



# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



**Providence Presbyterian Bustling's**

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**Greetings! Today is Sunday, September 26, 2021**

**The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”**

**Joshua 1:9**



## **Can I Ask A Question?**

**Randy York - Florence, NJ - September 26, 2021**



I During our recent trip out west, each morning I would ask my favorite sister-in-law the same question: “Are you ready for adventure?” Sure we had plans for the day, but when you’re in new and different

places, each new morning brings a blank page with new opportunities ready to be discovered and written on it.

Without trying to sound irreverent, I believe God pulls up a chair to us each day and asks us that very same question: “My child are you ready for adventure?”

As we begin the gift of the new day, too often we are quickly engulfed with worries and concerns, ensnared with busyness and plans. We cast aside the possibility of meeting first with the Author of that new day, to seek out His presence and ask His guidance.

Faith is a gift from God that needs to be stretched and cultivated. If we just go through the motions, check off the Jesus box, thank you God I’m saved and I’m a Christian, grace before meals, put in our hour of worship each Sunday, then before too long our spiritual lives will fossilize. Our walk with God? Simply a new day, same way grind.

When we think about attending church on Sunday, is it merely a prescheduled meeting, or do we come expectantly, prepared to worship and thank the Living God, to lift up those hymns of praise that mark our spiritual journeys.

When we consider our prayer time, is it a quick, well-worn Our Father, or a short, obligated check in, check off, move on chat, or do we carve out quality time, where we can have a heart to heart dialogue with an Abba Father who waits with open arms for his prodigal children?

No my friends, the God who provides and sustains us, the merciful God whose grace is our hope calls us to adventure each day. A chance to see Him in His marvelous creation, and to wonder at all the color He has brushed into our lives. To think ourselves great, and then to walk before a towering mountain of stone, only to see ourselves as dust. A chance to hear Him in His word and to know, really know in the quiet of our soul, the faithfulness of His promises. A chance to know Him by serving others. To see His face by lifting their burden. To discover His heart by putting ourselves aside.

In his song *Monkey Wash Donkey Rinse*, noted theologian Warren Zevon reminds us:

Left eye, right eye  
Take a look around  
Everybody’s heading  
For a hole in the ground.

Mortality, it’s that sudden stop at the end of the ride that gives us pause, coming closer every day. But our wonderful creator God has taken the sting out of death for us through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son.



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Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



### God's healing presence:

For continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper, Barney Barnes, & Eleanor Hathaway**

For **Fritz Wainwright, Joseph Celkupa & Jean Miller**

For **Polly's brother Fred and his wife Caroline** battling dementia

For **Jack Harkins** who is recovering from gall bladder and colon surgery

For **Carol Shore's nephew, Mike Troy** who was diagnosed with lung cancer. His testing is complete and he is meeting with his Doctor on Monday

For **Peter Olley**, who is recovering from a heart procedure.

For **Reverend Kraft & Fran** who are quarantined in Italy after Fran tested positive for Covid.

### God's comfort:

For those who serve as caregivers

### For God's guidance & understanding:

For family members in need of God's presence and fellowship

For Young People, Scouts & Students and their drive for social justice and altruism to make the world better.

### In Thanks and Praise to God:

For good shepherds in our pulpit

For Heidi who was able to keep her job and prayers for her children that may come to know the Lord.

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

# SLEEPERS IN SEPTEMBER



NEWBORNS **IN NEED**  
*One heart one mission*

## Newborns In Need

Beginning September

5th **Carol Shore and**

**Marie Celkupa will**

**begin collecting**

**sleepers through**

the month of

**October. Sizes**

**Newborn to Six**

**Months are needed.**

**Drop-offs can be**

**made every Sunday**

**at the rear of the**

**sanctuary.**





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## New Recipes

# Your Recipe Here!



## Call For New Recipes!

*Our crack staff at Bustleton's Best is still looking for new recipes for our new cookbook. Proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to the Food Pantry. Send one. Send ten. Send yours today c/o this Newsletter.*

Please help up compile a new cookbook by sending in your recipes today!  
Thank you!

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As the Westminster Shorter Catechism reminds us, all we need concern ourselves with is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. God has given us life and calls us to an adventure of faith. So, let us come to church with joyful hearts. Our Abba Father has provided, let us gather together to thank and praise Him. Let us enter prayer with open hearts. A loving Father longs to spend time with us and share His peace with us. Let us meet each new day with an expectant heart. A waiting Father calls us to His blackboard of teaching and instruction to prepare us for the journey.

Let's get off the sideline of comfort and spiritual monotony and discover the magic, the mystery, the majesty, the miracle of the adventure to which God calls us. It may be time to live a lot less to gain a lot more. To realize God cannot add to our lives if we are already too full. Faith is not a souvenir to be shelved and admired, it needs to be lived out in the arena of life.

Folks speak of faith as their "walk with God." Well, walking is motion, its action, its movement. So get up, get on up. Stretch out those inactive religious muscles. God's calling us all to a wondrous journey and I have just on question for you.....Are you ready for adventure?



The Presbyterian Women enjoyed their monthly luncheon this past Tuesday at Villa Rosa. A good time was had by all!





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**October 16<sup>th</sup>** 9 am – 2 pm. **CRAFTY WOMEN** will be holding their fall and Christmas craft fair. Lots of new items to help decorate your home for the holidays. **MARK** your calendar **OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**. and stop by to see what we have.



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