

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

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Monday Evenings
256 South Hanover Street
Pottstown, PA 19465
7:00 to 8:30

Consumer Center Church

Thursday Evenings

249 High Street
Pottstown, PA 19464
8:00 to 9:30

Eden St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

846 High & Eden Sts
Pottstown, PA 19464
7:00 to 8:30

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts
7:00 pm

Announcements:

New Choices/New Options

Free Career Development Program

This is a FREE intensive Career Counseling, Personal Growth, Job Readiness, and Computer Training program for those preparing to return to work due to life circumstances or looking to improve their opportunities in the job market. The program is open to single parents, displaced homemakers, and people in transition. Childcare reimbursement available. Program Services include: Computer Training - Skill and Interest Assessments - Job Placement Assistance - Self-Esteem Development - Peer Support - Career Testing - Job Search Skills - Resume Writing - Interviewing Skills - Career Counseling. If interested please contact Pastor Kork.



We have a new published Author among us. We have just published **John Kearney's** first book, "A Walk In Faith." Please see the church office to order your own copy of this excellent book. And please congratulate John on a job well done—for God's glory!



You are invited to dinner at the "Community Table." Tuesday, February 6 at 6:00 pm at the Birdsboro Community Library. This is an association with Hopewell Love INC. Contact the church office for more info.



Thank you for your prayers while we address the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. We are hosting the shelter in the Parish House this month and **still looking for volunteers** for this ministry. This collaborative is called **The Ministries at MAIN Street**. To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

Our Mayor has asked us to pray and fast...

In another ministry appeal—who would enter into a fast of corporate agreement for Pottstown from January 1 until February 9. Much victory was commanded by the nation of Israel as they proclaimed corporate fasting. Our fast times will be from noon until 4 pm daily for maximum participation. Consider this in prayer. The lent season will be the next 'corporate opportunity'. This is a Lighthouse of prayer initiative.
Sharon Valentine-Thomas

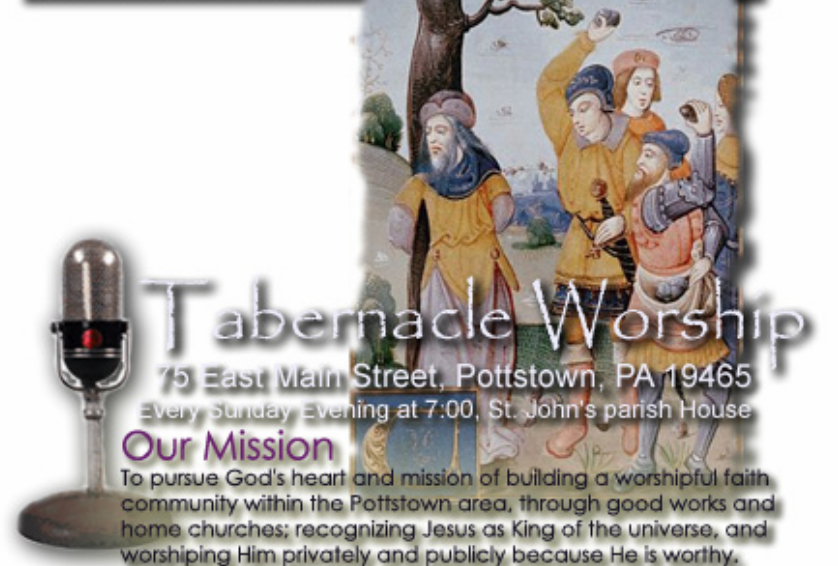
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"He restores my soul . . . surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23



[Worship]

Today...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

psalm 71 .1-6

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy

A Latter-Day Psalm ::

~ by John Kearney

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

jeremiah 1 .4-10

Reflection Film ::

“starving Jesus”

The Scripture ~ *this week's focus*

pain, prophesy & childhood
reluctant heroes and prophetic exiles

“Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you, & Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” (Jer. 1 .7-8)

psalm 71 .1-6, jeremiah 1 .4-10,
luke 4 .21-30, & 1 corinthians 13 .1-13

Reflection Film ::

“Love Is...”

Benediction ::

1 thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship]

your discussion notes

Meditation: *“But the truth is,... When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.” (Lk 4 .25a, and 28-30)*

Reflection: *Jeremiah 1 and Luke 4, which both highlight prophetic vocation, remind us that prophets today have the same urgency, and face the same rejection, that Jeremiah and Jesus experienced. “The Earth is gasping for breath; the poor are dying; and the middle class is urged to keep shopping.”*

Jeremiah is called at a time when his nation has fallen into idolatry and faces the terrible prospect of exile. Jeremiah had the enormously unpopular vocation of warning the Jewish people of impending doom.

Similarly, in Luke's gospel, Jesus heralds the same unpopular prophetic warning to his own people.

Prophets in our society today experience similar rejection. Yet their message rings with the same clarity and urgency as in the days of Jeremiah and Jesus.

Unless the church listens and repents, can we escape the fate of ancient Israel? Are we living our religion in pre-exilic comfort?

* Exerpts from Joe Nangle, OFM

Next week...

psalm 138, isaiah 6:1-13,
luke 5:1-11, & 1 corinthians 15:1-11