

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.

We have a new published Author among us. We have just published **John Kearney's** first book, "**A Walk In Faith.**" Please see the church office to order your own copy of this excellent book. And please congratulate John on a job well done—for God's glory!

Your Prayer Reminders:

We are always collecting items for the Women's Center. Please bring small soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, washrags, towels, lotions, disposable razors, large plastic zip lock bags, etc., to Tabernacle for blessing others in need.

Thank you for your prayers while we address the growing problem of homelessness here in Pottstown. We will be helping those who are affected by this, as we host the first month of **The Ministries at MAIN Street**, beginning January 1. To volunteer please see Pastor Kork.

Please continue to remember Melvin in your prayers He is recovering and we are confident that he will be coming home for good, very soon.

Your Prayer Notes:

Next week... psalm 29, isaiah 43 .1-7,
luke 3 .15-17, 21-22, & acts 8 .14-17

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



Tabernacle Worship
75 East Main Street, Pottstown, PA 19465
Every Sunday Evening at 7:00, St. John's parish House

[Worship]

Today...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

psalm 148

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

A Latter-Day Psalm ::

~ by John Kearney

Reflection Film ::

“love & compassion”

The Scripture ~ *this week's focus*

treasured things of heart

where can I find God...?

“child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.’ He said to them, ‘Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’ But they did not understand what he said to them.”

psalm 148, 1 samuel 2.18-20, 26,
luke 2.41-52, & colossians 3.12-17

Reflection Film ::

“i will remember your name”

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ reflection and open prayer

Benediction ::

1 thessalonians 3.11-13

[Journaling Worship]

your discussion notes

Meditation: *After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. (lk. 2.46-50)*

Reflection: A 12 year old? Answering his parents with such thoughtfulness and confidence in *who* he is? What manner of *child* is this? It is very interesting how Jesus is always drawn to his "Father's House," and in this instance seems little more than shocked that Mary and Joseph would not have naturally understood where he'd be. One can only wonder what the dialog was between the "teachers" and Jesus, that "all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. (47) Perhaps his character and passion for redirecting Israel back to its calling.

Our Colossians reading teaches us to "clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience (12), and love (14); letting the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, being thankful (15), and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in our hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God (16), doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus." (17)

Were these characteristics already present in the boy, Jesus? Perhaps this is what "his mother treasured...in her heart." lk 2.51b

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.