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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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PITMAN ROAD POST

Our Mission

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

CAMP MANATAWNY IN 2020 AND BEYOND

FROM DANIEL'S DEN

Andy Mychajlowycz is a big guy...both literally and figuratively. I mean really, who else do you know who's name goes from "A" to "Z?" Have you ever in your entire life known even one other person whose name starts with an "A" and ends with a "Z?"

Congratulations are in due to Andy as it was just announced by the Camp Manatawny board that Andy will assume the role of Executive Director at camp in 2020. He has been serving as the assistant director for the last year, but will become the Executive Director later this year (2020). The exact timing has not been determined, but a smooth transition is anticipated as the current director, Dave Garrett, moves towards semi-retirement.

Camp Manatawny has blessed so many of our kids AND adults over the last 50 years.

We currently have Elizabeth & Rebekah Lazar and Manny Vander Vennen serving as directors of a full summer week camping session. In the past, both John Reimels and Aaron Pearl have served as directors for one week sessions.

We currently have both Andy and Kathy Ashton from our church serving on the board at camp. In the past several years we have also had Rachel Cooper, Aaron Pearl, Annette Perine, and Rebekah Lazar serve on the camp board. Also of note, Andrew Cooper, who grew up in this church, has served on the Camp Board for several years and he currently serves as the Board Chairman at Camp.

Camp Manatawny is at a pivotal time in her history. They are at a time of major decisions, infrastructure update and improvements, and planning for year-round camping facilities. As 2019 concluded, they just completed a \$25,000 matching gift challenge, so they now have \$50,000 to work on camp infrastructure.

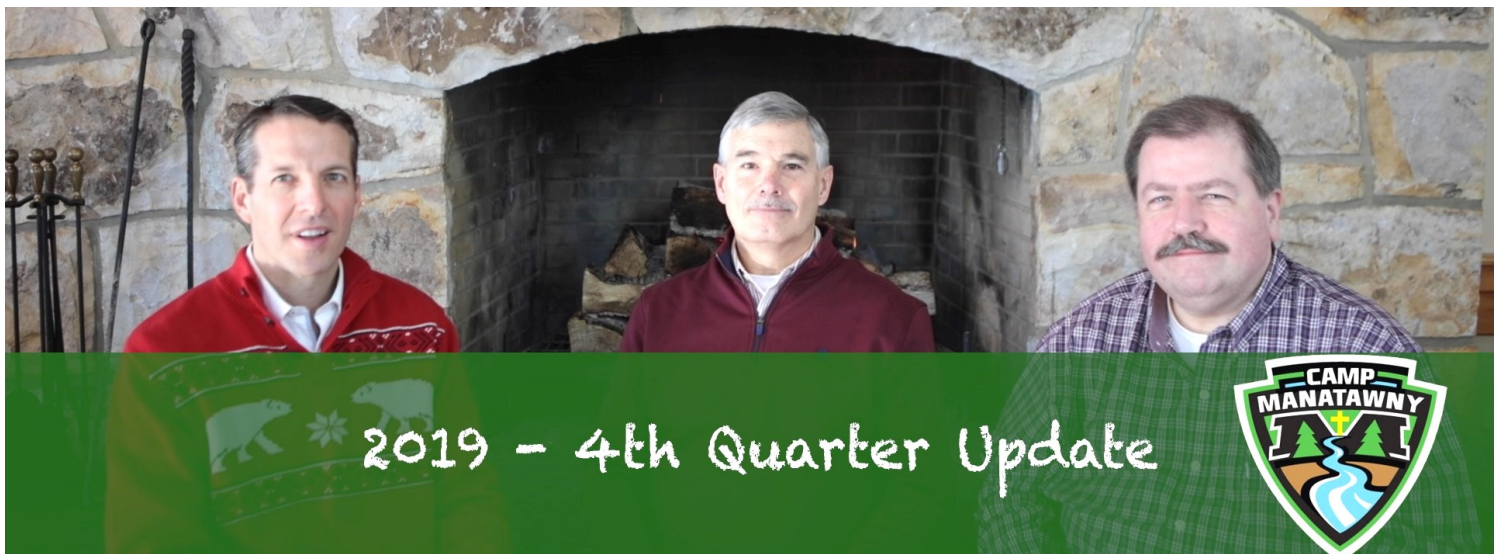
As we look to 2020, I can think of no person more capable of handling that Executive Director position than our own Andy Mychajlowycz!

In case you were wondering, this is a major reason that Andy decided to step away from his role as LIFE Group coordinator at our church. The demands on his time and responsibilities at camp are increasing dramatically.

Thankfully, Andy and Donna will continue to live here in South Jersey, and he will commute back and forth to camp.

Congratulations, Andy, and we wish you God's richest blessings as you undertake this responsibility. Camp is already a huge blessing to individuals and churches throughout the Delaware Valley, and that impact is certain to increase under your capable leadership.

- Dan the Preacherman



A YEAR IN REVIEW - 2019

Baptisms (4)

Evelyn Jefferson, Evan Patterson,
Emanie Regans, Libby Mansdoerfer

Placing Membership (3)

Kate and Chuzik Ikeorha, Travis Laborde

Births (4)

Xzavier Rodriguez, Valarik Greenleaf,
Ilori Kleineweber, Julian Kleineweber

Deaths (3)

Dwight Thompson, Gwen Phillip, Larry Kellum, Sr.

Moved (4)

Joe Marshall, Steve and Jayne DePrince,
Terry Rhymes

Engagements (2)

Logan Davis to Adyson Marcus,
Claire Hutchinson to Joel Foster

Marriages (1)

Kareem and Dee Rutledge

Graduations (11)

Jacob Broyles, Logan Davis, Amanda Rodriguez,
Brianna Peoples, Luke Olley, Sarah Pearl,
Justin Steward, Adriana McDade,
William Bartley, Jr., Javon Willis, Phylricia White

2019 Calendar Year Statistics

Bible Class Averages: 110

Worship Average: 191

Wednesday Average: 42

LIFE Group Average: 107

Average Weekly Contribution: \$8,430.00

MONTH BY MONTH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

JANUARY

New eight week series taught by Dan and Derrick called "Woke: My faith in 2019" begins. Annette Perine announces her retirement from the church office after blessing the congregation with her passion and talent for 6 years! First Family Promise Host Week of the new year, coordinated by John Ashton.

FEBRUARY

"Souper" Sunday Pre-Game Party coordinated by Tony and Stephanie DeStefano and Larry and Lisa Peterson, and evening Super Bowl Parties. Kate Ikeorha starts working in the church office as the new administrative assistant. Women's Ministry hosts a Women's Prayer Program, "Grace Under Fire", here at Pitman Road; 130 women in attendance. About 40 teens go to Gatlinburg, Tennessee for Winterfest for the weekend.

MARCH

Wes Olley is recognized by an employer for going above and beyond. Kat Lindsey publishes her autobiography, "Piecing It All Together: A Collection of Memoirs." Luke Olley is appointed to West Point Military Academy. Zack Olley enlists in the United States Navy. We finally obtain our Certification of Occupancy after 8 long years! Secret Sister's Revealing Party at the home of Stephanie DeStefano.

APRIL

Jade Adams joins the United States Marine Corp. and heads off to boot camp. Brianna Peoples is appointed to West Point Prep. We host the Easter Eve "Creation Care" Breakfast for the Pitman Council of Churches; 50 attend. Annual Senior Saints Dinner hosted by teens. The Pearls coordinate our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The congregation is introduced to our new ministry model. Kareem Rutledge, Jr., who suffered a traumatic brain injury, walks into church on Easter Sunday exactly one year after the accident! Family Promise Host Week.

MAY

Annual Memorial Day Picnic. Stephanie DeStefano and Lisa Peterson start putting together a 60th Anniversary Church Cookbook. Successful outside work day coordinated by Bud Britton. Special Mother's Day service. Diana Hutchinson coordinates another Choices of the Heart Baby Bottle Campaign.

JUNE

Dan gives his last sermon as a full-time preacher on June 9 after almost 35 years, and becomes our part-time Connections Minister. We welcome the Peacher Family to our church, and Joey becomes our Preaching Minister. Derrick becomes our Pastoral Care Minister. Special Father's Day service. The France Mission Team, 26 people, travels to France to serve at a camp facility called Centre Bonnefoi. John and Kathy Ashton coordinate a trip to Peru to serve and spread the message of Christ.

JULY

Pitman Road Church of Christ marches in the Pitman July Fourth Parade. Church parking lot open to the community for viewing of fireworks. Rebekah and Elizabeth Lazar direct Junior High 1 Week at Camp Manatawny. We host our first blood drive on a Sunday, coordinated by Mandy Mansdoerfer. Family Promise Host Week.

AUGUST

Elementary 1 Week at Camp Manatawny, directed by Manny Vander Vennen. Fellowship Picnic honoring Craig and Katie Young. Andy Mychajlowycz delivers annual LIFE Group message and 2019-2020 LIFE Group form.

SEPTEMBER

Regular activities resume after summer break. 2019-2020 LIFE Group Kick-off. "Stolen" bus trip to Lancaster led by Brian and Cindy Holden. Annual See You at the Pole prayer service led by Tim and Melody Davis. Gloria Myerson and Diana Hutchinson start a Women's Book Club, which meets every other month. Our church donates over \$4,000 to help with the Hurricane Dorian Relief Efforts. Fifth Sunday Meal coordinated by Tony and Stephanie DeStefano. Our new children's curriculum, Orange, is introduced and implemented.

OCTOBER

Trunk or Treat coordinated by Aaron and Jen Pearl. Fall Festival coordinated by Tim and Melody Davis. Dan Cooper, along with a handful of others from our congregation, re-do the floors in the Dining Hall at Camp Manatawny. Robin Steward and the Peachers coordinate a trip to attend an Orange Tour event in Manheim, PA. Family Promise Host Week.

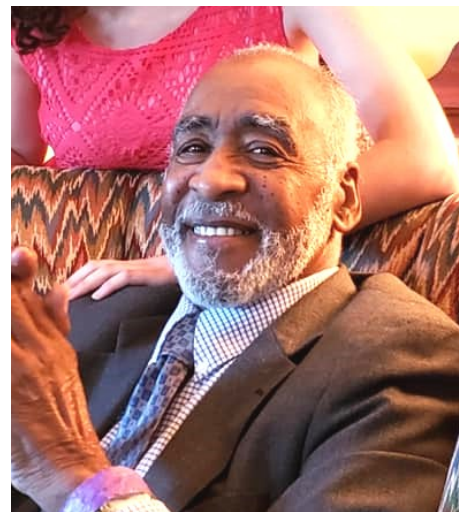
NOVEMBER

Handmade Thanksgiving cards (made with love by Janet Betts and her team) are signed and sent out. Pack the Pulpit food collection provides 51 families with Thanksgiving dinner baskets. Tina Broyles coordinates annual collection of "shoeboxes" for Operation Christmas Child; over 100 boxes are filled by members. Dottie Grillo and Janet Betts wrap up another year of "Bring Your Own Craft Days", which meet one Saturday, every other month. New compact, weekly bulletin and full, monthly bulletin are started.

DECEMBER

Annual Cookie Exchange hosted by Donna Lazar at her home. Feeding the Hungry meal in Trenton, coordinated by Larry Kellum, Jr. Families from Eleanor Corbett House are "adopted" by individuals and LIFE Groups and provided Christmas gifts (coordinated by Carla Clements and Leza Davis). Annual Winter Blanket Drive is a success, once again coordinated by Barbara Robinson. American Red Cross Blood Drive, coordinated by Mandy Mansdoerfer, with a goal of 24 units; 30 units are collected. Christmas Pancake Breakfast coordinated by Tim and Melody Davis draws many guests. Final worship service of the year features powerful testimonies by Joey and Callie Peacher and Gabe and Justice Rodriguez. Refuge closes out the year with a Christmas Celebration.

In Loving Memory



LIFE GROUPS

All LIFE Groups resume today, Sunday, January 5!

Please check the back of the weekly bulletin for meeting locations, times, and contact information.

Sign Up Now
to Build Communities
and Strengthen Lives!



Family Promise
Host Week



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Family Promise Host Week
Sunday, January 19 – Sunday, January 26

Our next Host Week of the year is coming up this month, so it's time to fill up the volunteer positions!

Please see **John Ashton**, our coordinator, in the lobby TODAY to volunteer!

*You can also call him at **609-214-8522***

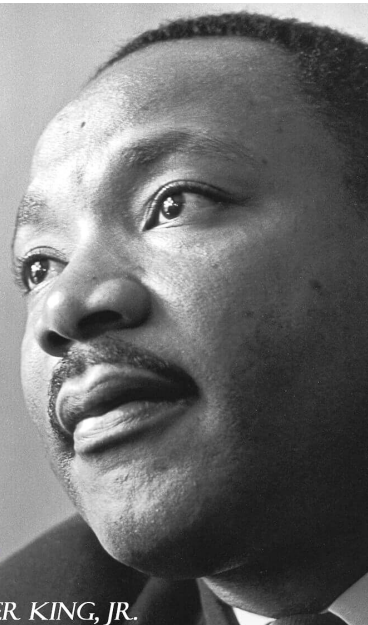
MAKE SURE TO STOP BY THE WELCOME CENTER

Make sure to stop by the Welcome Center counter every Sunday to stay up to date!

There you will find the monthly calendar, LIFE Group information, the monthly prayer list, the Family Promise Host Week schedule, the monthly Ghana report, more information on upcoming scheduled events, important announcements, and MORE!

“EVERYBODY CAN BE GREAT...BECAUSE ANYBODY CAN SERVE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE A COLLEGE DEGREE TO SERVE. YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE YOUR SUBJECT AND VERB AGREE TO SERVE. YOU ONLY NEED A HEART FULL OF GRACE. A SOUL GENERATED BY LOVE.”

—DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.





REFUGE

SATURDAY JANUARY 11

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT 6:00 PM
MUSIC STARTS AT 7:00 PM
HERE AT PITMAN ROAD

ALL ARE WELCOME. COME AS YOU ARE.

BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, January 14 from 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Come and join us at the home of **Gloria Myerson** as we discuss the book ***Piecing It All Together: A Collection of Memoirs*** by our very own **Kat Lindsey**. Join us in celebrating and encouraging Kat with her latest book.

Please RSVP by January 12.

Bring Your Own

Craft Day

Saturday, January 25
Noon to 5:00 PM
in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



SAY “YES” TO CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

Start the New Year by helping out with our children's ministry! There are MANY positions still open! Use your gifts in the classroom, on the stage, or behind the scenes. Job descriptions are posted in the foyer near the children's wing. Add your name to a job tag and make a commitment to our kids today.

See **Robin Steward** for help finding the position that fits you best.

AMERICAN RED CROSS "THANK YOU"

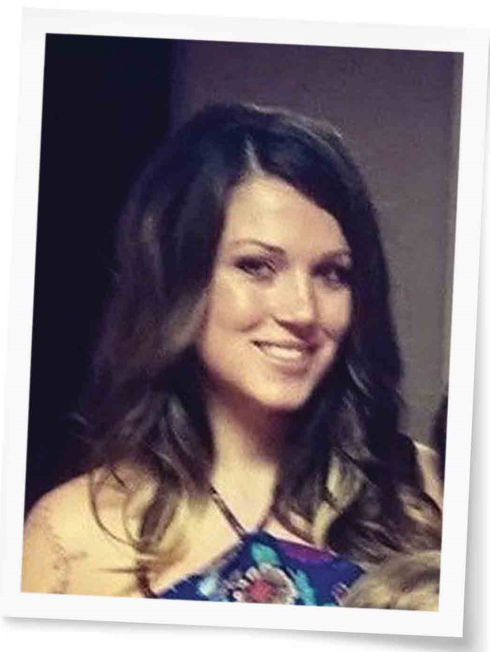
The following "thank you" was sent to Dan for giving a Power Red donation.

"Thank you, Daniel! Power Red donations help save lives..."

Like Kayla's. In June 2019, Kayla was a newlywed and expectant mother who just moved into a new home with her husband, Brandon. When it came time to deliver her baby, Jagger, a C-section was required. Complications from the C-section caused serious internal bleeding, causing Kayla to receive 58 blood products to help save her life during a 19-day hospital stay.

Kayla's family and friends want to encourage more people to give blood. "Kayla almost lost her life. The local hospital was running out of blood and more had to be delivered," said Shawn, a family friend and coworker of Kayla's husband. "I have given blood in the past, but I had never seen firsthand how important it is to donate blood until what happened to Kayla. She would not have made it if not for the many blood donors."



Thanks to the generosity of blood donors like you, Kayla and patients like her will continue to receive the transfusions they desperately need. When you donate blood, you help give hope and healing to those who face life and death challenges. Your generosity can help change lives and keep families together."



We wanted to share this "thank you" in honor of, and as a reminder that, our own Larry Kellum, Sr. required over 100 units of blood. Your donations are so important and really do change lives. Thank you again to all who participated in our last blood drive. Keep an eye out for our next blood drive date!

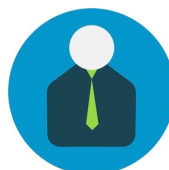
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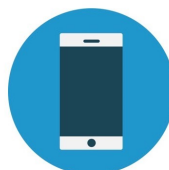
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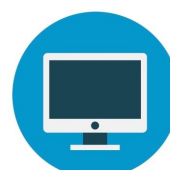
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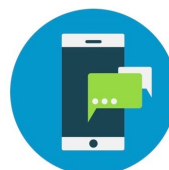
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at the
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