

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

Ministry:

The Table

Is discontinued until Spring 2010

Washington & Chestnut Sts.

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

MAIN Street Shelter

February's Host Church is

St Paul's UCC

Fund raising and Shelter Intake

Center cleanup efforts provide many volunteering opportunities.

Announcements:

Norman Vanderlick has moved to a group home in Harleysville. Please consider writing him a note love and encouragement while he settles in.

His new address is: 140 Crescent Ln, Harleysville, PA 19438

We will be trying to coordinate bringing him to dinner, church, and singing once a month. Pray and see where you might fit in assuring him of our love for him.

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

We are still working at fund raising, laundry, Intake staffing, and we are still in need of overnight staff. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Pastor Kork, Ron Caulk or Tanya Braken for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

Your Prayer Notes:

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week and:

*The dear people of Haiti, devastated by the earthquake. Grace Brethren International Missions, in Partnership with Convoy of Hope and The American Red Cross, is working on a plan to assist those hurt by this disaster. They have already begun this work and **YOU can help** in prayer and as we collect monetary gifts to aid our FGBC in emergency relief and recovery efforts. Please, seek God as to your sacrificial involvement of Christ's love to our neighbours in crisis.*

Pray for our friends in Lower-Bucks County, who have begun to shelter their suburban homeless friends.

Remember Ron's health difficulties and his daughter's pregnancy; our Grater family, who's elderly father has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer; for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and the future of Still Waters.

Also, pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation.

Please, also keep all of us in prayers; 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:

February 7, 2010: 5th Sunday After Epiphany (Year C)

psalm 138, isaiah 6.1-13, luke 5.1-11, & 1 corinthians 15.1-11

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Body Language

Or, Speaking for God
Without Words

Worship

psalm 71.1-6

jeremiah 1.4-10

luke 4.21-30

1 corinthians 13.1-13

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Body of Christ”

Scripture Reading ::

Jeremiah 1.4-10

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Luke 4.21-30

Focus Film ::

“Surrender to Love”

The Scripture ~

Body Language Or, Speaking for God Without Words

Love never ends.

But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

1 Corinthians 13.8-12

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 71.1-6, jeremiah 1.4-10,
luke 4.21-30, & 1 corinthians 13.1-13

Focus Film ::

“We're Alright Down Here”

Benediction ::

1 Thessalonians 3.11-13

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

✚ today, the scripture
is fulfilled

✚ mouthing Words

✚ a language
understood

Meditation:

“ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” Luke 4.25-27

Reflection:

Jeremiah's situation was not unusual; Jesus reminds his followers that because "no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown" (Luke 4:24), God often sends them to "outsiders." Perhaps, with fewer expectations and less to lose, outsiders (the outcast, forgotten, hated, and "unclean") can better hear, and live, the good news.

—Malinda Elizabeth Berry

still waters

home church studies

Psalm 71.1-6

[Worship]

1 In you, O LORD, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. 2 In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me. 3 Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress. 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel. 5 For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth. 76 Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

Consider:

[Words]

The more excellent way of the gospel is a way of generous forgiveness that hopes all things and forgives all things. It is a way that is against the grain of the world, so that the church is called to a daring, subversive life in the world. The performance of that way in the world is demanding and costly.

We have two examples of the more excellent way that is against the grain. Jeremiah is called to radical obedience against the political economy of his day. He does not want such a call, but God sends him on his way of obedience (Jeremiah 1:6-7). Second, Jesus signs on for the same vocation and receives the same rude reception. He has declared jubilee through his own life. He showed the radicality of jubilee by reference to a foreign woman and a foreign general. In response, they tried to drive him out and to kill him (Luke 4:25-30).

Both Jeremiah and Jesus are grossly unwelcome, and their lives are at risk. We may imagine the two of them falling back on the prayer world of the psalms to cope with their burden. They fall back on Psalm 71, a prayer for rescue from "the grasp of the unjust and the cruel" (Psalm 71:4). The prayer confidently assumes God's readiness to respond and sustain. They know that the God who calls is the God who rescues.

Walter Bruggemann

[Scripture]

Luke 4.21-30

21 Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." 22 All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" 23 He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"

24 And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. 25 But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; 26 yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. 27 There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. 29 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. 30 But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

