

**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 9:30

#### 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.

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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# The Worship Center

at Still Waters

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

March 25 :: 2007



## holy anointing

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



## Tabernacle Worship

7th Sunday of Lent Year C

### 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.

[Worship]

Today...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

psalm 126

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 ::

isaiah 43 .16-21

Focus Film ::

“anointing”

The Scripture *this week's focus*

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

“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)

psalm 126, isaiah 43 .16-21,  
john 12 .1-8, & philippians 3 .4b-14

Reflection Film ::

“prodigal daughter”

Benediction ::

1 thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship]

your discussion notes

**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)

**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.