



Providence Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, November 22, 2020

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reetings! Today is Sunday, November 15th. The 31st Sunday in ordinary time and the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. We pray that everyone is having a good week, and for God's healing for all who are in need.

ANNOUNCEMENT: This Sunday, November 22, 2020 following the 9:00 AM service we will conduct our Annual Congregational Meeting Part 1 with Reverend Jim Shanley presiding. Session scheduled the meeting for 10:15, but we will try to begin as soon as possible after the conclusion of our service, so we may respect everyone's time. The Meeting will be available on Zoom with voting via Zoom will be done via the Chat Window. We will be electing new Elders. If you will be connecting remotely, and wish to participate in the voting, then please join the Zoom link provided in the email. Note it is a new link this week, so please connect there.

Angels We Have Heard (Or Have We?)

Randy York

I know. I know. It's not even Thanksgiving and I'm beginning to look a lot like Christmas. Barbara has been experiencing her seasonal angst during our walks lately as some neighbors string their lights and trim their trees while we still have cornstalks and pumpkins on our porch. Yet though I use the carol as a banner for these thoughts, my principal consideration is that of angels themselves. Part of the definition of these heavenly residents suggests that they offer comfort and aid to others in time of trouble. With that in mind, the story begins.



Our sister in Christ, Polly Grobelny, has been dealing with the effects from exposure to the virus for the past few weeks and it's good to report that she is doing well and healing nicely. I called Polly this past Sunday ostensibly to offer comfort, check on her status, and possibly minister to her needs. Thirty minutes later, she had instead ministered to me.

We spoke about all the prayers being offered for her healing and she said, "You know you can't pray too much, because after the prayer moves the healing, the rest spills over into other lives." The power of that insight swept over me, one of those "pressed down, shaken together, running into other lives" thoughts.

Most times we pray at a certain time or for a certain reason and then check the box, "I said I would, and I did" and move on. Prayer though should be a constant conversation in our relationship with an Abba Father God. He makes daily deposits of grace and mercy in our lives and in a manner of speaking our conversation, our prayer, is the interest that accrues from those spiritual assets. When it comes to prayer, we should be extravagant. We should go beyond what is deserved and just let go. We should pray from a heart sharing in the need, considering the experience of the folks we lift up. We should let our joy in and with our creator flow out. But wait, doesn't that presuppose joy with God being alive in us? It most certainly does.

As Granny Clampett sang, you've gotta have that "Joy, joy, joy, joy down in your heart." So you say, "Just a second Randy. Perhaps you need to look around. There's a lot going on socially, economically, politically, and one thing it's not is joyful." Point taken. But to quote a certain purveyor of discord, "That's all fake news." That's the world.

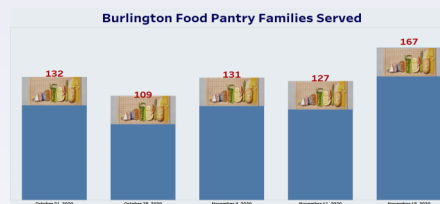


It's not the economy God operates in. God knows we are sinners and he cannot excuse sin. So he punishes it. But he punishes it at the cross of his beloved son. And there you have it, GRACE! And because of grace, joy. The awesome extravagance of God. Our response should be extravagant as well. Our conversations with God should be chock full of passion, not a tempered spirit. They should be full of creation, not scripted. Not simple prayer, but adventure prayer!



We serve a God who blesses us in each moment, and if we put aside the hurriedness, the busyness, if we take a break from the race we constantly run and look around, we can see and hear the angels he has blessed us with. As a church, we may still be waiting on a new pastor, but Lord knows we are blessed with angels all around us. You just need to look and listen, and maybe reach out. Polly Grobelny is one such angel. She knows and lives each moment with that God of blessed love and grace. And thank you Polly for reintroducing me to him.

PS: The Burlington Food Pantry provided food to 167 families this past Wednesday.





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Prayer Requests

From All of Us — For Polly Grobelny, Who is recovering from the virus and doing well.

From All of Us — For Wayne Reeves, (Our AV Installer) Who has recovered from the virus and is looking forward to finishing our system.

From All of Us — For Rev. John Fordyce who was hospitalized last week after a cardiac event requiring a stent.

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

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

From All Of Us — Continued prayers for Wendy Kasper.

From All Of Us — Prayers for Margo Mattis, who is still recovering from foot surgery.

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.

Bring your Requests to Services On Sunday



Blessings — Anniversaries — Birthdays

Keep us posted on your blessings and special days.

Stephen Shore — Celebrates His 75 Birthday on November 27th

Erin Shore — Carol & Stephen Shore's daughter has completed her Masters in Business Administration (MBA) degree from Western Governors University.



Best wishes and God's Blessing on the Shore Home as they celebrate these events!





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Bustleton's Best — Church Cookbook Recipe of the Week

Thanksgiving is upon us and we have much to be thankful for. Our Church also has so many time honored traditions we celebrate as certainly as any holiday or special occasion in our lives. On the Page One, Randy shared about Angels. One Angel who was in our midst who received her wings not too long ago was Anna Freck. I did not know Anna all that well, but as a kitchen staff member at many events, I was always thankful when she delivered her pies. Lemon Meringue is my personal all-time favorite from my Grandmother's as a lad to Anna's of late. I will always stop for piece of that pie. So this Thanksgiving, as I consider a long list of things I am thankful for, down near the end will be this slice of heaven made as directed by Anna.

Thank You Anna

God Bless Your Memory



Lemon Meringue Pie

Anna Freck

"I have made these pies for many years for our roast beef dinners, etc. at church."

Editor's note: Anna brings 2 pies to our church dinners because 1 pie is always grabbed up by the staff and doesn't make it out of the kitchen.

2 baked 9" pie shells
3 T shortening
8 T flour
6 T cornstarch
2 C sugar
½ t salt
4 C water (total)
4 egg yolks—beaten
2 lemons—juice of 2 (1 lemon = ap-

proximately ¼ cup) and grated rind of 1 lemon

MERINGUE for 2 pies:

4 egg whites (I usually increase this for a fuller pie)
4 T 10X sugar (or regular)

In a double boiler heat 3 cups of water and add shortening. Mix dry ingredients. Beat egg yolks with 1 cup of water. Add dry ingredients to yolks and water (I use a whisk). When water and shortening are hot, add a few tablespoons of water and shortening mix to eggs and return to double boiler. Cook and stir until thick. Remove from heat and add lemon juice and rind. Pour into pie shells. Top with meringue. Brown in oven at 350°. (Makes 2).



The Craft Club had a very successful Craft Fair last Saturday. We thank all of our members who came out to support our sale. This Christmas season we will be featuring some of our crafts each week right here in our Church Newsletter. This week's feature is the Tea Towels which are hand embroidered by Carol Shore. These towels are 12" x 20" and very good quality terry cloth. Carol has embroidered many Christmas designs as well as towels for every season with hearts, flowers and cute sayings. Each towel is priced at \$5.00.





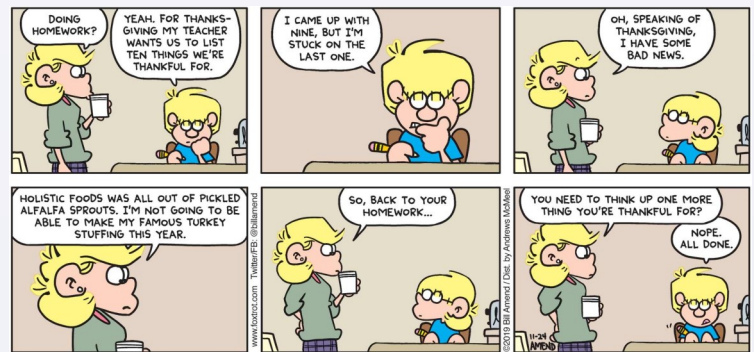
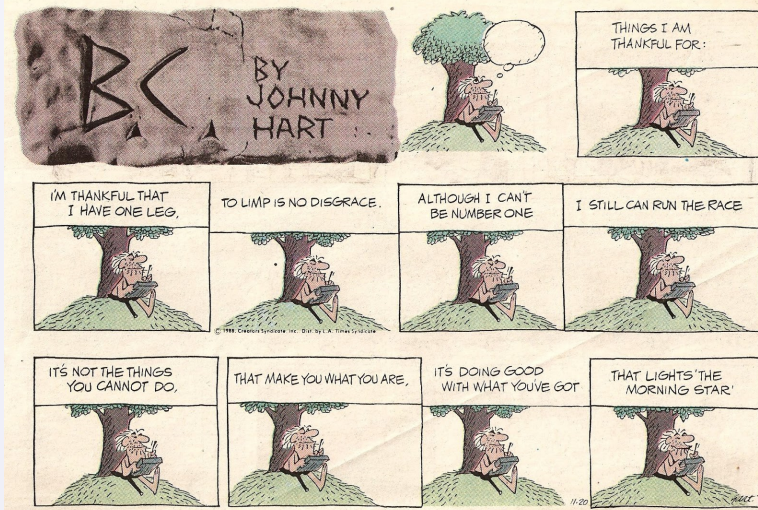
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Remember! "Annette Slaney's daughter, Emma, has started an Etsy shop selling her beautiful resin art craft items. Please take a visit to the shop and keep it in mind while you are Christmas shopping this year!" If you are reading this online simply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

ELSware

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



ELSware.etsy.com



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COVID Update

Below is an email from the Presbytery regarding the latest on the Virus. At present there is no change on how we are conducting worship. Though if events warrant, then the Session will take all appropriate actions for the safety of everyone.

As a personal note, I encourage everyone to go to the New Jersey State website and follow the link to download the FREE COVID Alert NJ App to their phone. Here is the link: <https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/app>.

How it Works:

Download COVID Alert NJ on the [App Store](#) or [Google Play Store](#). Opt-in to receive "Exposure Notifications"

1. As you go about your day, the app will use Bluetooth to sense any "close contacts"—other app users who are within 6 feet of you for 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period
 2. When your app senses a close contact, your phone will **exchange a secure random code** with the close contact's phone. It's important to note that your location and name are never disclosed
 3. If you test **positive for COVID-19**, a public health representative will call you and ask if you're willing to **anonymously notify your "close contacts"** by uploading your app's close contact codes
- Each day, the app will compare your list of close contact codes to the list of codes associated with positive COVID-19 app users. **If there's a match you will get an Exposure Alert**, along with appropriate next steps

----- Original message -----
 From: Debby Brincivalli <revdeb@wipres.net>
 Date: 11/19/20 1:59 PM (GMT-05:00)
 To: Debby Brincivalli <revdeb@wipres.net>
 Subject: Covid Update

Dear friends
Just got off a Zoom call with Gov Murphy and the State Department of Health

In one day we had 4,320 new cases of covid, 34 dead and 2,471 in hospitals
 Sobering
 Good news is the new vaccines but they will not be here until 2021- every county will have their own specific plan
 Better ways of treating those with illness in hospitals that has decreased death rate
 Bad news:
 Cold weather - we are moving indoors with air circulation issues
 Holidays
 Traveling
 Pandemic fatigue
 Equals major problems and increased community spread

What can we as people of faith do:
 Encourage wearing masks
 Encourage social distancing
 Encourage our members if they are contacted for contact tracing - please cooperate!!
 Encourage people if they have a meal or attend an event outside of your bubble to please self-quarantine - if your members have dinner with extended family for Thanksgiving please ask them not to come to in-person worship on Sunday the 29th to protect others
 Follow guidelines about speaking and no singing and

The 25% capacity still is in effect for worship attendance and he sees that staying the same until the end of the year (unless he makes a change in the number downward if warranted)

Friends - please keep in touch with your county health department.

Some congregations have returned to virtual worship only. Remember that the technology grants are there to help with your ministry.

Friends - please remember "just because you can" does not mean that you should...
It looks like we will be in this into next year so plan accordingly

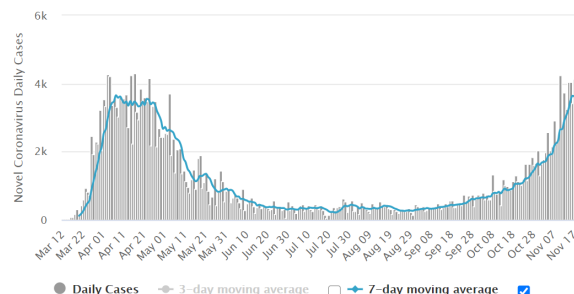
Pray without ceasing and we are here for you
 God be with you at Thanksgiving
 Grateful for you all
 Grace and Peace
 Debby

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Daily New Cases in New Jersey

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Cases per Day
Data as of 0:00 GMT+0



Daily Deaths

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Data as of 0:00 GMT+8

