



## Another Wonderful Memorial Day Picnic!

We are so thankful for the opportunity to come together and celebrate Memorial Day! We enjoyed a day full of good food, fun activities, and most importantly, fellowship with one another and our visitors. What an awesome day we were blessed with!

We would like to send a huge thank you to all of those who worked together to make the Memorial Day Picnic a success! Thank you to those who helped with set up and decorations the night before. Thanks to so many who cooked and contributed food. And, thank you to all those who helped set up and serve the food! A big thank you goes to our grill masters who made sure we were well taken care of. We thank Paul Stanford for setting the tone for the day with his words of encouragement, enlightenment, and prayer. Thank you to all those named and unnamed for a job well done. To God be the glory!

Also, congratulations to the winner of this year's Memorial Day Frisbee Golf Competition, **Joel Irizarry**! His prize for getting the lowest score in Frisbee Golf was a \$20 Shop-rite gift card. Great job, Joel



Left to Right: **Chase Corey, Dan Cooper, Ashley Corey, Caden Corey**



A delicious, patriotic dessert made by **Andrea Olley**! YUM!



Thank you, **Paul Stanford**.



**Joel Irizarry**, the winner of this year's Memorial Day Frisbee Golf Competition.

## A Successful Outside Work Day!



To those of you who showed up for the outside work day, I truly appreciate the level of intensity that you all put forth during the work day. I was greatly impressed by how much we accomplished in the hours that we worked. Your efforts were noticed and made a huge difference! Many thanks for a job well done!  
- **Bud Britton**

### Impressive Work Day Progress

Thank you to **Bud Britton** for coordinating this work day, and thank you to every single person who helped with the work.

Somewhere between 2 and 3 dozen were here, and they made a huge impact on what people see when they drive past or walk into our building.

Note the completed check list to the right. Most of these jobs were completed by those 50 and over. *Wouldn't it be great if those 50 and younger would finish up the unchecked jobs?*

Who will coordinate that?  
- **Dan Cooper**

### Outside

- ☒ Unplug pipe in upper detention pond - you will get wet
- ☒ Unplug pipe in lower detention pond - you will get wet
- ☒ Edge around all flower beds before mulching them
- ☒ Mulch all flower beds...after they are edged
- ☐ Pull grass from around base of all trees
- ☒ Plant flowers / bushes
- ☒ Weed and cut back bushes in flower bed under carport
- ☐ Spray Round up around fence line in back.
- ☐ Power wash around glass doors on both sides
- ☒ Paint 4 x 8 sheets of paneling - paint provided
- ☒ Paint 4 x 8 sheets of paneling (2<sup>nd</sup> coat) - paint provided
- ☐ Paint or stain park benches @ main doors
- ☐ 1/2 Blow entire parking lot clean, using leaf blower
- ☒ Set up Frisbee golf course / 6 holes

### Inside

- ☒ Finish framing around door in Church Pantry
- ☒ Finish Dan's office wall
- ☒ Assemble Chair Caddy

## Our Mission

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

# From Daniel's Den

## "My Final Sermon as a Full Time Minister!"

I have been a full-time preacher for 46 years. I started in July, 1973 at the Vineland Church of Christ. And next Sunday, June 9, will be my final sermon as a full-time preacher. I have been a full-time preacher at Pitman Road since our family moved here on November 1, 1984, 34 ½ years. Only God knows how many sermons I've preached, how many classes I've taught, how many elders meetings I've attended, and how many weddings, funerals, and baptisms I've performed in those 46 years of full-time ministry.

Now, do not read too much into that paragraph above because I am not quitting! I am partially retiring. And, I still have lots of work to do and I am eagerly anticipating the next phase of my life as a "Connections Minister." In fact, in many ways, I still feel like some of my best years as a disciple of Jesus Christ and Christian worker are still ahead of me.

Still, I am inviting all members, all former members, and all of my friends to be present next Sunday, June 9, when I preach my final sermon as a full-time minister. Would you honor me with your presence? I will accept your presence on June 9<sup>th</sup> as a great gift. I have a message on my heart for you. And, it is a message that will look both backwards and forwards. God is in this, and of that I have no doubt!

Jay Schneider recently quipped, "You don't have to worry about getting fired!" He's right. I will speak my heart. I will share what I feel like I did right, and what I wish I'd done better. I will boldly challenge you in your walk with the Lord. I will boldly call everyone present to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. I will be emotional! I will preach out of a heart of conviction and passion.

Finally, I will call Derrick and Joey forward for a time of prayer and blessing. I look forward to seeing you.

*- Dan the "Serving", "Connecting", "Ministering" Preacher Man*



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

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**Derrick Busch**  
**Minister**

**ALL ABOUT  
GOD'S  
GLORY!**

## We're All A Mess

### Welcome Peachers!

Welcome to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, a body of believers known for its love! Brenda and I would like to give you our personal greeting and vow of support as your family answers the call of God to the New Jersey area according to the will of God! As you begin to settle in, it is natural (as you well know) to have tons of questions and unforeseen situations arise, and that's okay! Please know that Brenda and I, along with the Coopers, are here to help your transition unfold into ALL that God intends as we all team together for God's glory! Brenda and I have been immensely blessed and continue to be blessed by partnering with Dan and Katherine, and we desire to pass that wealth of good insight on to you as you settle in. We are very excited to see God's plans unfold with our new ministry team!

As I, Derrick, think about this transition and new ministry opportunities for our families, for Dottie and Kate in the control center, and the Pitman Road body as a whole, there is one thought that continuously gives me perspective; it's ALL ABOUT GOD'S GLORY! God and His plans alone are our focal point and the ONLY thing that matters! This transition is NOT about Brenda and I, Dan and Katherine, Joey and Callie, Dottie and Kate, nor the Pitman Body; rather, it's ALL about God and His glory, God and His plans, Amen? I'm reminded of **Romans 11:36** "For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen."

This perspective should generate great excitement, expectation, and a peace as we all actively wait to see God's plans unfold!

Again, welcome Peachers and may God bless you with wisdom and insight in your service to our faithful and loving God! - **Derrick & Brenda**

## Peru Mission Trip Departs Tomorrow!

**John & Kathy Ashton** are off to Peru, Trip # 19 for Kathy, trip #7 for John. Kathy does medical end of the trip with her nursing expertise and John provides maintenance for the entire team. They always meet a friend of Kathy's who lives in Lima, and that friend serves as one of the translators. This summer they are working in Chimbote, just north of Lima. In addition to providing for the medical needs of the locals, they will be working to establish a new church in the village. There has never before been a Church of Christ in this village. They leave tomorrow from Philadelphia and fly to Montreal; then from Montreal they have a direct flight to Lima, Peru. If all goes as planned, they will be returning on Monday, June, 17<sup>th</sup>. In past years, Clay Olley and Jenna DeStefano traveled to Peru on a similar mission trip. Already, John and Kathy are generating interest in next year's mission trip to Peru, about the same time of the year. For next year, Diamandi Roots and Dan Cooper are tentatively signed up. We will have a special time of prayer and commissioning this Sunday at the close of our assembly time.

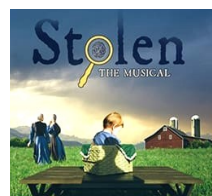


A message from *Dan Cummings*,  
**KALUKEMBE MISSION HOSPITAL:**  
**A REFLECTION ON CONTENTMENT.**

Dan and his family are missionaries to Angola, Africa.

ALL ARE WELCOME  
 COME AS YOU ARE  
**SUNDAY 6:2 | 5:30PM**  
 CORNERSTONE LIFE GROUP

REFUGE



The money for the bus trip to see "Stolen" at Bird-In-Hand Stage in Lancaster County, Pa. is due by June 15th. The cost is \$87 for adults and \$57 for children (ages 4-12). The show is Saturday, 9/28. Cost includes bus, show, and dinner at Bird-In-Hand Family Restaurant. Contact **Brian Holden** for more info.



There will be break from Munchkin Ministry for the summer at the end of June, so the last day will be June 30th. We will resume on Sunday mornings in the Fall.

**choices**  
 OF THE HEART

"Choices of the Heart" Baby Bottle Campaign- NOW through June 16!

Wondering how you can share the love of God with women and families facing a crisis pregnancy? "Choices of the Heart" in Turnersville helps women find alternatives to ending the life of their unborn child by surrounding them with love and a full range of free services. We can help them continue being the hands and feet of Jesus by raising funds in a creative way! Here's how:

**Please pick up a baby bottle TODAY from a teen in the church foyer** and fill it with spare change (dollars and checks will fit also). Filled bottles can be returned any Sunday through June 16th. **Important Note:** "Choices of the Heart" does not perform abortions nor refer clients for abortions. It seeks to help them find alternative choices...thus the name, "Choices of the Heart."

- **Diana Hutchinson**

### New Summer Quarter Bible Classes for June, July, and August begin TODAY.

Please see the posters at each end of the lobby for a listing of all adult classes offered on Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights.



Teachers will be traveling, moving college students, and volunteering at camp in June, July, and August. **The children's ministry is looking for substitute cradle roll, preschool, and elementary teachers to help this summer on Sunday**

**mornings from 9:00-9:45.** Curriculum is provided. This is a great opportunity for college students to serve while home on break. Please let **Robin Steward** know how you can help. Thank you!

**You're Invited**  
 Sunday, June 2, 2019

Join us for a graduation party honoring **Sarah Elizabeth Pearl**

Time: 2:00pm - 6:00pm  
Location: 687 Garden Road, Pittsgrove, NJ 08318

(RSVP by May 25, 2019 at 609-805-2186)

## Letter from Debbie Lancaster to The Members at Pitman Road Church of Christ- May 26, 2019

Good Morning to you, My Brothers and Sisters in Christ, at Pitman Road,

I want to take this opportunity to thank this church body for all you have done for Max and me over these past four months. In January, following our first-in-our-lifetime cruise, I was diagnosed with Pneumonia. In the week following, my breathing deteriorated further. I entered UPenn ER diagnosed with Influenza A. This flu wanted to kill me at times, for I would be on the floor gasping for air. Perhaps some of you have had breathing issues and know about this. It is akin to a drowning feeling. Several times, Max thought I was not going to make it through the breathing spasms. At times, I did not help by telling Max I was going to die that night! Overall, I went to ER three times, hospitalized once, saw more doctors than I have fingers and toes, had more CAT Scans than there are days in the week, and more blood tests than there are stars in the sky. (Or so it seemed!) Over February, March, and April, Influenza subsided, but evolved into Asthma, and then into severe Bronchitis. UPenn Doctors at this point indicated they really were not sure exactly what my diagnosis was, as Influenza morphs into all sorts of strange lung/breathing issues. On May 1, their plan was a very high dosage of a steroid, Prednisone, for a month and then review. Prednisone makes me cry at the drop of a hat about absolutely nothing. And, makes me eat all the time! Max was with me every step of the way and that was not easy. He would push me to stop talking (Really tough!), to rest, to understand that this was rugged now, but would pass over time. Actually, I may be a little hyper like Dan Cooper because I always awoke early to go to the gym, swim my one mile, walk my 12K steps, but not these last four months. Major fatigue and breathing failure was my daily foe. Our UPenn review was this past Thursday and I have sharply improved. I will continue to take my "beloved" Prednisone at a declining rate for another five weeks, and hopefully normalcy will have returned. I will even welcome those facial wrinkles back that Prednisone fixed temporarily! This is how the servants of Jesus Christ from Pitman Road Church of Christ saved my life. As Dan preached recently, "Are you prepared to serve?" This church began praying for us. It began with our Tuesday ladies Bible class, LIFE Groups, my secret sister, men's prayer groups, men's Bible class, the Elders, preachers, and many more of you. I know this because you sent us cards telling us you were praying on my behalf. You came to our home in Monmouth County to be with me when Max needed to go to work, you brought a week of home cooked meals multiple times; you had food delivered from our local restaurants. A beautiful basket of goodies was delivered with my favorite teas, soups, candies and cookies, gift cards to feel better and go out to eat, and great books to help pass my quiet times. Each time I would be discouraged, you lifted me up. All of the cards, texts, and phone call were so appreciated. This church has proven "You are created for service". You were called and equipped to help save my life.

I love you ALL. - **Debbie** PS: We closed this week on a home just 6 minutes from this building!

## 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	NC
Worship	210
LIFE Groups	NA
Wednesday	NA

## This Week's Prayer Requests

### Prayer Requests:

**Marlene Patterson**, diagnosed with colon cancer. Please pray for her and her son, Evan.

**Patty Ollek**, Sandy Sheehan's cousin, went for her cancer check-up to get ready for chemo and her cancer is in remission!

**Jerry Rizzuto**, diagnosed with aggressive prostate cancer. They are still getting opinions on what to do for treatment.

**Zach Rizzuto** will finish his current chemo in August, and will have another MRI in June.

**Eddie**, son of Debbie Camorata's friend/coworker, having several very serious health issues. Looking at liver transplant.

**Carol Killeen**, Dianne Perales' sister, is having surgery for breast cancer Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Dante**, husband of Sandy Sheehan's friend, Nancy, fell at work and sustained a traumatic brain injury. He has a long way to go.

**Rich Gray**, co-worker of Tammy Cerquoni, was sent to the University of Penn to get surgery for a spot in his brain.

**Rebecca Reimels**, Joyce Reimels' granddaughter, facing a crisis.

**Dorothy Cunningham**, Brenda People's mom, is home but continues to face serious health issues. Brenda is still there with her mom.

Please pray for Brenda as she cares for her mother and her brother.

**Jayne Schofield**, right wrist broken and casted. Having serious problems with her left ear and jaw due to bone deterioration.

**Je'Ani Lyles and Carla Ortiz**, health insurance battles.

**Clare Hightower**, just completed radiation treatment.

**Patti Frambes**, minor growth in tumor, however, doctors are optimistic. Resumed chemotherapy.

**Wilma Gillespie**, Elinda Hunter's mom, continued prayers requested for issues with her heart.

**Angel Bobe, Sr.**, continuing to suffer breathing complications.

**Alan Cattier**, friend of the Points, is a recent widower who has mobility issues. Things are progressing very slowly as he is prepared for surgery. May take a few months before surgery is safe for him.

**Doug Oliver**, is receiving treatment at Cancer Treatment Centers of America. Requesting prayers for further upcoming decisions.

**David Balitz**, friend of Sandy Sheehan, stage 3 colon cancer. Is continuing with 46 hours of straight chemo every other week with no side effects. He returned to work and will continue chemo.

**Cliff Dando** says thank you for your prayers and he will begin therapy for his vertigo soon.

**Elinda Hunter**, changing from radiation to a pill form of treatment.

**Anne Peoples** is recovering from surgery and a stroke at home.

Cards and calls appreciated: cell # 302-634-0792

Please continue to pray for **Larry Kellum, Sr.**, and **Linda Prenger**, as they receive treatment for/recover from cancer, as well as **Kareem Rutledge, Jr.** and **Je'Ani Lyles** in their rehabilitation/recovery.

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**Elder on Call for May and June: Horatio Fenton**

## Serving Us Today

Nursery	Hope DeStefano
Kids For Christ	Debby Durham/Tina Broyles
Jr. Worship	<b>Summer Break</b>
Greeters: Front Entrance	Corny & Phyllis Walker
Greeters: Back Entrance	Mark Frock & Pat Monteleone
Information Center	Shachara Adams
Ushers	Dave & Annette Perine
Shepherd's Call	Garth Hutchinson
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

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## Thank You

Just wanted you and the church family to know that the doctor called **Judy** with the results of the PET-scan she had last week and the results were, **no cancer anywhere**. Thank you all for your prayers. I know God is responsible and answered those prayers. She still has some swelling in her throat, but she is starting to be able to drink and will be trying to have soup and other easy to eat food. Please keep her in your prayers so when she goes for the next scan they will take the feeding tube out. Thanks and God bless all of you. **-Chris Fitzpatrick**

I have all the cards and read the prayers that have been sent daily. The support is what keeps me fighting. Thank you. Love you all. **-Patty Ollek**

We would like to give a big thank you to all who made our Memorial Day Picnic a success. (You know who you are! ☺)

**-Tony and Stephanie DeStefano and Larry and Lisa Peterson**



## You're Invited

### Sunday, June 23

Please join us for a graduation and going away blessing for **Luke Olley** on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Family Life Center immediately following worship.

We'll have refreshments, cake, and a time of blessing to share scriptures, prayers, words of advice, and encouragement. Luke reports to The United States Military Academy at West Point on July 1<sup>st</sup>.