

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

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19456

7:00 to 9:00

Buddy's Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

Sports Corner Bar, York St

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm



1st Tuesday Evening

Each Month – Check with Church for Transportation Arrangements

6:00 to 8:00

Norman's Game Night

3rd Saturday Evening Each Month

Locations to be announced

This Year's Theme:

hearing God in 2008

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray that God would bless our endeavors as we ready the shelter for the fall.

Please pray for Norman to be able to find meaningful, and Godly volunteer work to keep himself busy and fulfilled since leaving his job at Staples.

Kathy, Elma, & Neil, all need to find a place to live. Please pray for them, and let them know if you know of a place. You could be part of God's directing them to their own homes.

Pray for The Ricky Williams family during a difficult time.

Merciful LORD, please help us to walk humbly before you, seeking to be instruments of in furtherance of your kingdom. Amen.

Next Week's Scriptures:

September 14, 2008

Proper 19 (Year A)

exodus 14.19-31, exodus 15.1b-11, 20-21,

matthew 18.21-35, & romans 14.1-12

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

September 7 :: 2008

Differences

Or, a better governance for a new community



Worship

exodus 12.1-14

psalm 149

matthew 18.15-20

romans 13.8-14

Benediction

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Every Sunday Evening at 6:30, St. John's Parish House

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 149

Worship Film ::

“A Prayer”

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Exodus 12.1-14

Focus Film ::

“We The Kingdom”

The Scripture ~

Differences

Or, a better governance for a new community
Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13.8- 10

This week's Lectionary:

exodus 12.1-14, psalm 149,
matthew 18.15-20, & romans 13.8-14

Reflection Film ::

“The Journey”

Benediction ::

Revelation 22 .12-14, 16-17, 20-21



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

¥ the Gospel of conflict

¥ exodus & community

¥ bound & free



Meditation:

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance. Exodus 12.14

Reflection:

Passover is the dramatic culmination of Israel's preparation to leave the security of slavery - a preparation which has much to teach the leaders and organizers of today. But leaving Egypt is just the beginning of the Exodus story's lessons about God's faithfulness and the strength of corporate vulnerability.



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home church studies

Psalm 149

[Worship]

1 Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. 2 Let Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. 3 Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre. 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. 5 Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. 6 Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, 7 to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, 8 to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, 9 to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

Consider:

[Think & Pray...]

Again we meditate on this saying of Jesus: "Whatever you shall bind shall be bound; what you loose shall be set free."

A triumphant, risen Jesus spoke this at Pentecost in John's gospel. Today we see that Matthew has used the same saying, putting it in the context of Jesus giving rules for the conduct of the church.

Matthew's community must be in conflict: trying to understand how to deal lovingly with breaks and tears in its own fabric as time passes and Jesus hasn't returned. How do we live when we hurt and anger each other? How do we live the gospel daily?

These readings answer that question: We maintain our common meal, our sign of unity and redemption. We love each other and follow God's commands. When relationships break down, we do our best to resolve conflicts in love: We talk to our opponent. We invite others to join in the dialogue. If all else fails, we resort not to blood-letting but to silence.

Church structure and discipline are always hard. How can we judge others? Especially when we've seen judgment so misused? How can we submit ourselves to judgment? We are reminded here that as community we are not only to nurture and affirm each other, but also to guide, teach, and dispute. Behind every action, however, must always be the rule of love. Love is the measure, even of our discipline.



by Shelley Douglass

[The Scripture]

Matthew 18.15-20

15 "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."