



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

Sunday, November 15, 2020

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reetings! Today is Sunday, November 15th. The 31st Sunday in ordinary time and the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost. We pray that everyone is having a good week, and for God's healing for all who are in need.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Next Sunday on November 22, 2020 following the 9:00 AM service at 10:15 AM, we will conduct our Annual Congregational Meeting Part 1 with Reverend Jim Shanley presiding. We will be electing new Elders. The Meeting will be available on Zoom. Instructions for voting via Zoom will be made available next week.

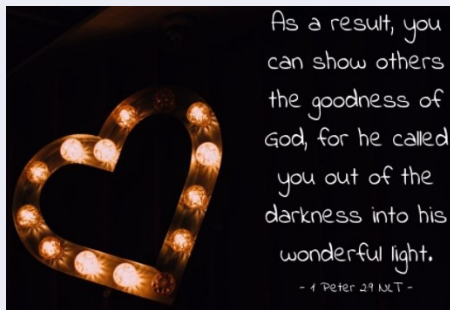


What's The Difference?

When I was a young lad growing up in that vibrant hub of activity known as South River New Jersey, I had a small group of friends, one of whom was Eli Kirshner. Eli and I were highly trained in the art of Wiffle ball and most summer days found us in my mom's backyard whacking away at the white ball with our plastic bats. Eli was a good Wiffle ball player, but he was also Jewish. On Fridays, at around three in the afternoon, I could not find him to play ball. Why? Because he was different from me. The Sabbath was about to begin and because of the Sabbath and because he was different, his family separated themselves from those who were strangers to their faith and convictions. They understood the calling of Leviticus 20:26, "I have set you apart from all other people to be my very own." Their separation was not an expression that they were better than us. No. It was an expression of submission and dedication to God.

That Old Testament practice carries over to us in the New Testament when God redeems a people to himself through the cross of Christ. We witness this in 1 Peter 2:9, when after speaking of those who reject Christ, Peter states, "But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people, a holy nation, a people for God's possession." In other words, there should be something distinct about me, about us. Just like my friend Eli, we should be different.

So the question becomes, are we truly set apart? And if so, set apart for what? Our current political climate offers a good gauge of what separation is. The red team and the blue team are people truly set apart.

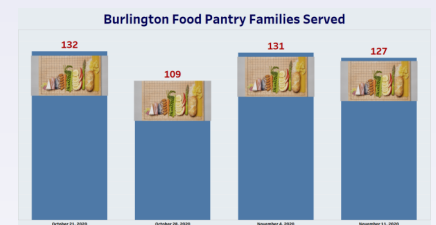


They hold their separate beliefs and passions and usually their separate facts. But there can be no confusion. They are separate and no real room for compromise exists.

What about our team? The Christ team. Are we just set apart for an hour on Sundays? Or does our faith flow with us 24/7 each day of the week? Whether at work, or at school, by ourselves or with others, do our actions make it evident that we are different? Do we seek self-glory or live for a Godly relationship? Are we busy caring for ourselves or seeking to serve others? When we pray, do we tell God, "This is what I want." Or do we ask him in the words of a servant, "What would you like?" The main thought to hold on to is that God did not send Christ to die so that we could have a bigger house, or that we could accumulate worldly wealth or titles. No, God sent Christ to die to rescue me from the train of sin and self that I board so willingly every day, so I could be a child of God and live a life apart from the world and in relationship with him. Robbie Robertson wrote "It Makes No Difference" about a failed relationship he weathered. In our case it makes all the difference that we live as different folks in the community God has placed us, alive in God's offered relationship of grace, love and mercy, and ready to make a difference for anyone we encounter



PS: The Burlington Food Pantry provided food to 127 families this past Wednesday.





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Prayer Requests

From All of Us — For **Polly Grobelny**, Who has the virus. God's protection, good health & a speedy complete recovery.

From All of Us — For **Wayne Reeves**, (Our AV Installer) Who has the virus. God's protection, good health & a speedy complete recovery.

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

From All of Us — For **Rev. John Fordyce** who is in the hospital after a cardiac event requiring a stent .

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 — For **Roland & Janet Newell's** Granddaughter, **Kelsey**, Who suffered a broken arm.

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

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**

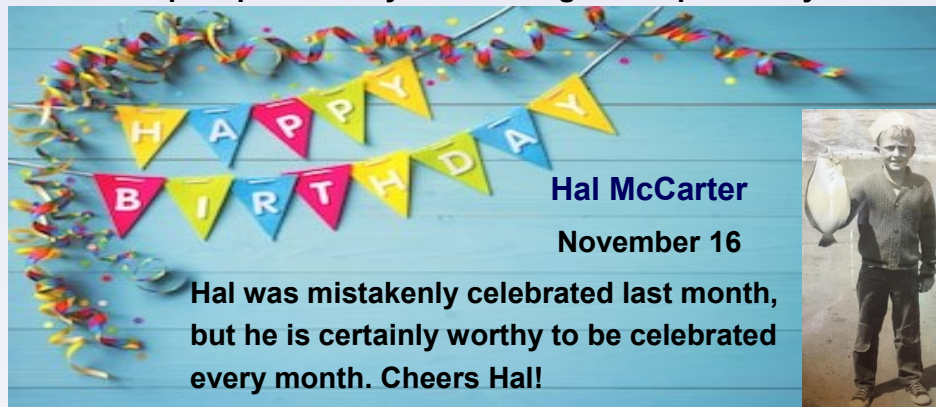
Robin McCarter — For her Mother, **Betty Jenkins** who is residing in the Masonic Home.

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

Bring your Requests to Services On Sunday

Blessings — Anniversaries — Birthdays

Keep us posted on your blessings and special days.



Hal McCarter

November 16

Hal was mistakenly celebrated last month, but he is certainly worthy to be celebrated every month. Cheers Hal!





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Bustleton's Best — Church Cookbook Recipe of the Week

In our little church, we do have a great amount of diversity. From our Youth to our Seniors and our Men's Group to the Presbyterian Women, there are differences that do set us all apart to some extent from one another. However the things that do bring us together are our love of God, and enjoying a good meal. Each week we present a recipe here as proof of the latter. This week we present two recipes here with tongue firmly in cheek to show how complexity and simplicity bring us together via humor. Marie Celkupa provides the perfect solution for when we can return to large family gatherings, and Phil Leifels, keeps it simple for these socially distant times. Could an Elephant Stew Dinner be on our calendar in the future, or a Hungry-Man Drive-Thru pick up? We may never know. Though I do know there is only one way to eat an elephant. That's one bite at a time.

Thank You Marie & Phil For Sharing!

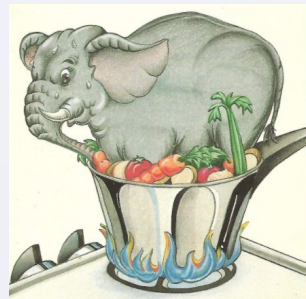
Elephant Stew

Marie Celkupa

1 elephant
2 rabbits

salt and pepper to taste

Cut elephant into bite size pieces. This should take about 2 months. Add enough water to cover. Roast for 4 weeks at 465. This recipe will serve 3,800 people. If more people are expected, the two rabbits may be added, but do so only if necessary as most people do not like to find a hare in their stew.



Phil's Salisbury Steak Dinner

Phil Leifels

Editor's note: Phil is the consummate master of quick and easy cuisine. He reluctantly agreed to reveal his secret Salisbury Steak recipe.

1 Hungryman Salisbury Steak TV Dinner

Remove microwavable tray from box and dispose of box responsibly. Place tray in microwave and cook on high for 7 1/2 minutes. Serve immediately. Serves one.

MASK UP!

Reduce Risk of Transmission

COVID-19 Carrier

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





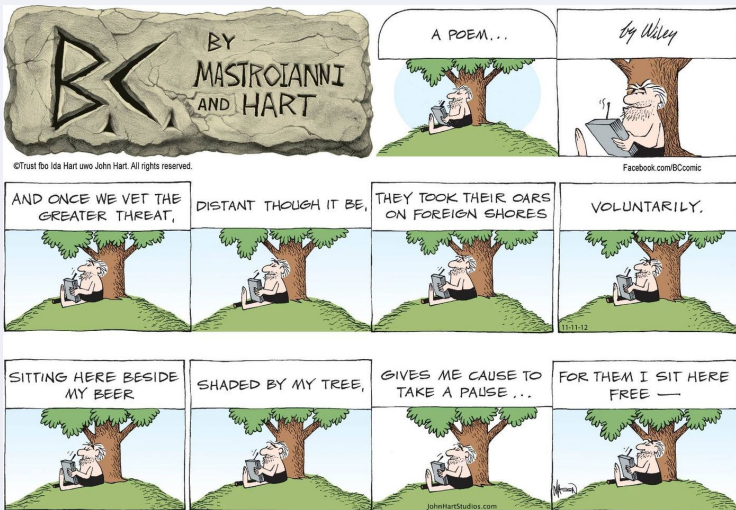
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Remember! "Annette Slaney's daughter, Emma, has started an Etsy shop selling her beautiful resin art craft items. Please take a visit to the shop and keep it in mind while you are Christmas shopping this year!" If you are reading this online simply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



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



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