

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

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Home Churches:

Hanover St. Home Church

Thursday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

MAIN Street Shelter

We are down for the Summer, But...

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.

The 2009/2010 Shelter Season is finished, but we are still working at fund raising, laundry, and cleanup while we endeavor to begin again in November. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Pastor Kork or Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for our host churches!!

New Home Church Series every Thursday evening at The Moyer's



A video curriculum to stir discussion.

Your Prayer Notes:

We said goodbye to our brother Jeff Reifsnnyder this week. Please remember Sandy Reifsnnyder and the kids during this time of terrible loss. **Remember those prayer requests from last week and:**

Please pray for Ron's health, to keep him strong; the Grater family, who's elderly father has been diagnosed with Stage 4 lung cancer; for Bruce's health issues; for John's mother's health; for Diana's family to be reunited; for Gary's back and sciatica; for the Brackens; for Matt Thomas' marriage to be restored; for those who have fallen away, due to addictions and cultural narcissism; and 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.

Please keep our church—the future of Still Waters, in prayer during yet another time of upheaval and difficulty while trying to remain faithful to God's calling; the least around us.

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

Next Week's Scriptures:

July 4, 2010: Proper 9 (Year C)

Psalm 30, 2 Kings 5.1-14, Luke 10.1-11, 16-20, & Galatians 6.1-16

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The Good Life

Or, Following a Homeless Prophet

Worship

Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20

2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14

Luke 9.51-62

Galatians 5.1, 13-25

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20

Focus Film ::

"Led By The Spirit"

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14

Focus Film ::

"Dying To Power"

This week's Lectionary Text:

*Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20, 2 Kings 2.1-2, 6-14,
Luke 9.51-62, & Galatians 5.1, 13-25*

The Scripture ~

The Good Life *Or, Following a Homeless*

On their way they entered a village **Prophet**
of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?"

"I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." **Luke 9. 52b—54, 57b—58**

Sending Film ::

"Holistic Ministry"

Benediction ::

Revelation 22.12-14, 16-17, 20-21

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]
✚ wielding the Power of God

✚ You want me to go
WHERE!?

✚ surrendering to the culture
(who's the prophet now ?)

Meditation:

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh." Galatians 5.13—16

Reflection:

The freedom we are given opens two doors before us. One is the path of self-indulgence, which Paul calls the "desires of the flesh." The other is not mortification, as one might expect, but community: to "serve one another in works of love." Those who walk in the Spirit will be drawn to its fruit, which is love. Note the use of the singular "fruit"; all the rest (joy, peace, patience, kindness, etc.) are manifestations of love.

— Jim Rice



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home church studies

Psalm 77.1-2, 11-20 [Worship]

1 | cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me. 2 | In the day of my trouble | seek the Lord; in the night my hand is stretched out without wearying; my soul refuses to be comforted.

11 | I will call to mind the deeds of the LORD; I will remember your wonders of old. 12 | I will meditate on all your work, and muse on your mighty deeds. 13 Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? 14 You are the God who works wonders; you have displayed your might among the peoples. 15 With your strong arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph. Selah

16 When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; the very deep trembled. 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed on every side. 18 The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook. 19 Your way was through the sea, your path, through the mighty waters; yet your footprints were unseen. 20 You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

Consider:

[Words]

Jesus does not sugar-coat his call to discipleship. There were many candidates to become his followers. But he tells them of the requirements of travel with him. There will be no safe place; discipleship is not a picnic. It requires going with him and not looking back to previous loyalties. He is on his way to Jerusalem (Luke 9:53). There he will face the authorities of the Roman Empire; he will deal with his Jewish compatriots who have colluded with the empire. And, eventually, the empire will execute him.

How strange that Paul, who knew the ending of this narrative, calls this “freedom” (Galatians 5:1). Discipleship after Jesus does give freedom, of a very peculiar kind. It is not self-indulgent freedom (5:13), but freedom

freedom that enhances the neighborhood. The sum of the new freedom is “love of neighbor” (5:14) that variously involves “joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, self-control” (5: 22). The new freedom of the gospel refuses the ordinary ways of the world that include quarrels, dissensions, carousing and fornication (5:19-21). New life is under new freedom and new mandate. Life with Jesus is indeed another way in the world.

Psalm 77 traces the same route to newness. At the outset, the psalmist is preoccupied with self (77:1-9). But by verse 11, the psalm has refocused on the God of the Exodus who gives freedom. In remembering, the psalmist dares to hope and imagine that the same God “who works wonders” will do that yet again, here and now. These readings provide a ready convergence of old exodus and new gospel freedom, of defying Pharaoh and facing imperial authority in Rome, being on the way to Sinai covenant and to neighborliness that is the only true freedom. It is no wonder that Jesus (and his disciples) had to go to face the authorities, because the authorities—ancient and contemporary—do not want neighborliness, because neighborliness precludes all of the self-indulgence that besets concentrations of self-preoccupied power.

[Scripture] Galatians 5.1, 13-25

1 For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

13 For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14 For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15 If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. 16 Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21 envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.
