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What's Coming Up In 2017

We are already a month into the new year...time flies! So before it flies away completely, here's a run down of some important dates on our 2017 calendar so that you can mark them onto your calendar. Be sure to read the bulletin for update information, changes or additions to the church calendar.

Jan., Feb., March **Meeting Jesus**

February 17-19 Winterfest

February 20 Presidents' Day

March 4 Secret Sister Revealing Party

March 5 Spring Quarter classes begin

Starting Point session

REFUGE

March 12 Daylight Saving Time begins

March 18 Senior Saints Dinner

March 25 Bring Your Own Craft Day

March 29 Fifth Wednesday - No Midweek meeting

April, May, June **Making a Difference**

April 2 Easter Egg Hunt

April 9 REFUGE

April 16 Easter Sunday - Bring a Friend!

April 16-23 Family Promise Host Week

April 21 Women's Friendship Friday

April 29 Community Yard Sale and Health Fair

April 30 Fifth Sunday

May 7 *Starting Point session*

REFUGE

May 13 Feeding the Hungry in Trenton

May 14 Mother's Day

May 20 Sight and Sound Theater bus trip

May 27 Bring Your Own Craft Day

May 28 Memorial Day Picnic at the building

Moving Into Community session

May 29 Memorial Day

May 31 Fifth Wednesday - No Midweek meeting

June 4 Summer Quarter classes begin

REFUGE

June 9 American Red Cross Blood Drive at PRCOC

June 10 Kids End of School Year Cookout, ages 2-12

June 18 Father's Day

Annual Family Blessing

June 23-July 2 Mission Trip to France

June 24-July 1 Camp Manatawny Sr High 2 - grades 11 & 12

July 1-8 Camp Manatawny Sr High 1 - grades 8, 9, & 10

July 2 *Starting Point session*

July 8 Feeding the Hungry in Trenton

July 8-15 Camp Manatawny Jr High 2 - grades 6, 7, & 8

July 9-12 Pitman Road VBS featuring Patrick Mead

July 15-22 Camp Manatawny Intermediate - grades 5 & 6

July 16-22 TIME Team Trip

July 16-23 Family Promise Host Week

July 22 Bring Your Own Craft Day

July 22-29

Camp Manatawny Jr High 1 - grades 5, 6 & 7

Aaron Pearl - director

July 29-Aug 5

Camp Manatawny Elementary 2 - grades 3 & 4

July 30

Fifth Sunday

Move Into Community session

August 5-12

Camp Manatawny Elementary 1 - grades 1 & 2

Manny Vander Vennen - director

August 6

REFUGE

August 12

Clothing Swap

August 26

Camp Manatawny 50th Anniversary

August 30

Fifth Wednesday - Outreach Cookout at

Alcyon Lake Park

Sept., Oct., Nov.

Moving Into Community

September 3

Fall Quarter classes begin

September 4

Labor Day

September 9

Kids' Back to School Breakfast

September 10

Starting Point session

LIFE Groups Kickoff

REFUGE

September 17

Back to Church Sunday- Bring a Friend Day

Fellowship luncheon

September 22

Secret Sister Fall Get-Together

September 23

Bring Your Own Craft Day

September 27

See You At The Pole prayer service

October 1

REFUGE

October 9

Columbus Day

October 14

Community Yard Sale

October 15-22

Family Promise Host Week

October 21

Fun Fall Festival

October 25

Trunk or Treat

November 5

Daylight Saving Time ends

Starting Point session

REFUGE

November 18

Women's Gratitude Tea

November 19

Pack the Pulpit Sunday

November 22

No Midweek meal or meeting

November 23

Thanksgiving

November 25

Bring Your Own Craft Day

November 29

Fifth Wednesday Midweek - follow "4th

Wednesday" schedule

December 3

Winter Quarter classes begin

Cookie Exchange at Donna Lazar's house

REFUGE

December 8

PRCOC American Red Cross Blood Drive

December 9

Feeding the Hungry in Trenton

December 17

No Wednesday Night Meal

Midweek classes with meet

December 24

Christmas Eve Sunday

December 25

Christmas

December 27

No Midweek meeting or meal

December 31

New Year's Eve Sunday

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

On Being Salt and Light...

I am deeply pondering what it means for me to be salt and light in the 21st century world. It means, among other things, that I am different from my environment.

Being salt and light means I forgive others because I am in union with Christ, who is in me, and isn't He a forgiver? Being salt and light means I am willing to be inconvenienced, and isn't the willingness to be inconvenienced the ultimate proof of love? "You are most loved not when you are pretending to have it all together; you are actually the most loved when you feel broken and falling apart." ... "Real living doesn't always feel like living; it can feel like you're dying." ... "When you let yourself love, you let parts of you die." ... "Love is really love – when we are loving the unlovable. Forgiveness is really forgiveness—when we are forgiving the unforgiveable ... Faith is really faith—when we believe God for the unbelievable." ... "Outloving is the only medicine that healed anything." ... "Be brave and do not pray for hard things to go away, but pray for a bravery that's bigger than the hard thing." --- from Ann Voskamp, in *The Broken Way*

"If today were you last, would you do what you are doing? Or would you love more, give more, forgive more? Then do so! Forgive and give as if it were your last opportunity. Love like there's not tomorrow, and if tomorrow comes, love again." -Max Lucado

There should be no such thing as an indifferent and uncaring disciple. People are lost in darkness. How can we not shine like a city set on a hill? (Matt. 5:13-17)

On Being Salt and Light, Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

"If today were you last, would you do what you are doing? Or would you love more, give more, forgive more?"



John Peoples
Shepherd

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Shepherd's Voice

Parenting 101

Parenting 101. Is there such a thing? It has been said that children do not come with an instruction manual. In general that is true. Each child is different, uniquely made in the image of God with gifts, talents, and with a purpose and plans that God has designed into each of us as His children (Gen 1:27, Eph 2:10). And to take it one step further, each parent is different, uniquely made. Hence, parenting is not an easy task; there are many variables and factors that influence our children and us as parents. So what is one to do? Go to the Creator, seek information and resources (books), and pick up insights from others.

Ultimately, God is the start and finish, both for the knowledge and oversight of our children. Pray for wisdom, He will grant it (James 1:5). And as for oversight, I highly recommend that you dedicate your children to God. Though it can be scary, there is something freeing in giving your children to God. He knows them better than we do, He knows what plans He has, and He has their best interest in mind. By dedicating your children, you acknowledge that though they are your responsibility, you trust in God to lead you in their upbringing and accepting His path for them.

Resources are a great help. You don't have to wait to have kids to look for some. I am sure there are newer current books out there, but here are a few from the past that I found helpful: *Dare to Discipline*, and *The Strong-Willed Child* (for those extra special little ones), both by James C. Dobson; *Raising a Modern-Day Knight* by Robert Lewis; *She Calls Me Daddy* by Robert Wolgemuth. We did not agree or do everything in these books, but they are good guides to help and give practical insights. They will help you to correct and guide the upbringing of your children (Prov. 29:17).

In the end, the best personal insight I can give is spend time with your children, especially in the early years. You will develop the relationships that will help through the later years. One of the best things we did was to read to our kids every night... Even when they were able to read faster and better than me. That time opened up so much opportunity to talk, listen, and share. I thank Brenda for encouraging that idea. I treasure those times.

-John

TONIGHT

COME AS YOU ARE



REFUGE

ALL ARE WELCOME

SUNDAY 2•12•2017 | 5:30PM - 7:30PM
FELLOWSHIP, PRAISE, COFFEE, AND SNACKS

YOUNG ADULTS LIFE GROUP

Blanket Drive Resumes!

February is the “month of love,” so here is a tangible way to show Jesus’ love to the less fortunate. Let’s help keep homeless and needy people warm this winter. You can bring new or clean and slightly used blankets to the building for the month of February. **Barbara Robinson** is coordinating this effort; if you have questions, please contact her. Please drop your new or slightly used, clean blankets in the box in the Family Life Center.



Help Needed for Family Who Lost Everything in Fire

Stephanie DeStefano teaches at the Buena Regional School Middle School which is only 23 miles from the building. One of the 7th grade students, a girl named **Mackenzie**, had a house fire this past weekend and the family lost EVERYTHING. They are currently living in a hotel. (Thankfully, no one was home at the time and the pets were rescued.) Because the need is so great, donations will be taken from our church family today and next Sunday-2/19/17. There is a Donation box available in the foyer. Any item, toiletries, gift cards, etc. will be used. Even furniture, etc.

Clothing sizes are:

Men Clothing:

Shirts XL, Medium-Large
Pants 18, 32/30

Women Clothing:

Shirts 2XL-3XL, XL
Pants 24, 16

If you have any questions, please contact **Stephanie**:
cell phone--609-560-5690
home phone--609-567-9607



ANGELS OF GOD
COMMUNITY OUTREACH
PROVIDING A HAND UP TO THOSE IN NEED

Angels of God in Pitman is in desperate need of toilet tissue and especially feminine products and is asking for donations. We will collect donations through Sunday February 26th. Please place them in the container marked “Embark” in the foyer. Also, their purple bag ministry is coming up soon. Your participation last year was overwhelming. Now’s the time to start setting aside items you wish to donate during the Lenten season. Details to follow. Thank you for your generosity.
Embark Ministry, Leza Davis & Carla Clements

Responses to the Invitation on Feb. 5

Max and Debbie Lancaster placed membership with us. They have been visiting for the last ten months and felt this was the time to come forward. They both grew up in Churches of Christ. After 27 years as a Burlington County Special Education Teacher and a Special Olympic Coach, Debbie retired last summer. Debbie quickly tells you she is from Austin, Texas and is a die-hard Cowboy Fan! (You are welcome to visit our home and experience Debbie’s Dallas Cowboy Shrine!). Debbie was an “Air Force brat” and lived in many Base locations, including several years in Honolulu at Hickam Field/Pearl Harbor, where she was baptized at age 10 by her Father the day before he shipped out to one of several Viet Nam tours. Her faithful parents still live in Austin.

Max is a Tennessee-an who transferred to NJ long ago, loved it and stayed! He is an Electrical Engineer by degree and worked for DuPont and Bristol-Myers-Squibb for many years before getting into real estate. Today, he is President & Broker of several real estate and title companies including Keller Williams Real Estate in Princeton. Max and his father were both baptized on his 14th birthday at Highland Street CC in Memphis by Texan George Stevenson, as a result of his faithful example mother’s example. O yes, Max is a Philadelphia Eagle Fan and his wife gives him heartburn!

Cathy Toomey also came forward to place membership with us on Sunday morning. Cathy was originally introduced to our church by Bert and Larry Kellum, and the Solid Gold LIFE Group. She has worked most of her life in patient care. In August, 2013, she first visited our church, and she gradually became more and more interested. She repeatedly said to Bert, “Don’t give up on me.” She feels like the Spirit led her to Larry and Bert and our church at just this time. After a lot of praying and numerous visits she concluded, “I feel like this is where God wants me to be.” She said to herself, “I have friends here.” Cathy was baptized in 2010 and she is delighted to consider us her church home.

Terry Rhymes

Terry and Pam moved to New Jersey late last year, and quickly began looking for a Church of Christ. They found our church through an on-line search. Both are baptized believers and before moving to NJ they had been active members of their church in Kentucky. Terry retired, (an early retirement, because he’ll tell you he’s really too young to retire) from his last position in Kentucky. Since their move here, Terry has recently accepted a position at Cumberland Christian School, working mostly during an afternoon/evening shift. He frequently manages to join the men at least in one of our morning prayer times.

Terry and his wife, Pam, moved to South Jersey to help out with grandchildren and family, during a difficult transition time. Pam is a nurse and frequently works on Sundays.

For more information on the people listed above see our on-line directory

In addition to the other responses...

Horatio Fenton responded to give an update on his health, and to thank one and all for the cards, prayers, and many other expressions of love and concern over the last few weeks. Dan

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	122
Worship	n/c
LIFE Groups	114
Wednesday	n/c
Contribution	\$10,994.00
Fiscal YTD Goal	\$333,184.00
Contribution YTD	\$295,478.00
Budget Deficit	(\$37,706.00)

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: Four new members identify with us this week.

Prayers Requested:

Sandy Sheehan, knee replacement surgery on Feb. 15.

Mandy Mansdoerfer was diagnosed with breast cancer; her prognosis is excellent! She is scheduled to have a bilateral mastectomy on Feb. 24.

Mary Collier is recovering from back surgery and pneumonia at PowerBack Rehabilitation, room 226, 113 South Route 73, Voorhees. She would love calls and visits. 856-809-3626. She has her cell phone with her, so please call her on that number first. 215-888-0646

Glynn Durham, side effect from chemo. Please pray for pain relief.

John Grillo is recovering at home. He has a long road ahead of him which includes radiation of his leg because of the cancer they found during surgery on his leg and physical therapy. Visits and phone calls are appreciated. (856-582-9339).

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Elder on Call for January and February: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Cindy Holden
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Jackie & Horatio Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Ron Dargan & Mandy Mansdoerfer
Information Center	Mary Collier & Brenda Peoples
Ushers	John Peoples & Corey Peoples
Shepherd's Call	Mike Broyles
Song Leader	Matt Downing
Communion	Carl Steiner

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	856-589-4197
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 7m	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	Ashton's at 5pm	609-233-4330
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg., Monday at 7pm	856-217-3956
Paracletes	Call or text for information	856-449-9656
Solid Gold	Walker's at 6pm	856-478-6972
Teens	Church Bldg. FLC at noon	856-589-1500
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6pm	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: Meatloaf & Baked Ziti

Cooks: Harriet, Judi & JoAnn

Thank You's

Your love and generosity has impacted and blessed our lives by your warm gift to my family and I. Gina, the kids and I are incredibly thankful for your gift of love and sacrifice that you presented to us just after the New Year. It was a surprise, but it wasn't. It wasn't surprising because that is the kind of congregation that you are. You have been loving, accepting, patient, welcoming, friendly, and encouraging. In our three years here we have been recipients of your love and generosity many times. Thank you church.

If you are a guest with us this morning, please be aware of the kind of people you will find here. You will find people who truly love God. You will find people who want to love you. You will find people who want to help those needing help. You will find people who desire to introduce you to God's love. What can we say? Thank you. Thank you for deciding to spend your morning with the Pitman Road church. May God bless you on whatever road of life you may be on.

"How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?"

-1 Thessalonians 3: 9

Grace and peace, From the Isaziga family

You surprised me....again. It's become an annual event now! The Sunday to express appreciation to your ministers always surprises me. I am never expecting it. My second surprise is always the amount of your generosity. Thank you for your monetary gift. Debby and I will find a good way to use the money.

You continue to humble me with your love, prayers, and many ways you express your appreciation for me and my ministry, even during my sickness. I love you! Glynn



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