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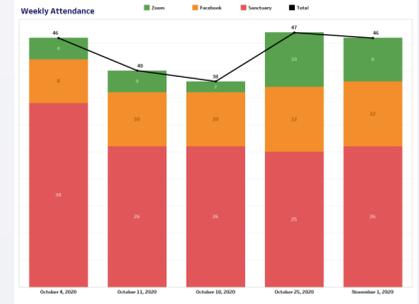
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

Sunday, November 8, 2020

Greetings! Today is Sunday, November 8th. The 30th Sunday in ordinary time and the 22nd Sunday after Pentecost. We have been back in the sanctuary for one month now. Attendance across our three modes of worship In Sanctuary, Zoom, & Facebook has been stable with an average total of 43, though three of the last five weeks have been 46 or 47 which aligns with our average attendance pre-Covid. It is good to see everyone in service and on-line. It proves the adage that the Church is not the building, it is all of you. God Bless!



Considering A Fixer Upper?

Randy York

My wife Barbara is a big fan of home improvement shows on HGTV. She watches in the interest of gaining ideas for change in our house and to see the amazing possibilities available to remake any particular property. Those possibilities hinge on one central need: having the right master builder available to handle the project.

If we considered renovating our kitchen and one day Barbara came home and found me standing in that kitchen with a sledgehammer, swinging like Benny Goodman, as countertops and cabinets crumbled and dust and debris filled the air, prior to calling for a mental health professional (she has them on speed dial since she took me on as a project 31 years ago, but I digress) she would no doubt drink in the catastrophe she was experiencing and then ask me what exactly I thought I was doing. But what if instead she walked into that same kitchen and there was a man standing there smashing and crashing and tearing things out, but he was there because he had her permission. He was a master builder and he was tearing out the old to replace it with the new. She would not be distressed or anxious. She would be comfortable with the situation because she trusted the builder.

We all experience hard times in our lives and recent events may have compounded the feeling of being helpless or hopeless. When we allow ourselves the thought that an all-powerful, all knowing God allows "bad" things to happen in our lives, trust can become a quick casualty. Before we lose our perspective, turn our back on our relationship with God, and point the finger of blame in his direction, perhaps we need to pause and remember he is the master builder. To remember that what the world tears down, he is capable of raising back even better than before. We need to trust him. We may not understand. We may be overwhelmed. But we need to have faith.

We need to look back down the long road of our lives and know that he has always been there to provide for our needs. He has been there with us in the midst of all our trials. God does not change because of our circumstances. God never changes. His love and his grace never change. Being secure in that knowledge allows us to view our circumstances in a different way. Those circumstances might be issues of emotion such as loneliness, anger, or depression. They could be health problems beyond our control. Perhaps we have diverted our faith to politics and personalities, so that each news cycle leads us to doubt and uncertainty. The fact is God is waiting. He has a path for us. He is our hope. Like Adam before us, we are all God's reclamation projects. He is ready to rebuild and remake our lives. To paraphrase the great bluesman Muddy Waters, God says, "I'm ready for you, I hope you're ready for me."

Faith and trust is what we need to bring to the table. A minister once observed that although we might tremble as we stand on the rock, the Rock never trembles under us. So if tough times come, or if they have been visiting regularly, keep two things in mind. First we have a great master builder to help. As Psalm 121: 1-2 reminds us, "From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth." And secondly although he is that master builder, he needs our hands. As the great choir director Bruce Springsteen sang, "Now with these hands I pray Lord, I pray for the strength Lord, I pray for the faith Lord, I pray for your love Lord, Come on rise up."

PS: The Burlington Food Pantry provided food to 131 families this past Wednesday.





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Prayer Requests

From All of Us — For **Polly Grobelny**, Who has the virus. God's protection and good health.

From All of Us — For **Roland Newell, Jack Harkin, & Rick Cheslo**, Who were exposed to the virus this week. God's protection and good health.

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

From All of Us — For **Brynna**. A 7 year old fight lymphoma cancer.

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

Randy & Barbara York — For the **Lonczak Family** at the passing of their son, **Leon**.

Randy & Barbara York — For the healing and comfort of **Wendy Pearl** who is dealing with complications from a liver transplant.

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

Michelle Cox — Prayers of healing, comfort, encouragement & strength for her mother, **Jennifer** as she is battling serious long term illnesses.

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

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

For All of us — Safety and God's blessing as we continue live worship services.

Blessings — Anniversaries — Birthdays

Keep us posted on your blessing and special days.

Bustleton's Best — Church Cookbook Recipe of the Week

In our house if we go too long between meals that are inherently Southwest or Tex-Mex, then Jane will have chili powder withdrawal and we will have to whip up some tacos or enchilada or chili to bring her back with a smile on her face. I do not know how we have overlooked this dish before. It checks off all of the chili boxes, and it tastes great, and most importantly it puts a smile on you face! **Enjoy & Thanks Jack!**



Burrito Pie

Jack Harkins

"Ground beef, refried beans and tomatoes are combined with chiles and taco sauce, then layered in a casserole with tortillas and cheese, and baked."

2 lbs ground beef	green chile peppers
1 onion, chopped	1 (16 oz) jar taco sauce
2 t minced garlic	2 (16 oz) cans refried beans
1 (2 oz) can black olives, sliced	12 (8 inch) flour tortillas
1 (4 oz) can diced green chili peppers	9 oz shredded Colby cheese
1 (10 oz) can diced tomatoes with	

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. In a large skillet over medium heat, sauté the ground beef for 5 minutes. Add the onion and garlic, and sauté for 5 more minutes. Drain any excess fat, if desired. Mix in the olives, green chili peppers, tomatoes with green chili peppers, taco sauce and refried beans. Stir mixture thoroughly, reduce heat to low, and let simmer for 15 to 20 minutes.
3. Spread a thin layer of the meat mixture in the bottom of a 4 quart casserole dish. Cover with a layer of tortillas followed by more meat mixture, then a layer of cheese. Repeat tortilla, meat, cheese pattern until all the tortillas are used, topping off with a layer of meat mixture and cheese.
4. Bake for 20 to 30 minutes in the preheated oven, or until cheese is slightly brown and bubbly.



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Name That Youth!

Well, If you had not guessed the young lad on the left of this picture is our own Jack Harkin. Pictured with him are his brother, Fred, and their cousin, Sheila.

Sadly, no new pictures were sent this week. Please send some photos of your own to join the game!



MASK UP!

Reduce Risk of Transmission

COVID-19 Carrier	Risk Level	Others
	HIGHEST RISK	
	HIGHER RISK	
	LOWER RISK	
	LOWEST RISK	

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SOCIAL DISTANCING

What does it mean?

Social distancing is the practice of reducing close contact between people to slow the spread of infections or diseases. Social distancing measures include limiting large groups of people coming together, closing buildings and canceling events.

AVOID

- Group gatherings
- Sleepovers
- Playdates
- Concerts
- Theater outings
- Traveling
- Athletic events
- Crowded retail stores
- Malls
- Workouts in gyms
- Church Services
- Visitors in your house
- Non-essential workers in your house
- Mass transit systems

KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

- Visit a local restaurant to get take out
- Visit grocery store
- Pick up medications
- Play tennis in a park

Keep at least 6'-8' between yourself and others

SAFE TO DO

- Take a walk
- Go for a hike
- Yard work
- Play in your yard
- Clean out a closet
- Read a good book
- Listen to music
- Cook a meal
- Family game night
- Go for a drive
- Stream a favorite show
- Call or email a friend or elderly neighbor to check in
- Group video chats



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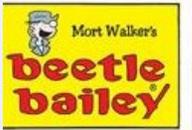
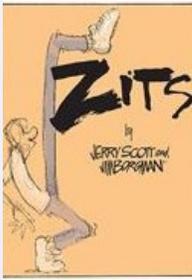
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SUNDAY COMICS



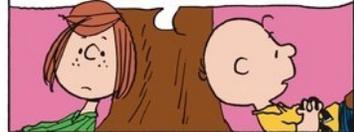
PEANUTS featuring "Good ol' Charlie Brown" by SCHULZ



A WEIRD THING HAPPENED TO ME THE OTHER DAY, CHUCK... I HAD TO DELIVER A MESSAGE FOR MY DAD TO A FRIEND OF HIS WHO WORKS IN A BARBER SHOP, AND WHEN I WALKED IN, ONE OF THE BARBERS SAID TO ME, "WHAT CAN I DO FOR YOU, SON?"



SOMETHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED IN MY DAD'S BARBER SHOP ONCE A LONG TIME AGO... A MAN BROUGHT HIS GRANDDAUGHTER IN, AND THE BARBER THOUGHT THE LITTLE GIRL WAS A BOY, AND CUT OFF ALL HER CURLS! THE MOTHER WAS REALLY MAD...



EVERYONE WAS YELLING AND SCREAMING... BUT THOSE THINGS HAPPEN, I GUESS... AFTER IT'S ALL OVER, IT'S REALLY KIND OF FUNNY...



I WASN'T FINISHED WITH MY STORY, CHUCK!



Remember! "Annette Slaney's daughter, Emma, has started an Etsy shop selling her beautiful resin art craft items. Please take a visit to the shop and keep it in mind while you are Christmas shopping this year!" If you are reading this online simply click on her ad to link straight to her shop.



Check out Emma Slaney's new shop for handmade resin homegoods and gifts!



ELSware.etsy.com



@resin.from.elsware



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Providence Presbyterian Presents

Craft Fair

Saturday
NOV. 14th 10:00-2:00 PM

Fall Decorations / Christmas Wreaths /
Towels / Linens / Tote & Walker Bags /
Masks

Refreshments:
Sausage & Peppers, Hotdogs, and More!

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