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PITMAN ROAD POST

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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]

NIGHT AND DAY, DAY AND NIGHT



Joey Peacher
Preaching Minister

Weeping may last through the night, but joy comes with the morning. Psalm 30:5

What's the difference between the sunrise and the sunset? Scientifically, our part of the earth is rotating away from the sun at sunset and rotating toward the sun at sunrise. The sun's light wanes in the evening and waxes in the morning. Emotionally, there seems to be a difference. We associate sunset with romantic rendezvous and relaxing with our favorite drink or favorite person after a stressful day. We associate sunrise with a quiet cup of coffee or an energizing workout to prep for the day ahead. We are either night owls or early risers. I have seen more sunsets in my life than sunrises, but there's something different about sunrises. Spiritually, there seems to be a difference too.

What comes first: the day or the night? Most would probably say day because the night comes when day is over. Day leads into night, but is that how God sees it?

If day leads to night, then everything goes from light to darkness. Everything gets darker. Everything is in the process of darkening. And it would appear to be the way of the world. We go from day to night, from youth to aging, from strength to weakness, and ultimately from life to death. Day to night. It's the way of the world, but it's not the way of God. When God created the universe, it was not day and night. "There was evening and then there was morning." (Genesis 1:5) The day began with night and then there was day. It is night that comes first. That's why Jewish holidays and Sabbaths always begin at sunset.

In fact, each day begins at sunset. The world moves from day to night. But in God, it is opposite. It goes from night to day...from darkness to light. The children of this world live from day to night. But the children of God live from night to day. They are born again in the darkness and move to the day. And if you belong to God, then that is the order of your life. You are to go from darkness to light, from weakness to strength, from despair to hope, from guilt to innocence, from tears to joy, and from death to life. And every night in your life will lead to the dawn.

So live according to God's sacred order of time, so that your entire life be always moving away from the darkness and to the light.

What darkness needs to be moved into the light? Darkness of guilt? Of fear? Move fear into the faith of light. Joy is in the light.

Some excerpts from *Book of Mysteries* by Jonathan Cahn.

A HEARTFELT "THANK YOU" FROM DAN AND KATHERINE COOPER

What an amazing retirement party you threw for us! We first assumed we were going to be honored with cake, ice cream and cards in the Family Life Center. Then we heard rumor that our party was going to be a catered dinner. (So, I better stop inviting people unless I told someone in the church office how many people I was inviting.) Wow! Then we heard it was going to be a full catered dinner at Masso's Catering Hall. Masso's is a big step up from coffee and ice cream in the FLC!

What an absolutely delightful evening! The food was delicious, the crowd was surprisingly large, and the fellowship was wonderful. Many thanks to all who participated, and also contributed to make the night special. Thanks to everyone for the cards and gifts. We feel so loved. Honored to continue to serve with our existing elders, as we focus on connecting with Christ, with others, and with family. - **Dan and Katherine**





FAMILY PROMISE

Sunday, October 10 through
Saturday, October 16

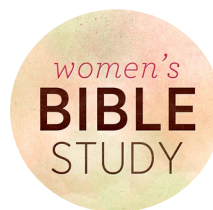
Thank you to all who signed up to help with our host week!

Please contact **John Ashton** if you have any questions regarding drop-off procedures.



MANY THANKS

I just want to thank everyone for their prayers. The quilt was very thoughtful and appreciated. - **Jeff Raively**



WOMEN IN THE WORLD RESUMING

Tuesday Mornings
From 9:45 - 11:45 AM
In the Family Life Center

The Tuesday morning women's Bible study will resume on **Tuesday, November 2nd**. We will continue our study of the Old Testament. I had hoped to begin in October, but my house needs to get in order first. I look forward to seeing all of you!

- **Katherine**



JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH RETREAT

Friday, October 29 - Saturday, October 30

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.

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MANATAWNY 5K AND FUN RUN

Saturday, October 30 (All Day)

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!

Visit **manatawny.org** to register and for more information/details on each of these events.

PACK THE PULPIT

We will be handling "Pack the Pulpit" the same way that we did last year. We plan to collect and distribute 50 Thanksgiving baskets to those in need.

PACK A BAG

The "official" shopping list and grocery bag will be put out in the foyer on Sunday, October 31.

Packed bags will be due by Sunday, November 14, which will be "Pack the Pulpit Sunday". You do not need to wait until Pack the Pulpit Sunday to bring in completed bags. Packed bags can be dropped off to the building during office hours any time before the deadline.

BRING IN A TURKEY AND/OR PIE

We will also be in need of 50 turkeys and 50 fresh pies. (Please, no frozen pies!) If you would like to donate a turkey and/or a pie, please see or contact Dottie by Wednesday, November 10.

Turkeys and pies need to be brought in on November 21, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Please do not bring turkeys and pies in the week before on "Pack the Pulpit Sunday". We do not have enough freezer space to store 50 turkeys.

If you are aware of a family in need of a basket, contact the church office as soon as possible.



THANKSGIVING CARDS

Thanksgiving cards for our members who have moved, missionaries, military, those needing encouragement, and continuing financial supporters will be available in the lobby for us to sign **starting Sunday, October 31 through Sunday, November 14**. If you are still not attending Sunday worship in person, you can stop by the building any time during office hours to sign the cards. If you have someone who is not on the list who you would like to receive a Thanksgiving card, please let Dottie know. (Please make sure to provide a name and address.)



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are filling shoeboxes again this year for Operation Christmas Child. **All packed boxes will be due by Sunday, November 14.** Boxes and additional information will be available in the foyer in the next few weeks. In the meantime, visit <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> for important COVID-19 updates and how to pack your shoebox. You can also bless children around the world without leaving home, by building a shoebox online.

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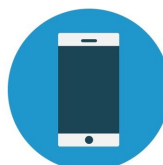


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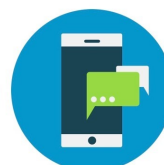
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Join us for Trunk or Treat!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30
FROM 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Here at the Pitman Road Church of Christ

- FREE, safe, traffic-free fun for children ages 2 - 12!
- There will also be a mega bounce house with a slide
- Hot dogs will be served
- Rain or Shine



For those who are decorating a vehicle:

This year, there will be prizes for those who are setting up a vehicle! The categories will be Funniest Costume, Most Creative Vehicle, and Best Theme. Please let the church office know ASAP if you plan to decorate a vehicle.