



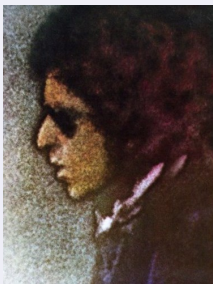
reetings! Today is Sunday, December 6th. The Second Sunday of Advent. We light a second purple candle on the second Sunday of Advent to represent the hope of Christ coming to the world. The word "hope" has two meanings in the Bible. The first, tiqvah, contains the sense of eager anticipation or waiting. The second, elpis, depicts a sense of confident expectation based on certainty. Biblical hope is secured by God's faithfulness to His promises. For the Old Testament leaders, their hope was in the Messiah's arrival. For us, it is the hope of the Messiah's return. *He will be highly honored all around the world. And He will be the source of our peace.* Micah 5:5



I'm Sorry, What Was Your Name Again?

Randy York

A lot of folks have a list of famous people who they have not met, but have had an impact on their lives. Bob Dylan would be high on my list. He was called the "conscience of his generation" in the Sixties,



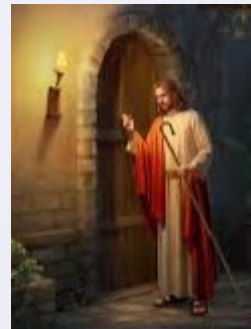
and to my coming of age in the Seventies, his past songs were stirring, and his new music was an amazing work of lyrical poetry and vision. For my money, Blood on the Tracks is the best album from start to finish ever made. But Dylan was a distant personality, I knew him only through listening to his music or reading about him in Rolling Stone magazine. That would change on February 16, 1983.

On that night, I took 3 friends from college to the Lone Star Café in New York City to see Levon Helm and Rick Danko. Late in the evening (or was it early in the morning?) Levon Helm glanced up after finishing a song and said, "Hey Bob, are you still here?" I looked to my left and walking to the stage right past me was Bob Dylan himself! He picked up a guitar and joined in on "Whiskey River" with Helm and Danko. He was standing four feet from me. Bob Dylan live! I had listened to him. I had read about him. But now I was with him and it made all the difference in the world. It was a moment I will never forget. I was with Bob Dylan.



The Bible relates many names for Jesus: Son of God, Son of Man, Lamb of God, Son of David, Lord, Christ. There is another name that we hear just during Advent: Immanuel. We don't really encounter the name at any other time, yet it is the most important for us to consider. Why? Because of what it means and the idea it imparts. Matthew 1:23 reads, "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means God with us). God....with us. Ponder that thought for a minute (go ahead, I'll wait). So often God is in the distance. He's there, he is definitely there. A phone call away if we need him. Available as we are busy riding through our lives. But that's not what God wants. He wants, he desires, a relationship. He wants to be with us. So much so that he gave us his beloved son so that we might know him better through Jesus.

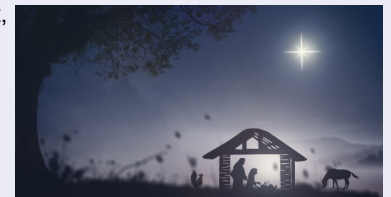
And so that we in turn could be with him, that beloved son went to the cross for us. God does not just want our feeble off again on again faith and prayer. He is not fixed on our coming to worship once a week. He wants to be with us. He wants to come each day and walk with us in the garden of our lives.



In August of 2008, I came upon a verse that changed the trajectory of my walk with God. It was Revelation 3:20, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and we will share a meal together as friends." It occurred to me this past week that Barbara and I say Grace at each meal, asking that God would bless our food "here" from "there". Yet Jesus says he wants to share the meal with us.

God with us. To paraphrase Sally Field, "And I can't deny, that he wants us, right now, he really wants us!"

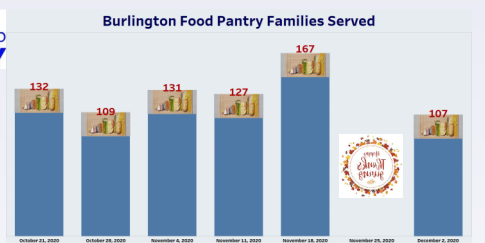
So as we travel through Advent, let's ponder that name, Immanuel. God with us. If our faith has worn a bit, may it be restored as we dive headlong into an offered relationship with a loving, merciful, Abba Father.



Bring your heart. Bring your soul. Bring your hopes and fears. Bring a friend. Bring your burdens. Bring your joys and sorrows. Put aside stale religion, "the times they are a-changin'." God waits for you, to be with you. This train is bound for Bethlehem, this train. All aboard!



PS: The Burlington Food Pantry provided food to 107 families this past Wednesday.





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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 thankful for negative Covid test results

Kris Cummings — For Natalie Neuron, for good health and recovery from a serious health event.

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



This year has been one of extreme challenges for everyone, which in turn, has exasperated the hardship of those already in need. Barb York is reaching out to those who may have the ability to provide a basic necessity to children in our community. The Sisterhood ministry is in need of new or gently used winter coats for kids. All sizes are welcomed, either for a boy or girl, as the demand is great. They could also use gloves, scarves or hats. Coats will be collected through the end of January. Drop off can be made either in church or arrangements can be made to pick them up. Just email Barb at: yorkie0401@gmail.com.

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



Quiche Lorraine

Maritza A. Chambers

9-inch pie shell
1 egg white
¼ lb. bacon chopped into ¼ inch lengths
¼ to ½ onion, chopped

2 C milk or cream
3 eggs
¼ t salt
1/8 t pepper
½ cup diced Swiss cheese

Preheat oven to 375°. Prick pie shell all over and brush with an egg white. Cook bacon in a heavy skillet, stirring constantly until the fat is almost rendered and bacon not yet crisp. Drain bacon on paper towels. Sauté onion in bacon fat. Scald milk or cream and cool slightly. Beat milk or cream with eggs, salt, and pepper. Sprinkle bottom of pie shell with bacon and onion. Add Swiss cheese. Pour milk mixture over all. Bake 35-40 minutes or until the top is golden. You can also use a knife to test for doneness. Makes 6 servings.

They used to say the real men do not eat quiche, but really, who can resist anything that includes bacon in a flaky pie crust. Quiche Lorraine is the Queen of all Quiches, and it the one that everyone knows. And who is Lorraine? Is she the famed girl of song by Uriah Heep or Nat King Cole? My money would be on the Nat King Cole version, but alas I would be wrong. This exquisite dish is named after the Lorraine region of France from which it originated. Enjoy!

Thank you Maritza!



Kudos to Carol Shore, who has hand embroidered more than 100 tea towels! In addition to showing and selling them at our Craft Fair, many of these beautiful towels were sold on-line. The remainder were donated to nurses at the nursing home where Carol's sister resides. Ginny Heal reports that this year alone she has sewn "at least" 40 quilts, many of which were special order. Marie Celkupa has sewn over 100 tote bags for the Craft Fair and for donation to Newborns in Need, a group that our church supports to help needy mothers of newborns. Eileen Hill, Bea Ashmore & Wendy Varga have also contributed by creating many Christmas decorations as well. We appreciate the encouragement of our congregation in supporting our endeavors.

This week our Craft Club is featuring a sale! We have been unable to go to local craft shows, and we still have several Christmas wreaths and arrangements. We are selling these wreaths and more for only \$10.00! You can come to the CE Building mornings on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, and choose from our collection. These wreaths can decorate rooms all over the house, (How about your kitchen?) and every one has been lovingly crafted with love from us to you!





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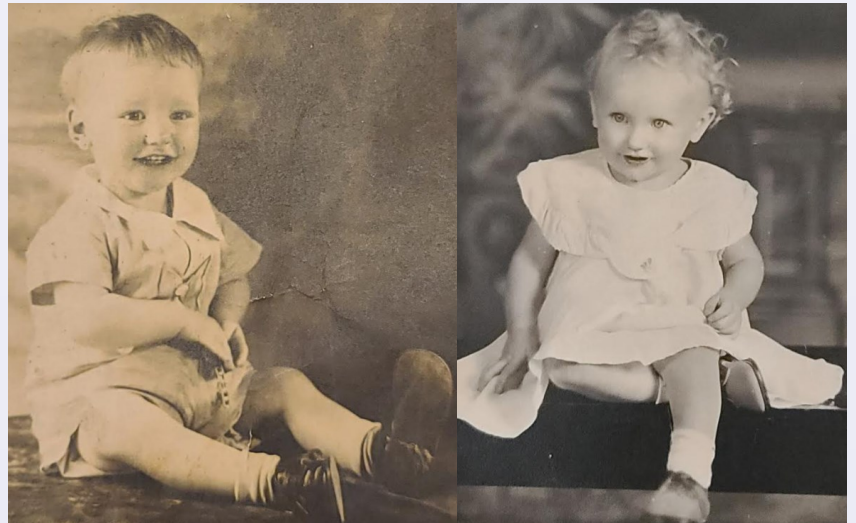


The Greens have been hung this year thanks to a small band of Merry Helpers. To the left Victor Vitale climbed to great heights to raise the greens to their peak. Thanks to Victor and everyone who pitch in the beautify and care for our church. The other two photos here are pictures we had on file. Attend or tune in to this Sunday's service to see the beauty of this years decorations. The concept is new, and I expect you will love how it looks.

Name Those Kids!

We have a special two for one deal this week. Who is the Congregational Couple? Adorable tykes indeed. Their identities will be revealed next week. Though you can tell them you recognize them when you see them next. Just don't try to pinch their cheeks.

Share your picture and join the game to be part of the year end kid picture collage!



The New AV System Is Active!

Beginning this Sunday 12/6 we be using our new system to stream our services live on our YouTube Channel. The channel can be linked to live via this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxLAXFkRJWgH8pLkGX988Bq/featured>

Or you can simply go to YouTube.com and search for Providence Presbyterian Church Burlington, NJ. Select the Live Stream and view. It's that easy. We have a few more technical items before we can do the same on Facebook, but we hope to have that in place soon. In the meantime, Phil will continue to stream there as he has. Give it a try. The sound and video quality is great!



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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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Church Calendar For Advent

Date	Time	Event
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 — Second Week

Sunday: Romans 15:4-13 *4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ...*

Monday: Psalms 43:3-6 *3 Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me, let them bring me to thy holy hill and to thy dwelling! ...*

Tuesday: Psalms 27:1-4 *1 A Psalm of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ...*

Wednesday: Psalms 119:105-106 *105 Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path*

Thursday: John 12:35-36 *35 Jesus said to them, "The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, lest the darkness overtake you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. ...*

Friday: Ephesians 5:6-14 *6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for it is because of these things that the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ...*

Saturday: 1 Peter 2:5-9 *5 and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ...*

