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**CAMP MANATAWNY ISSUE**



# PITMAN ROAD POST

**Move**

**Meet**

**Make**

**Our Vision**

**To be a place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all.**



# THERE'S AN A.P.P. FOR THAT!

[A PEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE]

## EXILED: FOUR PRINCIPLES TO EMBRACE



**Joey Peacher**  
Preaching Minister

Recently I've heard the word exile raised as a lens to think about our contexts today. So let's allow our imagination to wander. To begin, the staggering realities of 2020 signal a devastating series of upheavals in society, security, politics and the life of God's people. What was familiar is now gone. What gave security is now challenged. The world has been turned upside down.

Of course, with the metaphor of exile, I'm not suggesting that we have been pulled out of our homes and taken to a foreign land. For most of us, we still very much benefit from the privilege and bounty of living in the U.S. – even those who lost power and running water during the recent winter storm. I do not want to equate Israel's exile with our current season of dislocation. Yet all of us have entered a different space where what is normal is contested. We grieved, as much of 2020 felt like a series of funerals. We found ourselves letting go of yet one more thing that anchored our lives, one more practice that gave meaning. In a word, we are relinquishing elements of a world that is passing. That grief reveals itself in a multitude of ways – from depression and inactivity to anger and violence. Within the spectrum of despair to polarized political rhetoric, we find a deep longing for something certain. Sadly,

our search leaves us empty. Certitude is an elusive creature. And for all of the promise of U.S. ingenuity, advancing technology, modern medicine, and abundance of things, we are left with the haunting reality that our lives are not nearly as secure and under our control as we would, in our optimistic moments, like to think.

Welcome to exile. Exile is the place where we come face-to-face with truth. Truth that you and I are not in control. Truth that science and medicine (as marvelous and wonderful as they are!) are not able to eradicate the undeniable existence of frailty and death. Truth that, over the past 50 years, the witness of Christian churches in the U.S. has largely failed in bearing witness to the gospel in ways that positively influence our world. The truth is that Christianity is declining in this country. Regrettably, many Christians, unwilling to acknowledge it, still think that the way forward is to throw themselves fully into some political solution to restore what is lost and to regain control. This utter failure to recognize that the Christian faith is never really in control, gives rise to the false and blind assumption that there is something ideal to restore in U.S. American life. Yet conquering is not what exiled people do.

So what do exiled people do? The ancient people of God wrestled with such a question. In or about 587 B.C.E., a large portion of Jews were uprooted and sent to Babylon in exile. These people were deeply troubled and sought a way forward. Let us look to a series of narratives in Jeremiah 28 and 29 to find some hope and direction.

First, the narrative suggests the dilemma of easy answers. A prophet named Hananiah, who uses appropriate sorts of language like "thus says the Lord," basically says, "This is no big deal!" Everyone will be back home in Jerusalem in a couple of years. In short, Hananiah claims they will return to the status quo, the old normal, so don't sweat it.

Jeremiah, on the other hand, has a different word. His word is that Hananiah doesn't know what he is talking about. Not only is the exile really exile, but also the whole world is swirling around in a toilet bowl, and the chief leader, Nebuchadnezzar himself, is going crazy. Jeremiah says, "Don't be fooled by easy answers!"

Second, pressing on, Jeremiah says to settle in. Adapt, adjust, and find ways to make a meaningful life in a new environment. We are moving toward a new normal. That new normal will not be what we are used to; it may not be a normal that we will like. Yet, like persons in exile, it is the reality in which we are called to act as faithful stewards. So learn this new environment. We can embrace it courageously because God is already present!

Third, Jeremiah calls for prayer. Pray for this new reality. Prayer does two incredibly important things. It reminds us that the world is not in our control and reminds us of the one who is sovereign. And it keeps us humble, expectant, and watchful as we look for signs of God's goodness and grace emerging in our new setting.

Fourth, live with confidence in God's promises. These two chapters of Jeremiah contain that famous, oft-quoted verse: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." What we usually forget is that God gives this promise to people who recognize that the world has turned upside down and that nothing is familiar. Perhaps it is time for us to hear God's promise of courage, even as we live in a time of exile.

One thing is for sure: it isn't the first time God has walked with his people during a time of pestilence and uncertainty! And, if we heed these four principles, the church in the U.S. can be positioned to receive the Spirit of God in new, fresh ways for renewal!

(From: Carson Reed, Mosaic)



A blog from the Siburt Institute for Church Ministry

# MANATAWNY SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE

Year after year, campers return to Camp Manatawny to renew the strong bonds of friendship they have built while at Camp. Camp Manatawny hopes to provide each and every camper with a meaningful and memorable experience. The ultimate desire and hope of each director and staff member is for young people's lives to be transformed through the love of Jesus!

**\* Information about COVID Restrictions during our summer sessions is being prepared and will be published shortly.** The information will be released long before the first early bird registration deadline, which has been extended by a month this year to the end of March. Currently, there is a capacity limit on each of our summer session weeks, but it may be lifted depending on health department guidance and on staffing, event, and lodging decisions which we will be making shortly. There will be different restrictions for lodging, indoor activities, outdoor activities, and dining. We are working hard to work out the details and inform the families of all potential campers as soon as possible. (via Camp's FB Page)



## Overnight Camp

**For campers completing 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade; \$325 per week (plus a \$4 processing fee)**

Overnight camp allows campers to enjoy the adventures and wonder of the outdoors, while growing in their relationship with God and others. They will participate in a large variety of activities, while learning Christian values and maturing physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Here, campers will develop life-long relationships, all while having the time of their lives!

**SENIOR HIGH 2**, Grades 11 & 12: June 26 - July 3

**SENIOR HIGH 1**, Grades 9 & 10: July 3 - July 10

**JR. HIGH 2**, Grades 7, 8, & 9 - July 10 - July 17

**JR. HIGH 1**, Grades 5, 6, & 7 - July 17 - July 24

**INTERMEDIATE**, Grades 4, 5, & 6 - July 24 - July 31

**ELEMENTARY 2**, Grades 3 & 4 - July 31 - Aug. 7

**ELEMENTARY 1**, Grades 1 & 2 - Aug. 7 - Aug. 14

## Day Camp:

**For campers completing 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade; \$175 per week (plus a \$4 processing fee)**

Day camp provides a safe, nurturing, and fun atmosphere, designed for younger campers. Campers participate in small group Bible teaching, high-energy large group sessions, and other activities. Day campers receive most of the benefits and activities of the overnight camps, but without the overnight experience.

**Campers may attend any week regardless of age. They will be grouped into two cohorts: Grades 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> and Grades 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> (Sunday to Friday, 7:45 am to 5:30 pm)**

**WEEK 1**, Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>: July 18 - July 23

**WEEK 2**, Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>: July 25 - July 30

**WEEK 3**, Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>: Aug. 1 - Aug. 6

**WEEK 4**, Grades 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>: Aug. 8 - Aug. 13

Registration for 2021 Summer Sessions is now open. Go to **[www.manatawny.org](http://www.manatawny.org)** for more information!

## **CAMP FEES AND DISCOUNTS FOR 2021**

**Register and pay in full by March 31 and pay: \$299** (a \$26 discount) plus get a **FREE SHIRT**

**Register and pay in full by April 30 and pay: \$299** (a \$26 discount) but **NO** free shirt

**Register after April 30 and pay \$325**

A \$100 (non-refundable) deposit is **REQUIRED** at time of registration. Balance must be **PAID IN FULL** prior to the start of the session.

**First-Time Camper Discount:** First time campers are welcomed with a **\$50 discount**.

**Multi-Child Discount:** Families that register more than two campers from their immediate family or legal guardian will receive a **\$25 discount per additional camper**. Applies to the 3<sup>rd</sup> or more child.

**Multi-Week Discount:** Only applies to campers who have completed grades 4<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>. If attending more than one week, **the second week is only \$199!**

# CAMP MANATAWNY EVENTS IN 2021

Go to [manatawny.org](http://manatawny.org) for the schedule, to register, or for more information.

## WORK AND WORSHIP WEEKEND

April 16 - 18

**Help us cleanup and make repairs around Camp!** Join us for a weekend of work, worship, and fellowship!

This year we have online registration again, so be sure to register and provide information on when you will be at Camp, what job you are interested in doing, which meals you will eat (*suggested donation of \$10 per person to help reimburse food costs*), and what your lodging preferences/restrictions are. Lodging and work assignments will be communicated later and will reflect Coronavirus restrictions. **Register early so we can plan the work assignments and meals.**

## LADIES RETREAT

April 30 - May 1



Come join us for a weekend of refreshment and restoration as we enjoy God's creation and the fellowship of others! The weekend offers encouraging sessions, relaxation, and fellowship. Come make new friends, or bring a group from your area for a memorable weekend. We would love to have you join us as we seek God for what He desires to teach us through His Word.

**Cost: Only \$35!**

**Cost for Girls 12 and Under: Only \$10!**

(*plus a \$4 processing fee on all registrations*) Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night cabin lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

## FAMILY CAMP

May 28 - 30

**This is a time to camp as a family, worship together, and participate in all the activities that are offered during our summer sessions.** Our activities will give you a chance to challenge yourselves and encourage each other. We've made it easy for you to build unity, have fun, and experience God... as a family!

**Cost: \$100.** Includes 2 nights cabin lodging; all meals and activities for up to 4 family members. (*Upgraded lodging is available for additional cost during registration.*) \$20 for each additional family member ages 5 and older. **Children 4 and younger are free.**

**\* Staying overnight until Monday, May 31 (out before noon, no activities, no breakfast) is possible at no extra charge with permission. Call the Camp Office once you're registered.**

## JR/SR HIGH RETREAT (TWICE!)

(SPRING) April 23 - 24; Grades 7 - 12

(FALL) October 22 - 23; Grades 7 - 12

**You have fun at camp each summer, and now you have a chance to enjoy it in the Spring!** This overnight retreat offers lots of fun and will give Jr. and Sr. age youth an opportunity to grow in their faith, build community, and strengthen friendships

**Cost: Only \$35!** (*plus a \$4 processing fee*) Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night cabin lodging, breakfast/lunch on Saturday

Registration for **SPRING** session will end on **April 22**.  
Registration for **FALL** session will end on **October 21**.

## [NEW!] CHURCH LEADERS WORKSHOP

May 20 - 22

**For elders, ministers, and church leaders.**

More details to come!

## SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

May 29, 10 am - 4 pm

**Going to camp is a big step for many children, and it's common for both parents and children to feel uncertainty about being away from home for a week.** Prepare yourself and your camper for their summer experience at Camp Manatawny with a tour! During your visit, our camp staff will answer any questions, and show you how camp will open up a whole new world for your child.

Our Open House is **FREE** and open to the public. **No reservations required.** Rain or shine. Whether you're a returning camper who can't wait to see camp again or it's your first time visiting, don't miss out!

Can't make it to the open house? No problem. Call **610-707-3822** to arrange a personal tour.





## CAMP SONSHINE

June 5 - 6

**Camp Sonshine is two days and one night of Christian summer camp offering love, acceptance, and fun to children ages 8 to 18 with special needs!** Everything is customized to make camp accessible and meet the varying needs of campers diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and those who may use wheelchairs, walkers, or crutches. The goal is for campers to be engulfed by God's love and to have the time of their lives!

**Cost/Registrations:** Camp Sonshine is operated by volunteers and funded by donations from area churches, businesses, and gracious individuals. This allows your camper to attend for **FREE!**

After you have completed the online registration, a staff member will contact you regarding your campers ability to attend. Medical personnel is available onsite.

Registration for this session will end on **June 4.**

## MEN'S RETREAT

October 1 - 2

**This is a great opportunity for young men to focus on their spiritual life and develop their faith along with peers, their fathers, and other men!** The youth will have their own special program and lessons and are highly encouraged to attend.

**Cost: Only \$35**

**Cost for Boys 12 and Under: Only \$10!**

*(plus a \$4 processing fee on all registrations)*

Includes a light dinner, snacks, program, activities, 1 night cabin lodging, breakfast and lunch on Saturday

## GOLDEN AGE RETREAT

August 22 - August 24

**The Golden Age Retreat is for those 55 years of age and older.** It is a 3 day event (2 nights) focusing on the inspirational and the practical. There is also time for singing, eating together and fellowship.

**Cost: \$60.** Includes 6 meals, all activities, and 2 nights seasonal cabin lodging. Upgraded lodging (e.g. Nurses Cabin) is available for an extra fee.

## MANATAWNY 5K RACE/FUN RUN

October 23

**Participate in the annual 5K run/walk to raise funds for camp.** Or, in the free 1-mile fun run! Can't make it to camp? Run a virtual race!

## AREA WIDE WORSHIP

November 7

**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!

## LIFTU WINTER RETREAT

December 29 - January 1

**For college-age young adults and high school seniors.**

More details to come!

## RECEIVING OR PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR CAMP MANATAWNY



Would you like your child to attend camp this summer, but you have concerns that you will not be able to pay for part or all of the camper fee? **If so, please let Dottie Grillo know that you are interested in receiving financial assistance from the church.** You will then need to go to [www.manatawny.org](http://www.manatawny.org) and register your child for camp. During the registration process, you will have an opportunity to indicate that you will be receiving a sponsorship from our church. It is important that you indicate you are receiving a sponsorship (NOT a campship) from the Pitman Road Church of Christ, and the amount of the sponsorship so that you will be charged the correct balance, if any, at

the end of the registration. **After you have completed the registration process, you must let Dottie know so that she can make sure the balance is paid before your child arrives at camp.**

**For members who are willing and able to contribute to sending a Pitman Road child to camp this summer, this would be the appropriate time to let Dottie know.** This summer's base camp fee is \$325, but there may be discounts that apply depending on each particular child's eligibility. Write your check to the Pitman Road Church of Christ, note "camp sponsorship" on the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate or give it to Dottie. You may also drop it off or mail it to the building any day during office hours.



# Follow Camp Manatawny on Social Media

 [www.facebook.com/Manatawny](https://www.facebook.com/Manatawny)
 @campmanatawny
  @CampManatawny

## ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

Camp's Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, April 25.**

Join in person (40 person limit) or virtually (via Facebook Live) to hear about the past year at Camp and what's coming.

Confirm your membership, pay your dues, and vote for board members before meeting at: [www.manatawny.org/annualmeeting](https://www.manatawny.org/annualmeeting)

Camp Manatawny's Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/Manatawny](https://www.facebook.com/Manatawny)

The Camp Manatawny Annual Corporation Meeting is coming up on

**Sunday, April 25th**

So, before the meeting, it's time for you to

- **Confirm Your Membership**
- **Pay Your Annual Dues**
- **Vote for Board Members**



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you love Camp Manatawny and are a licensed professional or ready to work physically, and have experience in plumbing, electrical, carpentry, painting and other areas, please consider donating your time, heart and hands to Camp. During the months of March and April, we have many projects, including cabin renovations, repairs, furniture, painting/staining, trenching, and others; and we can't complete them without the help of skilled volunteers. **Can you help Camp?** If you want to learn more, call the Camp office at **(610) 707-3822** or email [fixit@manatawny.org](mailto:fixit@manatawny.org). We would love to hear from you.

## NEW ADULT, CHILDREN, AND TEEN SPRING QUARTER CLASSES

### ALL KID'S CLASSES ARE RESUMING

We are excited to announce that all children's and teen Bible classes will begin in-person on March 14th!

**Please be aware of the following guidelines for classes:**

- If you are ill or have a fever, please remain at home. Please observe social distancing inside the classrooms. Students and teachers must wear a face covering at all times.
- Hand sanitizer will be available and each student will have his/her own supplies.
- Caregivers, please accompany your child to the classroom and check in with the teacher at the beginning of class, as classroom capacity and protocols may change from week to week.

### Preschool & Cradle Roll Additional Guidelines:

- Caregivers of preschool and cradle roll children, please clean your child's hands immediately before entering the classroom.
- Until further notice, the cradle roll class will be formatted differently. In order to keep the children distanced from each other and the teacher, each child will participate with a caregiver. The children will not sit at the table, but will stay with the caregiver and distanced from the other participants.

### NEW SPRING QUARTER BIBLE CLASSES

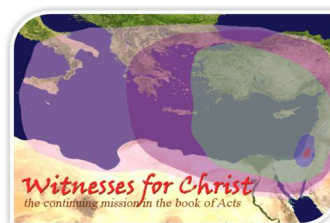
We are offering two new adult Bible classes for the Spring quarter. Don't miss out!

#### Sunday Morning Bible Class:

- "Witnesses for Christ" at 9:00 AM
- Taught by Dan Cooper
- You can come to the building for this class, or watch it live on our Pitman Road Church of Christ Facebook Page or YouTube Channel.
- There will be handouts printed for you at the building, and they will also be sent out via email.

#### Wednesday Night Bible Class

- "Psalms: A Discussion on Prayer" at 7:00 PM
- Taught over Zoom by Dave Perine
- The Meeting ID and direct link will be emailed each Wednesday. If you don't receive our emails, call the church office for this information.



# FROM DANIEL'S DEN

## ARE YOU FEELING ISOLATED AND ALONE?



**Dan Cooper**  
Connections Minister

**During this time of isolation and uncertainty, prayer times have actually allowed me to grow closer to others during our year long pandemic. HOW? Prayer!**

*Prayer is our greatest untapped natural resource!*

*One week without prayer makes one weak!*

*Our prayers have no expiration date!*

*God speaks in the silence of the heart.*

*Prayer is the greater work. - Oswald Chambers*

*Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays. - Soren Kierkegaard*

### **Women's Prayer Time via Zoom at the following times:**

**Tuesdays at 7:00 PM and Thursdays at 5:00 PM**

To join one or both of these meeting, contact Diana Hutchinson at drh13013@gmail.com or 856-381-9095 or Brenda Busch at brenda.hallbusch@gmail.com or 646-258-5031.

### **Men's Prayer Times:**

- **Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM**, in person at the building
- **Friday mornings at 7:30 AM**, via Zoom, contact John Peoples at john.peoples@solway.com or 609-617-7451
- **Saturday mornings at 8:00 AM**, via Zoom, contact Derrick Busch at choicetorejoice@gmail.com or 267-303-3877

**Then, there is also Dave Perine's Zoom prayer class every Wednesday night at 7:00 PM.**

Prayer is Powerful, - **Dan**

### **SECRET SISTERS REVEALING PARTY**

**Saturday, March 13 at 1:00 PM**

**At the Pitman Road Church Building**

If you are a current or new Secret Sister, don't forget to join us for our annual revealing party on Saturday, March 13! We will be holding the party in the new, large classroom (previously the library).

\* Please bring your favorite finger food. Dessert and drinks are *not* needed. They will be provided.

\* Also make sure to bring your Secret Sister reveal gift, and keep it with you during the party.

\* If you are unable to attend, please let Dottie know ASAP, and be sure that your revealing gift gets to the building before the party. Feel free to drop it off at the building any time during office hours.

*Looking forward to a day full of fun and fellowship, and to a great year for 2021!*



**(Our Vision)** To be a place where God's love is experienced, known, and shared by all, by **(Our Mission)** meeting others where they are and together being transformed into the image of Christ.





## VIRTUAL CHORUS

If you would like to sing in the virtual chorus that is pre-recorded and played during Sunday worship, contact **Bethany Schneider** at [schnebe5553@gmail.com](mailto:schnebe5553@gmail.com)



## IN LOVING MEMORY

**Mike Broyles' mother, Carol Broyles**, passed on to her reward on March 1st while at home with family after battling COVID-19. She was devoted, loving, and lived a life characterized by inner-strength and sacrifice. We send our love and prayers to her

husband Jake, to Mike, Tina, Jessica, Jacob, and the rest of the Broyles family during this time.

## THANK YOU, PITMAN ROAD!

Hello, Ms. Mansdoerfer! On behalf of Kate Gillespie (SNJ Chapter Biomed committee chairman) and Madhuri Rodriguez (Executive Director, SNJ Chapter), I would like to thank the Pitman Road Church of Christ congregation, friends, and family for hosting an American Red Cross blood drive on December 13, 2020, with special thanks to you for coordinating an event that exceeded its collection goal by more than 16%. If you would, please share our heartfelt thanks with the church community.

The need for blood is constant and only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.



**American Red Cross**

Thank you again for supporting the American Red Cross blood program!

Sincerely, **Cynthia McManus**

American Red Cross - Community Volunteer Leader - Salem County

## Bring Your Own Craft Day

Saturday, March 27

Noon to 5:00 PM

in the Family Life Center

Snacks are provided!

Hope to see you there!



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## WAYS TO GIVE



In person at the worship service.



Via the easyTithe mobile app.



On our website at [pitmanroadcoc.com](http://pitmanroadcoc.com)



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Text amount to 856.209.6212

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