

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

Thursday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

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.

Next Week: No Tabernacle Service

Instead, we will be sharing a joint Community Service with other churches at Shenkel UCC 10:00 am in their outdoor grove. Please consider bringing a baked item to share during fellowship after the service.

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

The 2010/2011 Shelter Season is being planned, and we are still working at fund raising, laundry, and cleanup while readying to begin again in November. We are working Friday mornings at 9:00 am to prepare the Intake Center. 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 **Economy of Love**

Creating a Community of Enough



Your Prayer Notes:

Remember those prayer requests from last week and:

Please pray for Ron's health, to keep him strong; for Diana's family to be reunited; for Franny's friend Tony; for the Brackens; for Fay in her heartbreak at the loss of her son, and strength for their family; 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 to the least around us. Please, also, pray for our shelter friends, who are not connected to us during the summer, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation.

Next Week's Scriptures:

September 5, 2010: Proper 18 (Year C)

Psalm 139 1-6, 13-18, Jeremiah 18.1-11, Luke 14.25-33, & Philemon 1.1-21

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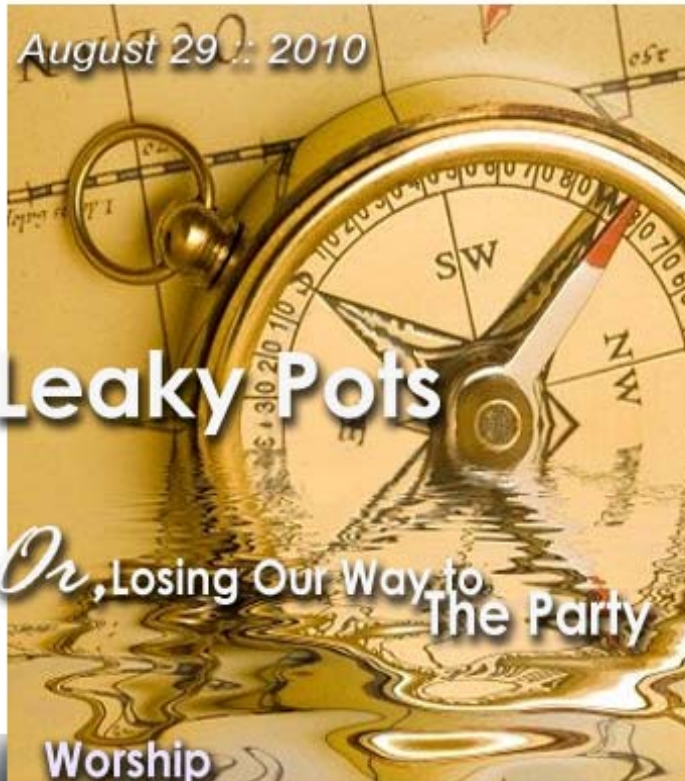
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hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship

75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465

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



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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 81.1, 10-16

Focus Film ::

"The Invited"

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Jeremiah 2.4-13

Focus Film ::

"Kingdom Pirates"

This week's Lectionary Text:

*Psalm 81.1, 10-16, Jeremiah 2.4-13,
Luke 14.1, 7-14, & Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16*

The Scripture ~

Or, **Leaky Pots...** *Or, Losing Our Way to* **the Party**

*Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods? But my people have
changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be
appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly
desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed
two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living
water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked
cisterns that can hold no water. Jeremiah 2.11-13*

Reflection Film ::

"Just Because"

Benediction ::

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

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

✘ Indifference to God

✘ The Dangers of the Decent

✘ Filling the Emptiness

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Meditation:

*Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob,
and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the
LORD: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they
went far from me, and went after worthless things, and
became worthless themselves? " Jeremiah 2.4—5*

Reflection:

"You are what you worship," Jeremiah tells us. While we may confess one faith, the object of our true devotion reveals itself in our everyday actions and in the things to which we devote most of our time and energy. - Michaela Bruzzese

The people of God have a tendency to forget, to run off in other directions. As the prophet Jeremiah recounts it, they "went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves" (Jeremiah 2:4). We become what we follow; we turn into what we love. - John D Zeigler



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Psalm 81.1, 10-16 [Worship]

1 Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob. 10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide and I will fill it. 11 "But my people did not listen to my voice; Israel would not submit to me. 12 So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels. 13 O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways! 14 Then I would quickly subdue their enemies, and turn my hand against their foes. 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, and their doom would last forever. 16 I would feed you with the finest of the wheat, and with honey from the rock I would satisfy you."

Consider:

[Words]

Gospel faith concerns reordering the world according to God's purpose. Jesus is under surveillance by the power people to see if he will conform to their regime. He uses a social occasion to show that what the world honors is not what is valued in the new order of God. One that is engaged on behalf of the poor, crippled, lame, and blind, those whom the world devalues (verse 13).

That same reordering is evident in Hebrews 13. The imperative is to reach outside the zone of social safety to the "others," "strangers," and "prisoners," exactly those whom we might think defiled. Real defilement is in the violation of promises of fidelity and love of money. The ground for the new order is the assurance of God who is "my helper" (see Deuteronomy 31:6). God is faithful; one need not hustle, for either love or money.

These texts suggest a radical either/or, a generous following of Jesus or resistance to his mandate to generosity. That contrast is clear in the Hebrew scriptures; Jeremiah delineates a community that has forgotten its identity and mandate. This teaching is urgent, now as always, in a society that wants to hunker down in a refusal of the new social reality where God has placed us. —Walter Bruggemann

[Scripture] Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

1 Let mutual love continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. 5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." 6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" 7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. 16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Question:

It's been said, "show me your checkbook, and I'll show you what you value." I would be afraid and embarrassed to reveal the checkbook ledger of today's Church, denominationally, nationally, and morally. Jesus (the one of scripture... not the mythical, positive, motivational speaker of today's creation), would sit woefully out of place at the dinner parties of today's Church, just as he seems to be in our Gospel text this week.

Jesus believes that the kingdom order of life, would be placing ourselves intentionally in the worst seat.

How many of today's Church leaders might feel slighted by not having the choice seating at the party? How many of today's Christians find friendship with the Hebrews 13 groups unsavory? Are you a container that no longer can hold living water?

Also, read for yourself this week, Luke 14.1, 7-14