

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

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

Bright Hope Community Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

Myrtle Street, Pottstown

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

On Summer Hiatus Until November

Fund raising and shelter cleanup efforts are beginning this month

Norman's Game Night

3rd Saturday Evening Each Month

King St Commons, 7:00 pm

Announcements:

Shenkel UCC in North Coventry, in their attempt to host our shelter for 2 years now, might be coming to the end of a long road, legally with North Coventry. The ACLU has filed a law suit on their behalf. Our friends at Shenkel have done this reluctantly, not wanting conflict with the Township, but when the world's kingdoms come into conflict with Christ's kingdom and following Him, we must be obedient to our King. Keep them in prayer!

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

2008/2009 Season has come to an end and the work of fund raising, laundry, and storage are beginning. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation, remember Bruce Heller who is in Manor Care Nursing Home, they are exercising him, and he will probably be there for a long time. Drop in and see him or send him a card. See Francis for his address and visiting hours.

Remember Michael's friend who's family is enduring a very difficult time, and are in danger of losing their farm, and for Donna who is lost in the confusion of religion and the thoughts of her mind.

Thank God for Marcy Draper's healing. Her surgery was successful and the biopsy proved her to be cancer free!!! Thank you LORD!!

Please, also keep all of us in prayer; as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Next Week's Scriptures:

June 21, 2009: Proper 7 (Year B)

psalm 9.9-20, 1 samuel 17.1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49, mark 4.35-41, & 2 corinthians 6.1-13

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June 14 - 2009

Kings & Weeds

running an empire, or Sleeping on the job

Worship
psalm 20
1 samuel 15.34 - 16.13
mark 4.26-34
2 corinthians 5.6-17

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship

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Every Sunday Evening at 5:30, St. John's Parish House



[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Parable of the Seed”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 20

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

2 Corinthians 5.6-17

Focus Film ::

“Kingdom Citizens”

The Scripture ~

Kings & Weeds running an empire, or Sleeping on the job

The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth;... **Mark 4.26—31**

This week's Lectionary:
psalm 20, 1 samuel 15.34-16.13,
mark 4.26-34, & 2 corinthians 5.6-17

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]

✠ BIG KING - little king

✠ BIG CHURCH - little church

✠ BIG GARDEN - little garden

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Meditation:

... yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples." **Mark 4.32—**

Reflection:

"Jesus said the kingdom is like a little seed that silently grows, eventually yielding great harvest. The kingdom of God involves a great deal of wasted seed; for many times the seed that is sown fails to take root.

"Many times, the kingdom of God appears to the world as something small and insignificant, as small as a mustard seed (Mark 4.30-32), as troublesome a weed as the mustard plant, breaking out all over."

- Stanley M. Hauerwas

still waters

home church studies

Psalms 20

[Worship]

1 The LORD answer you in the day of trouble!
The name of the God of Jacob protect you!
2 May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give
you support from Zion. 3 May he remember all
your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt
sacrifices. Selah

4 May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill
all your plans. 5 May we shout for joy over your
victory, and in the name of our God set up our
banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.
6 Now I know that the LORD will help his
anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand. 7 Some
take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our
pride is in the name of the LORD our God. 8
They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and
stand upright. 9 Give victory to the king, O
LORD; answer us when we call.

Consider:

[Words]

May 13, 2006, marked 25 years since Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turkish assassin, lifted up his gun in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican and shot Pope John Paul II. In December 1983, the pope traveled to Agca's prison cell and forgave him. Some may have said of the pope, echoing what was asked about those Pentecost Christians, "What is he, drunk?"

I believe Pope John Paul's audacious act of forgiveness indicated he *was* a bit intoxicated by the Holy Spirit. His deed planted a seed of the kingdom in my life, leaving me at first weepy and soon recommitted to being a more forgiving person. Perhaps that act of forgiveness planted millions of seeds of God's kingdom in the hearts of

people who remember it around the world. Some of those seeds, I believe, have become "the greatest of all shrubs" where birds (peace doves?) land in the branches.

Pope John Paul II moved beyond concern for his own body and his own wounds or scars. We might recall Paul's affirmation that people of faith "would rather be away from the body and at home

with the Lord" (2 Corinthians 5:8). Paul gets beyond seeing others merely from "a human point of view" (5:16), even as the Lord picks David for Samuel to anoint by looking at his heart and not his outward appearance (1 Samuel 16:7).

Grant us the ability, O God, to walk by faith and not by sight, and to have hope when we can neither see nor understand.

—Robert Roth

[Scripture]

2 Corinthians 5.6-11

6 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord — 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. 10 For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. 11 Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

