



PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Pitman Road 2016 Year in Review

Baptisms: 8 Kathlynn Lamorgia, Mason Steward, Amber Zoppel, Jenn Hoynak, Natale Verrecchio, Chris Fitzpatrick, Adreana Barefield, Debbie Schreiner, Larry and Lisa Peterson, Natasha Cruz



Placing Membership: 8 Andrew and Donna Mychajlowycz, Pat Monteleon, Dianne Perales, Diane Peoples, Rob Weltzin, Jr., Jim and Betty Davis

Requestion Congregational Prayers and Public Sharing: 26

Births : Olivia Morgan Holmes to Timothy and Paige Holmes. Truett Kent Steffy to Tyler and Kathryn Steffy. Jazmyne Elizabeth Lazarus to Kareem and Sara Lazarus.

Deaths: Richard Ruhland

Moved: Bill Stokes, Greg and Linda Krinks, Anne Peoples

Marriages: Sean and Rebecca Fenton. Will Mendez and Kristy Romeo. Brandon and Mallory Keeks. Justin and Rebecca Guy

2016 Calendar Year Statistics:

Bible Class Average: 137
Worship Average: 239
Wednesday Average: 82
LIFE Group Average: 123
Average weekly contribution: \$10,265

Month by Month Events and Activities:

January:

We host Family Promise for one week. Larry Point officially retires as an elder. Annual Children's Education Dinner. Bible classes and worship service canceled on the 24th due to a blizzard. The Renewed Women's Ministry holds an organizational meeting; 80 women attend.



February:

Annual corporate meeting, Souper Super Sunday Pregame Party, and five families host Super Bowl parties in their home. Carl Steiner goes on another mission trip to Haiti with THEA. Teens make annual trek to Winterfest. The Renewed Women's Ministry holds first event

- Women's Movie Night. *RISEN* movie event, attended by 175 members and guests.

March:

After being snowed out in January, Rabbi Jordi returns for the second time to teach Bible class. Teens host annual Senior Saints

Dinner. Pearl's coordinate annual Egg Hunt for children 6th grade and below. Volleyball equipment installed in the FLC. Women's Embark Ministry wraps up 40 Day Lenten Challenge benefiting Angles of God Clothing Closet in Pitman.

April:

Christian Education Sunday and luncheon with Harding University President Dr. Bruce McLarty. We host Family Promise for one week. Munchkin Ministry and LIFE Group Leaders Brunch at PB's Diner. Spring Musical, *The Tale of Three Trees*, directed by Diana Hutchinson.



May:

Two bus loads go to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster to see *Sampson*. Mother's Day Family Blessing, 3 families participate. Feeding the Hungry meal in Trenton. Quarterly MED Meeting. Fifth Sunday Teen led worship service, and Memorial Day Picnic at the building.

June:

John and Kathy Ashton make annual Peru Mission Trip. Luncheon honoring our graduating seniors and their families. Semi-annual Red Cross Blood Drive. Women's Equip Ministry concludes first "Three Months of Prayer" with a Women's Prayer Breakfast.

Three new elders are appointed: Garth Hutchinson, Brian Holden, and John Peoples. Bud Britton coordinates annual Outdoor Workday.

Greg and Linda Krinks are honored as they prepare to move to TN. VBS returns after a year's hiatus; guest speakers are Larry Mudd and LV Moses.



July:

Cooper's open their lawn to the church for viewing of the Pitman July 4th Parade. Church parking lot open to the community to view fireworks; teens hand out free hot dogs and water to our

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Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Thank you again, church family...

Once again this year, Katherine and I were called to the front of the auditorium and one of our elders said some kind and affirming things and gave us an envelope with a generous cash gift. I was totally caught off guard. Had not even entered my mind this year! Dozens of you contributed to toward that gift, and we simply want to thank every one of you. Once again this year, I thought the nicest thing I could do for you is to make no acceptance speech! Once again, you, our loving church family, gave unselfishly to bless us. Once again this year we were simultaneously humbled, embarrassed, blessed, encouraged and filled with gratitude. How can all of those emotions be wrapped into a brief presentation?

Your gift will bless us by sending us to see "Jonah" at Sight and Sound on May 20th. Two bus loads of our members and our friends are going with us...and I intend to buy some warm almonds when we get there. (The Sight and Sound trip is currently filled, but there is a waiting list if you want to join us.) Your gift helped to purchase six rounds of golf for me, so I'll be blessed all summer. Your gift helped to pay for our one day and one night couple get-away week-end to Lancaster County, our favorite spot. And your gift purchased a new platform rocker for Katherine to use in our living room. And, I'll go ahead and admit that your gift helped to eliminate some debt. God is so good! Thank you for blessing us again and again. Heaven will be sweeter because we've known each other here!

With His Eternal Love, **Dan and Katherine**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

Once again,
you, our loving
church family,
gave unselfishly
to bless us.

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guests. TORCH Missions Trip to Honduras led by Tyler & Kathryn Steffy, 8 Pitman members participate. Cookies baked by children and teens and sent to Pitman Police with notes of appreciation for their service. Family Promise Host Week. Back to School Supplies Drive begins. Jr. High 1 week at Camp Manatawny, directed by Aaron Pearl. About 60 members participate as campers or staff.

August:

Elementary 1 week at Camp Manatawny, directed by Manny Vander Vennen. About 30 members participate as campers or staff. Fellowship picnic honoring Craig and Katie Young. Quarterly MED Meeting. Women's Engage Ministry holds Women's Clothing Swap. LIFE Group sign up begins. School Supply Drive concludes with overwhelming response.

September:

The new Wednesday Night format begins. New Munchkin Ministry format begins. 2016-2017 LIFE Group Kick Off. Matching Gift Debt Reduction Challenge introduced. *Back To Church* Sunday Worship Service and Picnic. New Sermon Series: "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality." Teens begin children's pajama drive for Erik's Place; it run through the end of November. *See You at the Pole* prayer service led by Tim Davis

October:

Church Yard Sale coordinated by Jenn Pearl, 15 to 20 booths. Harry Ake coordinates Autumn Sing Along (40-50 attend). Caring and Harriet Wentzel takes over Caring and Sharing Food Pantry for Millie Moore. Teens hold annual Fun Fall Festival. Family Promise



Host Week. Annual Shore Planning Meeting elders/ministers. Annual Trunk or Treat coordinated by Aaron Pearl. Fifth Sunday Meal honoring Anne Peoples as she moves to DE.

November:

Hope for the Holidays presented by

Glynn and Debby Durham. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality sermon series concludes. Annual Operation Christmas Child, coordinated by Tina Broyles, concludes; 60 shoeboxes are filled with gifts for underprivileged children nationally and internationally. Women's Embark Ministry begins Adopt-a-Family gift drive for 3 families at the Eleanor Corbett House, a shelter for women and families. Quarterly MED Meeting. Pack the Pulpit Sunday- Thanksgiving dinner baskets provided for 54 families.

December:

Sermon series, "The Gift" begins. 2017 new logo pocket date books distributed. Annual Cookie Exchange hosted by Donna Lazar. American Red Cross Semi-Annual Blood Drive. 15 members serve a meal and delivers blankets to the homeless and needy in Trenton. Women's Embark Ministry and teens throw party for about 30 from Eleanor Corbett House to conclude Adopt-A-Family program. Card Shower for Anne Peoples on her 90th Birthday. Special Wednesday Night Christmas service, "Celebrating God's Greatest Gift" (107 attend). \$20,000 Matching Gift Challenge concludes, over \$43,000 applied to pay down mortgage.



Are you new to our church? Please plan to attend the **Starting Point** session offered on the first Sunday of every other month with Carlos. This meeting is your starting point in meeting Jesus! The next session will be held on March 5th.

Have you attended Starting Point and would now like to know the next step you can take to become more involved with our church family? Then you need to attend **Move Into Community**, the second of the three part series, with Dan. The next *Move Into Community* will take place immediately after the Souper Super Bowl Pre-Game Party on February 5th. We will meet in Room B4, at 12:30, and conclude by 1:30. Just as soon as you finish your desserts at the Pre-Game Party in the Family Life Center, make your way to Room B4; Dan will meet you there! Please sign up at the Welcome Center or contact the church office.



RETHINK! The new sermon series begins today! We will dig deep into the Sermon on the Mount in this 12 part series presented by Dan and Carlos! This series has the potential to change the way you think, therefore changing the way you live! Don't miss it!

Winterfest Sponsors Needed

Anyone interested in sponsoring, or partially sponsoring, a teen at Winterfest please see Tim Davis. The total cost is \$160.00.

"Dinners for Eight" Returns!

If you enjoy getting to know people better in a smaller more intimate setting in your home, then "Dinners for Eight" is a great activity for you. The goal is to have members of the congregation and friends gather together for dinner, with the host family not allowing the guests to know who is coming. We recommend attempting to make arrangements for this activity once a month. The host family will invite six to eight people for an evening of food and fellowship. **Brian and Cindy Holden will be in the foyer with information booklets and to answer any questions that you may have this Sunday.** This activity will run through the end of June. For additional information please contact Brian or Cindy Holden at 856-881-6792, or bcholden94@hotmail.com . Let's have fun getting to know each other better!!!

Mission Trip to Haiti

Carl Steiner is feeling called to another trip to Haiti, February 18-28. Once again, this trip will find him helping some of the poorest and most needy people on the face of the earth. His established relationships and his previous experience in Haiti make his involvement especially valuable. Mission trips always present a variety of unusual opportunities, and Carl is a master improviser—"get it done" person.

As on past trips, Carl will be partnering with **THEA** (The Haiti Educational Alliance)! Cost for this trip will be about \$1,200, and since Carl is giving up a full week of work, and had not planned on this trip until now, it would be great if the rest of us could help him cover the entire cost \$1,200 of the trip. Please write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ and include "Haiti Mission Trip" on the memo section of your check. (Remember the least of these...Matt. 25:31-46. And if you cannot go, why not help a faithful servant go in your place?) Drop your check in the collection plate at church or mail your check to: Pitman Road Church of Christ, 500 Pitman Road, Sewell, NJ 08080 .

YOU'RE INVITED!

Souper Super Sunday
Pre-Game Party!

Sunday, February 5th in the Family Life Center
immediately following worship & the annual corporate meeting.

All of our members and guests are invited to attend our annual "Souper" Sunday Pre-Game Party!

It doesn't matter whether your team made it to the big game or not... there will be food, fun, & fellowship for all!

Members are asked to bring, soup, chili, or sandwiches, enough for your family and to share.

Please bring all hot food pre-heated!

Beverages will be provided.

Desserts will be provided by ministers', elders', and deacons' wives.

Questions? Please see Tony or Stephanie DeStefano

Super Sunday Night Parties!

Enjoy Super Bowl 50...and all the commercials too ... at parties hosted by these members:

Linda and Peter Wyatt
Phyllis and Corny Walker
Mike and Tina Broyles
Tim and Melody Davis: TEENS
Carlos and Gina Isaziga: YOUNG ADULTS

Details in next week's bulletin.

Bring Your Own

Craft Day

Saturday, January 28th
Noon to 5:00 PM
in the Family Life Center
Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!

Save the Date!

Friendship Friday
February 3rd

7-9 pm in the Family Life Center
Light refreshments will be served!

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

5:30 pm Meal
7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Last Week

Bible Class	126
Worship	227
LIFE Groups	134
Wednesday	NC
Contribution	\$8,620
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$301,948.00
Contribution YTD	\$264,232.00
Budget Deficit	(\$37,716.00)

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Elder on Call for January and February: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Brittany Spaeth
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Dimitri & April Sykes
Greeters: Back Entrance	Linda Kuznetzoff & Adam Cerquoni
Information Center	Mary Collier & Debby Durham
Ushers	Steve DePrince & Anthony Phillip
Shepherd's Call	Mike Lazar
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Joe Marshall

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowycz's at noon	908-294-4056
Beginning Anew	Church Bldg. at noon	856-589-1500
Brook Besor	Durham's, Thursday at 7pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7pm	856-419-0544
E.H.S.	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	856-589-1500
Family of Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Hammonton	DeStefano's at 5pm	609-567-9607
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	Lazar's at 6pm	856-223-1699
Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	TBA	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. Tuesday at 9:45 am	856-589-1500
Young Adults	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Young Married	Call or text for time & location	856-899-9466

Wednesday Night Meal: Hot Dogs and Baked Beans

Cooks: Kat Lindsay and Bert Kellum

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: **John Grillo** has improved, pain relieved, and moved to rehab; possibility that his stay will be shorter than originally anticipated!

Response to Invitation:

Mandy Mansdoerfer and her family shared that Mandy has been diagnosed with breast cancer. It is stage 1 and her prognosis is excellent. Please pray as she schedules surgery and treatment.

Barbara Carney requests prayers for **John Williams** whose 61 yr. old wife, Terry, unexpectedly passed away.

Prayers Requested:

John Grillo is now in Manor Care-West Deptford, 550 Jessup Rd, Paulsboro, NJ, 08066. He is in Room 125-2. His phone number is 856-384-7314. Visits and phone calls are appreciated.

Mary Collier will be having surgery on her back on January 23.

Glynn Durham, waiting for chemo treatments to resume.

Sandy Sheehan, recovering from frostbite on toes. She will undergo knee replacement surgery on Feb. 15.

Jonathan Hooley and Mary Bernadette McElroy, both having health issues and undergoing testing.

Steven Fillion, kidney stones

Jack Martin's (former member) mother, recovering from a heart attack and now on kidney dialysis.

Milagro Ramos, a visitor to our Food Pantry, requests prayers for her job search.

Geraldine Jones, Barbara Robinson's cousin, lung cancer, lesions on the brain, and paralyzed on one side.

Jim and Clare Hightower are requesting prayers for Clare's nephew, **Brian**, many physical limitations; bacterial pneumonia, on both a respirator and a feeding tube in the Intensive Care Unit.

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,
On behalf of the Kellum family, we would like to thank you for your overwhelming support during our time of bereavement. Please continue to pray for our family as we attempt to move on.
Because He Lives, Larry and Bert Kellum

Be SUPER Generous!



As you enjoy Super Bowl Sunday, please be mindful of the less fortunate and help Pitman Road Church of Christ be SUPER supportive of Family Promise in 2017 by giving now. You have an opportunity to make a contribution at The Pre-Game Party and each of the Super Bowl parties that are being hosted by our members on February 5th.

All donations will be deposited directly into the Pitman Road Church of Christ Family Promise fund and designated specifically for the support of the Family Promise program here at PRCOC, which offers assistance to homeless children and their families. Thanking you in advance for your support!



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