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

Ministry:

The Table

#### 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, PA 19465 7:00 to 9:00

#### King St Commons Home Church Thursday Afternoons King St. Pottstown. PA 19464

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

#### **Consumer Center Church**

**Every Wednesday Evening** 

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

Thursday Evenings on hold for the summer 249 High Street Pottstown, PA 19464 7:00 to 8:00

#### **Prayer Requests:**

**Nancy has gone home.** Thanks to everyone for praying and remembering the family. There will be a memorial service on Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00, here at the church. Please feel free to invite anyone who would like to remember Melvin and Nancy with us, and to get together after for a meal together. They both know now, what we only dream of...

**The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.** Please continue to pray as we move forward into what God is doing on behalf of the most vulnerable in our community.

Thanks to ALL who think this is what it means to worship Christ!! And please remember that we still have a few more projects scheduled this summer to make the Parish House ready to receive guests This work is to position us to reopen this fall. For more info., please see Pastor Kork.

#### **Your Prayer Notes:**

August 19, 2007: Proper 15 (Year C)

psalm 80.1-2, 8-19, isaiah 5.1-7, luke 12.49-56, & hebrews 11.29 - 12.2

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"He restores my soul . . . surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Resiling 26





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[Service]
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Tonight...

Worship Film ::

" the gift of worship "

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

psalm 50.1-8, 22-23

Congregation Song Worship::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds

Scripture Reading ::

with songs of joy

saíah 1.1, 10-20

Focus Films ::

" missing the point "

The Scripture ~

unnel Vision Believing in Dreams

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. Hebrews 11.1, 15-16

This week's Lectionary:

psalm 50.1-8, 22-23, isaiah 1.1, 10-20, luke 12.32-40, & hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

Reflection Film ::

"Hebrews 11"

Benediction ::

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

[Journaling Worship] your discussion notes...

## **Meditation:**

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God."

(Hebrews 11 .8, & 10)

#### Reflection:

" Hebrews' definition of faith is disturbing because these ancestors in the faith never reached the promise-but comforting, because we know we have company in our efforts, which aren't always "successful" by the world's terms."

# still waters home church studies psalm 50.1-8, 22-23 [Worship]

1 The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. 3 Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him. 4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people: 5 "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah 7 "Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, I will testify against you. I am God, your God. 8 Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you; your burnt offerings are continually before me. 22 "Mark this, then, you who forget God, or I will tear you apart, and there will be no one to deliver. 23 Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor me; to those who go the right way | will show the salvation of (nod."

## Consider: [Think & Pray...]

"The epistemology of the present world order has become, 'I shop, therefore I am.' The practical foundation of our meaning and our values is exceedingly difficult to identify when we are daily bombarded with a spirituality that informs us, primarily via its prophets of the air waves, that we

gain meaning through the rituals of commercialism. And most often, we do not want to hear the voices of sisters and brothers informing us that we might be listening to the wrong prophets.

"... the words of Jesus are like an arrow that moves straight toward its target, 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also'." - *David Batstone* 

### [The Scripture]

## luke 12 .32-40

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for

the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

