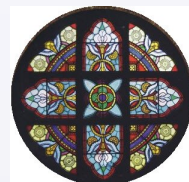


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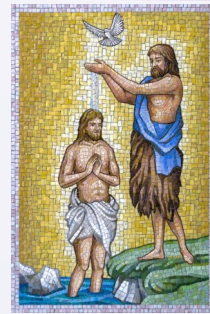


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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)



Shoveling Snow And Service

Cassandra - Idaho Falls, ID - December 11, 2008



I believe being able to serve others is a necessary trait to developing a good character. Service helps me to forget about myself and be able to focus on the needs of others. Service comes in many different forms and is helpful in many different ways.

When I was between seven and ten years old, I would always debate with my dad about letting me go outside and shovel the snow. I wanted to do something that would help my family; besides, I loved the snow. Eventually my dad would agree and I would bundle up in my coat, snow pants, boots, gloves, and a hat and go outside with my brother, David. We would walk into our garage and he would grab the heavy, duty metal shovel; while I would grab my little red shovel that was made of wood and plastic. The shovel didn't really do well on heavy amounts of snow or ice, but it allowed me to feel like I was helping out. By the time I'd finish one block of driveway; my brother would have done two to three blocks of driveway. I didn't care; I was enjoying the fact I was making it easier and safer for my family to go out. As I got older, my dad eventually stopped asking someone to shovel the snow because by the time he had noticed it had snowed, my brother or I would already be outside shoveling. Eventually, I became the person that would shovel the driveway and sidewalk. It was hard work, but I enjoyed it because I was helping my family.



One day, while I was shoveling my driveway, I noticed a neighbor's driveway needed shoveling. This neighbor had recently taken a bad fall and was unable to shovel their driveway. After I was finished shoveling my driveway and sidewalk I walked over to the neighbor's house and began shoveling their driveway. It felt really good to know I was helping somebody else other than my family.

My love for shoveling snow has continued throughout my life. As I got older and stronger I was able to shovel more driveways and sidewalks. Sometimes the people would notice that I was shoveling their driveway and they'd thank me. I would accept their thanks, but it felt weird for them to know I was shoveling the snow for them. I can't explain why, but I preferred people not knowing who had shoveled their driveway. I believe that service must come from the heart and when I serve others I shouldn't expect to receive recognition. It should be between me and the person I serve, and the person I serve should only know that they were served.

Service has helped me gain a better understanding of how to be a better person and I hope that I'm able to continue to apply service throughout my life time.





Providence Presbyterian COVID Update

There are important changes to our service this week with regard to increased COVID cases and activity. Please note the graph below highlighting the dramatic increase in cases in our area. The COVID committee is implementing the following steps, and we will review this data and adjust our response on a weekly basis until this wave has subsided.

- 1) Face masks are required. Masks are available if you need one.
- 2) Pews have been blocked off to create spacing. Please observe distancing with respect to others
- 3) Singing will be allowed behind your mask.

If you feel you have COVID symptoms please remain at home. If you need COVID Testing, you can receive a free test from the State of New Jersey. The link for that is: [Vault Health](#)

If you are not already fully vaccinated and boosted, please do so to reduce your chances of getting sick and to alleviate the severity of the virus if you do become ill.

Stay Safe — Stay Healthy

The New York Times

Burlington County, N.J.

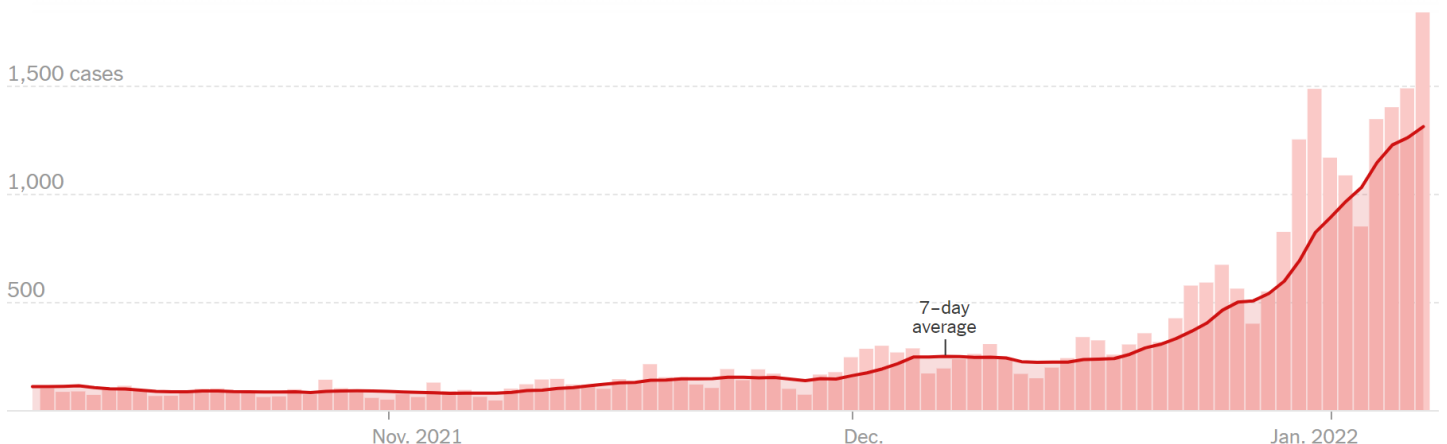


Updated Jan. 7, 2022

Cases have increased recently and are extremely high: The total reported for the past week was the highest of the pandemic. The numbers of **hospitalized Covid patients** and **deaths** in the Burlington County area have also risen. The **test positivity rate** in Burlington County is very high, suggesting that cases are being significantly undercounted.

New reported cases by day

DAILY AVG. ON JAN. 7 **1,309** 14-DAY CHANGE **+225%**





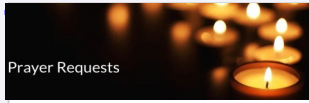
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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

For continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper, Barney Barnes, & Eleanor Hathaway**
For **Fritz Wainwright, Polly Grobelny, & Jean Miller**
For **Dave Hammell, Marvin Wainwright, & Joe Celkupa**
For **Jack Harkins and Michelle Cox** who are dealing with Covid
For **Carol Shore's sister Karen Eckert**

God's comfort:

For those who serve as caregivers
For the **Conley & Wolman families**
For **Marie Celkupa**, unable to visit **Joseph** in care
For **Jerrie Glass**

For God's guidance & understanding:

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

In Thanks and Praise to God:

For good shepherds in our pulpit

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



This year marks the 3rd annual "Coats for kids" collection.

So I am reaching out to those who may have the ability to provide a basic necessity to children in our community that aren't as fortunate as we are.

The Sisterhood ministry is in need of new or gently used winter coats for kids. All sizes are welcomed, either for a boy or girl, as the demand is great. They could also use gloves, scarves or hats.

Coats will be collected through the end of January. Drop off can be made either in church or I can pick them up. Just email me at: yorkie0401@gmail.com.

Thank you.
Barbara York



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BY MARK TATULLI

