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Spotlight on Camp Manatawny



On Sunday, April 15, Andrew Cooper, Chairman of the Camp Manatawny Board of Directors, will be our guest speaker during the worship service. At the conclusion of his message, he will share an update on plans for Camp Manatawny's future. After the worship service, Andrew will be available in the lobby to answer your questions.

During the worship service, you will have an opportunity to make a special contribution to Camp Manatawny.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help the camp financially. Every size aift is welcome.



Envelopes for the special contribution are available at the Camp Manatawny table in the lobby, along with information on the ways that your donations will be used at camp. If you would like to designate your gift for a specific purpose, please indicate your choice on the memo line of your check, or on the outside of your envelope. Here are some of the areas toward which you can designate your contribution:

- Debt reduction
- Capital improvements to facilities, including the new cabins.
- Operations, which covers camps general operating costs.
- Unrestricted funds to be used at the discretion of the camp for the areas of greatest need.

If you have any questions about the special contribution or about camp programs (Summer Sessions, retreats, events, etc.), please stop by the Camp Manatawny table today and speak to me. You can also find out about camp at www.manatawny.org and about the capital campaign at impactinglivesforchrist.org.

-Andy Mychajlowycz

Editor's note: This special contribution is not for our own Pitman Road sponsorship of children to go to camp. Speak to Dottie if you want to contribute to sponsorships for our campers.



From Daniel's Den



Peacemaker

"There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right." – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

It's hard to believe that he has been gone for 50 years! What a profound impact he made on our country, even on our world! Tragic, that he was assassinated 50 years ago, when he was only 39, very much like Jesus of Nazareth, who was only 33 when He was killed. Martin Luther King, Jr. taught peace, compassion, and goodness; but there are always sinful, savage, ignorant people who want to squelch the message of peace and harmony. Dr. King. intimidated both political and religious leaders. Jesus Christ also taught peace, compassion, and goodness. Jesus, also, intimi-

dated political and religious leaders. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and we are like Him when we spread peace! God says we are his children when we serve as peacemakers. Both Jesus and Paul command us to do everything we can to "live peaceably" with all!

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God." Matthew 5:9

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all." Romans 12:18

What about you and me? Do we take a position that is neither safe nor popular, because our conscience tells us it is right? Or do we play it safe? Do we hold to the "party line?" A well-educated conscience is to be followed, even when such a decision is neither safe nor popular. Join me in deciding anew to "Do right! And leave the consequences to God." Be a peacemaker. Are you willing to take a position that is neither safe nor popular, for the of sake being a peacemaker?

Jesus Christ did! Martin Luther King, Jr., did. So should you and I.

Following conscience, even when it is neither safe not popular, Dan the Preacherman



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

A well-educated conscience is to be followed, even when such a decision is neither safe nor popular.



Dave and Annette
Perine

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Shepherd's Voice

Stay Focused on the Horizon

Transitions are a fact of life. In our life together as a couple, we have transitioned through our relationship. Some of these transitions were more difficult than others. We spent years cultivating our identities as "Mom" and "Dad" and now that our children are on their own, we have had to deal with some course corrections as we view one another as "Annette" and "Dave" once again. Our relationship has transitioned. Although it is a good transition, we have experienced turbulence along the way.

Over the last two decades, we have witnessed much transition at Pitman Road. We've seen six ministers come and go, and experienced changes in our eldership. Certain much loved activities and events have ceased or changed. There were some significant transitions in how worship was conducted here back in the early 2000's, with the introduction of more technology, changes in how song leading was done, and the addition of a second worship service. Then we relocated, and changed our name! That was a time of tremendous transition, which sometimes felt uncertain and turbulent. But we settled back in and moved forward. An interesting thing about transition is that once we get used to it, often it doesn't seem as dramatic as it felt at the time.

A pilot of a boat or plane learns to focus on the horizon if they lose their bearings in turbulent conditions in order to correct their course. As Christians, we know our focus should always be on Jesus. He is our horizon line and the point we correct our course back to. Over the coming months, our church family will face transitions in the way we minister to our surrounding communities, in the expanding opportunities for the women of our church family to serve in more visible ways, and in our ministerial staff. It's important for us to navigate these transitions together as a church family. Individually, some will find these transitions more or less turbulent than others do. But let's keep our eyes focused on Jesus, our common horizon line.

Were You There?



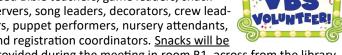
We hope you were there one of the past two Sundays to witness the theatrical presentation by our teens, directed by Diana Hutchinson. They portrayed the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ in a unique and impactful way. We thank the teens, Diana and all of the other individuals who gave time and effort to enhance our worship service on both Palm and Easter Sunday!

"Were You There" T-Shirts

A number of people have expressed interest in purchasing a "Were You There" t-shirt. A minimum of 12 of these shirts have to be requested before an order can be placed. The cost of each shirt is \$12. If you are interested, please contact Diana Hutchinson directly at drh13013@gmail.com or 856-381-9095.

THIS AFTERNOON!

Please join Robin Steward TODAY and share your ideas about this summer's VBS. We will need Bible teachers, game leaders, snack servers, song leaders, decorators, crew leaders, puppet performers, nursery attendants, and registration coordinators. Snacks will be



provided during the meeting in room B1, across from the library. Will you help our children meet Jesus this summer?

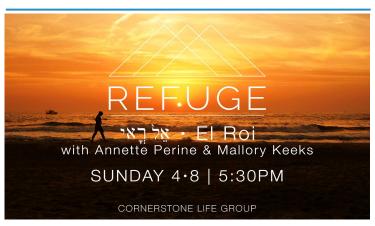
Connect

Leza Davis thanks all who participated in the "Not Purple" Bag Challenge for **Angels Community** Outreach. Over 30 bags were donated and delivered. This is the third year we have participated in this effort. We want to thank Leza for heading up this event again this year!

Stay tuned for more opportunities to partner with Angels Community Outreach. Please remember that this is one of three local groups we connect with to meet more of our neighbors where they are!



TONIGHT!



Tonight, Annette Perine and Mallory Keeks will share a personal message about EL ROI: the God Who Sees Me. When life is darkest, God sees you and will provide all you need. As always, there will be refreshments, fellowship, live praise music, and singing.

ALL ARE WELCOME . COME AS YOU ARE

RESCHEDULED!

The Senior Saints Dinner, which was originally scheduled for last night, has been rescheduled for Saturday, April 28, at 6-8:00 pm. Everyone age 55+ is welcome! If you haven't signed up and would like to attend, the sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center.



Let the Quilts Speak!

by Phyllis Walker

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March 17 - May 20*

Open Weekends from 1:00-4:00

*Closed on Mother's Day

Our Schedule

Sunday

9:00 am Bible Classes 10:00 am Worship

Wednesday 7:00 pm Bible Classes

Office Hours Tuesday - Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Last Week	
Bible Class	125
Worship	263
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	34

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Elder on Call for April: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery Diana Hutchinson

Kids For Christ Manny Vander Vennen

Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake

Greeters: Front Entrance Ron Dargan & Mandy Mansdoerfer

Greeters: Back Entrance Adam Cerquoni & Pat Monteleone

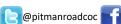
Information Center Mary Collier

Ushers Lee Collier & Harold Pearl

Shepherd's Call Dave Perine
Song Leader Mike Broyles
Communion Max Lancaster

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Movie and lunch after worship	908-294-4056
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'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. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	TBA	856-899-9466

Find Us on Social Media:







This Week's Prayer Requests

The monthly list of ongoing prayer requests for April is now available. If you do not see an ongoing request here, it now appears on the ongoing list.

Prayers:

Kareem Rutledge, Jr., sustained a skull fracture and brain injury last Sunday morning. He is in ICU. Email updates will continue with his condition. Kareem Sr. and Ty covet your prayers. Please call Kareem or Ty before visiting.

Glenn Oncay, Kelly Spencer's brother, triple bypass surgery. Some complications, but his condition has improved. Please keep the family in prayer. It's been a difficult year for them.

Bill Carney, Barbara Carney's husband, new health concerns. **Val Steffy**, Tyler Steffy's mother, recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Brian Raymond, friend of Ashley and Chris Corey, recovering from surgery to reverse ileostomy and reconnect bowel.

Thank You

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers that were sent for Stephen. We appreciate the compassion that has been extended to our family during this time of sorrow. God bless you all. *The Calabro Family*

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **the DeStefano family** on the passing of Stephanie's father, and our brother in Christ, **Steve Musso**. Steve passed peacefully on to his reward last Tuesday night. He was surrounded by his family.

Steve and his wife Dreama were baptized here in April of 2015. Not long after, in September of the same year, Dreama passed away after an extended illness. Steve, in spite of health concerns of his own, continued to attend worship services here, until more recently when he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. We are sad that Steve is no longer with us, and brokenhearted for the loss Stephanie and her family are feeling. But we rejoice as those who have hope because we know that Steve is not only reunited with Dreama, but united with our Savior in heaven.

All services for Steve will be held at Padgett Funeral Home, 1107 State Hwy. 77, Bridgeton, NJ 08302; viewing on Monday night, 6:00-8:00 pm and Tuesday morning at 9:00-10:00 am; the funeral service will follow at 10:00 am. There will be a luncheon at our building following services.

Cards can be sent to the DeStefano's at the address in the directory. Memorial contributions can be made in Steve's name to to the Pitman Road Church of Christ Capital Fund.



In case you hadn't heard, there have been two recent engagements of Pitman Road family members.

Kristyn Brier is engaged to Jose Soto!

Jose proposed to Kristyn at Longwood Gardens during a snow storm. (We've had so many of those, you can't let them stop you!) Kristyn is currently residing in the Washington DC area.

Two weeks ago, **John Steiner** proposed to **Fiorella Layva** and she said yes! They live in Florida, so chances are, no snow storm was involved.

Both of these couples are on our ongoing prayer list with our other engaged couples. Please keep them all in your prayers as they plan their lives together.