

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?

**Franny wants to plan another church dinner.** Please see her if you want to help.

**We are now members of the TCCN community.** We are looking to partner with them in ways to bring Christ to our community, and those with little to the community's attention. Please pray for God's leading and His move as we partner with them.



**We are serving Thanksgiving Dinner at the Pottstown Consumer Center** again this year. We are scheduled for Friday, November 24th at 5:00 pm. Please see Missy if you would like to volunteer to serve or prepare food. Thank you!

### 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.*

*Melvin Moore has finally received his new prosthetic leg and is learning how to use it while recuperating at Towne Manor East. He will be coming home as soon as he can function with it. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.*

*Norman is having minor exploratory surgery on Tuesday to diagnose possible health problems. He is very troubled about this and needs your prayers and comfort...*

*Please pray for Leona Zupko who has returned home from the hospital after colon surgery; for Randy and Shane as they struggle to let go of things that hurt them; remember to pray for Lori's two son; and for the Rabenold family as they struggle to be obedient to God.*

### Your Prayer Notes:

**Next week... November 19, 2006: Proper 28 (Year B)**

1 Samuel 1:4-20, 1 Samuel 2:1-10,

Mark 13:1-8, & Hebrews 10:11-25

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



**Worship**  
psalm 42  
ruth 3 & 4  
mark 12  
hebrews 9

### 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 worshiping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.

### Benediction

[Worship]

psalm 42

1 As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, 'Where is your God?' 4 These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. 7 Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. 8 By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. 9 I say to God, my rock, Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me? 10 As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, 'Where is your God?' 11 Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

[Think & Pray...]

**Meditation:** *Jesus said to his disciples, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."* mk12.43-44

Read **ruth 3.1-5 & 4.13-17,**  
**hebrews 9.24-28,**  
**malachi, & acts 2**

[The Scripture]

mark 12::38-44

"Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel!"  
ruth 4.14

38 As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, 39 and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! 40 They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." 41 **He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums.** 42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. 43 Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. 44 For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

**Reflection:** Widows frequently appear in both Old and New Testament readings as a symbol of society's most vulnerable members, who are worthy of special care according to Israelite religious law. Jesus notes the example of a widow and contrasts her with church leaders whose superficial piety does not disguise their quest for power and acclaim at the expense of the poor. The poor widow, gives not of her excess but "out of her poverty." (Mk 12.43-44).

As we approach the end of the liturgical year and prepare for the birth of God among us, we are reminded that *what* we give, of ourselves and our possessions, is of little importance. Instead, *how* we give to others is what will show the world that God is among us.

**Your Action:** Where does your treasure lie? What does your worship consist of—thinking good thoughts about God; singing songs about him; or allowing his life to be lived through you? What if you truly had a keen awareness that Jesus was "watching" your worship, as you put things into "the treasury," do you think it would affect what you do? As we *live* Christmas throughout this coming year, where might God be changing your worship gifts as he topples your systems?