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Give Thanks & Give Back

Every year, we commemorate Thanksgiving here at Pitman Road through our **Pack the Pulpit Sunday**. We come together to contribute the contents Thanksgiving dinner baskets that are distributed to over fifty families in need throughout the surrounding communities.

As you celebrate God's blessings on Thanksgiving with family and friends, and begin the Christmas holiday season, please consider these opportunities to continue to **give back** in response for all that you've been given.

Adopt a Family



The **Women's Embark Ministry** is again coordinating our participation in the **Eleanor Corbett House Adopt-a-Family** program. This program matches families in need with individuals who adopt them for the holidays. Last year, Pitman adopted four families and your generosity was overwhelming.

Please see **Leza Davis and Carla Clements** in the lobby today and select a name or names from the families we've "adopted." Each name has a wish list. Please purchase at least one new toy or gift for a child, or a gift or gift card for a parent. Gifts must be wrapped and brought back to our building by **December 10**.

Monetary donations are welcomed to help fund the holiday party for the families on December 17, coordinated by **Tim & Melody Davis and the teens**.



Give Something That Means Something!

Twice each year we host an **American Red Cross Blood Drive**; our second of this year is on **Friday, December 8, from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm**. We welcome our new blood drive coordinator, **Mandy Mansdoefer**, and thank her for taking on this important task. Appointments are preferred, but not required. **Sign up for an appointment at the Welcome Center, or go to www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: Pitman Road.**



Helping the Hungry and Homeless



Volunteers are needed for the **Feeding the Hungry meal in Trenton on Saturday, December 9**. The church van will depart our parking lot at 10:00 am and return at about 2:00 pm. Each year, we provide the funds for and help serve this meal, coordinated through the Clinton Avenue Church of Christ. **If you are willing to contribute to the \$500 cost of the meal, please note "Trenton Meal" on your check; drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.**

Want to help keep homeless and needy people warm this winter? Donate to our annual Blanket Drive. **Barbara Robinson** is coordinating this effort. Please bring new or clean and slightly used blankets to the building and drop them in the designated bin. **We hope to take blankets when we serve in Trenton. If you would like to send blankets with our group, please have them to the building by Friday, December 8.**



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

A Month of Thanksgiving ...We Worship God and "Recount Your Wonderful Deeds!"

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Say also:

"Save us, O God of our salvation,
and gather and deliver us from among the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name
and glory in your praise." -1 Chronicles 16:34-35 (ESV)

And they sang responsively, praising and giving thanks to the LORD,
"For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever ..."
And all the people shouted with a great shout
when they praised the LORD... -Ezra 3:11 (ESV)

I Will Recount Your Wonderful Deeds

A Psalm of David

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. -Psalm 9:1 (ESV)

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever! -Psalm 118:1 (ESV)

Count your many blessings, name them one by one... **Dan the Preacherman**



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

I will give
thanks to the
Lord with
my whole
heart...
-Psalm 9:1



Derrick Busch
Minister

Are we willing
to suffer for
Christ's sake?

We're All A Mess

God's Faithfulness


Endurance is the ability or strength to continue or last, especially in the face of fatigue, stress, or other adverse conditions. As we observe the life of the apostle Paul through God's Word, it's easy to see that he embodied, by God's grace, the spiritual discipline of endurance. In **2 Corinthians 4:8-12** the text makes reference to Paul's state of perplexity, persecution, being struck down, and the like. In **Galatians 5:11**, the text makes reference to Paul's persecution; this time it comes as a result of the content of his preaching. The biblical text describes various incidents of persecution as they pertain to the apostle Paul and other faithful servants of Jesus Christ. However, we must be mindful of the many believers, our brothers and sisters, suffering persecution throughout our world right now! God help them!

Here's a question: if the prophets of old, Jesus Christ, the apostle Paul, and other followers (past and present) of Jesus Christ suffered while walking in obedience to God's call, what might this imply for you and me as believers? Are we willing to suffer for Christ's sake?

If we contemplate the real possibility of suffering for Christ sake, and wonder how we will be able to stand, I have two words for meditation: God's faithfulness. Meditate on these scriptures: **Psalm 34:18, Psalm 3:2-6, Lamentations 3:22-23, 2 Timothy 2:13, Romans 8:38-39.**

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God." -Colossians 3:16

-Derrick



IMPACT OF PORNOGRAPHY
Hope for Healing
Friday, December 1 • 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Saturday, December 2 • 8:15 am - Noon

Pornography: Someone you know is struggling with pornography, or their family is affected by its devastation. Be equipped to offer support!

Please mark your calendar, and plan to attend this important seminar that will take place here at our building.

Flyers with more information on the seminar, the speaker, and the schedule of sessions is available at the Welcome Center. This seminar is free and open to the public. Invite someone!

TONIGHT!



Join the Cornerstone young adults group for a Thanksgiving feast! The Hutchinson's are graciously hosting this dinner at their home,

and are providing the turkey and stuffing for our meal. We're going to get started at 5:30 pm. (Address will be provided upon RSVP.)

All young adults (professionals, college students, married or single, etc!) are welcome, and feel free to invite friends. The more the merrier!

Please bring a drink or dessert to share, or if you have another favorite side you'd like to bring, let us know! We'll eat, spend some time talking about thankfulness, and just enjoy each others company. There is ping pong, pool, and board games, so bring your game face! We hope to see you there!

More Holiday Activities

You are invited to the Pitman Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service!

Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 pm

**at Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish, Our Lady Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church
161 Pitman Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071**
The service lasts about 45 minutes, and refreshments will follow.



Bring Your Own Craft Day

Got some Christmas gifts to finish? Here's a great opportunity to do it! Saturday, November 25 Noon to 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center



Annual Cookie Exchange!

SUNDAY, December 3 at 1:00 PM

At the home of Donna Lazar,
214 Harrison Ridge, Mullica Hill 856-223-1699

Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in 1/2 dozen packages, (6 cookies per pack.)

Hope to see you there!!!



This Week!

There will be no Wednesday night meeting on Thanksgiving "Eve," Wednesday, November 22.

Church Office schedule Thanksgiving week:

The office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 22 (any items for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Tuesday, November 21), and will be closed Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.

CHURCH SAFETY AND SECURITY

We have all been reminded by the tragic events in recent weeks that even church buildings on Sunday mornings are not necessarily safe places. Due to that

awareness, your shepherds and ministerial staff plan to implement several new security measures **IMMEDIATELY**. These are only first steps, and additional measures will be added in coming weeks.

While this will be inconvenient for some, we feel that it is an important step to help insure our safety. **Leonard Collier** has agreed to lead our **Security Team** at this time. He, or one of his team members, will always be available in the foyer to help address security concerns.

Beginning today: The glass doors on both side of the lobby will be locked during our Bible class hour, from 9:15 to 9:40. They will be unlocked again at 9:40, anticipating the morning worship crowd. During our worship hour the glass doors will again be locked from 10:15 until 11:00 when we are dismissed. Doors are always available for exiting, but during the time that most of us are in classes, or in the worship assembly, no one will be able to enter our building without our security team opening the doors for them.

We have already put some security measures in place in subtle ways, which we plan to continue, and expand upon. There are police officers that worship with us regularly, and they keep a watchful eye, as they do in any public setting, for suspicious activity or articles. Please know that we already have some strategically placed security cameras, and plan to add more both inside and outside the building.

And just as we are cautioned in many public places, we ask that "if you see something, say something."

If you have further concerns or questions, please share them with Leonard Collier, or one of your shepherds or ministers.

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes
10:00 am Worship

Wednesday

7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours

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

Last Week

Bible Class	NC
Worship	220
LIFE Groups	126
Wednesday	37
Contribution	\$6,838.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: We are thankful for SO many things that we have to have a "Cardboard" testimony today to share many of them!

Prayers Requested:

Larry Point, he will undergo testing this Wednesday to help determine extent of cardiac problems.

Ray Holmes has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is considering his treatment options.

Cindy Holden is recovering from wrist surgery.

Dwight Thompson, recovering from last week's round of chemotherapy.

Jacob Thies, continued chemotherapy treatment. Tumors in his neck appear to be shrinking!

Flossie Dixon, Larry Kellum, Sr.'s twin sister, recovering from a significant stroke.

John Lindsey, Dave Lindsey's brother, has been diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer. He will be traveling to a cancer treatment center in Detroit.

Rachel Stetser, recovering from knee replacement surgery.

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Elder on Call for November and December: Dave Perine

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin Steward
Kids For Christ	Children will sit with their families today.
Jr. Worship	Children will sit with their families today.
Greeters: Front Entrance	Jackie & Horatio Fenton
Greeters: Back Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Information Center	Dawnna Hale
Ushers	Mike Lazar & Terry Rhymes
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles
Communion	Georger Kenner

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	856-589-4197
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's Monday at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Cornerstone	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	609-226-4031
Hammonton	Broyles' at 6 pm	609-561-8532
Life Challenges	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	Kellum Sr.'s at noon	856-881-1219
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. rm B4 Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	TBD	856-899-9466

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We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Alison and Charles Woods** on the passing of Allison's mother, **Erma Lee Willis Scott**, this past Monday, November 13. The funeral service was yesterday in Chicago. You may send cards to the Woods family at the address in the church directory.

Thank You

Words fail to express the love and gratitude I have for all of you and all you have done during this difficult time. The cards, the prayers, the text messages, the beautiful quilt from the Women's Ministry, and all the offers of help were much appreciated. I am so blessed to have you as my church family. You helped carry me through the past months with your love and support. God bless you all for so richly blessing me. - **Diane Perales**

Dear Pitman Road Church of Christ Family,
Corny and I thank you so much for all the expressions of sympathy on the loss of Corny's brother, Tom. So many cards, calls, and well wishes for the family! The flowers were lovely and Tom's wife, Ophelia, was touched. A special thanks to Dan and those who accompanied us to the funeral services.
With love and deep appreciation, **Corny and Phyllis Walker**

A Snowbird Has Flown!

Paul Stanford has left for his annual migration to warmer climates! He asks for your prayers as he travels over the winter months. And, he would love to hear from us from time to time. If you would like to send a note to Paul while he is away from us, his "winter" mailing address is: 320 Broken Woods Blvd., Davenport, FL 33837. We will miss you Paul!



Important Note: So that all can take part in today's special Pack the Pulpit and Cardboard Testimony activities, children will sit with their families during the worship service today.