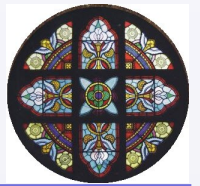


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Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will
and to work for his good pleasure ~ Philippians 2:12-13



The Head of H.R. Would Like a Word with You

Randy York - Florence, NJ - May 15, 2022



Back sometime in the nineties, Barbara and I went up to Boston for a few days. On one day, we decided to visit the Old North Church. It is Boston's oldest surviving church and is best remembered for the "One if by land, two if by sea" lantern signal for Paul Revere. When we entered

the sanctuary, you could sense the history seeping from its hallowed walls. As we walked around, there was one plaque in particular that caught my eye. It was dedicated to the Reverend Asa Eaton (1778-1858). It stated that he was "untiring in his service to the Master, he gathered 800 in his congregation, and 200 children in a Sunday school, the first in this region." All fine and commendable, but it was the next line that grabbed my attention. It read simply, "His parish knew no visible bounds." It would seem that when a need arose, Asa Eaton did not question, analyze or hesitate. He knew the love and grace that Christ had provided. He lived in that love and grace, so he answered the need.

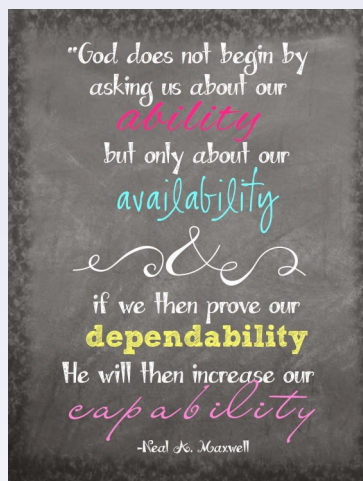
At a time when walls and fences are more prevalent than bridges, when careful, measured critical thinking is cast aside for choosing sides, when Christ waits on his church to be his arms and legs to so many folks in need, the world cries out for a faith that knows "no visible bounds."

H.R. in the business world is the acronym for human resources. It's the group tasked with making sure the company has a solid roster of employees, who are trained to fulfill their roles, develop over time, and are compensated appropriately for doing so. Hey! Wait just a second. That sounds suspiciously like the church. Rightly so, because even as Jesus calls us out of the world to follow him, he asks us to live in the world to serve others in his name.

We are called to be part of a team. A diverse, multi-talented group of redeemed people called to learn together, grow together, worship together, and serve together. To enjoy a communion of faith together in God's loving presence, and then in thanks for the blessing we have received, to reach out and be a blessing, to make a difference in Christ's name, to those we meet on the journey.

Make no mistake about it there are a lot of needs to be met. Just listening in on our Sunday prayer intentions shows there are a lot of folks carrying a lot of heavy bags every waking day. That's just in our congregation. There are the neighborhoods we live in and the offices we work in as well. Whoa! Sounds a bit daunting to me. This looks like a job for... us.

A bonus from serving on the PNC is that as we look at potential candidates, we also get a window in on the activity of their congregations. Recently as I reviewed one individual, I was rewarded with this quote, "We thought we would change the world. Turns out we can change the neighborhood, which isn't too bad."



One person, one soul, one need. That's where we start. The only ability God requires is availability... and action. If we can ease a burden, provide needed encouragement, walk alongside in empathy, or dispel some darkness, we have glorified God.

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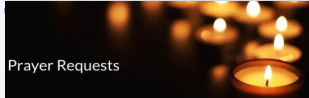
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I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord



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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 **Bea Ashmore**, who is recovering from a stroke.
- For continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper, Jack Harkins & Eleanor Hathaway**
- For **Fritz Wainwright, Polly Grobelny, Hayley Morris & Jean Miller**
- For **Dave Hammell, Joe Celkupa, and Polly's son-in-law, Donald**
- For **Barb Hammell** recovering from eye surgery
- For **Ginny Heal** and her cousin **Isabell, Faye Eckert, & Janet Newell**
- For **Wendy Boer, Keith, Paul, & Jody**
- For **Maritza Chambers' sister Elba, and Aiden Witte**
- For **Randy & Barb York** who are recovering from Covid
- For our Session Moderator, **Rev. Becca Kesner** who is also recovering from Covid
- For **Steven Westmeyer** who is in the hospital following motorcycle accident
- For **Marleigh** and her family

God's comfort:

- For those who serve as caregivers
- For **Krista** coping with addiction
- For **the People of Ukraine**

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.



Presbytery Women will be holding there luncheon this month, May 17th at Villa Rosa Restaurant at 12:30 pm. Location 38 US Route 130, Burlington, NJ.

All ladies are invited. Please call or text Marie Celkupa at 609-499-2569 or hudakmarie@yahoo.com.



RED, WHITE, & BLUE

CRAFT FAIR at our church – May 21st. 9am – 2pm.

Come by and stop in. You will be amazed at how crafty our ladies are..

Also there will be food to grab and enjoy as you are browsing through our hand made crafts.



Hey there CRAFTY



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Head Of H.R. Continued...

Hey Providence Presbyterian Church! Look around. We certainly have a solid roster of members who have been trained, developed, and affected by God's word. Believing and accepting, by faith, what God has done for us changes our lives. That change, that faith, is our foundation. Sure, a new pastor will lead us down the road, but our faith defines us right now. That's when folks need us. Right now. As Eric Burdon clarified in The Animals cover of Boom Boom, "I don't mean tomorrow. I mean right now."

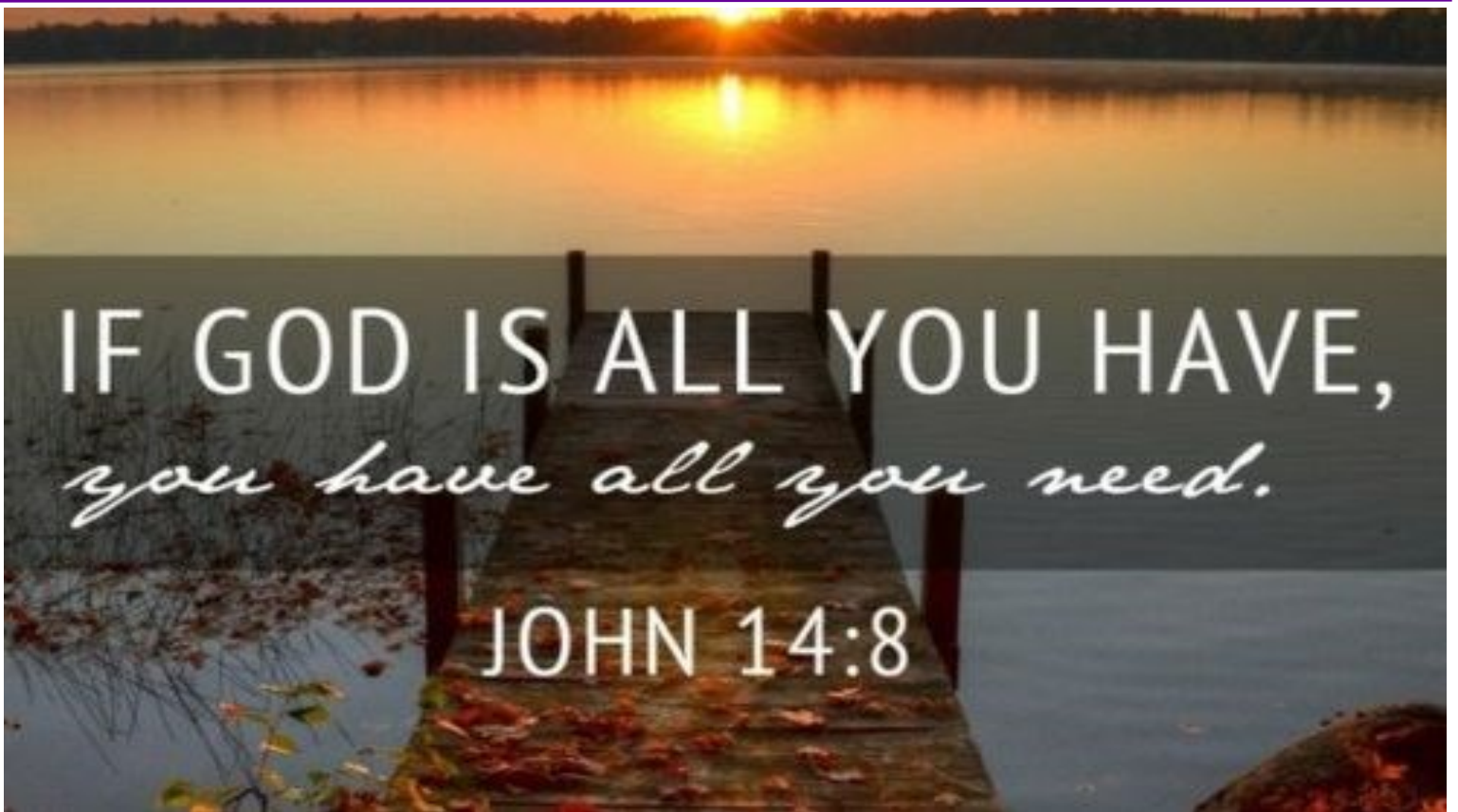


There is an ancient Irish phrase: "Mo sheasamh ort la na choise tinne." It translates to: "You are the place where I stand on the day my feet are sore." Right now we are called to be a sure and firm place of rest for our world weary brothers and sisters. If our spiritual lives have no answer for them, then those lives speak very little at all.

As our "head of HR", Jesus does not make suggestions. He commands us to follow in a life of grace inspired service. He desires that we yield to him each day, every day, in whatever situation we face. Jill Weber describes that yielding as a posture in which we say to God, "The answer is yes, but what's the question?" We are called to be "all in" heart, soul, and mind to his will and direction. We can't wait until it's convenient. His call is to an immediate, loving response.



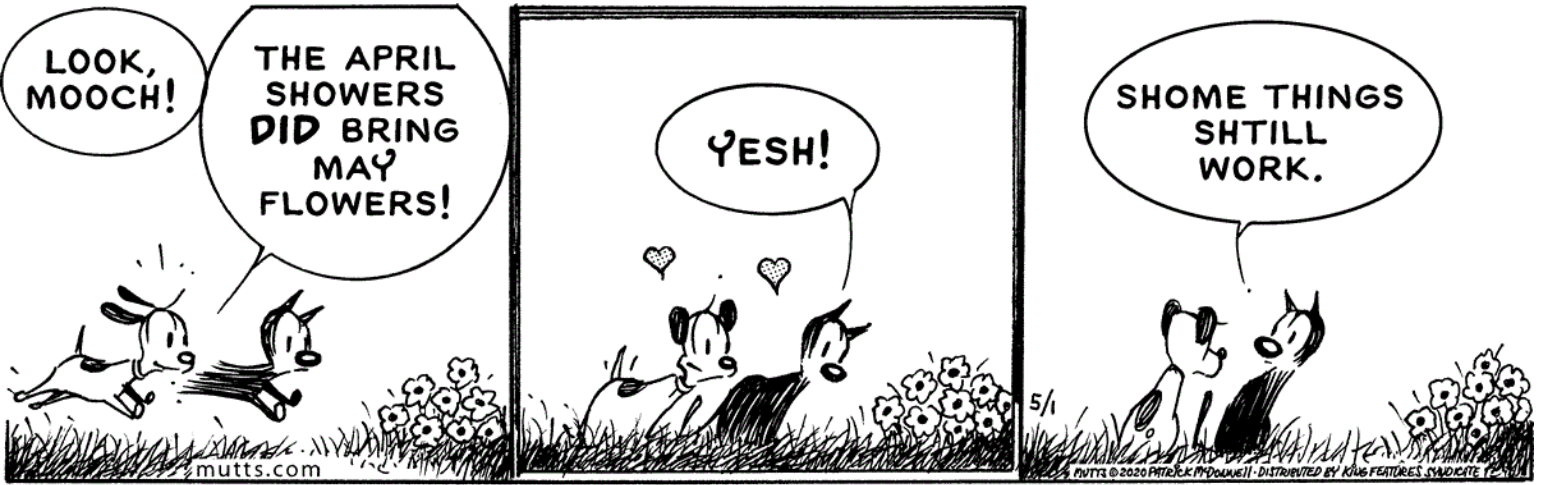
And as far as appropriate compensation, I can't speak much about pay, but he plainly tells us that the benefits are out of this world (John 14).





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