



PITMAN ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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]

MORE THAN THE LUCK OF THE IRISH



Joey Peacher
Preaching Minister

This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. - Philippians 1:1

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them. – Romans 8:28

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day. There will be parades, festivals, and lots of beer drinking. Rivers turn green. People pinch each other for not wearing green. It has become a celebration of Irish American culture. In Ireland, until the 1960s, bars were forbidden to open on St. Patrick's Day because it was viewed as a religious holiday. There will be decorations of shamrocks, leprechauns, and signs of good luck hanging in stores, but there's more to the story of St. Patrick than the luck of the Irish and a better reason to remember and celebrate this great follower of Jesus.

"Patrick was born into Roman citizenship on the British Isles in 387. As a boy, he was sold to a cruel Druid and taken to work in Northern Ireland. Although Patrick had been raised with the Christian faith as part of his family's lifestyle, he had no true knowledge of God, no interest in Jesus, and certainly no desire to live a holy Christian life. That changed when he became a slave. Patrick spent years learning the language and culture of the Druids. Beneath the barbaric practices of the religion common to Ireland, which may even have included human sacrifice, Patrick saw the beauty of people made in the image of God."

After years in bondage, Patrick would escape and return home, but he did not forget the people of Ireland. He returned to his captors, sought out his former master, paid his ransom price, and spoke about Jesus. "On Easter of 433, Patrick found himself engaging in a spiritual duel of sorts with the Druid priests and magicians. Patrick had lit an Easter fire, a bonfire traditionally lit on the evening before Easter morning that symbolizes the light of Christ and His resurrection. (Cool symbolism for an outdoor worship service, right?) The Druids could not extinguish it. They called down a demonic darkness. Patrick dispelled it with prayer." Part of that prayer could have been this:

*Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me...
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through a belief in the Threeness,
Through a confession of the Oneness
Of the Creator of creation.*

"One of the legends surrounding the life of Saint Patrick says that he drove all the snakes off the island. Truth be told, there is no evidence that Ireland ever had any snakes (New Zealand, Iceland, and Greenland are also snake-free). Patrick did not drive literal snakes from Ireland, but by his work and witness, the serpent-like stranglehold of Druid superstition was loosened and eventually driven out. In Patrick's enslavement, the snake of paganism had struck at Patrick's heel, but Christ in the end had crushed its head. Somehow, in the evil that had been done to him in his kidnapping and enslavement, Patrick found his calling. Evil had been turned to good. The runaway slave had returned a free man, a slave of Christ, and a servant of the Irish people."

Like Paul and Timothy, Patrick would use his experiences and give them over to Jesus. The fun of wearing green and getting pinched pales in comparison to the real reason to have St. Patrick's Day as a transition celebration between Christmas and Easter. Patrick became a new life in Jesus and impacted an entire culture for Jesus. That's a good reason to celebrate.

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;
\$395 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 24 - July 1

SENIOR HIGH 1, Grades 9 & 10: July 1 - July 8

JR. HIGH 2, Grades 7, 8, & 9 - July 8 - July 15

JR. HIGH 1, Grades 5, 6, & 7 - July 15 - July 22

INTERMEDIATE, Grades 4, 5, & 6 - July 22 - July 29

ELEMENTARY 2, Grades 3 & 4 - July 29 - Aug. 5

ELEMENTARY 1, Grades 1 & 2 - Aug. 5 - Aug. 12

Day Camp:

**For campers completing 1st grade through 6th grade;
\$295 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 4 to 6: July 17 - July 21

WEEK 2, Grades 3 to 6: July 24 - July 28

WEEK 3, Grades 2 to 5: July 31 - Aug. 4

WEEK 4, Grades 1 to 3: Aug. 7 - Aug. 11

Registration for 2023 Summer Sessions is now open. Go to **www.manatawny.org** for more information!

CAMP MANATAWNY FEES AND DISCOUNTS FOR 2023 SUMMER SESSIONS

**Register and pay in full by March 31 and pay:
\$369 (a \$26 discount) plus get a FREE SHIRT**

**Register and pay in full by April 30 and pay:
\$369 (a \$26 discount) but NO free shirt**

Register after April 30 and pay the full \$395

\$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 31st** – Saturday **April 1st**



WORK & WORSHIP WEEKEND

Friday **April 21st** – Sunday **April 23rd**



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 31 and Saturday, April 1** (www.manatawny.org/kitchenworkdays)
This is for all the Spring tasks in the Kitchen and Dining Hall. Registration will end on March 31.
2. "Work & Worship Weekend", **Friday, April 21 to Sunday, April 23** (www.manatawny.org/workandworship)
This is for all of the other Spring tasks at Camp. Registration will end on April 21.

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**.



2023
**ANNUAL
MEETING**

Sunday, 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 2023

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



JR/SR HIGH RETREAT (TWICE!)

(SPRING) April 28 - 29; Grades 7 - 12

(FALL) October 6 - 8; 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!

Spring Cost: \$45 (plus a \$4 processing fee)
Registration for **SPRING** session will end on **April 28**.

Fall Cost: \$55 (plus a \$4 processing fee)
Registration for **FALL** session will end on **October 6**.

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

CHURCH LEADERS WORKSHOP

May 11 - 13

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/involved members are welcome!**

Cost: \$60. Covers the cost of food (6 meals).
Cost (Friday only, not staying overnight): \$30.
Lodging is complimentary.

FAMILY CAMP

May 26 - 29

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.

LADIES RETREAT

May 5 - 6

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: \$45

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.

NEW! "IN THE NATION'S SERVICE" CAMPSHIP FUNDRAISER

May 13

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

More information to come!

SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE

May 27, 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.



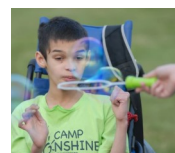
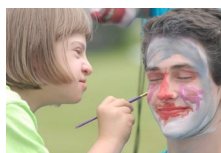
CAMP SONSHINE

June 3 - 4

Camp Sonshine offers love, acceptance, and fun to children ages 8 to 18 with special needs! Everything is customized to make camp accessible and meet the needs of campers diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The goal is for campers to feel 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 2

We want to say "thank you" to our volunteers who worked at Camp during this year's summer sessions!

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 of Camp with fellow staff members!

10:00AM to 4:00PM. Family members welcome!

GOLDEN AGE RETREAT

September 8 - 9

This retreat is for those 55 years of age and older.

The guest speaker will be our very own, **Dan Cooper!** Don't miss this 2 day/1 night event!

Cost: \$45 for first person, \$30 each additional person

Includes 3 meals, all activities, and 1 night lodging.

CAMP GOLF OUTING

October 14

This fundraiser will set aside all donations for the Road and Roof Fund. Come enjoy yourself and help us by helping the kids!

Send an email to info@manatawny.org or call the Camp office at **(610) 707-3822** to sign-up.

MEN'S RETREAT

September 22 - 23

All men are encouraged to come to this life-changing weekend! Bring your sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers, brothers-in-law, and co-workers.

Cost: \$45

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

LIFTU WINTER RETREAT

December 29 - January 1

For college-age young adults and high school seniors.

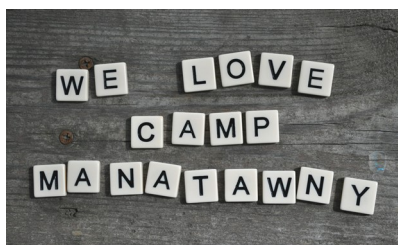
Cost: \$99 (\$4 processing fee)

AREA WIDE WORSHIP/POTLUCK

November 5

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!

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 \$395, 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

Our beautiful sister and friend, **Marlene Patterson**, passed on to her Heavenly reward on Friday, **February 10, 2023**. She was dearly loved and will be deeply missed. We send our love, comfort, and prayers to Evan, along with the rest of the family.

Our brother in Christ, **Roger Hladky**, went on to his Heavenly reward on Saturday, **January 28, 2023**. He was so loved and blessed the lives of so many. Our love and prayers go out to his wife, Carolyn, his daughter, Holly, and the rest of his family.



HYMN SING PLANNING MEETING

TODAY, March 5 after worship service

Our Pitman Road women are very excited to host an upcoming fall **ladies hymn sing** at our church building on Saturday, October 7th (from 1:00-3:00 PM)!

Please let us know that you have an interest in learning more about the hymn sing and how you can help. Join us at our meeting today right after morning worship. **Lunch will be provided.** If you can't make the meeting, reach out to us and we can discuss ideas/information with you at a later date.

- **Brenda Busch and Tina Broyles**



WATCH AND DISCUSS GROUP

Starting TODAY, March 5 at 5 PM

We will be meeting at the building on most Sunday evenings at 5PM to watch and discuss all episodes of the TV series, **"The Chosen,"** starting from episode 1.

Below is the meeting schedule for March and April:

Class #1: March 5	Class #4: April 16
Class #2: March 26	Class #5: April 23
Class #3: April 2	Class #6: April 30

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

March 9 (and every other Thursday) at 7 PM

Brenda Busch is holding a ladies Bible study at her home every other Thursday, and she would love for you to join her! They are reading **"The Surpassing Value of Knowing Christ: A Study of Philippians"** by Beth Moore and Melissa Moore.

Contact Brenda Busch for more information.



GOING OUT OF BUSINESS

Country Critters is going out of business after almost 40 years! We are cleaning out our inventory. All items are being reduced. Please feel free to come and browse the shop at our home.

Phyllis and Cornelius Walker

15 Woodland Avenue, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

Call 856-478-6811 or 856-478-6972

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

Sunday, March 12 at 11:45 AM

Join us NEXT Sunday for food, fellowship, and fun at our monthly potluck! Please bring all food fully prepared; heated, cut, and ready to serve. Feel free to bring some games to play!

The theme is "Irish Food." Participating in the theme is completely optional. **Any kind of food is welcome!** Drinks are provided. We hope to see you there!

NOTE: Due to Easter Sunday being on the second Sunday of the month, April 9, we will be moving next month's potluck. **Next month's Second Sunday Social will be the FIRST Sunday of April; Palm Sunday, April 2.**



2023 Spring Quarter Bible Classes

March • April • May

Sunday Mornings at 9:00 am

Adults	Room B4 (Library) "Foundations for Faith" taught by Mike Broyles
Middle School and High School	Topic: "Answers in Genesis" All tween and teen classes are held in the C-wing.
Cradle Roll, Pre-K, and K-5	All children's classes are held in the D-wing.
Senior Saints (Assisted Living)	Worship at Parke Place led by Jay Schneider

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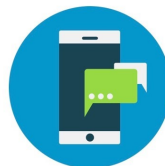
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