

**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:

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, 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.
- ✓ Mother Edythe as she cares for Zenona Harris who is struggling with relationship difficulties. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Your Prayer Reminders:

Next week... April 1, 2007: Palm Sunday (Year C)

**psalm 31 .9-16, isaiah 50 .4-9a, luke 22 .14 - 23 .56, &
philippians 2 .5-11**

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



Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. (John 12:3)

*How do we ignore the poor?
Let me count the ways.*

Worship

psalm 126

isaiah 43:16-21

john 12:1-8

philippians 3:4b-14

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.

Benediction

[Worship]

psalm 126

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." 3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. 5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. 6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Reflection: The philosopher A. N. Whitehead once remarked that it can take a thousand years for a really new idea to make its way, given human resistance. Exodus—now that was truly new: For the first time a divine being siding, not with the mighty, but the powerless, not with masters, but slaves (Isaiah 43:16-17). But now, 800 years after the exodus, Isaiah declares, God is about to do a new thing! It will be 600 years before that new thing is manifest in Jesus, and then it takes millennia just to begin to be heard.

Isaiah provides the corrective vision. God gives us water to revive us in the wilderness. It wets our tongues for praise (43:21). Praise is the principle by which humanity is kept in balance with God and his "New Thing" Jesus called "Kingdom." We cannot praise God and vanquish His chosen. We cannot worship God and idolize our own power.

Meditation:

"Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."

(John 12.3)

[The Scripture]

john 12.1-8

1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. 3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" 6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."



[Think & Pray...]

Consider: What is the "new thing" God is still trying to do in our time? Why does humanity resist it so?

Do you find praise difficult? If so, why? Are we sure that we understand what God is about, and what He is doing? Have our theologies undermined our connectedness to God and His mission of reconciliation?