



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

Sunday, July 19, 2020



reetings Everyone — Today is Sunday, July 19th. It is the 16th Sunday in ordinary time.

Thoughts, Prayers, Thankfulness, & Blessings. These are the themes that repeat for me as I put this newsletter together each Saturday.

These are the foundations of virtually all of the messages I receive each week. You all think of your loved ones, families, friends, and each other with your prayer requests, remembrances, and shared blessings. It moves me each week to read them and consider them with my own prayers.

I was recently reading about famed basketball coach John Wooden. I have long admired Coach Wooden since my youth, and I wanted to share this quote:



Be true to yourself, help others, make each day your masterpiece, make friendship a fine art, drink deeply from good books - especially the Bible, build a shelter against a rainy day, give thanks for your blessings and pray for guidance every day.

— John Wooden —

Reading this quote mid-week turned my own thoughts to your weekly prayer requests. I was immediately thankful that I could play my part in sharing them back to all of you reading our Newsletter. That is a blessing that I have become truly thankful for.

Please continue to share your prayer requests, blessings, and announcements. They are read. They are considered by others. They are all part of what makes us who we are through the people whose prayers are intended for and everyone who intercedes with God on our behalf.

Elemental Christianity: Forgiveness

Randy York

Although a lot of years have passed, I believe I still retain those grand traits of being inquisitive and having a sense of childlike wonder (Barbara would strongly argue instead for the wonder of my being so childlike). When I was a youngster staying at my grandma's, I loved to mix things I found around her house together to see how they would react. Their reaction was never quite like grandmas when she discovered the mess. Now, I find myself in awe of simple things; the intricate geometry of a snowflake, the spectacle of a field of fireflies on a humid summer night, or the variety and beauty found in the garden.



The fiery meadow mama coneflower for example (pictured here), a sterling example of God's ability to paint vividly on the canvas of his creation (it reminds me of the verse from Matthew:

"Consider Millie Lincoln, yet I tell you not even the fiery meadow mama coneflower is adorned like her.") I am always

intrigued by the periodic table of elements, not so much as a potential chemist, but for the elegance of each square containing a component, each having a different story, a different property in relation to the whole chart.

I believe the Christian walk has its own table of elements, specific building blocks that sow stories of their own in our lives of faith, but root and emerge into the bigger picture of our relationship with God. For instance: the Christian element Fg or Forgiveness.



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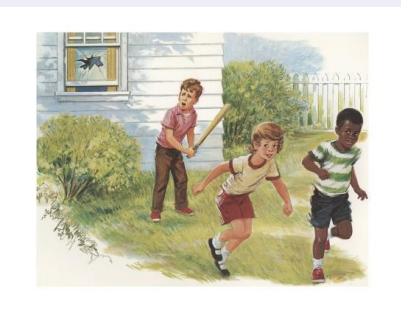
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Terms Of Surrender

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Have you ever had a large debt and then had that debt forgiven? I remember playing baseball in my grandma's side yard when I was about eight. I went to throw the ball to my friend John and somehow I uncorked a Roberto Clemente beauty that sailed over his head and right through the cellar window of a neighbor's house. Donald and Sarah lived there, an Irish couple, and of course I did what any respectable young lad would do.....sorry I didn't...



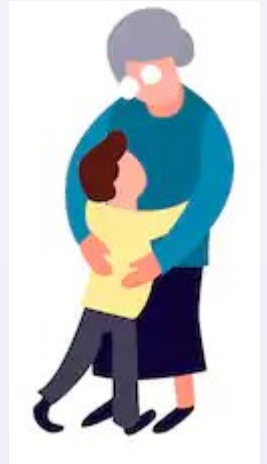
I ran like a rabbit into the house and told no one. After awhile it bothered me and I told grandma what happened. She told me I had to go next door

and apologize and pay to fix the window.

The window fixing didn't seem so bad, but the going over to admit what happened and apologize scared me. I mean these were "big people" – grownups, and it was uncharted territory. I was truly nervous, but grandma said I had to do it. So I walked over (slow walk as I recall) and knocked on the door. Mister Donald answered the door, let me in, and I found myself in their kitchen. Missus Sarah was sitting there, and I finally got up the courage to tell her what I had done.

I expected judgment and anger. But what I got instead was a smile and a hug.

"You dear boy!" she said in her Irish brogue and she scooped me up and hugged me! Her forgiveness came freely from a heart of love. I could not define repentance, nor was I aware of any doctrine or formula. I had been at fault, ran from it, and yet somehow I get a hug! It was a simple loving transaction, one I did not deserve. It made a lasting impression on me, and probably was my first glimpse of what God's forgiveness might look like.



Consider if the thief on the cross was interviewed at the gate of heaven regarding his understanding of forgiveness:

The first question, "Are you here because of contrition?"

"I don't know" might be the reply.

"Have you followed doctrinal procedure?"

"I don't know that either" he might say.

"Have you been justified?"

"Sorry, I don't know any of these things" he would admit.

"Well, what in the world are you doing here?"

"The man on the middle cross told me I could come."



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Essential Continued

Ah, the refreshing touch of God’s forgiveness; a simple, loving gift. Not comparable with our own shallow, quid pro quo efforts. Are you feeling a bit distant from God since being separated from our usual Christian rhythm? Have you slowed a bit in your daily spiritual journey? Are you feeling a bit more broken than all together? This season we are experiencing might just be an opportunity to explore once again facets of our faith. Pause and bathe in the glory of God’s forgiveness. Reread John 3:16. Ponder the idea that the God who designed the snowflake, created the firefly and the coneflower, and as the psalmist said “knit you together” is the same God reaching out daily to you in loving mercy. Consider the fact that God would rather die than to be without you and then you’ll know, as in the words of that renowned theologian Van Morrison, “The healing has begun.”



PS: Thank you Anna Freck and Jerrie Glass for lowering a bucket into the well and raising me up to the light of day.

PSS: The Burlington Food Pantry provided food to 120 families this past Wednesday.



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(See Matthew 18:21-35) 10-12-2012

THIS IS THE SEVENTIETH TIMES SEVENTH TIME I'VE FORGIVEN YOUR BASEBALL THROUGH MY WINDOW ... THIS IS THE LAST TIME!





PRAYER REQUESTS



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

From All Of Us — Continued prayers for Jeffrey Caron & the Caron Family as they adjust to Jeffrey's diagnosis of diabetes.

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

Marge Hull — Is Thankful for the personal sacrifices **Doctors & Nurses** are making to care for patients

From All Of Us — Continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper**

Wendy Varga — Continued prayers for her nephew, **Sean**.

Polly Grobelny — For her brother, **Fred** who is doing well, but recovering from open heart surgery, and for her son, **Ed**, who is also doing well and recovering from a small stroke.

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

Bob Lee — Prayers for the **Family of Lisa Roberson**, who passed away recently.

Randy & Barb York — Prayers of thanks for God's provision of a suitable transplant liver for **Wendy Pearl**, and His comfort and healing strength for some tough days ahead.

The Presbyterian Women — Remembers their members who are in need of prayers as they have been unable to get out and remain housebound : **Anna Freck, Polly Grobelny, Jerrie Glass, Alice Garman, & Jean Miller**. They look forward to resuming their meetings

Pat & Ivo Meilands — Prayers for their daughter, **Pam** as she goes through the process of moving from Michigan to Hershey, PA to start her new call as Associate Pastor for Youth & Families at Derry Presbyterian Church.

Robin McCarter — For her **Mother**, who is residing in the Masonic Home.

From All Of Us — Prayers for **Barb Hammell**, who is home and doing better. Hang tough **Barb!**

Please e-mail RickCheslo@gmail.com with your prayer requests, or pass them on to those reaching out to you.

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*



Bustleton's Best Church Cookbook Recipes of the Week

Summer's here and the time is right for dancing in the street. Because as a former Pastor of mine, Rev. Dave Farris, once commented with his tongue firmly in cheek after a hymn that mentioned dancing, "Not in this Church!" So you are wondering what does that have to do with recipes? Well, it is summer and the time is also right for outdoor dining, which means picnics, which means beans! No, literally I mean real baked beans, not beans in the pejorative sense.

We are blessed with three great Baked Bean Recipes that would glorify any picnic table they were placed upon. So as you are prepping for you next picnic look no further.

Many Thanks to Edna, Norma, & Kathy for providing such flavorful options for perfecting our picnic.

Baked Beans

Kathy Wainwright

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| 1 t dried mustard | 1/2 C brown sugar |
| 3 bacon strips | 1/2 C ketchup |
| 2 (14 oz.) cans baked beans | |

Layer ingredients by cutting recipe in half. Cover top layer with bacon. Bake for 3 1/2 hours at 325. Note: Make sure you bake for at least 3 hours. That is the key for great tasting baked beans.

Norma's Baked Beans

Norma Fuhrmann

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| 1 large can baked beans | 3/4 C dark molasses |
| 3 t mustard | 1 small onion, diced |
| 3 T ketchup | Smoked sausage or bacon strips |

Mix all ingredients in large ovenproof bowl. Cover top with sliced smoked sausage or strips of bacon. Cook in 350 oven for 1 1/2 hours or until brown on top and meat is cooked.

Baked Beans

Edna Burkhardt

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| 1 qt beans (white peas or marrow) | 1/2 C brown sugar (more if desired) |
| 1/4 t baking soda if desired | 1 onion |
| 2 t salt (3 if no salt pork) | 1/2 lb. salt pork (3T of butter may be used instead of pork.) |
| 1 t dry mustard | |
| 4 T molasses | |

Soak beans overnight. Drain and cover with fresh cold water. Bring to the boiling point, simmer until tender. Test by piercing with large needle. Drain, and pour half of the beans into a bean pot or oven dish with a cover. Add the salt, mustard, chopped onion, molasses, and sugar. Cut the pork into small pieces and add. Then put in the other half of the beans and barely cover the whole with boiling water. Cover the pot and bake in a slow oven for 8 hours. The lid should be taken off the pot for the last hour of cooking. If the beans become dry, add a little more water. More or less brown sugar and molasses can be used according to desired taste. Long slow cooking gives the best flavor.



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Blessings

Betsy Reeder — Her son, Andrew & his wife Katie are expecting their second child in November!

Birthdays!

Polly Grobelny — July 17 Happy Birthday Polly!

Anniversaries!

Rick & Jane Cheslo — 25 Years on July 22

Ethan J. Walker
EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR

THE WALKER FAMILY
AND THE MEMBERS OF TROOP 36
INVITE YOU TO THE
EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR FOR
ETHAN WALKER
SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 2020 AT 3PM
BUTTONWOOD PARK • KNIGHTSBRIDGE ROAD
EASTAMPTON, NJ 08060
OUTDOOR DESSERT RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY
PLEASE BRING A CHAIR
RSVP KIMWALKER22@YAHOO.COM OR 908-510-1856

The Walker Family would like to extend everyone an invitation for Ethan's Eagle Scout Court of Honor Ceremony to be held outdoors at Buttonwood Park in Eastampton. For Ethan's Eagle Scout project, he planned the project, held fund raiser car washes and erected the gazebo that now stands behind the Manse. Please extend Ethan hearty congratulations on a job well done!



Notices

Come by on Sunday & take advantage of the drive-thru offering!

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!

