

# PITMAN ROAD

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## Pitman Road 2017 Year in Review - Part Two

*If you missed part one of the 2017 Year in Review, you can find it in last week's bulletin (January 14), online at [www.pitmanroadcoc.com](http://www.pitmanroadcoc.com); click on the "Bulletin" icon on the homepage.*

### Month by Month Events and Activities

#### July:

Pitman Road Church of Christ marches in the Pitman July Fourth Parade for the first time, cheered on by those viewing parade from the Coopers' lawn. Church parking lot open to the community for viewing of fireworks; REFUGE Band plays free outdoor concert and teens hand out hot dogs and water. Feeding the Hungry Meal in Trenton. Vacation Bible School; Robin Steward heads up our children's program and Patrick Mead returns again to speak to teens and adults. Family Promise Host Week. Jr. High I Week at Camp Manatawny, directed by Aaron Pearl, about 45 from Pitman Road attend as staff or campers. After 12 years, Aaron announces his retirement as director. Andrew Holden preaches Sunday morning sermon. Andy Mychajlowycz announced as new LIFE Group Coordinator.



#### August:

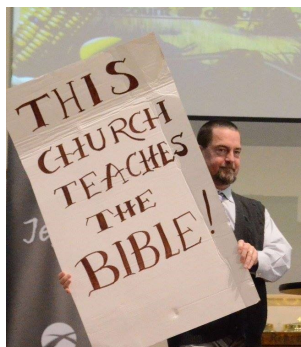
Elementary 1 Week at Camp Manatawny, directed by Manny Vander Vennen; about 30 members attend as staff or campers. Fellowship picnic honoring Craig and Katie Young. New Pitman Road University adult Bible class curriculum is rolled out. Camp Manatawny hosts 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Andy Mychajlowycz preaches annual LIFE Group sermon. Elders appoint Robin Steward as ministry leader for Children's Education.

#### September:

Women's Ministry Clothing Swap, coordinated by Brittany Spaeth and Rebekah Lazar. Munchkin Ministry, Kids for Christ, Jr. Worship, and LIFE Groups resume. Twenty-nine backpacks are donated to West Atco Youth in Action. Elders announce Andy Mychajlowycz will be assisting ministerial staff for an indefinite period of time. Annual "See You At the Pole" prayer service, coordinated by Tim and Melody Davis. Congregation is asked to fill out Congregational Health Survey from Hope Network.

#### October:

Women's Equip Ministry kicks off another 3-month prayer emphasis. Elders bring in Greg Anderson, a consultant from Hope Network, for weekend seminar to speak to the congregation about upcoming transitions. Annual events: Fun Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat. Family Promise Host Week. Over \$3,000 from Caring and Sharing budget is sent to help with hurricane relief efforts in TX and FL. Elders share results of Congregational Health Survey. Rebekah Lazar is appointed as the new director of Camp Manatawny Jr. High 1 Week; she makes history as the first woman to direct at Manatawny! (More on that in the bulletin soon!)



#### November:

Annual Elders and Ministers planning retreat. Women's Embark Ministry kicks off Adopt-a-Family program with Eleanor Corbett House. Our members sign 17 Thanksgiving cards for former members and friends of Pitman Road. Pack the Pulpit Sunday and Thanksgiving Baskets; 60 families provided with dinner baskets! Cardboard Testimony "silent sermon" highlighting what we are grateful for.

#### December:

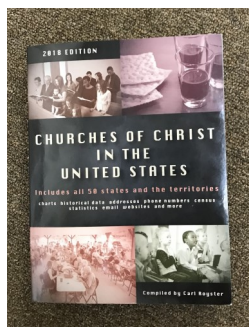
"Impact of Pornography: Hope for Healing" two-day seminar coordinated by Justin Guy and John Peoples. Semi-annual American Red Cross Blood Drive with our new coordinator, Mandy Mansdoerfer; thanks to her efforts, 29 units were collected, surpassing goal of 22 units. Feeding the Hungry in Trenton and blanket distribution. New security measures are implemented by elders; Lee Collier is named as security coordinator. Gifts are provided for five families through Women's Embark/Eleanor Corbett House Adopt-a-Family program. Teens and Embark Ministry throw a Christmas party for about 30 from E. C. House. Christmas Eve Pancake Breakfast, coordinated by Tim and Melody Davis; invitations extended to all 2017 visitors, those who received food assistance, and local police departments. Special Christmas Eve worship service featuring the dramatization of Christ's birth by our children and teens.



## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den



## Churches of Christ in the United States

The 2018 edition of Churches of Christ in the United States just arrived at our building. It is the first edition published in the last three years. There is good news and bad news about our fellowship. The good news is that in 2018 there are 1,447,271 Adherents in the Churches of Christ in the US and Canada. (Adherents has come to mean the number of people typically attending a Sunday worship assembly, including the following: members, guests, and children). These 1,447,271 adherents worship at 11,965 congregations. The bad news is that both the number of congregations and the number of adherents in the churches of Christ has dropped nearly every year since 1994, with the number of adherents topping off at 1,684,872 in 1990.

Churches of Christ in New Jersey have declined from 37 congregations with 3,926 Adherents in 2015, to 35 congregations with 3,637 Adherents in 2018. There are currently four counties in NJ with no church of Christ (Cumberland, Hunterdon, Passaic, Sussex, and Salem). Of those 37 congregations, 25 have a Sunday attendance of 100 or less...with 15 of those reporting an attendance of 50 or less. Only two of the congregations in New Jersey report a congregational attendance of 201 or more, Newark and Pitman Road. All of this in New Jersey, the most densely populated and most highly taxed state of the 50 states. We have our work cut out for us, as New Jersey now boasts a population of 8,980,298!

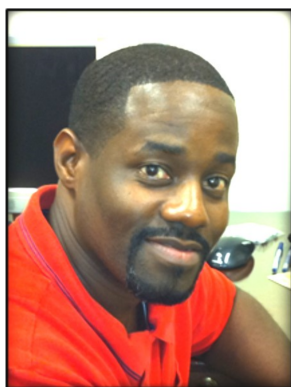
Our church building is in Gloucester County and the two closest counties to us are Camden and Cumberland. Put those three counties together, and our church is called out to connect with 1 million folks. That's a daunting task. Our church, is called to connect with multiple languages, multiple ethnicities, and multiple social groups. We can do it, by God's grace. I am inspired and motivated by what 12 untrained men did 2,000 years ago in a world with multiple languages, multiple ethnicities and multiple social groups. (Mt. 28:18-20)

- Dan the Exciting & Excited Preacher



**Dan Cooper**  
aka  
"Dan, Dan,  
the Preacherman"

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**Derrick Busch**  
Minister

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## We're All A Mess

### In Need of Your Prayers!

As I prayfully seek God's direction when writing any article, I have two goals in mind: to honor Christ, and to encourage you, the reader. I believe God has burdened my heart, in a positive sense, to be transparent as I request your earnest prayers for myself and for my family at this time. Brenda and I love the life, fellowship, and ministry that we experience with each of you by God's grace!

What motivates this request for earnest prayer? I have seen God's work in the lives of many of you as you have requested prayer in your times of need; **Our God is an Awesome God!** Dan's sermon this past Sunday, as they often do, caused me to further ponder the very serious blessing and nature of responding in faithful obedience to what one believes to be his or her calling from God. Please understand, I am not using this as an opportunity to boast, or to seek personal attention, nor is it derived from a heart of arrogance, but out of sincere concern for the Pitman Road body of Christ as it pertains to myself and my family.

In short, Brenda and I humbly believe that God has called us to full-time ministry. What do we humbly request from you, our family? Prayers that God's will is accomplished in our family as it pertains to ministry. Prayers that the Pitman Road body is continually blessed with ministry leaders sent from God! We love and appreciate you deeply!



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

## ***Souper Super Sunday Pre-Game Party!***

**Sunday, February 4**

**Right after the worship service and the  
annual corporate meeting**

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

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 Bowl Parties

At this minute we have high hopes that our Eagles will be playing in the Super Bowl on Feb. 4<sup>th</sup>. That will make it extra exciting!

However, once again this year, whether Eagles win or lose today, after our Soup and Sandwich luncheon at the building, we are looking for families to host Super Bowl parties in their homes. Would you be one of the host families? Don't do it all yourself, but invite your guests to bring some treats, too. Meet at 5:30 or after, and have your home open until at least the first half! Will you volunteer your home to host a party? You can do this, even if you don't like football! Contact Dan, Dottie, or Annette at the church office if you are willing to host.

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING:**

As a nonprofit organization, recognized by the state of New Jersey as a tax exempt corporation, the state of NJ mandates that we meet annually. That being the case, our elders have selected the first Sunday of each February as the date for our annual meeting. Please consider this your written notification of our church's annual meeting, traditionally held on Super Bowl Sunday each year. If you are an active member of the Pitman Road Church of Christ, and in good standing, please consider yourself informed and invited to the **Pitman Church of Christ's annual corporate meeting, this year on February 4, 2017, immediately after worship.**



This week we are hosting Family Promise.

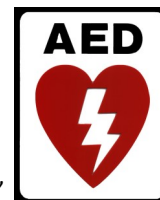
*Please be considerate of the privacy of our guests, and please do not enter their designated rooms for the week.*

## Learn AED

### **LEARN HOW TO USE OUR AED!**

(Automated External Defibrillator)  
The office staff will be having mandatory AED training, and there are five openings left for those who would like to volunteer to receive this training. It will be held on Tuesday, February 13, at 9:00 am here at our building. If you are interested, you must contact Dottie to reserve an opening.

**BE READY TO SAVE A LIFE!**



## Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, January 27

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

*Hope to see you there!*



## Flu Season Is Upon Us!



Be extra careful to keep your hands clean. Freely use the Hand Sanitizer that we have recently placed in strategic spots around the building. Protect yourself and others, especially our children and our older folks.

## Attention Secret Sisters

Our "Revealing" party is scheduled for Saturday March 3rd at the home of Mary Lea Thompson. Please mark your calendars and plan on being there.

If you know you are not going to be a Secret Sister this year, please let me know now. If you are not a Secret Sister and want to join, please see me for a questionnaire.

More details/information will be posted closer to time.  
Dottie

## 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	122
Worship	n/c
LIFE Groups	94
Wednesday	canceled
Contribution	\$6565.00
Weekly Goal	\$9868.00

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**Elder on Call for January and February: Dwight Thompson**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Kathy Ashton
Kids For Christ	Robin Steward
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Larry & Lea Ann Kellum
Greeters: Back Entrance	Brian & Cindy Holden
Information Center	Brenda Peoples
Ushers	Mike Lazar & Terry Rhymes
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson
Communion	Anthony DeStefano

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Cooper's at noon	856-981-9755
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 5 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	Walker's at noon	856-478-6972
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married		

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# This Week's Prayer Requests

## Prayers:

**Karelle Pierre-Jacques** recovering from breast surgery and anesthesia.

**Mike Lazar**, has met with doctors and will be having surgery.

**Nancy Smith** is in Inspira Hospital in Vineland. She is being evaluated for her behaviors related to Alzheimer's.

**Harry Steward** is now in Manor Care in West Deptford.

**Steve Musso** is now in Lincoln Specialty Care (room #128), 1640 South Lincoln Ave., Vineland, NJ 08361. His phone number is: 856-692-8080. Doctors are hopeful that he will gain movement and independence in walking again using a walker.

**Geen Richards**, Brenda Busch's aunt, had the tumor removed and she recovered from surgery well. Preliminary observation is the tumor was cancerous. Waiting for pathology report to confirm this, then will proceed with treatment.

**Doug Oliver** is making slow but positive progress. He is still at Inspira Hospital, Woodbury. He would welcome visitors to come see him, just don't stay too long.

**Carolyn Stacey**, Ray Wilson's sister, recovering from heart attack. and was back in the hospital with pneumonia.

**Isaac Isaziga's** spinal surgery went well on Thursday. Carlos and Gina, thank everyone for their prayers. Prayers for his recovery would be appreciated.

**Patti Miller**, friend of Janice Raivey, passed away. Please pray for her husband and family. **Jackie Morris**, another friend of Janice, is in Temple Hospital needing a lung transplant. She has to get stronger to be put back on the transplant list.

**Laurel, Seahouse**, cousin of Janice Raively, breast cancer.

**Ray Holmes**, radiation treatment for prostate cancer begins this Friday, January 26 and will continue for 8 to 9 weeks.

**Anita O'Hara**, recovering from cataract surgery, will have the same surgery on the other eye soon.

**Joe Calebro** recovering from eye surgery.

**Russell Foreman**, Jessica's husband, continuing recovery from heart attack and surgery.

**Dwight Thompson**, lymphoma; chemotherapy.

**JoAnn Ruhland**, broken bones in her leg and foot.

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Hall family as Tim's mother, **Sharon**, passed away on January 12, 2018. Services were yesterday.

## Thank you

Dear Pitman Family,  
Our family would like to express our gratitude for the prayers, well wishes, hospital visits, text messages, phone calls and cards that were sent during Russ' illness. We were touched by your prayers and thoughtfulness. One of our brothers even called to ask if he could shovel us out during the snow storm. Words can't express the amount of love we hold for our dear brothers and sisters at Pitman Road Church of Christ.

With Blessing Gratitude & Love,  
Russ, Jessica, Chris & Lewis Forman

**The money for the March 17th bus trip to Sight and Sound is due TODAY.** The cost is \$108 for adults, \$90 for teens and \$64 for children ages 4-12.

Please contact Brian Holden if you signed up and no longer plan to go.

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