

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

### Ministry:

#### The Table

**Every Wednesday Evening**

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

### Worship:

#### Tabernacle Worship Service

**Every Sunday Evening**

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 7:00 pm

### Announcements:



**You Are Invited to...!**

#### Celebration2007

The Northern Atlantic Fellowship Annual Conference

Sunday, March 18, 2007 at Penn Valley Grace Brethren Church, Telford, PA

For more info call the church office.

#### 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.

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.

**A local mother of 4 children needs our help.** Her husband has been sent to Afghanistan, and will hopefully return in September. Their children are ages 8, 3, 18 months, and 4 months. Our friend Becky Sikora invites us to her mission of making life a little easier for her while her husband is away. She is collecting things to help including: for WalMart & Weis Gift Cards. Please contact the church office for more information.

#### Prayers Collections from the Worship Table

- ✓ Lord I need funds for rent & a job. Also, health issues with diabetes. ~RJF
- ✓ Pray for my brother Sam who is incarcerated and struggling with addiction. ~Unknown
- ✓ Church, continue to pray for me to be more like God! ~SH
- ✓ Lord, help us in our weakness to continue your work in our community. ~SW
- ✓ There is a couple who are looking for help renovating their home into rooms for rent to help those in need. Pray as to how you might help their efforts.

#### Your Prayer Reminders:

**Next week... March 18, 2007: Lent 4 (Year C)**

**psalm 32, joshua 5 .9-12, luke 15 .1-3, 11b-32, & 2 corinthians 5 .16-21**

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



**testing in a dry land**  
*Preserving failure examples for the future.*

**Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." (1 Cor. 10 :5-7)**

#### Worship

psalm 63 1-8

isaiah 55 1-9

luke 13 1-9

1 corinthians 10 1-13

**lent 3**  
Our Mission

#### Benediction

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.

[Worship]

psalm 63 .1-8

1 O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. 4 So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. 5 My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips 6 when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; 7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

**Consider:** During our Lenten Desert, are we intentionally “Exodus-ed” into weakness through reliance on God’s Spirit?

**Meditation:**

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*(1 Cor. .10 .5-7)*

[The Scripture]

luke 13 .1 - 9

1 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." 6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7 So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' 8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"



[Think & Pray...]

**Reflection:** "I once took a count of what sort of things Jesus thought important enough to confront people about in the gospel of Luke. Nine times Jesus confronted people for not showing love in their actions. Nine times he confronted folks for their greed and hoarding, which get in the way of single-minded service toward God and loving action toward the needy. Nine times Jesus confronted people for having divided loyalties, rather than serving God alone. Eight times he confronted people for showing by their actions that they did not recognize his authority. Eight times he confronted people who were seeking places of honor and reputation, and urged instead the way of servant-like humility.

"Seven times he emphasized that the crucial question is whether we actually do what he teaches, versus the hypocrisy of claiming to be on the side of righteousness while not doing God's will. Seven times he called people explicitly to repent, to take the log out of our own eye, to stop being self-righteously critical of others and insisting on our own way, and instead to be more humble and loving toward him and toward others.

"It is dramatically striking how Jesus' confrontations, and his pronouncing woe, all had to do with ethics. By contrast, he never confronted people about their doctrines. How far some of us have drifted from the way of Jesus!"

- Glen H. Stassen