

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

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August 14, 2022 – Tenth Sunday In Pentecost

Sing a new song to the LORD!
Let the whole earth sing to the LORD!
~ Psalm 96:1



Feast On The Power Of Music

Campbell — Marietta, Georgia— November 13, 2011

I believe in the power of music. I believe that there is music for every situation, every emotion, every moment. I believe that



music can take better pictures than a camera. I believe that music can heal the deepest of wounds and can change your mood completely within the span of three minutes.

Before my grandmother died, I did not fully recognize how music could be so powerful. A few days after my grandmother died, I thought I had my emotions under control, so I went to school. I was surviving the school day, and then I went to orchestra. My string quartet and I were practicing "Pachelbel's Canon." As we started to play the sonorous masterpiece, I discovered that my emotions were not under control but just locked up, waiting for the right key to release them. "Pachelbel's Canon" was that key, and as we started to play, the sweet chords and beautiful melodies caused my eyes to be blinded with tears. Our quartet had never played better—and never would—but as we rehearsed, all I could think about was my grandma and all the memories I have with her. One wordless, four-minute song elicited tears from a teenage boy at school and unleashed his memories of his grandmother. Just one simple, beautiful song. "Music is well said to be the speech of angels," as Thomas Carlyle says. And indeed, I believe that an angel spoke to me that day through a very humble rendition of "Pachelbel's Canon," and I believe that it was my grandmother saying hello.

In my church, we sing. We sing as often as possible, with every meeting and every occasion. My church even deems our hymnbook a book of scripture. We feel that one of the best ways to reverently worship our Heavenly Father is through song. Everyone can sing—from the littlest of children who can barely read to the oldest of senior citizens who can barely see. They hymns we sing are simple, beautiful melodies that help get my congregation into a spiritual mood in order to invite God's spirit to our meetings. Hymns help to keep me strong in trying times and help me to carry heavy burdens. I love the music I sing in church, and I believe that it is more sincere worship than even reading scriptures.

We can see the powerful influence that music has on us all around. But now, the music played on the radio does not resonate with the soul. A lot of popular music is some garbage about lust auto-tuned to synthetic instruments. I hunger for music, and when I listen to the auto-tuned songs, I am only snacking, barely keeping my hunger at bay. But when I listen to good, rich music, I am feasting. And who would simply rather snack than feast?

Music helps capture memories that would otherwise be forgotten; music helps express emotions buried deep within the soul. Good music can do anything.





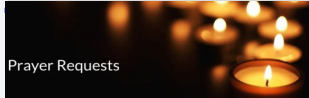
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Prayer Requests

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 Janet Newell, Eleanor Hathaway & Carol Shore's brother Dean Eckert
For Fritz & Jean Wainwright, Jean Miller, and Fran Kraft
For Dave Hammell & Joe Celkupa
For Ginny Heal's cousin Isabell
For Ginny's nephew David
For Maritza Chambers' sister Elba and her brother Angel
For Aiden Witte & Brittany Zier
For Polly Grobelny, her son in law, Donald & her daughter Ava
For Nancy Wyatt and Marleigh
For Heidi Bonwell's father Robert

God's comfort:

For those who serve as caregivers
For Heidi Bonwell in need of God's peace
For Alyson Keegan & her family caring for her father
For the People of Ukraine

For God's traveling mercies:

For Aaron Olsen about to start college

In Thanks and Praise to God:

For good shepherds in our pulpit

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



Mark your calendars for our Church picnic at Chuck & Ginny Heal's home on Sunday August 21st. We always have a good

Church
PICNIC
You're Invited

Start: 2:00 PM Dinner Served 4:00 PM

A-M Please Bring a Dessert to share

N-Z Please bring a Side Dish to share





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The Past, Present and Future of our Historical Country Church “The Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton”

Part 1 The Past Barb Hammell
~ Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton



Rev. Diane Curtis – Rev. Curtis was an interim minister for the Providence Presbyterian Church. She was hired by the Providence Presbyterian Church to provide spiritual leadership and to lead the transition in finding a new minister. She was to be our minister till we found a permanent one. She held two Sunday services 8:30 and 11:00 am along with Bible Study. During her two years with us, our yearly membership was around 125 and our average weekly church attendance over a 12 month period was around 85.

We continued with our pasta and roast beef dinners and hoagie sales. They were always good fund raisers. We had a bus trip to Trenton Thunder (baseball) game, held monthly movie nights in the CE building, a pumpkin fest in October, around Christmas made crafts and held a workshop on the making of the advent wreath.

The crafty ladies continued with their craft and yard sales. They made such beautiful hand made items. The Presbyterian Women continued to meet twice each month and their monthly outing for a luncheon. One Sunday a month the Presbyterian Men went out for their breakfast at Liberty Dinner. It was a nice way to start the morning with friends. Vacation Bible School was held the end of June each year. Our Easter Egg Hunt was held the morning prior to Easter, and a pot luck dinner was held the first week of Advent. Thank goodness for volunteers that make all this possible!

In February 2018, the CE building had a fire in the basement. It did a lot of damage downstairs and throughout the fellowship room and kitchen. Almost everything had to be thrown out due to the excessive smoke damage. It took about a year to get everything back to normal but after all the repairs, cleaning, and renovation it looked great!

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September 29, 2019 our area was hit with storm damage caused by heavy winds. It took down a large tree near the CE building. This resulted in putting a hole in the CE roof, and it took out the neutral wire, which created power affecting our CE building. We had a tree service take down the tree / trees (which were on the neighbors' lot), roof was repaired and a new meter pan and circuit was installed.

Then would you believe, on October 17, 2019, we were hit with another bad wind storm that came through the area. Another branch came down and created a power surge, which in turn took out the CE elevator and heating



Janet Tymash & Ed Merten



Bob Lee & Kevin Mattis



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L-R: Polly's sister, Polly Grobelny, Marge Hull



Alice Garman's Retirement with Jane Cheslo

Crafty Ladies selling at a craft fair



Marie Celkupa and Carol Shore



Janet Newell and friend

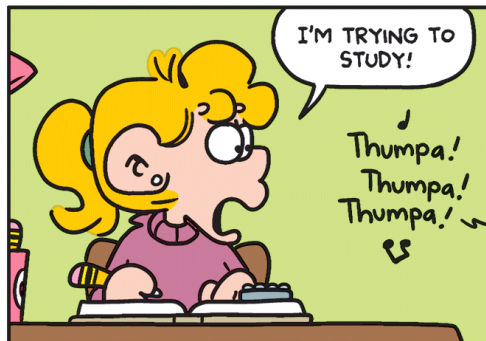


L-R Standing: Jen Karen, Barbara & Dave Hammell, Jack & Pat Lyons, Margo & Kevin Mattis Karl & Pam Solymosi
L-R Sitting: Randy & Darla Hunt, Pastor Diane and husband, Kathlyn Owens, Jean Miller



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