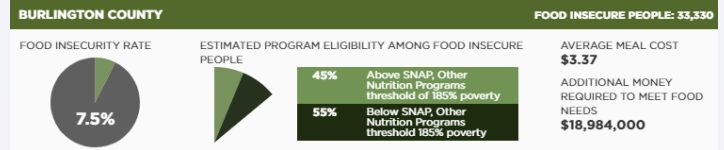




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Sunday, October 25, 2020

Greetings! Today is Sunday, October 25th. The 28th Sunday in ordinary time and the 20th Sunday after Pentecost. This Week Randy has contributed a piece that provokes thought as the days grow shorter, and colder weather, and pandemic uncertainty, and the holidays approach. 2020-2021 will bring a winter/holiday season unlike any other in our lifetimes. Be thankful for all you have and be thoughtful of those who need a little more to get by.



Maybe That's Why It Is So Amazing

Randy York

The Burlington Food Pantry provided food to 132 families this past Wednesday.

Usually, I put the statement above as a postscript at the end of my ramblings, but for these thoughts, I will use it as the entry point. Last Sunday a gentleman stopped me in the parking lot of the Burlington Shop Rite. He asked for help to buy food for his wife and himself. He told me about his situation and his story rang true. His demeanor was that of a broken, vacant man without any hope left to hang onto. I assisted him as best I could and turned to walk to the store. Then the thought came: I could easily be on the other side of that conversation, so why wasn't I? One could offer upbringing or making good choices or weakest of all just plain luck. I believe the best answer is simply God's grace.

Most of the time we think of grace in the Prodigal's sense; we are welcomed back after making a hash of things, not by doing anything ourselves, but because of God's favor. While that is one aspect of grace, we should not let it be that one dimensional. Grace can be God's mercy, his provision, his blessing, his blessed presence, his love to the unloved, his peace to the burdened, and his power for the powerless. Grace is dynamic. It provides the alchemy of our spiritual growth.

If we allow it, grace can become common, part of a hymn we sing now and then, or a word tossed out in church conversations. We as Christians must avoid that trap. There is nothing, I mean nothing, common about grace. It should be savored and celebrated. We should allow it to rain down upon our parched souls, soak in, and permeate our daily lives. But first it must be *experienced*.

In his book, The Second Mountain, David Brooks noted there are four big commitments we make in life:

- To a spouse/family
- To a home/community
- To a faith/philosophy
- To work/vocation

In all four, God graced me in dealing me four clean aces. I am blessed to have an exceptional, caring wife, neighbors you can count on, a caring church family, and a rewarding Postal career. There is nothing that I can point to and state "Yep, that's all because of me." No, all I did was walk in the blessing that God abundantly provided. It can be very easy and very human to forget that. That is where living daily in the understanding that it's all of God that makes all the difference in our spiritual walk.

There are two types of knowledge: general and intimate. General knowledge basically says, "I know *about* grace." It's a component, a simple religious term. Intimate knowledge is the experience I spoke of. Intimate knowledge changes lives, enriches faith, it creates the Abba Father relationship. Intimate knowledge will sustain you. It's the "In case of emergency, break glass" spiritual security. In Psalm 46, when David tells us that God says "Be still and know," I believe it's God's way of reminding us of the necessity to look back down the road we have travelled, to be thankful for his guiding hand, to lose any pride, and to live a life of constant praise to God. And in that thankfulness, in that praise, in that amazing gift of grace, to be useful and make a difference as you encounter folks in need.

The Reverend James Forbes is quoted as saying, "Nobody gets into heaven without a letter of reference from the poor." 132 families drove up to the Burlington Food Pantry on Wednesday because they could not make ends meet. If you see how God in his grace has richly blessed you on your journey, reach out to him daily in thanks, and then reach back to help someone in need.



<http://www.btfoodpantry.org/home.aspx>



Food Assistance with Dignity

Hunger

It is not limited to third world countries and victims of disasters ...

It is in our town and it is very REAL!

Food Items we are always in need of include: Spaghetti and Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Canned Fruit, Snacks, Cookies, Crackers, Cereal, Corn, Green beans, Peas and Tuna Fish.



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Prayer Requests

Becky Jensen — For continued prayers for the PNC as they carry on their mission.

From All Of Us — For **Bea Ashmore**, for good health and healing.

From All of US — For **Janet Newell**, who is continuing to recover from her fall.

From All of Us — For **Brynna**. A 7 year old fight lymphoma cancer.

From All Of Us — Continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper**.

Barbara York — God's Healing and comfort for **Liz Duffy**.

Sheila Zier — Prayers for healing and strength and encouragement for her daughter, **Brittany Zier** as she is battling a serious long term disease.

Michelle Cox — Prayers of healing, comfort, encouragement & strength for her mother, **Jennifer** as she is battling serious long term illnesses.

Margo Mattis — For her Mother, **Jean Miller**

Robin McCarter — For her Mother, **Betty Jenkins** who is residing in the Masonic Home.

For All of us — Safety and God's blessing as we continue live worship services.

Blessings — Anniversaries — Birthdays

A Birthday Ride By for Jean Miller's 97th Birthday on Sunday 10/25 has been organized with the Florence Police Department & possibly the Fire Department as well. If you would like to participate, they will begin lining up at the Roebling School at 1:50 PM. Additionally if anyone would like to send Jean a card, her address is 16 Fourth Avenue, Roebling, NJ 08554.



Bustleton's Best — Church Cookbook Recipe of the Week

To me this week's recipe resides firmly in the category of *Comfort Food*. Warm and yummy



and perfect whenever the weather turns cooler. I submit to you Dinah Lee's recipe for Paprikash. You can use Chicken or Veal to create this tummy warming dish, and the additional dumplings make it complete.

Thanks Dinah!

Veal or Chicken Paprikash

Dinah Lee

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| 2 lbs. stewing veal or 2 lbs. chicken (thighs and drums) | 1/2 stick of butter |
| 4 chopped onions | 1/2 t. Hungarian paprika |
| 1 green pepper | 1 C. milk |

Sauté the onions and green peppers in the butter and 1/2 tsp. paprika until tender. Add meat and lightly brown on all sides. Cover the meat with water and simmer for 45 minutes or until tender.

Dumplings:

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| 2/3 C. milk | 2 C. Bisquick |
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To make the dumplings combine the milk and Bisquick until blended. Bring the stew to a boil and drop the dough by teaspoon on to the stew. Cover tightly; reduce heat and simmer 12 to 15 minutes. Stir 1 cup of milk into the stew; add salt and pepper. For extra rich gravy add 1 can of cream of chicken soup.



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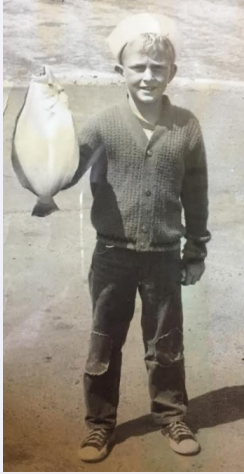
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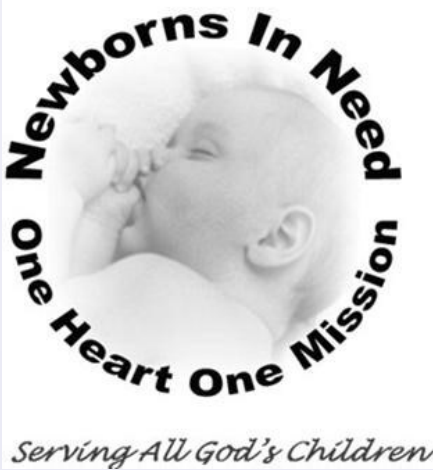


If you correctly guessed that this handsome blue eyed blond fisherman standing tall with his prized catch was Hal McCarter, then you were absolutely correct! Young Hal here is proudly showing off his catch of the day.

Some thought that was an easy picture to identify, so this week we bring you a real poser. Name the young lad on the right resplendent with his golden curls, bright eyes and broad smile.



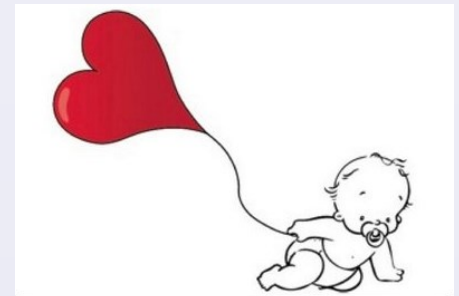
Send your guess in for bragging rights, or better yet send in some photos of your own!



Newborns In Need has started their **Sleepers in September & October Too! Drive**

Please help by dropping off sleepers when you bring your offering on a Sunday mornings. Carol Shore will be present at the Sanctuary on Sunday Mornings in September & October to collect your offering. **Newborns In Need** is also desperately seeking other clothes New or Used in sizes newborn to 6 months.

Don't Forget!



Thank You!!





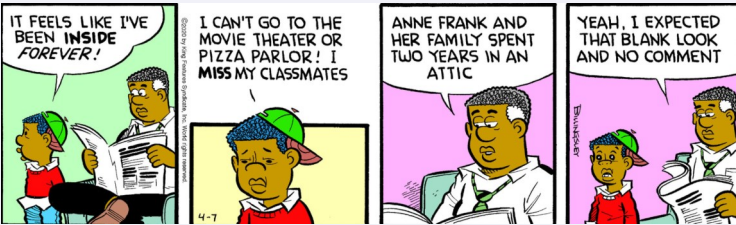
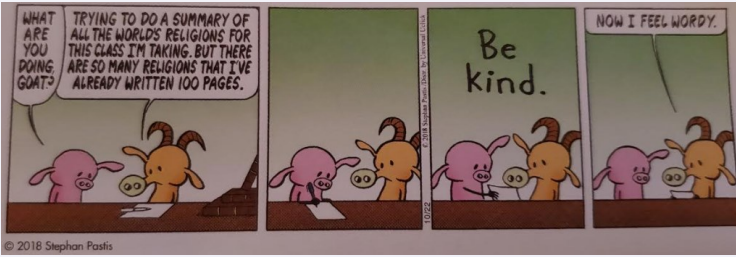
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Acts of kindness, even in the simplest ways, are what make our lives **meaningful**, bringing **happiness** to ourselves and others."

- The Dalai Lama

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Remember! "Annette Slaney's daughter, Emma, has started an Etsy shop selling her beautiful resin art craft items. Please take a visit to the shop and keep it in mind while you are Christmas shopping this year!" If you are reading this online simply click on her ad to link straight to her shop.



Check out Emma Slaney's new shop for handmade resin homegoods and gifts!



ELSware.etsy.com



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STAY SAFE! - MASK UP! - WASH HANDS! - KEEP AT SAFE DISTANCES!

PLEASE WEAR YOUR MASK CORRECTLY

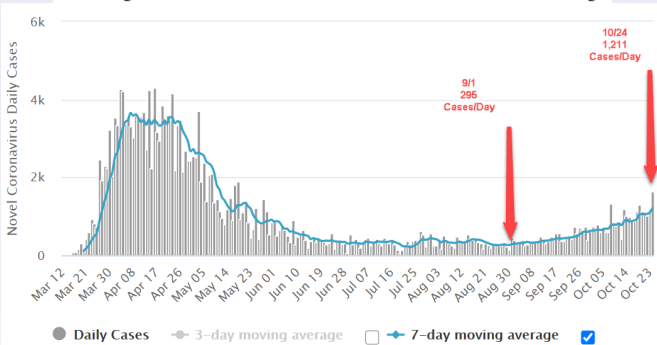
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Mouth & Nose Both Covered

Daily New Cases in New Jersey



4X increase in Avg Daily Cases

2X Increase in Avg Daily Deaths

Since 9/1

Daily New Deaths in New Jersey

