



PITMAN ROAD

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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All Saints Dinner

Saturday, April 13, 2019
from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Family Life Center

Everyone 55+ is welcome to attend!

COME AND ENJOY A NIGHT OF FOOD, FUN, AND
FELLOWSHIP WITH OUR TEENS!

Please RSVP to Melody Davis by text, call, or email.

Easter egg hunt

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

- For children ages 0 to 12 years old
- Dinner served at 5:30 pm and Egg Hunt begins at 6:30 pm
- Photos with the Easter Bunny directly after Egg Hunt
- Bring a basket to collect your eggs. (Bags will be provided if you don't have one.)

Invite a friend!

Invitation cards are available at the Welcome Center

Please sign up by Sunday, April 14th if you plan to attend. Donations of candy and/or money are appreciated, and can be given to Aaron or Jenn Pearl. Adults are asked to please accompany their children throughout festivities.



Congratulations, Luke Olley! We are so proud of you!

Last Sunday, Luke informed our congregation that he finally heard back from the Marion Military Institute, one of only four Military Junior Colleges that prepares students for one of the Service Academies (such as West Point) in the United States. Unfortunately, he was informed that there are no spots available for him. However, he was then told that this is because he does not need to go to Marion, and is instead being appointed to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York! Way to go, Luke!



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

"But God..."



Do you really, in your heart of hearts, believe the following?

⁸ "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. ⁹ "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." **Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)**

Isaiah the prophet spoke these words when God's people were in a mess.; a big mess. (But that's a story for another day.) Just believe me when I say, Isaiah, the messianic prophet, addressed God's people when they were in the pits of despair with no way out. They were weary!



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

A burden wearing me down for the last eight years has been our missing "Certificate of Occupancy." We have been here in the building legally, but every year we've had to renew our temporary CO. It's been expensive and an aggravating nuisance. "What was the issue?" you may ask. Two things: 1) The letter of the law was not exactly fulfilled regarding our original blue prints as it pertained to lighting at the back of the building. That is, we've always have plenty of light in the rear of the building, but it was not provided exactly as the original drawings were shown. The "spirit of the law" was met, but not the "letter of the law". 2) The "retention ponds" never did function exactly as they were designed to function. So at considerable expense, with new drawings, approvals from at least four government agencies (township, county, state and federal), minor revisions, and minor excavation, we changed the "retention ponds" to "detention ponds."

Mantua Township called last week to say, "you're approved; you can come and pick up your CO in two days." Two days later I called to make sure the CO was ready...and I was redirected to another office. The other office informed me that we could not have the CO until the Fire Inspector inspected open permits. These open permits had been open since 2011, which no one else knew about. Thankfully, the fire inspector did his inspection last Tuesday. **So, after eight long years, I picked up the finally approved C. O. this past Wednesday morning.** Only in NJ!

"But God...", **Dan the C. O. Man**

"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord."

Isaiah 55:8
ESV



Derrick Busch
Minister

"When we are afraid, and we will be, we are to turn to Jesus."

We're All A Mess

So Much Fear and Anxiety - Ed Welch

One pastoral goal is to make Scripture meaningful so that it speaks to everyday struggles. Among these everyday struggles, it's likely that fear and anxiety top your list. *Fear and anxiety express our fragility more than our sin.* The world is a scary place and we are finite and weak people. Our power is limited to the Spirit's enabling us to trust Jesus and love others. Other than our personal faith and obedience, we control very little. As such, a prominent passage on anxiety says, "fear not, *little flock*" **Luke 12:32**. *Little flock* is an unequivocal reference to our frailty and weakness.

What might confuse us is the command, "fear not." But the Greek command is much more than an imperious or arrogant edict or law. In the Sermon on the Mount, such words are invitations to trust Jesus as he continually demonstrates his compassion for the poor and powerless.

So the fearful and anxious come to the God who is familiar with our weakness. He is our sympathetic and compassionate high priest. Expect to hear gentle encouragement. Expect to hear the patient repetition of his greatest promise, **"I am with you."**

Also expect that you will have *more* anxieties as you get older. Our fears identify those things that are important to us—things such as acceptance, finances, love, health, and the well-being of those we love. These are best understood as ordinary human desires, which the Lord takes seriously. When these are under siege, we should expect to be anxious. The reason they might increase as we age is that health becomes more brittle, we are less able to fend for ourselves in the job market, and we love more people and have concerns for their welfare.

Turn to Jesus. If there is anything close to a command about fear in Scripture, it would be this. *When we are afraid, and we will be, we are to turn to Jesus.*

Stay tuned for the conclusion to this powerful life changing heart-set from Ed Welch.

- Derrick

RSVP By THIS Friday!

Ladies' Day

"You are a work in progress..."

April 13, 2019
At Church of Christ of West Chester
 1326 Park Avenue, West Chester, PA 19380

8:30 am- Registration
9:00 am- Program
12:00 pm- Luncheon

Contact **Mazie Lowery** by phone at **609-696-8174** or by e-mail at **amandacreekcreative@gmail.com**

Register Online:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-ladies-day-tickets-58831903808>

RSVP BY APRIL 5TH, 2019

Men's Bowling Fellowship



Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm

We are offering yet another opportunity for men to come together and fellowship. We will be hosting monthly bowling gatherings. Let's come together for a little competition, laughter, and fun!

Westbrook Lanes Family Bowling Center

1 Creek Road, Brooklawn, NJ 08030

For more information, call **Justin Guy** at 609-468-2208

Easter Eve Breakfast- HELP NEEDED!

We are not cooking at our church, however, **WE REALLY NEED HELP SETTING UP AND SERVING!** Please contact Harriet Wensel by text or phone call if you are able to help, and to discuss times needed. Thank you!

The Pitman Council of Churches
 invites you to an

Easter Eve Breakfast

Saturday, April 20, 2019 at 9:00 am
 at Pitman Road Church of Christ

500 Pitman Road, Sewell, NJ 08080
 across from the Pitman Golf Course

featuring guest speakers
Dare Euler and **Paul Blass**

"CREATION CARE"
The Christian's Responsibility to Care for the Earth

If you are interested in attending, see Kate Ikeorha for tickets.

Men's Bible Study TOMORROW Evening!



This Monday evening, from 7:00 - 8:15 pm, the Men's Bible Study group will be featuring the **Book of Revelation**. This group is regularly attended by men from the church and several visitors from the area. We meet in **The Conference Room**. Snacks, coffee, and other hot beverages will be served. This week

we plan to watch an 8 minute YouTube video presentation by "Read Scripture" before studying the text. **Please join us for this wonderful time of fellowship, bible study, and prayer.**

Registration Ends TODAY!



Work & Worship Weekend: April 12-14

Camp Manatawny is looking for volunteers to help get Camp ready for the summer. Join us for a weekend of work, worship, and fellowship. There will be all kinds of work available for all different talents. Needs include but are not

limited to: cleaning cabins and mattresses, cleaning the kitchen and dining hall, raking and landscaping, and general maintenance. Not able to clean or help with outdoor work? We can also use help cooking and serving meals throughout the weekend. For more information, visit **www.manatawny.org/annual-work-day**. For questions and registration, please send an e-mail to **stacy.drum@yahoo.com**.

NEXT Sunday at 5:30 pm!

REFUGE

Ed Cerquoni
"FAITH"

ALL ARE WELCOME
 COME AS YOU ARE
SUNDAY 4:7 | 5:30PM
 CORNERSTONE-LIFE GROUP

Junior/Senior High Retreat at Camp



April 26-27 for Grades 7-12

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 13th!

Family Promise- HELP NEEDED!



Family Promise
Host Week



PITMAN ROAD
 CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, April 21 – Sunday, April 28

MANY volunteer positions are still available for our next **Family Promise Host Week**:

Sunday, 4/21: Evening Host (Need 2)
 Overnight Host (Need 2)

Wednesday, 4/24: Overnight Host (Need 2)

Saturday, 4/27: Evening Driver (Need 1)

Sunday, 4/28: Breakdown (Need 2 or more)

Please see **John Ashton**, our coordinator, in the lobby TODAY to volunteer, or call him at **609-214-8522**.

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	127
Worship	182
LIFE Groups	135
Wednesday	NC

This Week's Prayer Requests

Praise: **Luke Olley** has been appointed to the United States Military Academy, West Point, NY!

Prayer Requests:

John Grillo fractured his hip. Recovering from surgery.

16 year old daughter of Aurelia, friend of Kelly Spencer, had a mini stroke which led to the discovery of a lesion on her brain.

Dennis Hobbs, a friend and coworker of Troy Spencer, collapsed at work and found out that he has brain cancer. His prognosis and course of action are to be determined.

Je'Ani Lyles is back at John Hopkins in ICU with blood clots.

Doug Oliver, doctors discovered a mass on his liver. Liver biopsy was this past Wednesday.

Patty Ollek, Sandy Sheehan's cousin, diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer and just had surgery. Will start chemo in 5 weeks. Cards would be deeply appreciated: *8 Oakwood Ave., Key Largo, FL 33037.*

David Balitz, friend of Sandy Sheehan, has stage 3 colon cancer and is doing chemo.

Dorice E. Mitchell, Katherine Cooper's dad, was admitted to the hospital in Nashville with congestive heart failure as well as sepsis. He is very weak.

Clare Hightower, diagnosed with breast cancer. Received a good prognosis. Had same-day surgery that was very successful.

Karelle Pierre-Jacques' surgery went well and she is home recovering. She has gone back to work.

Cliff Dando, suffering with vertigo. Waiting to see a specialist.

Friends of Imani Johnson lost everything in a house fire.

John Schofield is starting to walk again after having a stroke.

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

Carol Killeen, Dianne Perales' sister, treatment for breast cancer.

Gwen Phillips is home and had her last radiation on Tuesday. She will be beginning chemo again soon.

Dwight Thompson is weak and continues treatment.

Elinda Hunter, began radiation treatment for breast cancer.

Rich Rinnie is now home after 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, delayed recovery from open heart surgery.

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.

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Elder on Call for March and April: Mike Broyles

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Robin Steward
Kids For Christ	Yvonne Pearl
Jr. Worship	Brian Mansdoerfer
Greeters: Front Entrance	Steve & Jane DePrince
Greeters: Back Entrance	George & Cookie Rowe
Information Center	Rebecca Lazar
Ushers	Dave Perine & Justin Guy
Shepherd's Call	Brian Holden
Song Leader	Garth Hutchinson

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
Covenant	Mychajlowyczs' at 5:30 pm	908-294-4056
Hammonton	DeStefanos' at 1 pm	609-705-6031
Life Challenges	Church Bldg. room B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Solid Gold	Not meeting this week.	
Teens	Not meeting this week.	
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' Friday at 6:30 pm	856-381-9095
Young Married	Church Bldg. at noon	856-899-9466

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"I don't even know how to write this. I am asking for prayers for one of my 7th graders. This past Wednesday, one of my students lost both of her parents in a senseless act of violence. Please pray for

this young girl and her sister as they cope with such a life changing event. I am also asking for prayers for my entire school community— as we grieve with the family."

-Elizabeth Lazar