

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 2010/2011 Shelter Season is being planned, and we are still working at fund raising, laundry, and cleanup while readying to begin again in November. We are working Friday mornings at 9:00 am to prepare the Intake Center. 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 **Economy of Love**

Creating a Community of Enough



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 Diana's family to be reunited; for Gary's back and sciatica; for Franny's friend Tony; 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 to 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 22, 2010: Proper 16 (Year C)

Psalm 71.1-6, Jeremiah 1.4-10,

Luke 13.10-17, & Hebrews 12.18-29

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August 15 - 2010

Burning Branches...

Or, Lessons from a Vineyard Gone Wild!

Worship

Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19

Isaiah 5.1-7

Luke 12.49-56

Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2

Benediction

Tabernacle Worship

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



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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading ::

Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19

Focus Film ::

"Song of the Vineyard"

Congregation Song Worship ::

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

Scripture Reading ::

Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2

Focus Film ::

"System Conditioned"

This week's Lectionary Text:

*Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19, Isaiah 5.1-7,
Luke 12.49-56, & Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2*

The Scripture ~

Burning Branches...

*Or, Lessons from a Vineyard
Gone Wild!*

*I came to bring fire to the earth,
and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism
with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under
until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to
bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!*
Luke 12.49—51

Reflection Film ::

"A New Vineyard"

Benediction ::

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

[Journaling Worship
your talking points notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]
✠ kumbaya Christianity

✠ choosing sides...?

✠ faith & baptism

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Meditation:
*Yet all these, though they were commended for
their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God
had provided something better so that they would not,
apart from us, be made perfect.."*

Hebrews 11.39—40

Reflection:

"The vision only keeps moving forward as long as we pick up
the ball and run. The efforts of all those who went before us end
in failure if we don't do our part."

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home church studies

Psalm 80.1-2, 8-19 [Worship]

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth 2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. 9 You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. 10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; 11 it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River. 12 Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? 13 The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. 14 Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, 80:15 the stock that your right hand planted. 16 They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance. 17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. 18 Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. 19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Consider:

[Words]

Jesus announces that it is “crunch time.” It’s time to decide, to take sides at some risk, to be with Jesus or against him. He chides his listeners for their inability to notice that in his very person the world comes to a dangerous moment to decide for or against God’s rule. Jesus calls his listeners beyond their casual conversation about the weather to face the grand drama of the world being played out before their eyes.

In Hebrews 11 the church recites the roster of those who have decided for the rule of God and have suffered for their faith. Finally, the text reminds present listeners that those remembered crunch times now boil down to our own crunch and our decision for the rule of God.



Crunch time—in heaven or on earth—is about doing economic justice. Isaiah’s poetry attests to what God expects of God’s people: “justice and righteousness,” not violence and exploitation.

In the covenant of Israel and in the person of Jesus we are given a heads up on what time it is, what decisions have to be made, and what actions must be taken. All of that in a world that prefers to continue to discuss the weather!

—Walter Bruggemann

[Scripture]

Luke 12.49-56

49 “I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! 50 I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! 51 Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! 52 From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; 53 they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.” 54 He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. 55 And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens. 56 You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

Question:

Is our Christianity mere talk? Do we actually think that to “be nice” is our calling as fruit of a just and merciful vineyard?

What is your fruit, and will it stand the pruning of a loving “Vinedresser?”

Also, read for yourself this week, Hebrews 11.29 - 12.2