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PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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CELEBRATE

Christmas

with PITMAN ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, December 20th

Special Christmas Sunday Program

- 9:00 am: Bible Classes do not meet
- 9:30 am: Munchkins, Coffee & Tea served in the Family Life Center
- 10:00 am: Worship Service - *Grace Was Born in a Manger*
- 11:00 am: Encore performance of *HIStory* - a musical production
- 11:45 am: Refreshments served in the Family Life Center

Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Service

- 6:00 pm: Refreshments served in the Family Life Center
- 6:45 pm: Brass Ensemble
- 7:00 pm: Devotional Service

Invitations for these events are available at the Information Center.

Please invite someone!

We will not be meeting on Wednesday, December 23rd: No meal, no Bible classes.

Our Vision

A place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.

From Daniel's Den

Grace is Born...

We started the December "Grace is Born" sermon series with the proclamation that "Grace is our Only Hope." Philip Yancey makes two profound statements on page 70 of his book *What's So Amazing About Grace?* He asserts: "Grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us more... And grace means there is nothing we can do to make God love us less." Simply stated: God love us!

I grew up with the image of a God who was kind-of like Santa Claus...making a list and checking it twice, trying to decide who's been naughty and nice. Yancey says: "I grew up with the image of a mathematical God who weighed my good deeds and bad deeds on a set of scales and always found me wanting. Somehow I missed the God of the Gospels, a God of mercy and generosity who keeps finding ways to shatter the relentless laws of ungrace. God tears up the mathematical tables and introduces the new math of grace, the most surprising, twisting, unexpected-ending word in the English language."

The messed up, adulterer, deceiver and murderer, David, is actually called a "man after God's own heart." How is that? Grace! A thief that was crucified beside Jesus is forgiven. How is that? Grace! Jeffrey Dahmer, a mass murderer before his conversion, was baptized in the prison whirlpool and was spending all his time reading religious material given him by a local Church of Christ minister. Before his conversion he was an atheist and "so he felt accountable to no one. Nothing restrained him." Then, he met Jesus and learned that someone really does care about him! How is that? Grace!

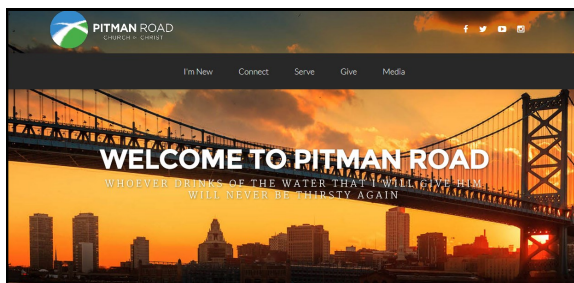
Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so... And, Grace is Born,
Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

"God tears up the mathematical tables and introduces the new math of grace..."
Philip Yancey

What the Missing Ingredient?



We have an
AWESOME NEW WEBSITE.



We now have a HUGE AND
BEAUTIFUL BILLBOARD on
Delsea Drive.



We just received some
PROFESSIONALLY
DESIGNED INVITATIONS for
our December events.

All of these things work best with one additional ingredient:

YOU offering a personal invitation to someone you know for our December activities!

An invitation to friends, family members, neighbors, or co-workers through any of our current forms of communications works best when you add your person to person invitation.

Let's not miss the opportunity this December to introduce someone to Jesus.

Tonight!



December Announcements

Schedule Changes for December Holidays

Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th:

The church office will be **closed** for Christmas holiday



Wednesday, December 30th:

No Wednesday Night Meal.
No regular Wednesday meeting or classes.

Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st:

The church office will be **closed** for New Year holiday.



TODAY!

Children's Christmas Party

for ages 2-12
in the Family Life Center
following the worship service.
Lunch will be served.

Questions? Contact Aaron or Jenn Pearl



We need your help to make our Christmas Sunday program a success!

Please see Judi Campbell TODAY in the church lobby to sign up to bring something for our finger-foods reception on Sunday, December 20th at 12 noon, which will immediately follow the encore performance of our musical play "HiStory." Let's give our visitors a great reason to hang around, giving us time to get to know them. May these offerings of food result in glory to God! Thank you very much!



So Much to Be Thankful For!

Thank you to all of the women who said, "Yes I can," when I asked if you would serve in the Nursery during the worship service. And thank you to the children, girls and boys, who volunteered to be helpers. You all were a blessing to me, the parents, and the babies. You made my year as Nursery Coordinator easier.

Thankfully yours, **Judi Campbell**

Thank you to **Hope Hooley** for coordinating our December Red Cross Blood Drive this past Friday. We also thank all who were able to give the gift of life this Christmas!



Thanks also go to **Larry and Lea Ann Kellum** for coordinating the team who went to Trenton yesterday to serve a meal to those in need. We thank all who served yesterday, and those who donated towards the cost of the meal. We collected a total of \$430, so we have \$30 toward the cost of our next meal in May.

Dear Pitman Church Family,

Thank you for your sweet Thanksgiving card. We love and appreciate being remembered by everyone there. We still miss you and will always consider New Jersey home. May God bless you all in 2016.

In Christian Love,
Van & Diana McConnell

Executive Director Position Available

Camp Manatawny is in the process of accepting applications for the position of Executive Director. Interested applicants should review the job description carefully and follow the instructions to apply.



Thank you!

Mark Wilson, Chairman, Board of Directors

Job description and application at:

<http://files.ctctcdn.com/41d81f3d301/e6407d12-99e8-4d30-9a45-6b08de62b5b3.pdf>

Dear Pitman Road Family,

After returning from Omaha, NE for Thanksgiving, Patti and I opened and read the "Homemade" Thanksgiving card you sent us. Amazing! What a ministry of faith, hope and love! (Janet Betts, you did another outstanding job on designing the cards this year!)

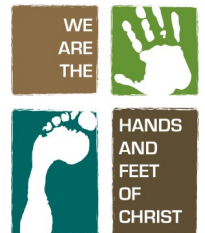
Patti and I continue to be uplifted and strengthened by your constant labor of love, prayers and encouragement. 2015 has been a difficult year but God has richly blessed us in the midst of our storm. We now have 23 new people worshipping with us since Jessica's passing. Half of them are from different religious backgrounds, but all of them are God-seekers. Plus having Tim and Melody Davis, Troy Spencer and the teens with us this past summer was like food to our souls and air and water to our spirits! (That is not an overstatement!) They did God and you proud! Besides providing an excellent VBS, they accomplished over 30 jobs for the Rochester church and our Hands of Compassion ministry. They were indeed "Jesus for a week" here in Minnesota, and members here are still talking about their impact for good.

Thanks again for Remembering us in your own special way via THE THANKSGIVING CARD! We love you and continually thank God for you. We miss you. God is good all the time and all the time God is good.

Steve and Patti Sikes

Dinner at "Joe's Place"

Adam and Helena Cerquoni are asking for help to serve "**Dinner at Joe's Place**" on Broadway and Ferry in Camden, **December 26**, the day after Christmas. We need about 10-12 people to be there at 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM for set up, serving, and clean up. Help is need to prepare the meal today, December 6th, and next Sunday, December 13th. Meet with the Paracletes LIFE Group today or next week to assist. Volunteers are needed to provide green salad, green beans and desserts on the 26th. Donations towards the cost of feeding 75 of our needy Camden brothers and sisters are also needed. Please contact Adam or Helena at helenasophia53@gmail.com/856-275-1581/609-254-7212 if you can help.



Thanks From Our Teens

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for paying for my trip to Youth Advance. I had a fantastic experience and met some great new friends. I feel that from this short time here, I've grown so much as a leader.

With Love, **Stephanie Pierre-Jacques**

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for helping me attend this seminar. This is my second year going and I still love it. I enjoyed so much seeing the familiar faces of last year, but also some new faces. This was a great experience I'll cherish forever.

-Isabella Isaziga

Dear Pitman Road Church of Christ,
Thank you so much for sending me to Youth Advance. I really feel like I got a lot out of the sessions and I can use what I learned to become more like a leader in the teen group. It was my first year, and I really enjoyed it and glad I got to experience it.

Many Thanks, **Amber Zoppel**

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for providing us with the chance and finances to go to Youth Advance. I can't even begin to explain how much these past few years going to Youth Advance have meant to me.

Thank you! **Dominick Hernandez**

Dear Church,
I would like to thank you for giving me the chance to go to Youth Advance this year. This was my first year to attend, and I loved it! It has not only made me a better leader, but also strengthened my faith in one short weekend. I cannot wait to take what I learned and apply it to our own church. Thank you again for giving me this chance.

In Him, **Cassidy Davis**

Dear Pitman Road,
Thank you, thank you so very much for allowing me to come and enjoy this weekend and making the cost less stressful for my parents. Learning with others about God was definitely worth it. The opportunity all of us from Pitman were able to seize was all because of your generosity. Thank you! **Matthew Hernandez**

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praises: Thanks for so many outreach opportunities this month.

Prayers Requested:

Desmond Morris responded to the invitation last Sunday; he asked for prayers that he would have the grace to forgive himself.

Jessica Broyles, prayers for her to do well on end of semester exams.

Edith Ott, JoAnn Ruhland's mother, 93 years old, in hospice care, and not doing well.

Emily Penn, 28 year old coworker of Tina Broyles, has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

Carmen Ostroff, sister of Gloria Meyerson, suffered a heart attack and required bypass surgery last Wednesday.

Alana Peterson, recovering well from surgery.

Joanne Darah requests our continued prayers for her recovery. She is improving slowly.

Marty Harrison, Linda Prenger's sister, just diagnosed with cancer.

Constantine Bailey, Jackie Fenton's dad, hospitalized for infection following prostate biopsy.

Tiffani Patterson, friend of Teresa Point Sussman, emergency surgery for uterine cancer.

Gwen Phillip, chemo treatments.

Larry Point, Parkinson's Disease

Gladys Isaziga, Carlos' mom, chemotherapy.

Charles Busch, moved out of ICU, slowly improving.

William Bartley, prayers for post-concussion syndrome.

Debbie Contravo requests prayers for her health, finances, and family.

April Sykes sustained a concussion after a bad fall and is not able to work at this time.

Yvette Kenner, severe back pain.

Lynne Sbaraglia, recovering from an auto accident.

Trudy Michael, stage 4 uterine cancer.

Nancy Calabro, numerous health concerns.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

Expecting:

Tim and Paige Holmes, January

Tyler and Katherine Steffy, January

Engaged:

Sean Fenton & Rebekah Lucien, April 16, 2016

Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks, September 17, 2016

Traveling:

Paul Stanford

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Brian Holden Special Activities; Body Life

Garth Hutchinson Local Evangelism

Larry Kellum, Jr. Caring & Sharing

Brian Mansdoerfer .Building Maintenance; Jr. Worship

Chuck Olley Teens

Aaron Pearl Youth

John Peoples New Member Involvement

Steve Pierre-Jacques
..... Audio Visual; Information Technology; Website

Jay Schneider Serving Our Seniors

Carl Steiner World Evangelism

Manny Vander Vennen
..... Church Directory, Kids for Christ

Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM Bible Classes

10:00 AM Worship

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30-6:30 PM Meal

7:00-7:45 PM Bible Classes

7:45 PM Fellowship

Last Week

Bible Class	141
Worship	211
LIFE Groups	68
Wednesday	74
Contribution	\$14,096.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$242,880.00
Contribution YTD	\$232,853.00
Under Budget	(\$10,027.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin Stewart
Kids For Christ	Carla Clements
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	Volunteer Needed
Hall Monitor: Worship	Volunteer Needed
Greeters: Front Entrance	Dimitri & April Sykes
Greeters: Back Entrance	Justin Guy & Rebecca Rodriguez
Ushers	Dave Perine & Brandon Keeks
Information Center	TBA
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Cory Peoples

L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	Durhams, Thursday at 7PM	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Prenger's, Tuesday at 7PM	856-689-7932
Convenience Group	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Hammonton Group	Ashton's at 4PM	609-561-8371
Men's Bible Study	Not meeting.	
Paracletes	Food Prep at Church Bldg.	484-886-5349
Silver Linings	Meet with another group.	
Solid Gold	Walker's at 6PM	856-478-6972
Teens	Church Building at Noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6PM	856-839-0015
Women in the Word	Church Bldg., Tues.at 9:45AM	856-589-1500
Young Adults	REFUGE at 5:30PM	850-814-6632

Wednesday Night Meal

Cook: Harriet, Judi, JoAnn

Menu: Chili, Salad, Dessert

Elder on Call:

November/December: Larry Point



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