

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

Thursday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown

7:00 to 9:00

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.

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

The 2009/2010 Shelter Season is finished, but we are still working at fund raising, laundry, and cleanup while we endeavor to begin again in November. 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

Free Movies Under the Stars, with our Friends at Zion's.

Free Refreshments so bring the family and your friends! Every Friday at 8:30 pm

Your Prayer Notes:

Remember those prayer requests from last week and:

Please pray for Ron's health, to keep him strong; for Bruce's health issues; for John Kearney's mother Pat, who has some health difficulties; for Diana's family to be reunited; for Gary's back and sciatica; for Franny's friend Tony, who was hospitalized last week; for the Brackens; 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; 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:

August 8, 2010: Proper 14 (Year C)

Psalm 50.1-8, 22-23, Isaiah 1.1, 10-20, Luke 12.32-40, & Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16

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Too Careful to Care



Or, When Church becomes an Earthly Desire

Worship

Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Hosea 11.1-11

Luke 12.13-21

Colossians 3.1-11

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 107.1-9, 43

Focus Film ::

"Born from Above"

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Hosea 11.1-11

Focus Film ::

"Choosing Freedom"

This week's Lectionary Text:

*Psalm 107.1-9, 43, Hosea 11.1-11,
Luke 12.13-21, & Colossians 3.1-11*

The Scripture ~

Too Careful to Care
*Or, When Church Becomes an
Earthy Desire*

And he said to them,

"Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself,.. Luke 12.15-17a

Focus Film ::

"Abolishing Wealth"

Benediction ::

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

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]
✠ **The Stuff of Idols and Kings**

✠ **The King's New Cloths**

✠ **Freed from My Barn**

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Meditation:

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator."

Colossians 3.5—10

Reflection:

"Our scriptures assure us that the real treasure, the only one able to satisfy our profound hunger to love and be loved, is the unconditional and all-consuming love of God. It alone can quench our thirst; like a parent, God wraps us 'with bands of love' and clothes us with new life. And unlike material wealth, this treasure does not trap us, but liberates us, giving us the strength and courage to be liberators in the world."

– Michaela Bruzzese



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home church studies

Psalm 107.1-9, 43 [Worship]

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble 3 and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. 4 Some wandered in desert wastes,

finding no way to an inhabited town; 5 hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. 6 Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; 7 he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. 8

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. 9 For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things.

43 Let those who are wise give heed to these things, and consider the steadfast love of the LORD.

Consider:

[Words]

These texts concern the foolish destructiveness of self-sufficiency. Luke's parable portrays a "fool" who is a great accumulator and who imagines that his vast possessiveness adds to his well-being. In the end a) he talks only to himself in his isolation, and b) his self-preoccupation is interrupted by death.

Colossians echoes the same conviction with the telling phrase, "greed which is idolatry" (3.5). Greed is a way of worshipping wrong gods. Colossians, however, goes further. It not only warns against such self-destructiveness, but commends a "new self"—the one baptized into Christ who centers life not on self, but on "compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, and forgiveness" (verses 12-13). There is a genuine alternative!

This teaching is urgent in our society. Not only because of the perennial seduction of greed, but because we live in a society of bad tax law, bad credit arrangements, and bad advertising, all of which seek to make greed into a civic virtue. We know better! We may choose against such foolishness for a life of neighborliness.

[Scripture]

Luke 12.13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."
