial Day!

We honor the memory of service members and their families who have sacrificed to protect the freedom we enjoy.

There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. -John 15:13

New Summer Quarter Adult Classes Begin Next Sunday!

2019 Summer Quarter Bible Classes

June • July • August

Sunday

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
FLC	Adults	Witnesses for Christ: Continuing Mission in the Book of Acts - Pitman Road University	Dan Cooper
B3 Chapel	Adults	The Great Story - Pitman Road University	Garth Hutchinson
Parke Place	Senior Saints	Various Topics	Jay Schneider

Wednesday Evening

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
B1	Adults	Barnabas Group	Donna Lazar, Fran Point
B3 Chapel	Adults	Video Bible Study: "Goliath Must Fall"	Brian Holden, Joey Peacher

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Repeat after me: "Hello Minister!"

Yep! Ready or not, you are a minister. God called you to be a minister. God has called our church leaders to train you to be an effective minister. This coming Sunday, Dan will conclude Part 2 of his two part series, **"Make Me a Servant, Lord, Make Me Like You."**

Did you know that the primary word for **"minister," "servant,"** and **"deacon"** in the New Testament are all the same word? It is true! The Greek word most commonly used for all three of these English words is DIAKONOS. Context alone determines the way the word, DIAKONOS, should be translated. That challenging passage in Ephesians 4:11-13 that describes what church leaders are to do for the church members says that church leaders are to equip church members "for works of service," or works of "ministry," or for "DIAKONOS." Briefly stated, my calling as an "evangelist" is to equip you to be a DIAKONOS, or servant or minister. "Hello minister!"

Do not read too much into this next statement because I am not quitting. I am semi-retiring. I still have lots of work to do and I am eagerly anticipating the next phase of my life. I am inviting all members, all former members, and all of my friends to be present two weeks from today, June 9, when I preach **"My Final Sermon as a Full Time Minister!"** Would you honor me with your presence? I will accept your presence on June 9th as a great gift. I have a message on my heart for you. And, it is a message that will look both backwards and forwards. God is in this, and of that I have no doubt!

- Dan the "Serving" "Connecting" "Ministering" Preacher Man



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Jay W. Schneider
Deacon for Seniors

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Can You Find a Way to Make the Benefits Live On?

Small groups are over until September, but unlike the school year, few are cheering. Small groups have provided us social interaction and spiritual growth. We take a break from them not because we're tired of meeting, but because of the interruptions of vacation, serving at Camp Manatawny, mission trips, etc. But perhaps you can find a way to make the benefits live on.

- Can you find a person(s) to meet with for a meal and Bible conversation at your home or a restaurant?
- Will you now have time to get back to Wednesday night Bible study?
- Do you know that our church has a library of somewhere close to 1000 books and some very good DVD video series that you could watch alone or discuss with someone who reads the same book or watches the DVD with you?
- Did you know that on the first Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm, you could go join a few folks to help a church service at Greenfields Assisted Living (on New Street between Glassboro and Cross Keys) ?
- Have you considered that some folk can't see well enough to read the Bible anymore and would appreciate someone to read it to them?
- Do you know that your phone call, your Facebook posts, your post card, or your letter can make someone's day or week?

You have so many possibilities to be a blessing in the Lord's family.

- Jay

Camp Sonshine at Camp Manatawny, June 1-2, 2019


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. Camp Sonshine is operated by volunteers and funded by donations. This allows your camper to attend for **FREE!** For the schedule, to register, or for more information, go to **manatawny.org**.




Underway NOW Through June 16!

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

Ladies' Day

"Open Your Heart"

Saturday, June 8th, 9:30 am-1:30 pm
At Lehigh Valley Church of Christ
 3400 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020

with Guest Speaker:
Mary Colyer

For young ladies aged 12+

RSVP by June 1 to Lisa at 570-526-1207 or at lehighladies@disciples.com

**Please check the PRCOC events bulletin board in the B-wing for more information.*

Male Camp Counselors Needed!



August 3-10, 2019

Manny Vander Vennen is urgently looking for men (age 18 or older) that would be willing to serve as counselors at **Elementary 1** week at Camp Manatawny. Elementary 1 is the week with the youngest group of campers, aged 7-8 years

old. Having an opportunity to spend time with these excited and enthusiastic young campers as they grow in their knowledge of Christ, and as they enjoy the activities and beauty of camp, is something that promises to be a highlight of your summer!

Please contact Manny if you are able to help: (home: 856-241-7757; cell: 484-886-5349; email: manatawny@gmail.com)

You're Invited

Sunday, June 23

Please join us for a graduation and going away blessing for **Luke Olley** on Sunday, June 23rd, in the Family Life Center immediately following worship.

We'll have refreshments, cake, and a time of blessing to share scriptures, prayers, words of advice, and encouragement. Luke reports to The United States Military Academy at West Point on July 1st.

Annual Pitman Road

Memorial Day Church Picnic

TODAY
After the worship service

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

* Inspirational words by Paul Stanford



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 have been provided for you at the Welcome Center. Please fill one out to include in our cookbook!** For any questions, suggestions, etc., please feel free to call, text, or come see me!

- Stephanie DeStefano



This Summer quarter starts June 2nd. Teachers will be traveling, moving college students, and volunteering at camp in June, July, and August. **The children's ministry is looking for substitute cradle roll, preschool, and elementary**

teachers to help this summer on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45. Curriculum is provided. This is a great opportunity for college students to serve while home on break. Please let **Robin Steward** know how you can help at 856-264-9003. Thank you!

You're Invited

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Join us for a graduation party honoring **Sarah Elizabeth Pearl**

Time: 2:00pm - 6:00pm
Location: 687 Garden Road, Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

(RSVP by May 25, 2019 at 609-805-2186)



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: bcholden94@hotmail.com)

goodnews

Chuzik Ikeorha just finished his first semester of college with straight "A"s and a 4.0 GPA! We're so proud of you, Chuzik!

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	116
Worship	191
LIFE Groups	103
Wednesday	33

Giving for April

April GOAL	\$39,320.00
Total April Contribution	\$36,301.00
Fiscal YTD GOAL	\$432,520.00
Fiscal YTD Contribution thru April	\$423,380.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests:

Dante, husband of Sandy Sheehan's friend, Nancy, fell at work and sustained a traumatic brain injury. Was in ICU for 2 weeks, and just moved to a step down unit. He has a long way to go.

Rich Gray, co-worker of Tammy Cerquoni, was sent to the University of Penn to get surgery for a spot in his brain.

Rebecca Reimels, Joyce Reimels' granddaughter, facing a crisis.

Dorothy Cunningham, Brenda People's mom, is home but continues to face serious health issues. Brenda is still there with her mom.

Please pray for Brenda as she cares for her mother and her brother.

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. Things are progressing very slowly as he is prepared for surgery. May take a few months before surgery is safe for him.

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.

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 began chemo. 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 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.

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Elder on Call for May and June: Brian Holden

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Lynne Sbaraglia
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham/Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Horatio & Jackie Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Ron Dargan & Mandy Mansdoerfer
Information Center	Jackie Fenton
Ushers	John & Corey Peoples
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson

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Thank You



Dan and I want to thank you for your kindness following the death of my father, Dorice E Mitchell. Your cards, Facebook messages, and text messages have strengthened us every day as we walk through this grief process. You have faithfully lifted us up in prayer.

I would like to thank the Tuesday morning Bible study group for hosting a luncheon

and listening to stories of my precious daddy. I would also like to thank those who donated to the church's Capital Fund in his honor. This church family functioned as God intended, and we thank Him for your love and care. - **Katherine Cooper**

