

#### TODAY...A BIRTHDAY AND AN ANNIVERSARY!



60 Years Ago today, the Pitman Church of Christ met for the first time on a Sunday morning. We met at the Pitman VFW Hall!

Today is our church's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. We first met on the first Sunday of November 1959, and those who met as the Pitman Church of Christ on that Sunday morning had been meeting in homes through the week, and attending Sunday worship either with Collingswood Church of Christ or the Tabernacle Church of Christ. Marlin Connelly was the first full time preacher, and he preached while he attended graduate school in

Philadelphia. After finishing his graduate work, Marlin returned to David Lipscomb College, where he taught speech his entire career. Since that humble beginning, the church has been blessed with a number of long-tenured preachers, as well countless servant-hearted elders and deacons. Only one current member attended church at the old VFW. Who was it? (Next week)

## 35 Years Ago today, the Dan Cooper family of six moved to begin our ministry with the Pitman Church of Christ

Today is the Coopers 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary with this church family. As it happened, we started ministry with the church here on the 25<sup>th</sup> birthday of the church. Never would any of us present on that first Sunday have guessed that the Coopers would still be here 35 years later. Ministers just don't stay at a church that long! But God knew! During those 35 years we've experienced life together (weddings, funerals, births, deaths, graduations, great joys and horrible losses) and most important, we have helped lost souls discover new life in Jesus. This church has been an instrument in



leading people to new life in Jesus! Even before we officially declared that our mission was to "Meet people where they are and together be transformed into the image of Christ" we were doing just that. And before we declared that our vision for our church was to be "A place where God's love is known, shared and experienced by all" that is precisely what we were doing. For decades we have been, "the church that's known for her love." To God be the glory.

During the last 60 years a lot has changed. And, a lot has not changed one bit. In the early days, we had a little 8  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 inch Sunday bulletin, with a fold down the center. We eventually moved to an 11 x 17 inch bulletin, and as of today, we will return to the smaller format.

And, we Coopers are still honored and privileged to serve this church family and to consider you family.

- Dan the Grateful Connections Minister



#### NEW WEEKLY BULLETIN FORMAT STARTS TODAY!

Starting today you will see a smaller, more compact version of the bulletin on a weekly basis. You can expect to see our schedule, social media information, events and announcements, LIFE Group information, and contact information.

Events and announcements will continue to be sent out by e-mail. They will also be displayed on our social media platforms, along with our church website (which will be consistently kept up to date).

**Urgent/daily prayer requests will be sent exclusively through e-mail.** We will still have a cumulative prayer list for ongoing requests every month.

All e-mail requests will now be handled by **Kate Ikeorha** (kikeorha@cochrist.org)

\* The Pitman Road Post will be printed and posted to our website on a monthly basis. All events and announcements for that current month will be included in this newsletter.

#### THANKSGIVING INFORMATION



The church offices will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27. They will remain closed on Thanksgiving

Day, Thursday, November 28 and on Black Friday, November 29.

Please be sure to visit the tables in the lobby and sign the handmade cards that are laid out for members who have moved, for missionaries, military, those



needing encouragement, and continuing financial supporters. They will be out to sign through Sunday, November 17.



The Pack the Pulpit food drive for Thanksgiving baskets will take place on Sunday, November 24. Help us pack our pulpit with groceries to go in our Thanksgiving baskets for those in need. Pick up

a shopping bag/list in the lobby! If you are donating a turkey/pie, please bring them in on that same Sunday, November 24.



# THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Hosted by the Pitman Council of Churches

When: Tuesday, November 26 at 7:00 pm

Where: **Queen of Peace Church**, 161 Pitman Avenue, Pitman, NJ 08071

Joey P. will be giving the scriptural reflection.

There will be a collection that will go towards giving clean water wells to third world countries.





#### PARKE PLACE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We continue to receive thanks and prayers from the residents for providing them a time of worship. There are

a few residents that have trouble reading or can't see to read. One resident has asked if someone would come and read the Bible to her. Might that person be you?

Jay Schneider can tell you more. (856-449-9656)

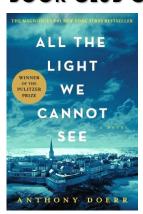
As of November 1, 2019, there have been phone number changes for Camp Manatawny.



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#### **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, at 6:30 pm at Gloria Myerson's house.



## CALLING ALL SENIORS!!!

Jay and Bethany Schneider are tentatively planning to have a party for seniors at their house

**Saturday afternoon, November 16.**More information to come!

## A PEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE (FAMILY UPDATE)

The Life App for the kids back in September was Trust. They learned through the story of Joseph that trust is having confidence in someone you can depend on. One of the verses I looked at with Josiah was Genesis 39:2, "The Lord was with Joseph. He gave him great success. Joseph lived in Potiphar's house." We talked about how the first half of the verse shows Joseph living a pretty good life, but then comes the reminder that he lives in Potiphar's house. He had gotten there by being abandoned by his family in a well, sold into slavery, and forced to leave his only known home; yet, through the many transitions in Joseph's life, Joseph thrived because he trusted God. He knew God was with him.

This conversation stuck with me because, like Joseph, our family has been in a transition for the past five months. We moved to a new home and are developing new relationships. A few annoyances have included unexpected expenses, water in our basement during "monsoon" season, and a visit from a Washington Township official. Overall though, the changing dynamics has been smooth for us. The boys are developing friendships and mentors, Callie and I continue to establish a home, adapt routines, adjust to South New Jersey roads and culture, and develop relationships. Thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue to pray for us to thrive here as we trust God to work in our lives. - Joey

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