



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

Sunday, August 2, 2020



Greetings Everyone — Today is Sunday, August 9. The 19th Sunday in ordinary time. Since our survey results came back, the Worship/Covid team has been planning for the implementation of online virtual services beginning next Sunday, 8/16 that will leading to in-person live services in the future. As you may have noticed from those results, there is a lot we have had to consider.



Providing a virtual service is a necessary first step to the eventual return of live worship. To accomplish this, we are extending Wi-Fi from the CE building to the sanctuary to facilitate streaming to the internet and ultimately to all of you wherever you may be.

Rev. Kraft has agreed to lead the worship, and we are entering into final preparations this week. Those preparations include discussion within the Session. Conducting a technical dress rehearsal to ensure the technology works as expected. A connectivity test to allow you all to test your connection to the link before the big test when we go on the air next Sunday. What to watch for:

There will be an email communication to everyone before Friday of this week that will provide the Zoom link and password, as well as the time on Saturday for testing your connection to make sure it works.

Our first Zoom virtual service will be next Sunday, August 9, 2020 at 9:00 AM. We look forward to welcoming you all at that time.

More details regarding in person worship will follow in the coming weeks. As you might expect there are more hurdles to leap over in a single bound. Stay tuned...

Watch Your Words Diligently **Barbara Hammell**

Words have such great power to bless or to wound. When you speak carelessly or negatively, you damage others as well as yourself. This ability to verbalize is an awesome privilege, God granted to those he created in his image.

Though the world applauds quick-witted retorts, God's instructions about communication are quite different: Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry (James 1:19). Ask God's help whenever you speak. If they are silent, pray before speaking to them. If they are talking, pray before responding. These are split-second prayers, but they put you in touch with God's presence. In this way, your speaking comes under control of the God's Spirit. As positive speech patterns replace your negative ones, the increase in your Joy will amaze you.

Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. – Proverbs 12:18



Elementary Christianity: Ponder **Randy York**

In 1969, John Lennon sang: *Last night the wife said, oh boy when you're dead you won't take nothing with you but your soul....Think!*

Ah, to be able to sit back and savor peaceful, contemplative thought. Most days we feel caught up in a paint-ball battle, as we are peppered with a constant barrage of ideas and opinions. We react. We do not reflect.



With that in mind, I would like to consider another element in our periodic table of Christianity: that is our ability to think. I wish to be more specific however and use the symbol Po, to ponder. While to think is to direct our minds toward something, to ponder is to consider something deeply or carefully.

While the Christian faith engages our hearts, the Bible also directs us to engage our minds and ponder. It is something we need to remind ourselves of so we don't allow our minds to fossilize and so we continue to be sharpened and make progress.



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Ponder... continued from Pg. 1

So when was the last time you engaged with your faith and with your God in careful, planned silence? Silence is an endangered commodity these days. It is past time to value it again. We slip too quickly into the day to day patterns of our lives, drowning in a cacophony of background noise and hobbled by short attention spans. As a result, we miss out on quality quiet time before a waiting Abba Father God.

So this week, why not take on a rehab assignment. Why not pause from your labors and find true rest before God. Remember that God did not intend for us to strive at our faith. Remind yourself that in John 15, Jesus calls us to abide, to simply be branches and allow him to be the vine. Set down your burdens and anxieties and come thoughtfully into his presence. Perhaps years of constant busyness have left a layer of worldly sediment on your mindful relationship with God. To paraphrase Strother Martin from Cool Hand Luke, "Get your mind right" and reclaim it! Spend time away with Him in solitude and thought.

Stay up late Tuesday night, venture outside and marvel at the Perseid meteor shower. Then ponder the glory of



his creation. Sit back and slowly digest the Parable of the Prodigal. Ponder yourself as that prodigal and soak your weary soul in the Father's grace. Meditate on the road you have travelled. Ponder God's guiding hand as you

look back over the years, and look ahead to the hope he has promised. Let your head rest close to his heart of unconditional love. Ponder what that love really means to you and what it cost Him. Realize his presence in this day, in this moment. Ponder his constant provision and care. Consider his call to do likewise and seek a way to be useful to others.

And if there is still a bit of sediment left on your spiritual relationship, tune in Jackson Browne and let God, "Rock you on the water, let him soothe your fevered brow, let him rock you on the water, and from now on maybe you'll remember how."



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

The Butterfly **Barbara Hammell**

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared.

He sat and watched the butterfly several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Then it seemed to stop making any progress. It appeared as if it had gotten as far as it could, and it would go not further.

So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, but it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man continued to watch the butterfly because he expected that at any moment the wings would enlarge and expand to be able to support the body, which would contract in time.

Neither happened! In fact, the butterfly spent the rest of its life crawling around with a swollen body and shriveled wings. It never was able to fly. That the man, in his kindness and haste, did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening were God's way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.



Sometime struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. If God allowed us to go through our lives without any obstacles, it would cripple us. We would not be as strong as what we could have been. We could never fly!

Sometimes it takes seeing our blessing through the eyes of someone else before we can grasp how truly blessed we really are.



PRAYER REQUESTS



From All Of Us — Prayers for Barney (Edwin) Barnes who is in the hospital.

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

From All of Us — For Reverend Richard Herman, who will be undergoing shoulder replacement surgery on the 11th. Blessings for a successful surgery and speedy recovery!

From All of Us — For Carol Shore, as she recovers from recent surgery.

From All Of Us — Continued prayers for Jeffrey Caron & the Caron Family as they adjust to Jeffrey's diagnosis of diabetes in the midst of planning their move to New York State.

Margo Mattis — For her Mother, Jean Miller

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From All Of Us — Continued prayers for Wendy Kasper

Wendy Varga — Continued prayers for her nephew, Sean.

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

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

Betsy Reeder — Prayers for recovery for her niece Molly.

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

Marge Hull — We look forward to hearing the organ play the old familiar hymns.

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

Mom's Poppyseed Cake

Betty Jenkins

"A family favorite for birthdays!"

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| 3 C flour | 4 eggs |
| 1/2 t salt | 13 oz. can evaporated milk |
| 1 1/2 t baking soda | 1 t vanilla |
| 2 cups sugar | 1 jar Baker's poppy seed |
| 8 oz. vegetable oil (10 oz. will make it
moister - must bake an extra
15 minutes) | 1 C chopped nuts |
| | Powdered sugar |

Preheat oven to 350. Grease and flour bundt pan. Sift dry ingredients. Add liquid ingredients until smooth. Add poppy seed and chopped nuts then mix 2 minutes on medium speed. Bake for 50-60 minutes. Cool for 5-8 minutes- remove from pan. When cool, sprinkle with powdered sugar.

My dilemma each week when choosing a recipe of the week is how to not pick a dessert every week because that is what I really want. Well, I have been good for at least two editions so we all deserve to have a new dessert. All in favor email me an AMEN! this week.

While you are at it. Please send a shout out to Betty Jenkins who has been on our prayer list and is residing in the Masonic Home to say hi and tell her how wonderful this cake is.

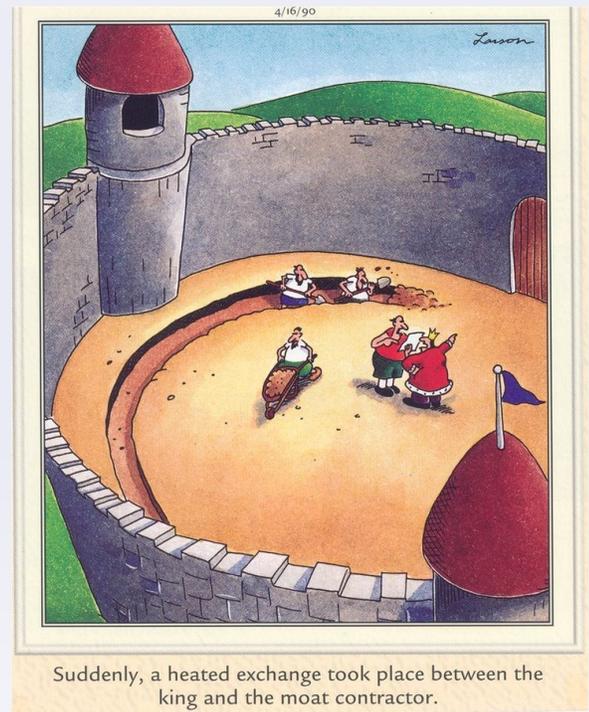
Thank you Betty!



On July 30th we met with the Florence Municipal Fire Marshal to discuss the capacity of our sanctuary. We learned that by changing the swing of our entry/exit doors to open outward the total capacity would increase from 49 to 99 people. This increase is important because current NJ Covid mandate limits us to 25% of total capacity. Changing the doors increases our "Covid Capacity" from 12 to 24. We still have to provide lighted exit signs however rest assured this will all be completed by our reopening.



Above: Master Carpenters Roland, Hal, & Jack from the firm of Howard, Fine, & Howard Contractors work diligently to modify the doors to increase the legal capacity of the Church.



Suddenly, a heated exchange took place between the king and the moat contractor.



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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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Blessings

For the safety and good health of everyone in our Church and our extended Church Family

Anniversaries

Birthdays

Please send in your blessing or special news!

MINE FOR GOD

From Barb Hammell

God is within every person in your life, even if it seems otherwise. Just as a miner finds valuable gold, so too can you discover the Divine in every relationship. Your miner's hat is equipped with the light from your intention to see at least one good quality within each person.

Everyone has at least one positive attribute, which is visible to those with open minds and hearts. Often people who seem the least lovable are those most in need of a "God" miner such as yourself.

Know that you'll strike gold with every person you encounter today. Your healing mission opens up and brings joy to many hearts, especially your own.

Thought for Today

Barbara Hammell

I notice at least one good quality in everyone I meet today. I mine for God in every relationship. As I see the positive within each person, my relationships reflect that gift. The more I observe God and good within others, the more I see them in myself.



Jack's Drive Thru Blessings

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

Seeing Marge Hull's Smile!



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!

