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CAMP MANATAWNY ISSUE

LOOK WHAT CAMP MANATAWNY HAS TO OFFER!



WORK & WORSHIP WEEKEND 2019 April 12-14, 2019



Jr/Sr High Retreat April 26-27, 2019



April 28 & Nov. 3, 2019



May 3-4, 2019



Family Camp May 24-26, 2019



Camp Open House May 25, 2019



Camp Sonshine June 1-2, 2019



Mens Retreat Sept. 13-14, 2019



Manatawny 5K October 26, 2019

Camp Manatawny is a Summer Camp where youth in elementary, middle, and high school experience an atmosphere of caring and acceptance at every turn, learning to live, work, play, laugh, and worship together in Christian community. It is also a beautiful Retreat Center where groups are invited to connect, refresh, renew, and grow, all year long. Guests to Camp Manatawny will experience comfortable lodging, hearty meals, beautiful meeting facilities, and an atmosphere of Christian hospitality. Surrounded by forested hills, fields, and running streams, it is conveniently located between Reading, Lancaster, Allentown, and Philadelphia. Over the years, members of our church have played important roles at camp as Summer Directors and as members of the Board of Directors. And that continues to be the case today! Take a look inside to see how YOU can get involved!

Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

What did you do the first half of this week?

I spent the first half of the week struggling with a stomach virus and a cold. No fun! As soon as I started feeling a bit better, I was bored. I had to do something. So, I decided to read. I like to read about our leadership. I dug out a book by John MacArthur about the leadership skills of the apostles. The book is called, *Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness and What He Wants to do With You.*

Based on his study of the Apostle Peter, MacArthur lists three raw materials of a good leader.

- 1) Inquisitiveness: When you're looking for a good leader, you want to find someone who asks lots of questions.
- 2) Initiative: If a person is wired for leadership, he will have a drive, ambition, and energy.
- **3) Involvement:** True leaders are always in the middle of the action. They do not sit in the background. A true leader goes through life with a cloud of dust around him.

Maxwell proceeds to list **character** as another indispensable ingredient in godly leadership. Character matters. Character produces respect; respect produces trust. And, trust motivates followers!

Maxwell then lists several character qualities that godly leaders display.

- 1) Submission: A true leader does not simply demand submission, he is an example of submission by the way he submits to the Lord and others who have authority over him.
- **2) Restraint:** Most people with natural leadership abilities do not naturally excel when it comes to exercising restraint. Self-control, discipline, moderation, and reservation do not naturally come to the one who lives life at the head of the pack.
- **3) Humility:** Leaders are often tempted to the sin of pride. Peter was so often arrogant and self-righteous. But he learned humility in what he suffered.
- **4) Love:** The real leader is one who loves and serves others, and not someone who demands to be waited upon.
- 5) Compassion: Peter learned compassion as he came to understand his own weaknesses.
- **6) Courage:** Peter learned a mature, settled, intrepid willingness to suffer for Christ's sake.

May God groom leaders in this church, in the same way he groomed Peter for his leadership role in the church of the first century. Leaders are both born and made!

- Step by Step, He Leads. Dan



Dan Cooper aka "Dan, Dan, the Preacherman"

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Derrick Busch Minister

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We're All A Mess

Seeing the Bigger Picture

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Matthew 6:19-21

Everyone owes a mighty debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed forces who risk their lives for freedom. Many people not long ago were touched by the story of Army Ranger Pat Tillman, who walked away from \$3.9 million to play in the NFL because he felt he had an obligation to serve his country wearing a different uniform during a time of crisis. It was a bold choice and not one that everybody agreed with. It was also a choice that cost him his life. Serving his country in 2003, Tillman was killed in combat. He



SEEING THE BIGGER PICTURE

believed that serving his country in a time of crisis was of greater importance than a nearly \$4 million football contract, even if it meant losing his life for it. His selflessness and bravery serve as an example of what it looks like when someone makes a difficult decision after seeing the bigger picture. As Christians, we have the same challenge. We make daily decisions that affect our own lives and the lives of those around us. It's not always easy to know what decision to make; choosing the right job, marrying the right person, or serving in the right ministry at church all have lasting consequences. That's where having the right perspective can make all the difference. When you focus on the here and now or focus on "what's in it for me?" you do so at the expense of eternity. An eternal perspective is like looking at the bigger picture; you sacrifice something today for the greater reward you will reap tomorrow. - *Dr. Tony Evans*



Camp Manatawny Calendar of Events for 2019

Work and Worship Weekend

April 12-14

Help us get Camp ready for summer!

Join us for a weekend of work, worship, and fellowship! There will be all kinds of work available for all different talents!

For more information and to register, please send an e-mail to stacy.drum@yahoo.com

Jr/Sr High Retreat

April 26-27; Grades 7-12

You have fun at camp each summer, and now you have a chance to enjoy it in the Spring! Join friends, summer staff, and other campers for a weekend that is highly social, relaxed and offers a lot of fun for teens. You'll participate in games and activities, enjoy some free time, and worship Christ through singing and studying God's Word. Invite your friends, get your youth group involved; you don't want to miss this opportunity!

Cost: Only \$35! (plus a \$4 processing fee)

Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday

Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more information.

Must be registered and paid in full by April 13!

Area Wide Worship

April 28, November 3

Do you ever feel like your church is the only one around? Us. too! God's people are everywhere, so let's come together for a collective time of worship and encouragement, and as a reminder that we are on a mission together!

April 28, 2019

Worship from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Dinner from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

November 3, 2019

Worship from 4:00 - 5:00 pm Dinner from 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Questions? Contact Scott Rutherford at 484-769-7228

The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength Ladies Retreat Camp Manatawny Ladies Retreat May 3rd & 4th, 2019

May 3-4

Women of all ages are encouraged to attend for a weekend of encouraging sessions, relaxation, renewal, and fellowship.

Come make new friends or bring a group from your area for a memorable weekend. What a wonderful opportunity for ladies to come together to encourage, support, laugh, and strengthen our faith!

Speaker: Rebecca Hobbs

Cost: Only \$35!

Cost for Girls 12 and Under: Only \$10!

(plus a \$4 processing fee on all registrations)

Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday

Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more

information.

Family Camp

May 24-26

This is a great time to enjoy our summer camp activities and reenergize your family's walk with God. Activities include canoeing, kayaking, archery, riflery, swimming, crafts, and family friendly food! The lessons often follow a family friendly movie theme and your speaker will provide thought provoking and engaging messages throughout the weekend.

Cost: \$100. Includes 2 nights cabin lodging, all meals and activities for up to 4 family members. (Upgraded lodging is available for additional cost during registration.) \$20 for each additional family member ages 5 and older. Children 4 and younger are free. Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more information.

Summer Camp Open House

May 25, 10 am - 4 pm



Going to camp is a big step for many children, and it's common for both parents and children to feel uncertainty about being away from home for a week. Prepare yourself and your camper for their summer experience at Camp Manatawny with a tour! During your visit, our camp staff will answer any questions, and show you how camp will open up a whole new world for

your child. Our Open House is FREE and open to the public. No reservations required. Rain or shine. Whether you're a returning camper who can't wait to see camp again or it's your first time visiting, don't miss out!

> Can't make it to the open house? Call 610-689-0173 to arrange a personal tour.

Men's Retreat

September 13-14

This is a great opportunity for young men to focus on their spiritual life and develop their faith along with peers, their fathers, and other men! The youth will have their own special program and lessons and are highly encouraged to attend.

Speaker: Mark Pagenkopf

Cost: Only \$35

Cost for Boys 12 and Under: Only \$10!

(plus a \$4 processing fee on all registrations) Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night seasonal cabin lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more

information.

Camp Sonshine

June 1-2

Camp Sonshine is two days and one night of Christian summer camp offering love, acceptance, and fun to children ages 8 to 18 with special needs! Everything is customized to make camp accessible and meet the varying needs of campers diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and those who may use wheelchairs, walkers, or crutches. The goal is for campers to be engulfed by God's love and to have the time of their lives!

Cost/Registrations: Camp Sonshine is operated by volunteers and funded by donations from area churches, businesses, and gracious individuals. This allows your camper to attend for FREE! Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more information.



Manatawny 5K Race and Fun Run

October 26, 10 am

Participate in the annual 5K run/walk to raise funds for camp. More information coming soon! Check back at manatawny.org.

Serve, Lead, Grow...



Summer Session Interns Wanted!

Camp Manatawny is hiring for the summer of 2019! They are looking for people to join their summer staff team who are passionate about God and teaching about Him to others.

<u>Roles and Responsibilities:</u> May include registration/check-in, counseling, housekeeping, kitchen work, maintenance, lifeguarding (if certified)

Requirements include:

- Active relationship with Jesus Christ and passion for Christian ministry
- A servant heart, enthusiasm and desire to work with children and teens
- Friendly, organized, and a self-starter who works well with others
- Responsible, punctual, and demonstrates sound judgement
- Experience working at a Christian Camp and as a counselor preferred
- Must maintain all Pennsylvania and Federal background checks as well as meet any Board of Directors' preemployment requirements

Benefits include:

- On camp housing
- \$175 per week
- Meals provided when groups are on camp

More info: www.manatawny.org/employment-opportunities To apply, e-mail Dave at dave.garrett@manatawny.org Currently accepting applicants aged 17 and older.

Summer Camp Schedule

Camp Manatawny offers both overnight and day camps with age appropriate themes and activities. Every camper learns Christian values and will experience the great outdoors, while having fun, making friends, and worshipping God; and we would love to have you join us!

Our day camp program operates from Sunday to Friday and is perfect for children in our local community who have completed first through sixth grades. Day campers will have the opportunity to experience the overnight stay to enjoy dinner and the evening activities

Overnight Camp (\$325 per week)

SENIOR HIGH 2, Grades 11 & 12 - June 22 - 29
SENIOR HIGH 1, Grades 8, 9, & 10 - June 29 - July 6
JR. HIGH 2, Grades 7, 8, & 9 - July 6 - 13

INTERMEDIATE, Grades 5 & 6 - July 13 - 20

JR. HIGH 1, Grades 5, 6, & 7 - July 20 - 27

ELEMENTARY 2, Grades 3 & 4 - July 27 - Aug. 3

ELEMENTARY 1, Grades 1 & 2 - Aug. 3 - 10

Day Camp (\$175 per week)

(Sunday to Friday, 8 am to 5:30 pm)

INTERMEDIATE, Grades 5 & 6 - July 14 - 19

ELEMENTARY 2, Grades 3 & 4 - July 28 - Aug. 2

ELEMENTARY 1, Grades 1 & 2 - Aug. 4 - 9



Camp Fees and Discounts for 2019

\$295 Early Bird Discount if paid in full by April 30, 2019

\$325 after April 30. A deposit of \$100 (non-refundable) is required at the time of registration. Any balance not paid in full or registrations made within one week prior to the start of the session will pay an additional \$25 fee.

First-Time Camper Discount: First time campers are welcomed

with a \$25 discount.

Multi-Child Discount: Families that register more than two campers from their immediate family or legal guardian will receive a \$25 discount per additional camper. Applies to the 3rd or more child.

Multi-Week Discount: The second week is only \$199! Only applies to campers in 5th through 9th grades.







FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMP

If you would like your child to attend camp this summer, but have concerns that you will not be able to pay for part or all of the camper fee, we do not want that to hinder your child from attending camp. Please see Dottie Grillo if you would like to receive financial assistance from the church. You will then need to go to www.manatawny.org and register your child for camp. During the registration process, you will have an opportunity to indicate that you will be receiving a sponsorship from our church. It is important that you indicate you are receiving a sponsorship (not a campship) from the Pitman Road Church of Christ, and the

amount of the sponsorship so that you will be charged the correct balance, if any, at the end of the registration. After you have completed the registration process, you must let Dottie know so that she can make sure the balance is paid before your child arrives at camp.

For members who are willing and able to contribute to sending a Pitman Road child to camp this summer, this would be the appropriate time to let Dottie know. This summer's base camp fee is \$325, but there may be discounts that may apply depending on each particular child's eligibility. Write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, note "camp sponsorship" on the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie.

Join Us TONIGHT!

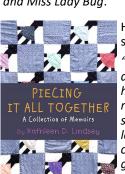


Time to Spring Ahead!



Piecing it all Together

Kat Lindsey just released her autobiography called *Piecing it all Together: A Collection of Memoirs.* This is her 6th published book along with *Sweet Potato Pie, Run, Faredy, Run: Secrets to Freedom, Rags and Duty Shoes, Miss Mattie's Aprons, and Miss Lady Bug.*



Here is a brief synopsis:

"My journey began when I was just about able to remember. I've encountered many hardships along some route less, bumpy roads and I cherished my directional routes set before me by my Heavenly Father. I learned to grow during the most challenging times. Through faith, love, grace, and much prayer, I learned to piece and mend my tattered soul, all in the name of Jesus Christ." - Kat

This book will be available for purchase on **March 5** at locations such as Barns and Noble, Amazon, eBay, and most Christian book stores. **If you would like an autographed copy please see Kat!**

Secret Sister Revealing Party POSTPONED!

The Secret Sister Revealing Party that was supposed to take place this past Saturday was postponed due to illness in the DeStefano household.



The party has been rescheduled for this Saturday, March 9 at 1:00 pm. It will still be taking place at the home of S

will still be taking place at the home of Stephanie DeStefano.

Just as before, if you are unable to attend the party, please be sure that your gift is given to Dottie or to Stephanie so that you are "revealed" to your Secret Sister along with everyone else. Lynne Sbaraglia is still driving the church van to Hammonton. It will depart from the church parking lot at 12:15 pm. Please contact Dottie and let her know if you will ride in the van.

Women's Prayer Program



The Women's Prayer Program "Grace Under Fire" had 130 women from all over the state ON FIRE for the Lord! Mary Collier, who coordinated the event, had a full day of worship, fellowship, and fun planned, along with providing the women with

a phenomenal guest speaker, Margaret Robertson (pictured above).

We would like to thank **Mary** for coordinating the event, and for putting in the time and effort to ensure that this day went as planned. We would also like to extend gratitude to the countless others who came together and made this day a success.

A Special Thank You

Grace Under Fire; what an empowered theme to have to start our 2019 year off with. To have a speaker Margaret Robertson from Virginia who delivered a powerful message, the singing that was led by our own sisters, and the powerful delivery of the song "Let the Spirit of the Lord" which was led by our guest song leader, Patricia Williams. The harmonious sound from all the sisters that were present from many of our sister congregations, and from the friends and relatives invited. As we lifted GOD up in praise, the "Holy Spirit" guided our actions and words. Praise Him, praise Him; we know that GOD alone is worthy to be Praised. I bow and stand in honor of the sisters and teens that came together and made this Prayer Program a success. Please know that some of these sisters and teens stepped out for the first time. I want to give a special thank you to our teens, Maggie Mansdoerfer, Brianna Peoples, and Miranda Yanzuk, our cheering coordinator, **Libby Mansdoerfer**, and to the men, **Larry**

> Peterson, Leonard Collier, Terry Rhymes, Ray Holmes, Tony DeStefano, Anthony DeStefano, and Steve Pierre-Jacques.

AGAIN, I SAY THANK YOU TO ALL, Grace Under Fire, Coordinator, *Mary P. Collier*

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	108
Worship	187
LIFE Groups	91
Wednesday	31

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Elder on Call for March and April: Horatio Fenton

Serving Us Today

Nursery Hope DeStefano Kids For Christ Tina Broyles Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfe

Jr. Worship Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance Joe Marshall

Greeters: Back Entrance Corny & Phyllis Walker

Information Center Jackie Fenton

Ushers John & Corey Peoples

Shepherd's Call Mike Broyles
Song Leader Garth Hutchinson

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Mychajlowyczs' at non	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
Covenant	Refuge at 5:30 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	Refuge at 5:30 pm	609-320-9260
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	Walkers' at 12:30 pm	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 Adults	Hutchinsons' Fri. at 6:30 pm/ REFUGE Sunday	856-381-9095
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

Find Us on Social Media:







This Week's Prayer Requests

<u>Sunday Morning Requests for Prayer:</u> Anne Peoples suffered a stroke, but is responding well to early treatment.

Prayer Requests:

Clare Hightower has just been diagnosed with breast cancer. Doctors are confident that they have caught it early. She has a consultation on Monday.

Dorothy Cunningham, Brenda Peoples' mother, is back in the hospital with pneumonia. This is complicated by other health issue.

Harriet Wensel requested prayers for her daughter-in-law Nancy Mathis-Anastasi who was hospitalized with an infection.
Barbara Robinson requested prayers for her father, Marion Jacobs, for continued recovery. He is now in a rehabilitation hospital.

Doug Oliver, doctors are concerned about new issues. Further testing will be done in coming days.

Carol Killeen, Dianne Perales' sister, treatment for breast cancer. **Gwen Phillips** has been hospitalized again. More complications and pain. She requests no visits or phone calls at this time.

Dwight Thompson is weak and continues treatment.

Elinda Hunter, treatment pending.

Rich Rinnie is at a rehabilitation facility after triple bypass surgery and post-surgical complications. Jo Ann requests no visitors. Meals are appreciated.

Anne Peoples is recovering from surgery for a fractured hip. Cards and calls at the rehabilitation facility: Manor Care, Health Services, 5651 Limestone Road, Wilmington, DE 19808. Room 178 B; cell # 302-634-0792; Manor Care # 302-239-8583

Bill Carney, Barbara's husband, still at Atrium rehabilitation in Woodbury.

Please continue to remember in your prayers Judy Fitzpatrick, Larry Kellum, Sr., Gwen Phillip, Dwight Thompson, Linda Prenger, Patti Frambes, and Doug Oliver as they receive treatment for/recover from cancer, as well as Kareem Rutledge, Jr. and Je'Ani Lyles in their rehabilitation/recovery from life changing injuries.



I misplaced a small plastic zip bag that had 6 quilted trivets in it. If anyone finds this bag, please turn it in to the office to either Dottie or Kate. Much appreciated! - *Mary Collier*



We greatly appreciate any and all donations to our food pantry! However, we ask that you **please do not donate expired food**. We are unable to give expired goods away, and it takes extra time to sort through and pull them out. Thanks in advance!

Please join us for a GIFT CARD SHOWER

celebrating the birth of

Xzavier Rodriguez

in honor of parents

Gabriel & Justice

Sunday, March 17, 2019, Immediately After Worship In the Family Life Center

Recommended Gift Cards: Target, Walmart, or Buy Buy Baby