



Happy Veterans Day!

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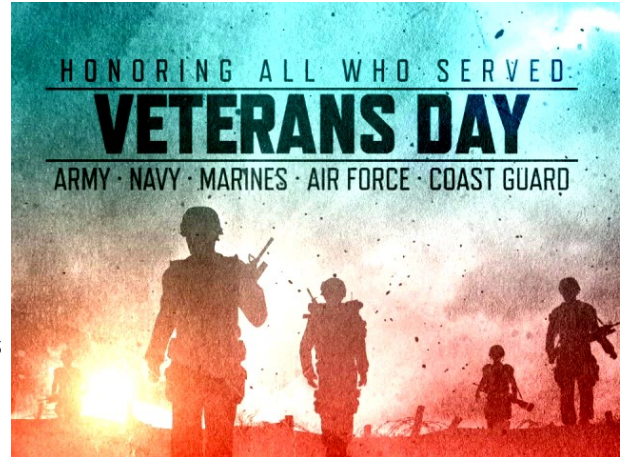
Veterans Day is a well-known American holiday, but there are also a few misconceptions about it — like how it's spelled or whom exactly it celebrates. To clear some of that up, here are the important facts you should know.

Veterans Day does NOT have an apostrophe.

A lot of people think it's "Veteran's Day" or "Veterans' Day," but they're wrong. The holiday is not a day that "belongs" to one veteran or multiple veterans, which is what an apostrophe implies. It's a day for honoring all veterans — so no apostrophe needed.

Veterans Day is NOT the same as Memorial Day.

A lot of Americans get this confused. Memorial Day is a time to remember those who gave their lives for our country, particularly in battle or from wounds they suffered in battle. ***Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it's largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices.***



It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I.

World War I officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919. However, the fighting ended about seven months before that when the Allies and Germany put into effect an armistice on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, Nov. 11, 1918, was largely considered the end of "the war to end all wars" and dubbed Armistice Day. In 1926, Congress officially recognized it as the end of the war, and in 1938, it became an official holiday, primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I. But then World War II and the Korean War happened, so on June 1, 1954, at the urging of veterans service organizations, Congress amended the commemoration yet again by changing the word "armistice" to "veterans" so the day would honor American veterans of all wars.

For a while, Veterans Day's date was changed, too, and it confused everybody.

Congress signed the Uniform Holiday Bill in 1968 to ensure that a few federal holidays — Veterans Day included — would be celebrated on a Monday. Officials hoped it would spur travel and other family activities over a long weekend, which would stimulate the economy.

For some inexplicable reason, the bill set Veterans Day commemorations for the fourth Monday of every October. On Oct. 25, 1971, the first Veterans Day under this new bill was held. We're not sure why it took three years to implement, but not surprisingly, there was a lot of confusion about the change, and many states were unhappy, choosing to continue to recognize the day as they previously had — in November.

Within a few years, it became pretty apparent that most U.S. citizens wanted to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11, since it was a matter of historic and patriotic significance. So on Sept. 20, 1975, President Gerald Ford signed another law (Public Law 94-97), which returned the annual observance to its original date starting in 1978.

Other countries celebrate it, too, in their own ways.

World War I was a multinational effort, so it makes sense that our allies also wanted to celebrate their veterans on Nov. 11. The name of the day and the types of commemorations differ, however. Canada and Australia both call Nov. 11 "Remembrance Day." Canada's observance is pretty similar to our own, except many of its citizens wear red poppy flowers to honor their war dead. In Australia, the day is more akin to our Memorial Day. Great Britain calls it "Remembrance Day," too, but observes it on the Sunday closest to Nov. 11 with parades, services and two minutes of silence in London to honor those who lost their lives in war.

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

34 Years Ago!

The first Sunday of November, 1984, the Cooper Family began our ministry with the Pitman Church of Christ, as we moved into that little house behind the old church building on Wisteria Ave. That was 34 years ago! The kids were confused! I preached for the Pitman Church of Christ, they went to Washington Township schools, and we had a Sewell, NJ mailing address. You have to admit, that is a bit confusing.

The kids were apprehensive about the new schools. We were apprehensive about the new church. I'd only preached at one church before, and I had intended to both start and finish my ministry career with that church. And God laughed!

We have loved living in the same home for almost 34 years. Once we moved from Wisteria Ave. into our home on Broadway in Pitman six months later, our kids never had to change schools again. We have a lifetime of memories in that home. More to the point, we have loved ministry with you these last 34 years. You have been good to us. You have given us something that very few preacher's families have ...stability. Amazing. Rare. We have shared weddings, births, and even divorces and deaths. There have been very happy times, and very sad times. We have grown, changed, and matured, I believe. God has been honored, Christ has been glorified, and we are now connecting with our community more than ever before.

And, as I sat finishing this edition of FDD, I did the math and it hit me! As of this anniversary with this wonderful church, I have spent half of my life in ministry here! Thank you for loving us, believing in us, being patient with us, and forgiving us when we messed up. We are one body, and we all have our respective parts, and I marvel as I see our Creator continuing to fashion us into His beautiful, functioning body.

Thank, you, thank you and thank you again; **Dan the Preacherman**



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

You have given
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preacher's
families have.
Amazing. Rare.



John Peoples
Shepherd

I see the world
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A Shepherd Speaks

Are You Listening to a Lie?

For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths. 2 Timothy 4:3,4

I expect this scripture has been referred to over the years when people see others listening to things that don't sound correct and the "others" are believing that story. And I also expect that people use this scripture to justify their own position. But with that said, I see a lot of things people believe that are based in lies. They may even sound rational on the surface, but looking into the facts, the story falls apart. So what we see is people wanting to believe something and looking for others to justify their position, instead of looking deeper into what we hear to see the truth. I have to wonder if we are interested in the truth or wanting to change our beliefs to fit an agenda and story.

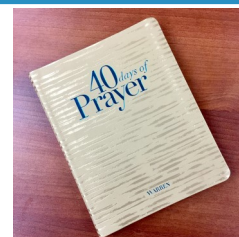
There are a number of areas that we see this occurring today, but to keep it on a plane that we can generally agree on, I will look at Christianity. To be clear, Christians have not always done it right or always followed the teaching of our Lord and Savior, but I see God misrepresented and blamed for things that he did not "do." More times than not, the Christian faith is put down, facts changed, motives attacked and reports made-up. Then those that want to believe the lies find others to support their position and continue the lie. It is really sad. We can blame others, but in the end it is Satan. He is the father of lies and wants to continue the narrative that God is the reason for the problems that we have. As Christians I hope we don't believe this, but I see the world around us ready to jump on the train of lies. Seek the truth.

In His grace for His service, **John**



**We are asking ALL
our veterans to meet
immediately after the
worship service in
front of the wood wall near the
front entrance for a group photo.**

**If you are enjoying the
40 Days of Prayer sermon
series, and would like to
enhance your experience by
using the accompanying
prayer journal, please see
Dottie in the office. A limited number of
copies will be available this Wednesday.**



Countdown to Thanksgiving

NEXT Sunday is Pack the Pulpit! If you have not yet done so, please pick up your "official" grocery bags and shopping list today! Reading this online? Here's the list:

**Stuffing • Cranberry Sauce • Instant Potatoes
Canned Gravy • Canned Fruit • Bottled Juice
Canned Sweet Potatoes/Yams • Canned Green
Beans French Fried Onions • Cream of Mushroom Soup
• Applesauce**



We still need turkeys and fresh pies. Please see Dottie ASAP if you can donate. We plan to provide Thanksgiving dinner for at least 50 families! Please don't bring them in until next Sunday, as we do not have room to store them.

TODAY IS THE FINAL SUNDAY TO SIGN THANKSGIVING CARDS. Please take a moment to sign the cards in the lobby with a note of encouragement and love to former members, missionaries, guest speakers, and continuing supporters of our congregation. Don't know some card recipients? That's okay! A simple "Happy Thanksgiving" and your name will be welcome encouragement.



Next Sunday is also the deadline to drop off boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Pick up your boxes in the lobby, sign your name on the clipboard, and have fun filling your box for a special child! Tina has filled her box! You can go to samaritanspur.org to learn more about this project and how to pack a shoe box, or contact **Tina Broyles** at 609-320-0534.



You are invited to the Pitman Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service!

Tuesday, November 20 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.

IMPORTANT THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE INFORMATION

There will be no Wednesday night meeting on Thanksgiving "Eve," Wednesday, November 21.

Church Office schedule Thanksgiving week:

The office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 21 (Any items for the bulletin must be submitted by noon on Tuesday, November 20), and be closed all day on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23.



New Birth!



Marvin and Ketzy Harris were baptized here on Sunday morning at the end of our worship service. The Harris family became acquainted with us through the Family Promise ministry, almost immediately expressing a desire to be baptized. They

have studied the Bible in the past, and have a church background, but were not able to connect to a church that was willing to go the next step with them. Dan was please to study with them and immerse them! They've already begun to establish relationships here. Marvin, Ketzey, and their two children plan to worship with us regularly, and we look forward to getting to know them! Welcome to the family of God!

Heartwarming Thanks!

We received thank you notes from two of the children who were guests here during this past Family Promise Host Week!

Thank you so much for your help! Your help changes things in my family. Thank you so much. You are amazing and outstanding. Again, thank you so much, this helps my family so so much, for just so little.—Miracle

Thank you for helping us and making my family happy. I don't know how to thank you for this gift. And now my mom and dad don't have to stress anymore. I like to see my family happy again. It makes me fill with joy. You guys are the best.—Bryce

Mark your calendars for some holiday fun!



Bring Your Own Craft Day is Saturday, November 24, from noon to 5:00 pm in the Family Life Center. It's a great opportunity to finish off your crafty Christmas gifts. Snacks are provided.

The Annual Cookie Exchange is Sunday, December 2 at 1:30 pm at the home of Donna Lazar, 214 Harrison Ridge, Mullica Hill. Please bring 6 dozen cookies wrapped in half dozen packages (6 cookies per pack). You can contact Donna at 856-223-1699.



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	118
Worship	232
LIFE Groups	170
Wednesday	NC

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise! It was wonderful to see **Kareem Rutledge, Jr.** here last Sunday for the first time since his injury. He continues his recovery at home, and he would love visitors or calls. You can call or text him at (856) 879-4214, and you can go see him at 415 Woodstown Road, Woolwich Twp., NJ 08085. Please call before you just drop in.

Praise! Je'Ani Lyles is scheduled to return to school at Winslow Twp. Middle School this week! Has been a major goal for Jee Jee since her accident last June. Please keep her in prayer as she continues to adjust to her new normal. If you were not able to hear Carla and Jee's testimony at Refuge last week, you can view it on the Refuge Facebook page.

Judy Fitzpatrick, Chris Fitzpatrick's wife, is scheduled for a biopsy for possible throat cancer on November 21.

George Kenner has been moved to a step down unit, but he is still in great pain. He is requesting no visitors at this time.

Amanda Collier, sister of Lee Collier, had successful surgery to repair a heart valve this past Tuesday at HUP. She was to be hospitalized for 3-6 days, and then recovery at home for 2 months. Please pray for the family during this time of recovery.

Bill Carney, Barbara Carney's husband, suffered a massive heart attack a week ago, and had open heart surgery this past Tuesday, which went well.

Barbara Perry had cataract surgery on one eye this past Tuesday, and will have surgery on the other eye soon.

Steve DePrince will have nerve and tendon transfer surgery on his right arm on December 11.

Anita O'Hara, struggling with health issues. She would love a phone call, a Facebook greeting, or maybe even some help around her place. Once again, please call before a visit.

La'Verne Daniels at home recovering from foot surgery. She could use some meals, calls, cards, visits, etc. If you are able to prepare a meal, contact La'Verne to arrange drop-off.

Patti Frambes, pancreatic cancer; she is doing well with little side effects from chemo treatments.

Debra Bryant, Barbara Robinson's sister, will have surgery on November 27 for a brain tumor.

Please continue to remember in your prayers **Gwen Phillip, Dwight Thompson, Larry Kellum, Sr., and Doug Oliver** as they receive treatment for their illnesses.

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Elder on Call for November and December: John Peoples

Serving Us Today

Nursery	TBA
Kids For Christ	Desna Yanzuk
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer/Harry Ake
Greeters: Front Entrance	Mandy Mansdoerfer & Pat Monteleone
Greeters: Back Entrance	Ron Dargan & Mark Frock
Information Center	Mary Collier
Ushers	Terry Rhymes & Steve DePrince
Shepherd's Call	Dave Perine
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowyczs' at noon	908-294-4056
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Sbaraglia's at 7 pm	856-419-0544
Covenant	Mychajlowyczs' at 5:30	908-294-4056
Hammonon	Thompsons' at 6 pm	609-561-8561
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. Pearls' at 6 pm	856-839-0051
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466




We Extend Our Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to **Rit Crema** and **Noreen and Bill Wills** and their families on the passing of **Barby Jo Crema** on November 2 after a battle with cancer. Barby Jo was a faithful Christian, and continued as a member of our church, even though her illness prevented her attendance for the past couple of years. Barby Jo was Noreen Wills mother. Services were this past Friday in Gallo-way.

You can send cards to Rit at P. O. Box 134, Oceanville, NJ 08231, and to Noreen and Bill at 21030 Scotts Landing Road, P. O. Box 77, Leeds Point, NJ 08220.

We extend our sympathy to **Natasha Robinson** on the loss of her mother to pancreatic cancer. The family is still processing the loss. It was a very fast moving cancer and her passing came much earlier than expected. If you would like to send a card to Natasha and her family, her address is in our directory.

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