

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a

## Ministry Opportunity:

### The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

### Things to Remember :

**Remember: we are always collecting items for the Women's Center.**

Please bring small soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, washrags, towels, lotions, disposable razors, large plastic zip lock bags, etc. to Sunday Tabernacle Service.

**Mary Toney is moving on November 6.** Will you consider helping her?

**Dale Bowen is in need of work.** He can do up to 6 hrs a day, and is great at landscaping and lawn care. He could also drive for deliveries or transportation. Could you use his help, or do you know of anyone who could use his services? Contact Kork at the church office.

### Your Prayer Reminders:

We are looking to begin a homeless shelter in Pottstown. Bill and I have talked with several folks who want this too. Are you interested in helping? Please pray.

Pray for Melvin Moore who is still recuperating at Towne Manor East. There is a great chance that he will be coming home very soon. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Please remember to pray for Lori's youngest son who has returned home; for the Rabenold family as they struggle to be obedient to God; and for Randy and Shane as they struggle to let go of things that hurt them.

Please pray for Leona Zupko who has been diagnosed with stomach and colon cancer.

### Your Prayer Notes:

Next week... **October 22, 2006: Proper 24 (Year B)**  
**Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c, Job 38:1-7, 34-41,**  
**Mark 10:35-45, & Hebrews 5:1-10**

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"He restores my soul . . .  
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" *Psalm 23*

**follow you where?**  
"how to succeed at losing everything!"

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." *heb. 4:16*

*The Week of October 15th, 2006*

**Worship**  
psalm 22  
job 23  
mark 10  
hebrews 4

**Benediction**

### Our Mission

To pursue God's heart and mission of building a worshipful faith community within the Pottstown area, through good works and home churches; recognizing Jesus as King of the universe, and worshipping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.

## [Worship]

### job 23::1-9, 16-17

1 Then Job answered: 2 "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. 3 Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! 4 I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. 5 I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. 6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. 7 There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge. 8 "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; 9 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

16 God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; 17 If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

## [Think & Pray...]

**Meditation:** *"Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments. job 23::2-4*

**Reflection:** Hebrews exhorts us, "We must hold firm to our profession of faith." Such words fall on deaf ears unless they are connected to the reality of suffering, as we find in Job, Psalm 22, and Mark. We should hold on to our faith - with all its rage, despair, and confusion - because "Jesus ... is not incapable of feeling our weakness with us, but has been put to the test in exactly the same way as we ourselves ... apart from sin."

**Your Action:** When have you experienced the despair of Job, or the anger of the psalmist? How did you express it? Where have you discovered Jesus as interpreter of your pain, offering the solace of others and the challenge to live in the spirit of Jubilee?

## [The Scripture]

### mark 10::17-31

17 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18 Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19 You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" 20 He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." 21 Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." 22 When he heard this, *he was shocked* and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. 23 Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" 24 And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." 26 *They were greatly astounded* and said to one another, "*Then who can be saved?*" 27 Jesus looked at them and said, "For *mortals it is impossible*, but not for God; *for God all things are possible.*" 28 Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." 29 Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30 who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age--houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions--and in the age to come eternal life. 31 But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

"Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

*heb. 4::16"*

Read psalm 22::1-15  
and hebrews 4::12-16