

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

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

Bright Hope Community Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

Myrtle Street, Pottstown

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

MAIN Street Shelter

On Summer Hiatus Until November

Fund raising and shelter cleanup efforts are beginning this month

Norman's Game Night

3rd Saturday Evening Each Month

King St Commons, 7:00 pm

Announcements:

Shenkel UCC in North Coventry, in their attempt to host our shelter for 2 years now, might be coming to the end of a long road, legally with North Coventry. The ACLU has filed a law suit on their behalf. Our friends at Shenkel have done this reluctantly, not wanting conflict with the Township, but when the world's kingdoms come into conflict with Christ's kingdom and following Him, we must be obedient to our King. Keep them in prayer!

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

2008/2009 Season has come to an end and the work of fund raising, laundry, and storage are beginning. Please pray to see where God would have you to help!! See Ron Caulk for details, and remember to thank God for the host churches!!

Remember in prayer, those requests from last week:

Pray for our shelter friends, for fulltime employment, apartments, and strength during temptation, remember Bruce Heller who is in Manor Care Nursing Home, they are exercising him, and he will probably be there for a long time. Drop in and see him or send him a card. See Francis for his address and visiting hours.

Pray for Marcy Draper, who has a growth on her ovary and is struggling with pain and is scheduling surgery. Remember Michael's friend who's family is enduring a very difficult time, and are in danger of losing their farm, pray for Bob & Lois too, as they seek God revealing in their housing situation. Remember Donna who is lost in the confusion of religion and the thoughts of her mind.

Please, also keep all of us in prayer; as we seek rest, and to be graceful to those who misunderstand us, our mission, and judge us out of ignorance.

Next Week's Scriptures:

June 7, 2009: Trinity (Year B)

psalm 29, isaiah 6.1-8,

john 3.1-17, & romans 8.12-17

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May 31 - 2009

A Spirit of Equity Or, fairness & locusts



Worship

psalm 104. 24-34, 35b

john 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

acts 2:1-21

romans 8:22-27

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship

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

[Service]

Tonight...

Focus Film ::

“Pentecost”

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 104.24-34, 35b

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15

Focus Film ::

“Led By The Spirit”

The Scripture ~

A Spirit of Equity Or, fairness & locusts

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' Acts 2.12—17a, 21

This week's Lectionary:

Pentecost (Year B)

psalm 104.24-34, 35b,
john 15.26-27; 16.4b-15,
acts 2.1-21, & romans 8.22-27

Focus Film ::

“A Pentecost Prayer”

Benediction ::

Romans 16.25-27

[Journaling Worship

your talking points notes...

for this Week's Church Discussion]

✠ sanctify...Or else!

✠ law, money & drunken fools

✠ dismantling a temple

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Meditation:

...this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.' Acts 2.16—18

Reflection:

" The promise of the Holy Spirit is associated in the synoptic gospels with the ability to speak boldly before the authorities. In these readings the Spirit stands with us, faithful to our very depths, and allows us, like the disciples in Acts, to transcend the old order - in court, in prayer, or in the streets." —Bill Wylie-Kellermann

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home church studies

Psalm 104.24-34, 35b [Worship]

24 O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. 26 There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. 27 These all look to you to give them their food in due season; 28 when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. 29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. 30 When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. 31 May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works—32 who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. 33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. 34 May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. 35b Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Consider:

For the Middle Eastern farm worker, Pentecost marks the first harvest of the year. For urban people who live reliantly upon—but often unaware of—agricultural labor, the precariousness of harvest is unknown. For those who till, sow, and reap, first indications of good harvests are a sign of hope. Psalm 104 is a celebration of the fruitfulness of God's creation, a poem of praise to a creating God whose continuing creativity in the harvest and much else reminds us of God's commitment to renew the face of the Earth.

[Words]

Ecological disaster has always threatened humanity, and in our own age human actions have put at risk the fragile ecosystems upon which we all depend for life. Jesus recognized the destructive power of evil in systems that kill and destroy (John 16:1-4). His own life constantly demonstrated the judgment of God. He promised that as his witness on Earth ended, he would "send...from the Father the Spirit of truth" (John 15:26) who "will show the world how wrong it was" (John 16:8).

The gift of the Spirit is set alongside a dramatic, poetic prophecy that speaks of "portents in the sky above, and signs on the Earth below," of the sun turning to darkness and "the moon into blood" (Acts 2:18-20): pictures of the cosmos under threat. But the same prophecy speaks of God pouring the Holy Spirit "on all humanity; your young people shall see visions, your old people dream dreams," and on the slaves and oppressed, too, the liberating Spirit will fall. Our folly is not the last word. Those of us "who have the first fruits of the Spirit" are to act with persevering confidence (Romans 8:25).



Reflection and Action

Share with others a moment in your life when you have wondered at creation. What steps are you taking to become more cooperative with God's creation? How do you celebrate God's goodness in continuing to provide for your community's needs?

[Scripture]

Romans 8.22-27

22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. 26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. 27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.