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Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

Pitman Road POST

Make
a difference

Move
into family

Meet
Jesus

CAMP MANATAWNY ISSUE

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

[A PEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE]

A SEASON FOR REPENTING



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For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under Heaven...A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance. – Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

At this time of year, I miss my hometown of New Orleans. On the first day of March, Mardi Gras parades marched throughout the city and metro area. Everyone has the day off for fun and festivities. In fact, Louisiana is the only state in which Mardi Gras is a legal holiday. I enjoyed staying up most of the night before to snag a spot along the parade route, watching the intricately decorated floats glide by, jumping high to snag “throws” like beads, stuffed toys, and the occasional Krewe of Zulu coconut, listening to music being played by marching bands and from the floats, eating Popeye's fried chicken, and lounging in a chair while hanging out with friends and family as we waited for the next parade. Those are some of my memories of Mardi Gras Day, but Mardi Gras in Louisiana and parts of Alabama and Mississippi is not only a day, but also a season.

Less than two weeks after Christmas, New Orleans begins the reveling anew with its celebration of Twelfth Night. January 6th marks the Feast of the Epiphany, when the Three Wise Men visited the Christ child. In New Orleans, it also means the launch of Carnival season. The season includes: parades in some neighborhood on almost a nightly basis and elegant balls with elaborate costumes and feasts held in hotels, the convention center, and the Superdome. Most of these are by invitation-only and organized by the various parade krewes. It is a season of laughter, feasting, dancing, bright lights, music and extravagance.

Mardi Gras is the prelude to the 40-day season of Lent and a time of fasting and repenting ahead of the glory of the resurrection on Easter Sunday. Perhaps Solomon was on to something when he noticed seasons of life in Ecclesiastes. This month begins the season of Lent. While the Bible does not speak specifically about this season, there is tons about repenting. God called Israel to repent over and over again through the prophets, John the Baptist preached repentance from the Jordan River (Mark 1:15), Jesus started his ministry by preaching repentance (Matt 4:17), Jesus's early disciples travelled the countryside telling others to repent (Mark 6:15), Peter's first public sermon ended with encouragement to repent (Acts 2:38), and Paul helped distinguish repentance from worldly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:10). Repentance can occur anytime we truly feel sorry for what we've done and vow not to do it again, but it does seem like there are seasons of our lives when it could be helpful to reflect on our life and God's place in it.

While we are not commanded to participate in any seasons or feast days (Col 2:16), we are certainly free to take what is beneficial and incorporate them into our lives. The Lent season is not about earning favor with God (Gal 4:10), but can be about examining ourselves in light of the wonderful, merciful, sacrificial, powerful God we serve. **Perhaps another way of defining repentance is the opportunity to explore what there is inside us that could be pruned in order to allow God to grow there even more. Lent can be an extended, focused season for that exploration.**

Traditionally, dedicated times of fasting occur as part of Lent's season. In France, the day before Ash Wednesday came to be known as Mardi Gras, or “Fat Tuesday.” Traditionally, in the days leading up to Lent, merrymakers would binge on all the rich, fatty foods—meat, eggs, milk, lard and cheese—that remained in their homes, in anticipation of several weeks of eating only fish and different types of fasting. (1) Thus, the season of Mardi Gras I described above is an opportunity to “get it all out of your system” before a more sacrificial season. **The idea of fasting from something we would prefer to feast on helps us develop the fruit of self-control and gives us opportunities to look inward, so that God's Spirit will deepen our ability to look outward.**

We may not give up meat or cheese or chocolate or food at all during this time of year. Or maybe that is just what we need to give up. Maybe we give up social media. Maybe we watch less TV. Maybe we complain less. Maybe we replace any of those times with Bible reading. As we explore ourselves during this Season of Repenting from now until Easter Sunday, what needs to be trimmed from your life to give more room for God's Spirit to bloom? - **Joey**

¹ www.history.com/topics/holidays/mardi-gras

² www.neworleans.com/events/holidays-seasonal/mardi-gras/history-and-traditions/twelfth-night/

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!



Overnight Camp

For campers completing 1st grade through 12th grade; \$375 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 25 - July 2

SENIOR HIGH 1, Grades 9 & 10: July 2 - July 9

JR. HIGH 2, Grades 7, 8, & 9 - July 9 - July 16

JR. HIGH 1, Grades 5, 6, & 7 - July 16 - July 23

INTERMEDIATE, Grades 4, 5, & 6 - July 23 - July 30

ELEMENTARY 2, Grades 3 & 4 - July 30 - Aug. 6

ELEMENTARY 1, Grades 1 & 2 - Aug. 6 - Aug. 13

Day Camp:

For campers completing 1st grade through 6th grade; \$195 per week (plus a \$4 processing fee)

Five days of building friendships in the local community! Activities include: Bible lessons, athletics, swimming, crafts, archery, target shooting, canoes, climbing wall, and much more. Breakfast and lunch are provided

Each Day Camp session runs from Monday to Friday, between 8AM - 5PM. Each week is targeted at specific grade levels with activities divided into cohorts, where appropriate. Campers stay on-site (no off-site day trips).

WEEK 1, Grades 3 to 6: July 18 - July 22

WEEK 2, Grades 3 to 6: July 25 - July 29

WEEK 3, Grades 2 to 5: Aug. 1 - Aug. 5

WEEK 4, Grades 1 to 4: Aug. 8 - Aug. 12

Registration for 2022 Summer Sessions is now open. Go to **www.manatawny.org** for more information!

CAMP MANATAWNY FEES AND DISCOUNTS FOR 2022 SUMMER SESSIONS

Register and pay in full by March 31 and pay: \$349 (a \$26 discount) plus get a **FREE SHIRT**

Register and pay in full by April 30 and pay: \$349 (a \$26 discount) but **NO** free shirt

Register after April 30 and pay the full \$375

\$4 processing fee on all registrations. \$50 (non-refundable) deposit **REQUIRED** at time of registration. Balance must be **PAID IN FULL** prior to start of session.



First-Time Camper Discount: All 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 **\$40 discount per additional camper**. Applies to the 3rd or more child.

Multi-Week Discount: Only applies to campers who have completed grades 4 through 9. If attending more than one week, **the second week is \$100 off**.



KITCHEN WORK DAYS

Friday March 25th – Saturday March 26th



WORK & WORSHIP WEEKEND

Friday April 22nd – Sunday April 24th



HELP GET CAMP READY FOR SPRING RETREATS & SUMMER SESSIONS

Join us for two days of work and fellowship! This Spring, our traditional "Work & Worship" is being split into two:

1. "Kitchen Work Days", **Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26** (www.manatawny.org/kitchenworkdays)
This is for all the Spring tasks in the Kitchen and Dining Hall. Registration will end on March 25.

2. "Work & Worship Weekend", **Friday, April 22 and Saturday, 24** (www.manatawny.org/workandworship)
This is for all of the other Spring tasks at Camp. Registration will end on April 22..

There will be all kinds of work available for all different talents. Please be sure to register to reserve lodging and to help Camp prepare for the number of people attending. Lodging will be available on a first come basis and a schedule for the weekend will be sent on a later date to those who are registered. To register, or for more information on either of these work days, visit **manatawny.org**.

We hope you can join us to help on one of these weekends. Please visit the links above for more information!

ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

Camp's Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, April 23**.



Everyone Welcome!
**2022
ANNUAL
MEETING**

Saturday, April 23

This is the time of year that we ask you to become a member of Camp Manatawny and vote for our Board of Directors. Your paid membership helps us by creating a solid foundation of support.

There are two ways you may join; either as a voting member or as a non-voting member:

1) You may become a Voting Member if you are: (1) eighteen (18) years of age or older; and, (2) a member of the Church of Christ.

2) You may become a Non-Voting Member if you are: (1) younger than (18) years of age; and/or, (2) not a member of the Church of Christ.

Background information on each nominated Board Member and the election ballot are available in your UltraCamp account. Click on the button shown to complete the ballot and pay your membership fee. Please complete one ballot for each paid voting member registered in your UltraCamp account.

The Board of Directors at Camp Manatawny love to hear from and meet with the members of the corporation and the extended Camp community. We are thrilled to hear your stories of how Camp has impacted your lives for Christ. We also feel it is important to learn of any concerns you may have about Camp. Informally, many of our members and partners reach out to us on a Sunday morning at church, but please know, even if we do not worship together at the same local congregation, you may reach out to the Board Members through email by visiting **<https://www.manatawny.org/staff>** and clicking on the member that you would like to contact.

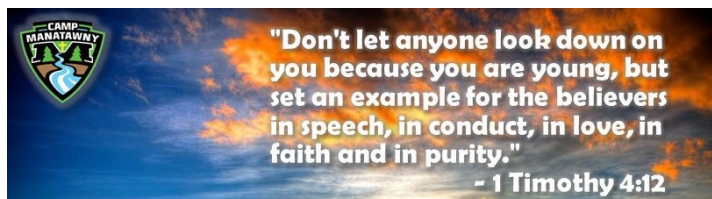
We encourage everyone to partner with us by becoming a member. We appreciate everyone who has joined so far and for those planning on joining us.

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

Camp Manatawny's Facebook Page:
www.facebook.com/Manatawny

CAMP MANATAWNY EVENTS IN 2022

Go to manatawny.org for the schedule, to register, or for more information.



JR/SR HIGH RETREAT (TWICE!)

(SPRING) April 29 - 30; Grades 7 - 12

(FALL) October 28 - 29; Grades 7 - 12

You have fun at camp each summer, and now you have a chance to enjoy it in the Spring and Fall! Join friends, summer staff, and other campers for games, campfires, and growing in your relationship with Christ. Be sure to invite new-to-camp friends!

Cost: Only \$35! (plus a \$4 processing fee)

Includes a light dinner, snacks, all activities, 1 night cabin lodging, breakfast/lunch on Saturday

Registration for **SPRING** session will end on **April 29**.

Registration for **FALL** session will end on **October 28**.

CHURCH LEADERS WORKSHOP

May 19 - 21

A gathering of church leaders from Church of Christ congregations in the Delaware Valley and surrounding area. Leaders will gather to share common experiences, have fun, and fellowship in a safe environment. Important subjects will be introduced by knowledgeable presenters, follow by discussion and prayers. **Elders, ministers, deacons, ministry leaders, and interested/involvement members are welcome!**

Cost: \$60. Covers the cost of food (6 meals).

Cost (Friday only, not staying overnight): \$30.

Lodging is complimentary.

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

May 28, 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.

LADIES RETREAT

May 6 - 7

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 27 - 30

The goal of this weekend is to provide you and your family with activities and time to relax together. This is a great time to enjoy our summer camp activities and re-energize your family's walk with God. There's something for everyone!

Cost: \$130. Includes summer 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.

CAMP SONSHINE

June 4 - 5

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: FREE! Camp Sonshine is operated by volunteers and funded by donations.

Registration for this session will end on **June 3**.



STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

September 3

We want to say "thank you" for serving and work hard as a volunteer staff member at Camp during this year's summer sessions! (From **10:00AM to 4:00PM**)

Now, come to Camp with no work responsibilities!

Enjoy Camp, have lunch served by the Board Members, visit the canteen, use the facilities, and soak up the beauty and wonder of Camp with fellow staff members! Family members welcome!



MEN'S RETREAT

September 23 - 24

All men are encouraged to come to this life-changing weekend! Bring your sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers, brothers-in-law, and co-workers. (Note: There will be no special program for the youth this year.)

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

MANATAWNY 5K RACE/FUN RUN

October 29

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!

NEW! "IN THE NATION'S SERVICE" CHRISTMAS AT CAMP

December 17

This is a special event for children of active duty military personnel and first responders. (police, fire, EMT, etc.)

More information to come!

AREA WIDE WORSHIP/POTLUCK

November 6

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 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 \$375, 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.





IN LOVING MEMORY

Diana McConnell entered her heavenly home on Sunday, February 17, 2022. Our love and prayers are with Van, Chris, Vanessa, Tom, and Layla at this time.



MANY THANKS

Thank you all for your generous support! **Our church family is now fully prepared to aid an Afghan family for 12 months after their arrival in Philadelphia.**

We still do not know when we will be assigned a family. It could be any time from now until June 2022. We will share more information as soon as it becomes available.

Contributions are still being accepted for the family's food, supplies, and other needs. All contributions must be made to the Pitman Road Church of Christ with "Afghan Family" indicated.

Please text or call **Diana Hutchinson** with any questions at **856-381-9095**.



BRIDAL SHOWER

Saturday, March 26 at 12:30pm
Here at Pitman Road in the FLC

Join us for a bridal shower in honor of **Christina Varghese**, fiancé of Andrew Holden! RSVP to Cindy Holden by Saturday, March 12 at (609) 202-5880.

Please bring a recipe to share with Christina!

Andrew and Christina are registered on Amazon!

You can choose from two options:

(1) Have your gift shipped to their apartment after March 12th and bring a "wrapped" picture of the item to the shower for Christian to open.

(2) Bring your gift to the shower and, afterwards, ship it to their apartment at your own expense.

If you wish to purchase a cute item for Christina to wear, her size is medium.

Address to Send Gifts:

10800 McCombs St., Apt. 38202, El Paso, TX 79924



MANY THANKS

Janice Oliver would like to thank everyone for the prayers and cards, along with the flowers sent from the church.

She and her sister, Toni, are very grateful for all the love that they have received during this time.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES ARE PROVIDING MORE THAN JUST GIFTS

Jay Schnieder received a newsletter from Samaritan's Purse, which featured an article highlighting the impact of the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Below, is an excerpt from that article.

"We call shoeboxes 'Gospel opportunities', because each one prepares the way for us to tell a child about the love of Jesus Christ. We praise God for giving us more than 10.5 million Gospel opportunities this year; the most since the start of the pandemic.

Our partner churches around the world share the Gospel as they hand out the shoeboxes, and the Lord continues to reach these precious children through The Greatest Journey, a series of 12 Bible lessons that Samaritan's Purse offers to children who receive shoebox gifts.

Over the past 12 years, we have seen 14 million children come to saving faith in Christ through The Greatest Journey, and we have presented Bibles to more than 21 million graduates. Children memorize Bible verses in their own languages and learn how to share their faith with others.."

It is so encouraging to know that the shoeboxes that are sent each Christmas leave such an impact!

JOIN US FOR NEW 2022 SPRING QUARTER BIBLE CLASSES!

Join us every Sunday morning at 9AM for Bible class, and every Wednesday evening over Zoom at 7PM.
(See the NEW adult class schedule below or in the foyer.)

Sunday morning Bible classes for teens and children are also available! Harry Ake will be leading a class for the teens called, "Basic Understanding of the Bible From Genesis to Revelation."

2022 Spring Quarter Bible Classes

March • April • May

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
B4 Adult (Library)	Adults	Prayerful Parenting in a Frightful World	Joey Peacher
B3 Chapel	Adults	Connecting Proverbs	Mike Broyles
Parke Place	Senior Saints	Worship	Jay Schneider

Wednesday Evening at 7:00 pm

Location	Intended For	Topic	Teachers
Online (ZOOM)	Adults	Prayers in the New Testament	Dave Perine

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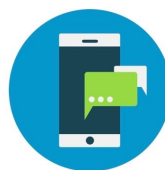
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