



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Greetings Everyone — Today is Sunday, June 14th, and Flag Day across our nation. On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.” Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.



Another day of note this week is Friday, June 19th also known as Juneteenth (a portmanteau of June and nineteenth). It is an American holiday celebrated annually on this day. It commemorates June 19, 1865, when Union general Gordon Granger read federal orders in Galveston, Texas, that all previously enslaved people in Texas were free. Although the Emancipation Proclamation had formally freed them almost two and a half years earlier, and the American Civil War had ended with the defeat of the Confederate States in April, Texas was the most remote of the slave states, with a low presence of Union troops, so enforcement of the proclamation had been slow and inconsistent.

I mention these two

days because current events place us at a crossroads of history regarding race and equal treatment in our land. Reverend Dr. Jim Kraft has prepared and recorded for us a special message titled, [“In Times Like These.”](#) It is posted for viewing on our [YouTube Channel](#), and you can reach it if you are reading on your computer by clicking the highlighted link, or by searching Google by entering Providence **“Providence Presbyterian Church Burlington, NJ.”**

The image on the right is titled “Flag Day.” It was painted by Benny Andrews in 1966. When viewing the image. Take a moment and wonder. Does the figure emerge from the stripes of the flag, or do they imprison him? You can learn more about it in this short six minute video “Identity and Civil Rights in 1960s America” at [Khan Academy](#). Please view the two videos and then pray for healing and wellness for all of our Brothers and Sisters everywhere.





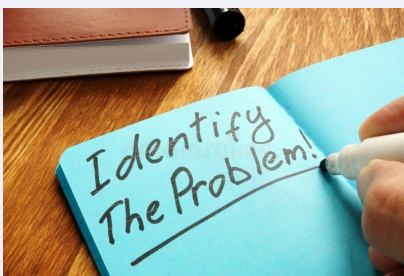
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First, Identify The Problem

Randy York

There is an often repeated adage which states, "May you live in interesting times." I don't know how you might feel, but I keep hoping that the times might start getting a bit less "interesting". The country is in turmoil, comparisons to 1968 keep rising, and the word turbulent seems a better fit than the word interesting. Just turn on the news (the news being that quaint institution last led by Walter Cronkite that actually informed us before we allowed social media to provide the "service") and all you're greeted with is rage, anger, and vitriol. Those same programs offer their insight into solving the problem. What is called for is more training, or more legislation, or more education. Perhaps we should throw more money at the issue. No, maybe we need to tear something down or better yet build something up. Wait, let the Red folks tell us how the Blue folks have it wrong or is it the other way around? Interesting times indeed.



Successful managers will tell you that to fix the situation you must first identify the problem. Well let's consider: Is the problem anger or racism, inequality or fairness, greed or hatred or maybe some combination of all these things? I suggest we look to lay theologian G.K. Chesterton for the answer. The story is told that *The Times* of London early in the 1900's posed this question to several prominent authors, "What is wrong with the world today?" Chesterton wrote back with a two word reply, "I am". A simple statement; yet quite correct. The problem is my natural propensity to go my own way, to do what I want, to take care of myself. The root lies in Genesis 3 when we turned away from a loving

God and toward satisfying our own desire. We can call it racism or greed, hate or malice. The fact is that God calls it sin. That will not sound intelligent in a panel discussion, nor will it appear in any Op-Ed column. The pundits will claim that is too simple and narrow an answer. It is the truth however. It's a problem my wife Barbara must deal with each day. She wakes up with anger, resentment, greed, selfishness, impatience, pride, and envy every morning, but thankfully for her I do eventually get out of bed and go for my walk.

So if sin is our problem, what can we do? Answer...nothing...uh oh. You mean there is nothing I can do? Exactly, and now God has us right where we need to be, because although only I caused the problem, only He can fix it.

Back a few weeks ago, I suggested that we might celebrate Easter in July. I believe we should consider Good Friday as well because the Cross is that ever important reminder of what we were and how God in his mercy and grace gave us a way back. We need to look away from ourselves and toward Christ.

Way back in 1970, Joni Mitchell told us that, "We are stardust, we are golden, and we've got to get ourselves back to the garden." It all began with us walking with God in the garden and it's time we admit we've made a hash of things, accept His forgiveness in Christ, then reach out for His hand and walk with Him.



PS: The Burlington Food Pantry provided food for 114 families this past Wednesday.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

From All of Us — Continued Prayers for **Bob Lee & Family** following the sudden death of his brother, **William "Peanut" Lee**.

Roland & Janet Newell — Continued Prayers For **Ginny Heal**, as she recovers from shoulder surgery

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

Margo Mattis — For her Mother, **Jean Miller**

Wendy Kasper — Asks for continued prayers for healing and strength in the midst of her chemotherapy.

Wendy Vargas — Continued Prayers for her nephew, **Sean**.

Sheila Zier — Prayers for healing and strength and encouragement for her daughter, **Brittany** as she is battling a serious long term disease.

All: We have a small team of volunteers reaching out for prayer requests. If they cannot or are unable to reach you, then please e-mail RickCheslo@gmail.com so we can include your in our prayers in future editions.

Don't Forget We Are On YouTube!

See vintage services from our archives. There is a new posting each week. The direct link is: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLAXFkRJWgH8pLkGX988Bg/videos> The Link is nerdy, but you can also Google "Providence Presbyterian Church Burlington YouTube" and we rise to the top of the list. Accept no imitations! *Also Get Past Issues of this Newsletter at ProvPresCh.org*



Don't Forget!
Tune in for
Reverend Dr. Jim Kraft's
timely message
"In Times Like These."

Coming Preview!

Tune in Friday, June 26th at 7:00 PM on our YouTube Channel or Facebook Page to see highlights from VBS Weeks past on this





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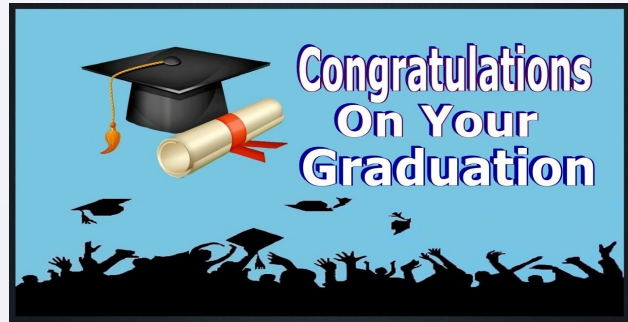
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Graduations!

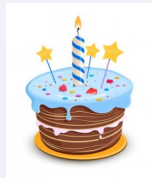
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Ethan Walker—Burlington Township High School



Birthdays!

Verity Cheslo — June 18



Please e-mail RickCheslo@Gmail.com if there are others who are graduating, celebrating a birthday or any other life event, and we will recognize you here.

Barbara Hammell has placed copies of the May/June Upper Room devotional in the back of the Church. Come by on Sunday & pick up a copy while taking advantage of the drive-thru offering! This clever young couple rode their bikes!

Reminder - Save a Stamp!

Come to the Drive - Thru Offering from 8:30 am to 9:00 AM and 11:00 to 11:30 AM each Sunday morning.

We average 12 to 14 cars each week. Come join the parade and Say Hey to Jack! Also don't forget to Honk or Ring Your Bell on your way out!



Notices

Excellent Caregiver Available

If anyone in your circle of family or friends has the need for an elderly care provider, Barb York highly recommends Kate who cared for her Dad before he passed. Kate also cared for Doug & Dorothy Ruck before they moved to Florida

Kate has excellent experience and a medical background. She is caring, compassionate and a truly loving person. She is looking for a 24/7 hour position. She has a license to drive, which many agency caregivers do not have.

If you're interested, please call Kate at 908-413-1324.

Church Office Hours

Barb Hammell is manning our Church Office to keep us on top of all our Business needs & obligations. Thank you Barb!

Her hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays from 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM. The office telephone is (609) 499-2753



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Spaghetti With Black Olives & Capers

Maritza A. Chambers

"My family absolutely loves this dish!! I can my own tomatoes and use the liquid instead of wine or broth."

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| 1 T olive oil | 1 C diced tomatoes, chopped, with liquid |
| 2 cloves garlic, minced | ½ C black olives, sliced |
| 1 T red onion, chopped | 2 T capers |
| ¼ t hot red pepper flakes | 1 T fresh basil |
| ¼ C white wine or chicken broth (optional) | |

Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Cook onion, garlic and pepper flakes until sizzling. Add wine or chicken broth if using. Add tomatoes with juice. Cook 10 minutes. Add olives and capers. Cook 5-6 minutes. Add basil. Cook at a simmer for 5-6 minutes. Pour over cooked pasta and enjoy!



Bustleton's Best Church Cookbook Recipe of the Week

Just when I thought it could not get any better... I flipped the page and see this recipe. I was already in a pasta mood, and just like that!

Divine Intervention

So Maritza... When the pandemic is over we are coming over for dinner. And by "We" I mean everyone reading this. This is simple and so delicious.

