



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

Sunday, November 29, 2020

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reetings! Today is Sunday, November 29th. The First Sunday of Advent. We begin this joyous season by lighting the first candle on the Advent Wreath. The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. Let your hearts be open to the Spirit of Christ and the Hope he gives us all.



Prepare Your Way

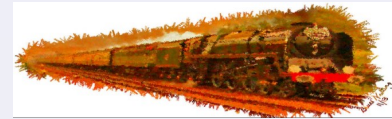
Thanksgiving is in our rear view mirror and here it is the first Sunday of Advent. We stand at the station as the train to our annual Christmas celebration prepares to depart. Will it be the usual trip or are you ready for adventure?

There is a tradition in Poland called Poprawiny. It is a tradition that continues the celebration of a wedding after the day itself. It is a follow up party that can last for multiple days during which the joy of the occasion continues to be shared



by all present (as well as the food and drink.) I reach back to my Polish heritage for perspective. As we travel toward Christmas, we begin an excursion we all have made countless times. This year marks my 61st trip. And just like a daily ride to work that becomes so commonplace that we arrive but sometimes don't remember how we did, our journey to Bethlehem can be an opportunity lost amid the ordinary. This year because of health concerns the way we can celebrate may be different as well. But whether we allow it to be conventional, or affected by the virus, the reason we celebrate remains the same.

Jesus and me. It was a Linus in the spotlight "That's what Christmas is all about Charlie Brown" moment. What did I do? I remembered the carol and fell on my knees. I became part of the story, for after all the story was written for me. And as I got up, wiped my eyes and began to run again, I saw ahead the Stations of the Cross illuminated in the distance. Jesus on the cross, a perfect flow of faith from Bethlehem to Calvary. Some folks tell of meeting God at St. Peter's in Rome or on a visit to the Holy land. God met me that night on Kamm Avenue in South River, New Jersey. And that's the important part, meeting God.



So, as you board the train, forget the usual and be expectant. Let the joy of God's unchanging love invade your soul. Put aside the common and let your ears ring with the ancient carols. Let your eyes see through to the saving light of his grace. Be available to meet God, because he is waiting and you are his greatest concern. Look past any anxiety or worry and know the calling, "Come to Bethlehem all you who are weary and self-burdened." Heed John's plea, "Prepare the way" in your heart. Seek like the shepherds, worship like the Magi, and sing out like the angels. Experience the "thrill of hope." Throw out those old familiar wineskins and be ready to welcome the new wine of a true Abba Father relationship. Before you can "Go tell it on the mountain," you must experience it in your heart.



On Christmas morning 1999, the year before we immigrated to South Jersey, I woke up early to go running. It was about 5am, pitch dark with the temperature hovering in the mid-twenties. Midway through, I

passed Corpus Christi church. The parish had built a grotto on the side of the church which contained a large stone replica of the manger scene. I had passed it countless times before, but now it was Christmas morning, there were flurries in the air, the stone figures were illuminated, and here on this quiet, frigid morning, I had come to Bethlehem. Just Joseph and Mary, the shepherds and animals,

So my fellow scouts, be prepared. Live the Polish spirit of Poprawiny. During Advent let the spirit of Christmas, the truth of God's saving grace build and continue each day. Each day is a new gift from God after all, and what we do with that day is our gift back to him. As the train bound for Bethlehem leaves the station, by all means harken to that trusted theologian Warren Zevon: "Keep it your heart for a while."



PS: The Burlington Food Pantry was closed this past Wednesday, but the need continues each day.

Keep those folks in your heart as well.



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Prayer Requests

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 Polly Grobelny, Who is recovering from the virus and doing well.

Carol Shore — For her sister, Karen Eckert. She resides in a nursing home and is waiting for her Covid test results

From All Of Us — Continued prayers for Wendy Kasper.

From All Of Us — Prayers for Margo Mattis, who is still recovering from foot surgery.

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, who is having a cardiac procedure on Wednesday.

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



All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessings — Anniversaries — Birthdays

Keep us posted on your blessings and special days.

Ivo & Pat Meilands —

Are moving to Palmyra, PA in early December. (It's next to Hershey and about 20 minutes from Pam.) Their new address will be 63 Pin Oak St., Palmyra, PA 17078. Update your address books with their new information.





Bustleton's Best — Church Cookbook Recipe of the Week

Thanksgiving's over, and there are still leftovers to galore. The last thing you really want is another boring turkey sandwich. With that said, let me introduce you to Rachel. Rachel is Reuben's sister. The Rachel is made with roast turkey instead of corn beef, and it includes creamy coleslaw, or sauerkraut, tangy Russian dressing & Swiss cheese in rye that is grilled golden brown until the cheese melts. So side on up, you still have room for more. Enjoy!

Ingredients

1 tablespoon butter, room temperature

1/2 cup swiss cheese, shredded at room temperature

1/4 cup coleslaw or sauerkraut, squeezed, drained & coarsely chopped

1 tablespoon Russian dressing or Thousand Islands dressing

2 slices rye, lightly toasted

1-2 slices roast turkey, warm

Directions

Heat a non-stick pan over medium heat.

Butter the outside of each slice of bread, sprinkle half of the cheese on the inside of one slice of bread, top with the turkey, coleslaw or sauerkraut, dressing, the remaining cheese and finally the other slice of bread. Add the sandwich and grill until golden brown and the cheese has melted, about 2-4 minutes per side.



The Craft Club continues to keep busy during this holiday season. As promised, we are presenting our second featured gift item this week, beautiful quilts made by Ginnie Heal. These quilts look beautiful on the back of sofas and are oh so practical to keep you warm and cozy! We are showing you just some of the quilts available, Ginnie has many more to show you. Most quilts are priced at \$20.00. What a great gift idea!!



Also don't forget our Tea Towels! Priced at \$5.00 each. They make Great Stocking Stuffers!



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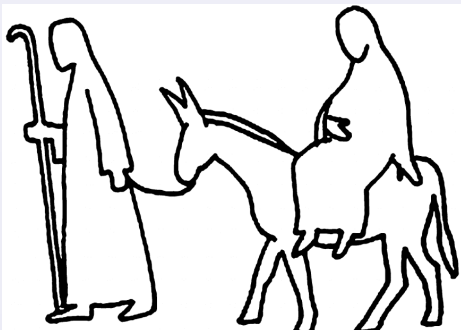
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PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



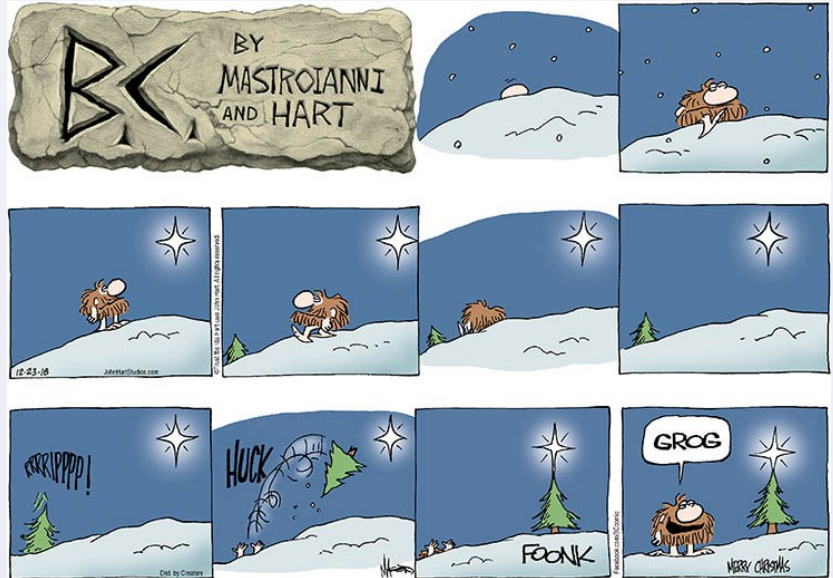
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ONE SUNDAY IN ADVENT



ONE MONDAY IN ADVENT



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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Church Calendar For Advent

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, November 29, 2020	9:00 AM	1st Sunday of Advent
	6:00 PM	Christmas Vespers
Sunday, December 6, 2020	9:00 AM	2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 13, 2020	9:00 AM	3rd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 20, 2020	9:00 AM	4th Sunday of Advent
Thursday, December 24, 2020	TBA	Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 27, 2020	9:00 AM	Christmas Lay Service
Sunday, January 3, 2021	9:00 AM	Sunday Service

Daily Verses For Advent — First Week

Sunday: Romans 13:11-14 *11 Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; ...*

Monday: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 *3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ...*

Tuesday: Mark 13:33-37 *33 Take heed, watch; for you do not know when the time will come. ...*

Wednesday: John 1:1-5 *1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ...*

Thursday: John 1:6-9 *6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ...*

Friday: Jeremiah 33:14-16 *14 "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ...*

Saturday: Isaiah 60:19-22 *19 The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give light to you by night; but the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory. ...*

