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For 25 consecutive years, **Corny and Phyllis Walker** hosted the annual Memorial Day Picnic at their home. We thank you Corny and Phyllis for all those years of hospitality. **This year we begin a new tradition!** The festivities will now be held at our building on **Memorial Day Sunday, May 29th**, after the worship service. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

We will have our master grill cooks at work expertly grilling hamburgers and hot dogs! We are asking our wonderful church family full of cooks to bring traditional picnic side dishes! There will be fun and games for both children and adults to participate in. We hope to have both indoor and outdoor seating!

Yes, this is a “new” event for us, and we want to make it an annual event that we look forward to each year, the way we looked forward to the Walker’s picnic. But we need YOU to make that happen! How can you be a part?

- If you would like to help with the activities, see Dan and he will connect you with the appropriate people.
- Each member/family attending is asked to bring hamburgers or hot dogs, 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 and buns will be provided by the church.
- Desserts will be provided by elders’ and deacons’ wives.

So remember to mark your calendar for **Sunday, May 29th** and plan to attend our
1st Annual Pitman Road Memorial Day Picnic!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Jumping on a Roller Coaster that Goes 75 MPH and Does Three Loops...

Jumping on a Plane at JFK in New York and Landing in Johannesburg, South Africa...

Appointing Additional Elders...



What do all three have in common?

I've done all three and all three are simultaneously exciting and somewhat frightening! All three involve some planning and preparation. All three involve some faith! All three are likely to have your stomach tied in knots once or twice during the ride. All three demand some extra prayers. All three have a certain degree of "unpredictability." All three involve both your head and your heart. All three involve some risk.

And, in the end, the final outcome of all three is generally positive! So, buckle up, say some extra prayers, be strong in faith, and plan to be involved in this "exciting and somewhat frightening" journey. This ride is not for the faint of heart. God is in this. Your participation in this journey is of utmost importance.

"This saying is trustworthy; If anyone aspires to the office of overseer, he desires a noble task... Therefore, an overseer must be above reproach, the husband of one wife, sober-minded, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach..." (1 Tim. 3:1-ff).

So thankful for God's leadership plan in the Church, **Dan**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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in this
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of utmost
importance.



Merle (Glynn) Durham
Visitation Minister

He made a
difference
wherever
he went.
His life
counted
for Jesus
every day.

A Few Moments with Merle

ONE OF MY FAVORITE ELDERS

I met him 37 years ago. He, along with the other men who served with him at the Homewood Church of Christ in Birmingham, agreed to support my family and me in a new stateside mission work here in Pitman, NJ.

He was not a man of great stature, maybe standing 5'8-9" tall. But he was a big man, godly, holy, upright, and wise. He was a man who loved passionately – loved the Lord, loved the Lord's church, loved the lost, loved my family and me.

He had a mild-mannered voice, and had clear eyes that could see by faith amazing things.

In elders' meetings he was progressive in his thinking. Instead of asking, "Why?" he would ask, "Why not?" when the Lord's work was being discussed. He brought people together and was a champion for the poor and the disfranchised. His heart hurt for the hurting. He cared deeply for people, especially in the family of believers.

When I first met him, he had walked with the Lord for many years. He was a seasoned veteran follower of Christ. He made a difference wherever he went. His life counted for Jesus every day.

Both he and his wife were hospitable. They loved having people into their home for fellowship or to share Jesus, or both.

As a minister, I have served with some exceptional elders over the years, some right here at Pitman Road. But one of my favorite elders of all time is Ed Bondurant.

- **Merle (Glynn)**

Blessed Be the Ties That Bind



Whoever heard of such? Taking men's neckties and making a prayer quilt for one sick with cancer? I hadn't. That is until I saw the beautiful quilt with my name on it. I learned that Phyllis Walker was the initiator, but there was a small group of women who assisted her in collecting the ties and binding them together with love and prayers.

Last Sunday afternoon, five women came to my house and presented me with their labor of love. There is a diagram showing who donated which ties. I have already heard stories connected with many of the ties.

What a priceless treasure! What a memory maker!

I want to thank every one of you who had a part in this project and who have blessed my life through this prayer quilt. Just this morning (Monday) I wrapped myself in this quilt, and I was blessed. Thank you!

-Glynn

Thank You for a Wonderful Production of *The Three Trees*!



In the entire world, there are not many churches with a person as uniquely gifted as is **Diana Hutchinson**! Really, think about it. Do you know of another church our size, or even larger in size, that can put on a quality musical production like the one

Diana orchestrated last Sunday? I don't know of one! Diana patiently works with our children, teens and adults, from pre-school through high school, and puts together a production that we are proud to share with our entire community. The children are blessed, their parents are blessed, our entire congregation is blessed, visitors come, and God is honored! How can it get any better than that? Thank you Diana!

And while we are thanking Diana, a special word of thanks to **Matt and Susie Downing**, for the pursuit of excellence in their musical support. Untold hours of time were invested by Matt and Susie, and by all of our singers, and we humbly acknowledge their wonderful use of their God given skills.

And the technology people, wow, the play literally "streamed across the world." Thanks to **Aislyn Peterson** and **Steve Pierre-Jacques**, for all of their excellent work.

Finally, a special word of thanks to **Morgan Pearl** and **Gabe Painter**, to **Desna and Miranda Yanzuk**, and to **Dawna Hale** for their singing expertise as they provided entertainment prior to the musical production.

We are a blessed church. Many parts of the body function beautifully when we work in unity. -Dan



For more photos (by Sherri Herndon) of our play please go to our Facebook page at facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist

The Sale is Complete!

After receiving congregational approval, the church completed its sale of the 1319 N. Delsea Drive property on April 20th. We praise God for that, and thank **Larry Point** and **Dan Cooper** for seeing the sale through closing! **We also thank all those in the congregation who helped with repairs on the house to ready it for sale (you know who you are).**

Of the nearly \$160,000 net proceeds, the elders have decided to use \$100,000 to reduce the principal on the mortgage loan for the church building, reimburse our operating account for expenses incurred readying the property for sale, and save the remainder in our capital fund primarily to address the issues we are having with our retention ponds.

In Christ, **Dave Perine**

Ways to Serve and Support



In this day and age it is our responsibility to do the best we can to provide a safe and secure environment for our church family and our guests.

For that reason, our leadership has asked **Joe Cerquoni**, a police officer in Gloucester Twp., to lead our Safety Team. Joe is looking for willing men and women with a background in the medical field, law enforcement, fire/EMS, or military service to be a part of our Safety Team. He also welcomes anyone who feels called to serve in this ministry.

Those wanting to serve, please contact Joe Cerquoni at 609-352-0394 or joecerquoni@yahoo.com.

Gwen Phillip begins radiation treatments this week. Because of the distance of their home from many of our members, it's been difficult for us to assist Gwen and Anthony with meals. But we have found a way!



There are a number of local places where Anthony can pick up already prepared meals! If you are willing to help, please purchase gift cards from these places: **Chili's, Applebee's, Red Lobster, and Shop Rite**. You can give the gift cards to **Brenda Peoples** and the **Embrace** ministry will see that they are delivered to the Phillips.

Feeding the Hungry in Trenton

Saturday, May 14th • 10 am -2 pm
Sign-up at the Information Center!

If you are willing to contribute to the \$500 cost of the meal, note "Trenton Meal" on your check and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

NAMI Gloucester County is participating in a fundraising walk for the first time. I registered to walk and am looking for supporters. We are close to our goal of \$3000.00 I invite you to walk with me on May 14 in Seaside Park, or join my effort in fundraising. To support me please go to the link below. Thanks! **-Rachel Stetser**

<http://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.participant&participantID=18845>

TONIGHT!
AT 5:30-7:30 PM

refuge

coffeehouse • fellowship • praise

EVERYONE IS INVITED AND WELCOME!

Coffee and light refreshments served.

Young Adult LIFE Group

Next Week!

celebrate

Mother's Day

celebrate

Families

at Pitman Road Church of Christ

Sunday, May 8th

Join us this Mother's Day as we celebrate families, especially those families who have welcomed a new baby!

Has your family welcomed a new baby since last Mother's Day?

If you would like to participate in the time of special blessing, please contact the church office so that we can prepare for your participation.

M.E.D.
Meeting
Sunday,
May 15th
after worship

Attention Pitman Road Ministers, Elders, and Deacons,

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the quarterly M.E.D. meeting.

Lunch will be served.
More details to follow...

More About Their Engagement



Last January, Jonathan Hooley and Mary Bernadette McElroy announced their engagement. At that time we promised more about the couple in an upcoming bulletin. Well, they are very hard to keep up with, but finally we have more to tell you about them!

Jonathan and Mary Bernadette met last year at work. They are both employed at the Bankbridge School. Mary Bernadette, being the more assertive of the two, asked Jonathan out for coffee. Their friendship began, and quickly developed into more. Last December, Jonathan proposed to Mary Bernadette under the stars in a gazebo at the shore which was lit up with Christmas lights. We didn't know Jonathan was such a romantic!

The couple are planning a June, 2017 wedding. If you haven't congratulated them yet, take a minute to do so, hear their great story, and see Mary Bernadette's beautiful and unique engagement ring. (Jonathan has great taste!)

Thank You for Your Prayers

Dear Pitman Church,

Your presence and prayers are very heart warming. They have blessed me daily. Your support has kept any discomfort at a minimum. There are no complaints, but appreciation and gratitude yes, that there are so many people who care.

The Lord has never failed me. His love sustains me.

Thankful for the cards and phone calls. My prayers continue for all of you.

Respect in Christ's Beloved Name, **-Barby Jo Crema**

This Week's Prayer Requests

The monthly prayer list of long-term, ongoing prayer requests for May is now available as an insert in this week's bulletin, it is in the foyer next to the bulletin, and will be sent out via email. New, urgent, and immediate prayer requests will appear in the bulletin.

Praises: **Alana Peterson** has completed her treatment for breast cancer. Her doctor is VERY happy with how she is doing and told her to tell other patients about the lifestyle changes she has made because of how impressive her bloodwork is! Please continue to pray she remains cancer free! All went well on the sale/closing of the **Krinks'** home in NJ and Linda is now settling in down in TN. **Paul Stanford** has returned to NJ for the summer months!

Prayers Requested:

Anita O'Hara is in Kennedy Hospital (Wash. Twp.) rm. 116, bed 2, phone number: 856-582-2978. She has colitis. Calls and visitors appreciated.

Steve Musso is in Health South Rehab in Vineland. He is weak and prone to falling due to lightheadedness. Calls appreciated, 856-896-2562.

Nilda Cruz, Rebecca Cruz's mother, 2nd and 3rd degree burns as a result of a cooking accident.

Debbie Contravo, vehicle hit from behind, injuring her back, she will be having more tests.

Doryann Seitz, recovering at home from surgery.

Ed Cerquoni, recovering from hernia surgery this past Thursday.

Gwen Phillip, will begin radiation treatments on Tuesday.

Barbara Perry is now recovering at home.

Pat Jenkins, Harry Steward's friend, will have surgery for a brain aneurysm on May 11. If you would like to send a card of encouragement you can send it to 1011 Hudson Ave., Deptford, NJ 08096.

Pat Schuehler will be having throat surgery on May 18th.

Kelly Evans, Alana Peterson's cousin, still awaiting final diagnosis, probably Nocardia, but is home, on IV meds, recovering from brain surgery.

Jerry and Sandy Blanchard, Robin Steward's parents. Jerry is Sandy's care giver, he now has a back injury and possibly shingles. Sandy is very weak, has neuropathy, and cannot walk unassisted. They are thankful for secondary caregivers.

William Bartley, reinjured his back and is unable to work.

Barby Jo Crema continues cancer treatment.

Jayne Schofield, having trouble with her knees, multiple health issues.

Nancy Calabro, numerous health concerns.

Military:

Andrew Holden at West Point.

Doug Peterson III, deployed with Air Force

David Spaeth, deployed with the Reserves

Engaged:

Kristy Romeo and Will Mendez, May 15, 2016

Mallory Perine & Brandon Keeks, September 17, 2016

Rebecca Cruz & Justin Guy, November 6, 2016

Jonathan Hooley & Mary Bernadette McElroy, June 2017

Expecting:

David and Ryoko Marshall, a girl, July 29th.

Ken Albone's birthday is May 11th.
Charles & Alana Peterson's Anniversary is May 5th.
These dates were inadvertently left off the calendar.
Please accept our apologies.

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Glynn Durham LIFE Groups

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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	167
Worship	246
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	84
Contribution	\$8,830
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$454,080.00
Contribution YTD	\$431,798.00
Under Budget	(\$22,282.00)

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Cindy Holden
Kids For Christ	Robin Steward
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Hall Monitor: Bible Class	
Hall Monitor: Worship	
Greeters: Front Entrance	Dimitri & April Sykes
Greeters: Back Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Ushers	Larry Peterson & Anthony Phillip
Information Center	Doryann Seitz
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Joe Marshall

L.I.F.E. Group Locations Today

Group	Location	Contact
Brook Besor	TBA	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	T. DeStefano's at 5:00 PM	609-567-9607
Marriage Mentoring	Contact Buchanans for sched.	856-229-1558
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7PM	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Greenfield's Asst. Lvg. 1:45 PM	484-886-5349
Silver Linings	Mychajlowcz's at Noon	908-294-4056
Solid Gold	Hightower's at 6PM	856-769-2789
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: Sloppy Joes & Tater Tots

Elder on Call:

May/June: Greg Krinks



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