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Send Love at Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving cards for our members who have moved, missionaries, guest speakers, military, and continuing financial supporters will be available in the lobby for us to sign **starting next Sunday, October 27, through Sunday, November 17**. This is a tradition that is somewhat unique to the Pitman Road Church of Christ. The recipients of cards are always so appreciative that we have taken the time to remember them during this season of thanks.



Please take a moment starting NEXT Sunday to stop at the tables in the lobby and jot down a note of encouragement, thanks, and love to these special people! Once again, a big thank you goes out to **Janet Betts** and her team for creating the beautiful and special cards.



Operation Christmas Child

Once again this year, we have an opportunity to bless a child in need with a gift for the holiday season. If you haven't heard yet, we are filling boxes this year 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! You can go to **samaritanspurse.org** to learn more about this project and how to pack a shoe box, or see **Tina Broyles** and the Operation Christmas Child displays in the lobby. **Bring your box and \$9.00 for shipping by the deadline, Sunday, November 17th!**



Our Mission

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

From Daniel's Den

Quick Update: Elders / Ministers Annual "Shore" Meeting!

For most of the last 35 years, your elders and ministers have been "going to the shore" each Fall, to both reflect and to plan, pray, and prepare for the coming year(s). Over those years, we have met in at least four different homes, provided by generous host families. John Rucker, Jim Daniel, Frank Rizzuto, and I attended the first planning meeting. Since that first meeting, over four dozen elders, deacons, and ministers have attended those meetings. It is always one of my favorite week-ends of the year!

This year, we did not meet at the shore! None of our regular shore meeting locations were available. Camp Manatawny invited us to use their wonderful facilities and they hosted our meeting there. We had beautiful weather, wonderful food, great facilities, and we addressed some tough issues, even as a wonderful spirit characterized the meeting, beginning to end. I love our elders.

Among the many items that we observed is that people are dying and people are moving out of NJ, and our church statistics reflect that fact. In the last ten years, we have lost 59 people due to moves out of state. During that same time, we have lost 22 people due to deaths. Obviously, we had no control over either of those.

So, what is our response to be? We believe that God always does His best work in the midst of difficult times. We believe that God placed us here "for such a time as this" and we must not keep silent (Esther 4:14). Among other things, we (the elders and ministers) are planning to **meet individually with members (MWM)**. As our banners say, we are committing to connect with JESUS, FAMILY, and OTHERS. We are "all in" on our mission of meeting people where they are and together being transformed into the image of Christ. Also, be watching for an exciting new emphasis on what happens "Between the Sundays!"

Determined to help our church be...a place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all! And your participation in this process is vital.

- Dan the Connections Man



Dan Cooper
aka
"Dan, Dan,
the Preacherman"

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Derrick Busch
Minister

"How sweet
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- Psalm 119:103

We're All A Mess

"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth" (Psalm 119:103)

I'm developing, with GREAT pleasure and spiritual fulfillment the habit of reading the Psalm that matches the date. For example, today is October 20th. So, sometime today I will find a quiet place and read and journey with Psalm 20. Obviously this way of taking in the Word of God did not originate with me; perhaps this is your practice already. If it is, please let me know and let's encourage one another to continue! Now, I must be transparent and let you know that I do struggle with consistency. But, if I miss a day using this method, I simply pick-up with whatever day it is! I love living a "non-legalistic" life!

So, on October 11th I read and journaled with **Psalm 11**. What a blessing! God's Word is so sweet! The words and phrases that impacted and challenged me at the time were: In the LORD I take refuge... ..the upright in heart..., "The LORD is in His holy temple; the LORD is on His heavenly throne. "For the LORD is righteous, He loves justice; the upright will see His face," just to point out a few.

For brevity sake, I was ultimately challenged by verse one, "In the LORD I take refuge." I asked myself, if I truly take refuge (my safety, my protection) in the LORD, the world around and possibly even the company that I keep will question this stance and even encourage me to take refuge in something else instead of my LORD; even if it's encouragement to take refuge in my plans that direct my heart away from my ultimate refuge; the LORD!

This Psalm is very real! It calls me (and you) to take refuge in the LORD even in the very real midst of danger from others, when the foundations as we know them are being destroyed, because the LORD promises that the upright will see His face. This method of taking in the Word of God leads to this conclusion, **"How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth."** (Psalm 119:103)

- Derrick

THIS Saturday, October 26!

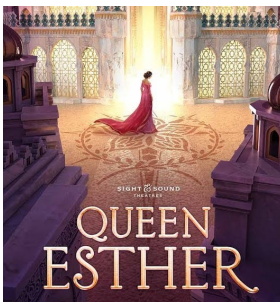


CAMP MANATAWNY - 5K Trail Run/Walk
We are also adding a free 1-mile fun run!
Saturday, October 26 at 9:00 am
All ages and ability levels welcome! Race begins and ends at Camp Manatawny. Rain or shine.

Cost: **\$20** (if you register online by midnight on October 23)
\$25 (for walk-on registration the day of)

* All 5K online registrants will receive a FREE Manatawny 5K T-shirt. (Walk on registrants are subject to availability.)

Can't be at camp on October 26? Be a virtual runner! Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for information!



We have a bus trip scheduled to see "Queen Esther" at Sight & Sound Theatre on **Saturday, April 4, 2020**. The cost is \$125 for adults and \$60 for children (ages 4-12).

The cost includes show, bus and dinner at Shady Maple restaurant. There is a sign up sheet at the welcome center. **There are only 22 tickets available!**
All money is due by January 18, 2020.

For additional information please contact Brian Holden. (H) 856-881-6792 (C) 856-759-2542 (E) bchandle94@hotmail.com



Leandre Vermelle exemplifies what our church hopes to accomplish through camp "work weeks" in France! In September 2019, he began a "Christians on Missions" (CEM) one-year training program. Could you help Leandre finance his year of CEM training with a one-time donation? **THANK YOU for helping equip him to reach other French people with the love of Christ!**

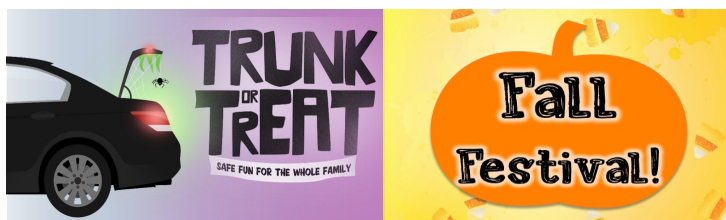
How to contribute:

1. Make check payable to "McKnight Crossings Church of Christ"
2. Memo section of check: "Leandre Vermelle CEM"
3. Mail to: McKnight Crossings Church of Christ, 2515 South McKnight Rd., St. Louis, MO 63124



CAMP MANATAWNY - Area Wide Worship Sunday, 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! **Worship is from 4-5 pm, and dinner is from 5-7 pm.**
Questions? Contact **Scott Rutherford** at **484-769-7228**.



Trunk or Treat and Fall Festival Wednesday, October 30

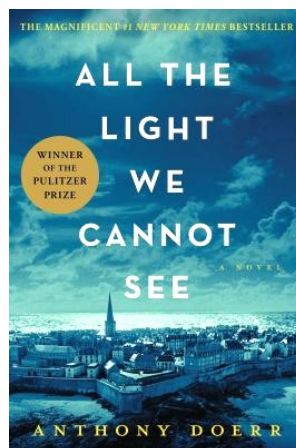
Two great events for children and their families! Same-day, here at Pitman Road. Invite someone! Invitations available at the Welcome Center. Both events, rain or shine.

Trunk or Treat: Come join us for Trick or Treat at a safe, traffic free environment! (Members, please be here with your vehicle trunks decorated and candy to hand out to the children.)

- * Meal begins at 5:30 pm, and Trunk or Treat begins at 6:15 pm
- * Please accompany your children through the parking lot.

Fall Festival: Free fun and games for children ages 2 - 12! (Members, If you would like to help with stations, please sign up under "Fall Festival Volunteers" at the Welcome Center.)

- * Activities will begin as kids come in from Trunk or Treat
- * Please accompany your children through the activities.



Summer is gone, but Book Club goes on!

Our Next Read: **All the Light We Cannot See**

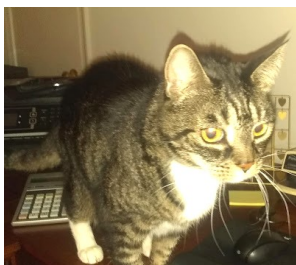
Author: Anthony Doerr (2014)

Available on Amazon: \$10.79

Other Sites: Fantastic Fiction, Abebooks, Thriftbooks

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 6:30 pm at Gloria Myerson's house.

Looking for a Loving Home



We are looking for a good home for a 10 year old, male house cat named **Jude**! He is well trained and adapts well to change. We inherited Jude when Jayne's mom passed away, but we are moving and can't take him with us. We would love to find him a loving, fur-ever home!

-Steve and Jayne DePrince



This week we are hosting Family Promise.
Please be considerate of the privacy of our guests.
Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve this week.

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	148
Worship	181
LIFE Groups	115
Wednesday	NC

This Week's Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests:

Glenn Ziegler, Melody Davis' dad, had a procedure this past Wednesday to address his kidney stone. Everything went well. The doctor was able to remove the stone instead of breaking it up. Continue to pray for his blood pressure issues and recovery.

Marleen Patterson, complications from chemo treatments. Also recovering from recent visit to the hospital.

Anita O'Hara, will be continuing her stay in Elwood Hills. She is improving, but still needs more improvement before she can go home to her apartment. Visits and phone calls are appreciated. If you plan to visit, call her first.

John Schofield, Jayne's husband, still struggling with walking since his fall.

Misty, Troy Spencer's sister, pancreatic cancer that spread to her liver. Unfortunately her condition has worsened and she will remain in NC. His parents will be living in NC for the duration of Misty's treatments. Continued prayers are welcome and needed.

Ray Angelucci, father of Derrick Busch's good friend and co-worker, has been declining further regarding his health. Medically, the family has been told there is nothing else that they can do to preserve his life. Prayers for Ray Angelucci and family!

Hazel, Emma Drummer's sister, continued recovery after having a pace maker put in.

Please continue to pray for **Patti Frambes**, **Doug Oliver**, **Elinda Hunter**, 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 from life changing injuries.

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Elder on Call for September and October: Mike Lazar

Serving Us Today

Nursery	Lynne Sbaraglia
Kids For Christ	Manny Vander Vennen
Jr. Worship	Sherri Herndon
Greeters: Front Entrance	Derrick & Brenda Busch
Greeters: Back Entrance	Mark Frock & Debbie Schreiner
Information Center	Rebecca Guy
Ushers	Justin Guy & Steve DePrince
Shepherd's Call	Dan Cooper
Song Leader	Mike Broyles

LIFE Group	Location	Contact
Ageless	Coopers' at noon	856-981-9755
Brook Besor	Durham's Tuesday at 7 pm	856-589-2280
Circle of Sisters	Stetser's Monday at 7 pm	856-466-9879
Hammonton	Lunch at Church Bldg. at noon, then visit Nancy Smith	609-320-9260
Men's Bible Study	Church Bldg. Monday at 7 pm	856-217-3956
Refreshed	Church Bldg. rm B4 at noon	267-303-4877
Solid Gold	Lazars' at 12:30 pm	856-304-4995
Teens	Church Bldg. at noon	610-476-9057
Vineland	H. Pearl's at 5 pm	609-805-0228
Women in the Word	Church Bldg. FLC, Tues. 9:45 am	856-981-9754
Young Adults	Not Meeting this Friday	
Married with...	Church Bldg. rm B2 at noon	856-899-9466

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 @pitmanroadcoc  www.facebook.com/pitmanroadchurchofchrist  @pitmanroadchurch



We extend our sympathy to Bud Britton on the loss of his sister, Leigh Britton, who passed early Wednesday morning.

There will be a memorial service and a luncheon tomorrow, October 21, at 11:00 am at Faith Fellowship Church (226 Old Dutch Mill Road, Malaga, NJ 08328.) Our thoughts and prayers are with Bud and the family.



Weekly Men's Prayer Times

Mark these in your date book. Add these to your calendars. Each prayer time lasts 1 hour.

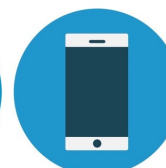
In the Conference Room

Tues. at 10:00 am * Fri. at 7:00 am * Sat. at 8:00 am

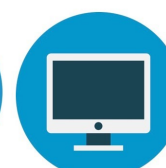
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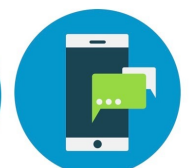
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