



# CAMP MANATAWNY

**Don't forget to keep up with Camp's upcoming events!** Last month's Pitman Road Post included all of the information for Camp Manatawny's summer sessions, retreats throughout the year, and more. If you didn't get a chance to grab the March issue, you can find a copy on our church website at [www.pitmancoc.com/media/bulletin](http://www.pitmancoc.com/media/bulletin). You can also go directly to Camp's website, [www.manatawny.org](http://www.manatawny.org), for more information.

## THANK YOU, PITMAN ROAD CHURCH FAMILY

1. Dear church family, I want to sincerely thank everyone for the meals, cards, phone calls, and especially your prayers. I deeply appreciate it! To have such a loving family is a true blessing. **With love and thanks, Jerri Manfre**
2. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus. - 1 Thessalonians 5:18  
Dear Barnabas Ministry, thank you so much for the birthday wishes. **Thank you! Linda Kuznetzoff**
3. Dear Pitman Road Church of Christ, thank you so much for all that you did for our family during the loss of mom, Dorothy Miller. Your presence at mom's funeral, Dan's warm and thoughtful service, the food provided at the house after, and of course your prayers, meant more than you know. I know that mom would have been touched by your outpouring of love and support. **Love, The Marcus Family**
4. To the Pitman Road Church, thank you for all your love and support with everything you have done for me and our families. **With love to you all, always in God, Judy Goodman**
5. Dear church family, thank you for the overflowing of fervent, effectual prayers. Good news; my brother-in-law, Robert Ingram, is home from the hospital! Doctors' orders were administered and he is now home resting and taking Eliquis. **God bless, La'Verne Daniels**

### WAYS TO GIVE



In person  
at the  
worship service.

Via the  
easyTithe  
mobile app.

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

Text to Give  
Text amount to  
856.209.6212

**Weekly Average Contribution for February: \$6,765**

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## 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



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

[A PEACHER'S PERSPECTIVE]

## BRUTAL HISTORY AND BEAUTIFUL ART



**Joey Peacher**  
Preaching Minister

We recently visited the Holocaust Museum in Washington D.C. The brutality of sinful humanity is clearly on display as the horrors of torture, death, and the ultimate endgame of an evolutionary worldview is displayed in pictures and video footage. Among the gruesome accounts of attempted genocide are also stories of people who survived and helped others survive and stories of those who tried to rescue as many as they could. Small lights within gargantuan darkness, but lights, nonetheless. Rescuers among men are successful to a limited degree. Read the book of Judges if you don't believe me.

Within 24 hours of visiting the Holocaust Museum, we visited the Museum of the Bible (which is a must see, if you haven't heard me say that yet) for a special exhibit focused on the ultimate rescuer: Jesus. The exhibit titled, Ecce Homo, displayed artwork of the face of Jesus mostly at the moment when Pilate parades his beaten body before a crowd and declares, "Behold, the man" (Ecce Homo in Latin). One of these by Salvador Dali (shown below) fascinated me because when I first saw it, I saw only splatter. Dali, in fact, used a technique called "bulletism," which involves loading a type of antique gun with ink capsules and firing them at the paper. Only later, from a distance, did I recognize

the image of Jesus. There was also a woodcutting done by an artist of whom very little work survives because the Nazis felt his work degenerate. One of the images reminded us of the emaciated bodies seen the previous day in the Holocaust Museum. The juxtaposition of these two exhibits reminds me of both the reality and the beauty of Easter.

The Resurrection is the day that took things that were broken, cruel, harsh, ugly, and repulsive and made them beautiful again. The Resurrection is redemption. The Resurrection is transformation. The Resurrection does not make the reality of Jesus's suffering and death by crucifixion a little less barbaric. The suffering and pain were real because Jesus was real. When Pilate declared, "Behold, the man," he didn't realize he was declaring a theological truth: that our God became flesh and suffered our pain and our death in our place. Jesus took my place on the cross. Visuals over the centuries help bring that reality to life. Yet, like the accounts of the Holocaust survivors who lived into their nineties, the reality of the suffering was not the end of the story.

The Resurrection is so powerful and so transformative that it takes ugly images of sadness and pain and reforms them into images of redemption. The resurrection turns mangled images of a man tortured to death into images worthy of adoration and worship. The resurrection helps see splatters of paint on paper as something worthy of reflection.

We can be certain of Jesus' resurrection and live transformed lives, too. Images like the one to the right remind us of Jesus' death in our place, but they can also remind of the transformative beauty and power of the resurrection. Happy Easter!



# HAPPY EASTER!

HE IS NOT HERE;  
HE HAS RISEN,  
JUST AS HE SAID.

MATTHEW 28:6



## Second Sunday Social Sunday, April 14

Join us after worship in the FLC for a potluck! Members, please bring a dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

Sign Up Now  
to Build Communities  
and Strengthen Lives!



Family Promise

Host Week



## FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK

**Sunday, April 14, 2024 through  
Saturday, April 20, 2024**

We need even more volunteers to cook and shop now that we are serving four transition houses.

Please contact **John Ashton**, our coordinator, at **609-214-8522** or **[jashton834@comcast.net](mailto:jashton834@comcast.net)** if you would like to help.

## Comedy Night

To Benefit Family Promise of  
Southwest New Jersey



**Saturday, April 27, 2024**

Doors open at: 7pm  
Show starts at: 8pm

**Church of the Incarnation**  
240 Main Street  
Mantua, NJ 08051

**Tickets are \$50**  
Includes a light buffet

*Purchase tickets online at*  
**[www.familypromiseswnj.org](http://www.familypromiseswnj.org)**



## IN LOVING MEMORY

Our dear Christian sister, **Mary Collier**, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, March 3, 2024. We send our love, comfort, and prayers to her husband, Leonard, and the rest of the family and friends during this difficult time.

Our sincere sympathy is expressed to Yvonne Pearl in the passing of her mother, **Dorothy Lillian Miller**. She went on to her reward on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, as Yvonne was holding her hand. We send our love, comfort, and prayers to Yvonne, the Pearls, and the rest of the family and friends who love her and will miss her dearly.



## GROUP FOR VETERANS

Our first volunteer group for the Veterans is **Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am-11:30am**. We will meet at the church at 8:45 am.

Dan Cooper will be driving the church van. If there's not enough room, we can share riding down. Hopefully we can stop for lunch or meet somewhere afterwards. Looking forward to serving a wonderful group of men and women who have blessed us all by their service! Don't hesitate to contact Sandy Sheehan at (609) 828-3494 with any questions.

**April 17 at 7:45 am** | **May 15 at 7:30 am** | **June 12 at 7:00 am**  
Memorial | Pitman Elementary | Pitman High

Pitman Road church has been blessing the teachers and staff throughout the Pitman school district by bringing them breakfast once a month.



**This has been our way of showing appreciation for all that they do.**

**We would love for you to get involved with the delivery!**

**Contact Dan at (856) 981-9755 for information or to get involved.**

## CHILDREN'S CURRICULUM



Every month, the children's Bible class curriculum that we use (called "Orange") provides a different engaging and strategic theme to help us teach God's word to our kids.

The theme for April 2024 will be **"Cookout."** It's never easy to wait. But when you have patience, you can choose to wait until later for what you want now.

Bring Your Own

## Craft Day

**Saturday, April 27**

Noon to 5:00 PM in the FLC  
Snacks are provided! Join us!







**PITMAN ROAD**  
CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Area Wide Worship

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Bible Class at 10 AM

Worship at 11 AM

Meal to Follow

Join us at Pitman Road as we worship with our Christian brothers and sisters from other churches of Christ in the area. Invite a friend. We hope to see you there!

## 2024 Church Retreat

at Camp Manatawny

Visit the  
Event Table  
or check  
your email  
for details!

Scan to  
Register!



*Rejoice Always ...  
Even in Suffering*

*- 4 Sessions and a sermon from 1 Peter 4:12-19*

**June 7** (6:30 pm) to **June 9** (after lunch)



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