



PITMAN ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Our Vision

To be a place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.

Our Mission

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

Pitman Road POST

Make
a difference

Move
into family

Meet
Jesus

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THERE'S AN A.P.P. FOR THAT!

[A PEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE]

RECONNECT 2022



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Preaching Minister

He who was seated on the throne said, 'I am making everything new!' Then he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' – Revelation 21:5

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation... - 2 Cor 5:17

There are moments in our lives when we need a fresh start. Often, the beginning of a new year seems to be an obvious time for a do-over! As we begin a new year, perhaps we should reflect on how God continues to take old things and restore them, to see how we can be renewed and reconnected in a deeper way to Jesus and to one another.

This year our theme will be ReConnect. First, and foremost, we want everyone to reconnect and deepen unity with Jesus. We also want everyone to reconnect with our church family by gathering with one another on a regular basis. We are in a new year, and this is a new reality we are heading into, but newness should not be strange to Jesus followers. Jesus promised newness in the verses above. In the verses prior to 2 Cor 5:17, Paul had laid out what made us new creations and what was the resulting actions we

are called to take to live out that reality. There is far more to Paul's point than some idea of just me and God doing our thing! It has everything to do with how we see and treat others, starting with Jesus. Paul connects newness with Christ's love and how we look at people.

What also demonstrates our new creation status is our new mission that grows directly out of how we view people. Because we are new creations, we have a new ministry. This new creation existence that springs out of a new view of Christ and others leads us directly to a ministry of reconciliation. Reconciliation with God. Reconciliation with each other to help us transform more into new creations. Reconciliation could be a more theological way of saying reconnecting, and this happens best with regular contact. Worshipping together on Sunday is one great way to do this.

In the Hebrew Scriptures, Sunday is not called Sunday, but Yom Rishon. Yom Rishon means Day One. What happened on Day One? The cosmic beginning, when everything was new, occurred on day one. On day one of the week, Jesus resurrected and started a new creation and a chance for everyone to reconnect with God in a new way. Each Sunday we remember and celebrate the new beginning. We communicate with one another a new chance to reconcile with God and to reconnect with one another.

Of course, there are ways to reconnect between the Sundays each week. Life groups, prayer groups, Bible studies, dinners, lunches, game nights, supporting each other's hobbies and endeavors are just some of the ways to reconnect. I challenge us to come up with more ways to reconnect between the Sundays, but first we need to return to the rhythm of reconnecting in a physical way on a weekly basis. Let's live out our new creation reality by recommitting to Yom Rishon, by reconnecting with each other at least every Sunday.

Inspired by Matt Dabbs Wineskins and "Yom Rishon: The Cosmic Beginning," Book of Mysteries, Jonathan Cahn

A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" FROM THE PEACHER FAMILY

Dear Church Family, thank you so much to all of you who contributed to the generous Christmas gift for our family. We are blessed beyond measure to be part of a place that cares for us with their words and their actions. Raising three boys is not an inexpensive endeavor, as some of you know, so rest assured that your gift will fill a need.

Thank you again, **Joey and Callie**

THANK
YOU

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

As a nonprofit organization, recognized by the state of New Jersey as a tax exempt corporation, the state of NJ mandates that we meet annually. That being the case, our elders have selected Sunday, February 20 as the date for our annual meeting. Please consider this your written notification of our church's annual meeting. If you are an active member of the Pitman Road Church of Christ, and in good standing, please consider yourself informed and invited to the **Pitman Road Church of Christ's annual corporate meeting, Sunday, February 20, 2022 immediately after morning worship assembly.**

SECRET SISTER INFORMATION

The Secret Sister's revealing/joining party will be on **Saturday, March 5 at 1PM** at the building in the FLC.

Will you be joining us or continuing as a **Secret Sister?**

If you are interested in becoming a Secret Sister this year, or if you are already one but would like to edit or add to your S.S. form, PLEASE see/contact Dottie ASAP!

See Welcome Center for More Information



Our sister, **Anne Peoples**, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 22 at the age of 95 after struggling with several health issues, including Covid. Anne will be remembered for her loving and faithful servant heart. We send our love, hugs, and prayers to Anne's daughters, Janice Oliver and Toni

Harlin, along with the rest of the family, at this time.

Because of the generosity of one of our faithful Christian couples, and with the blessing of Anne's daughters, we are offering a **matching gift challenge in Anne's memory**. Starting immediately, all donations made in memory of Anne Peoples to our Capital Fund will be matched dollar for dollar.

All donations may be made to Pitman Road Church of Christ, with a notation on the memo section of the check "in Memory of Anne Peoples". All such donations will then be deposited into the Capital Fund and applied to our debt reduction along with the matching funds.

Checks can be mailed to: Pitman Road Church of Christ, 500 Pitman Road, Sewell, NJ 08080



MANY THANKS TO THE PITMAN ROAD YOUTH GROUP

"To the Youth Group of Pitman Road Church, It was so nice of you to reach out to us through our granddaughter Kaitlyn for a service project for your youth group. I'm so glad we accepted your help. I want to thank all of you for the wonderful job you did raking the leaves in our backyard a couple of weeks ago. There certainly were a lot of leaves back there as you saw by the mound out front when you were finished. It was nice to see a group of young people working so well together. We also thank your adult supervisors. They were tremendous, too. It is our hope that you all have a blessed Christmas. May God be with you as you mature and grow in His love. It is in serving others that we also serve Him. God Bless you all!

- Michael and Susan Nevins"



DO YOU SHOP AT SHOPRITE? THEN YOU CAN HELP OUR CHURCH!

Our church gets 5% for each gift card that we purchase. So, if you buy a card from our office supply, you're helping the church make a profit...and at NO extra cost to YOU!

Some people buy a card every month to go towards their monthly food budget. Each time they do, the church gets 5%!

For every \$20 in gift cards that you buy, \$1 goes to the church. For every \$100 you buy, \$5 goes to the church. And, it doesn't cost you a penny more! It's really a win-win.

Contact or see Dottie if you have any questions, or would like to purchase a card.

HOW TO SUPPORT BLACK HISTORY MONTH YEAR ROUND:



Support Black-owned businesses in your community



Read a book or watch documentaries about Black history



Volunteer at local community organizations and get involved



Educate friends and family



A GREAT, BIG "THANK YOU" FROM THE COOPERS

A special word of thanks to our church family, who gave us our Christmas gift for the 38th year running. The first gift was given in 1984. Do you remember what it was? That was the year you gave us a butcher block, that was proudly displayed and used in our kitchen for decades. (Not certain, but I think Larry Kellum found that treasure.) And, you have blessed Katherine and me and our children every year since. From the bottom of our hearts, once again we say thank you very much. We are using the money you gave us this year for our Alaska Cruise, August 21–31. That cruise will also be a celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary, coming up this December. Thank you so very much, **Dan and Katherine**



CONNECT WITH US



WAYS TO GIVE



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Re-Connect to Sunday School in February!



It's a party in the preschool classroom this month because Jesus loves everyone! **Children ages 3–5** are invited to learn how Jesus showed up to the guest at the banquet, the woman at the well, and Zacchaeus.

The elementary kids in grades K-4 will be having fun while focusing on this month's life app: compassion. Following Jesus means caring about others, showing others that they matter, using what you have to help others and making time to help others.

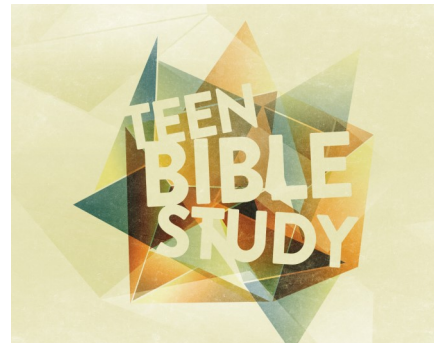
Our youngest learners in **cradle roll** will be singing and playing while learning that God made families.

All children are welcome to join us for the fun at 9 AM on Sunday!

"Basic Understanding of the Bible- From Genesis to Revelation"

Taught by Harry Ake

The objective of this series is to present uncomplicated explanations of each part of the Bible and to provide examples of how the books are connected and arranged in its entirety.



"My Dreams for the Pitman Road Church of Christ."

What dreams do you have for our church? Would you be willing to share them?

It's time to reconnect!



The annual teen trip to Gatlinburg, TN for Winterfest is a highlight of our teen ministry. It is an opportunity for our teens to be spiritually uplifted through exceptional Biblical teachers, inspiring worship, and focused times of small group devotionals. It is also an opportunity for our teen group to grow closer together as we grow closer to Christ. Our hope and goal is for every teen to be able to attend regardless of their financial situation.

If you are able to help support the cost for teens attending Winterfest by contributing any amount, it would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to Pitman Road Church of Christ with "Winterfest" in the memo section, or donations can be made to the Winterfest option on the EasyTithe app.



Early registration for Camp Manatawny is now open!

Register for Summer Overnight Camp, Day Camp, and most Camp Spring Events (like Family Camp, Camp Sonshine, Jr/Sr Retreat, and Work & Worship Weekend).

Have questions? Email info@manatawny.org
Go to manatawny.org for more info or to register.