

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



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Greetings! Today is Sunday, February 7, 2021, the Fifth Sunday of Epiphany.

PLEASE REMEMBER that due to a COVID-19 case, our service for this week will be virtual only. Please do not come to church. Only personnel necessary for the production of the online service will be admitted to the sanctuary. We will resume live worship on Sunday, February 14th. Immediately following that service, we will hold our Annual Meeting Part 2, which will also be broadcast on YouTube and via Zoom so you may participate from home. Additionally we will be having an Ash Wednesday service on February 17th at 7:00 PM. This service will be available in person and online. Reverend Kraft will be conducting the service. Additional details and information regarding ashes will be shared at a later time ahead of the service.

Thank you all and may God bless you.



Come Together Right Now Under Him

Randy York - Florence, NJ - February 7, 2021

I was just easing back in my reading chair pondering the insurrection this past Monday. Now you're thinking to yourself it appears that Randy is a bit off, after all the uprising in Washington happened back on January 6th. Well as far as my being "a bit off," Barbara has been well aware of that fact for over 31 years. She has accepted the burden and soldiered on. However, the insurgence I'm talking about is the Snowflake Insurrection on February 1st. After all, each snowflake is but a single ice crystal falling to earth. It's when they join together en masse that they make a difference. First comes the formation of the flake, then the joining together in common purpose, and then the impact is felt. Lord knows I spent the better part of Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning dealing with that Impact. Much like a snowstorm, the church, Christ's church, our church starts first with God's relationship with the individual. My walk with God effects my role in the church and in turn the church's overall health. If my spirituality lacks substance, I am of little value to the church. That spirituality forms as I realize that I am after all the wretch the song refers to. I have not loved the Lord with my whole heart for any given five minutes in my life, and I'm certainly more partial to myself than to my neighbor.



Okay, that's a problem.

God's solution?

Unfailing love and amazing grace. The life and death of his beloved son provides my ticket back to a

relationship with God. Within that bond, obedience, not sacrifice, is most important. God asks that we walk with him in his will. In some ways, it doesn't cost anything to throw money in the offering or to pick up and drop off food to the Sisterhood. Those "sacrifices" become mere routine. What costs me is when God asks me to change my heart. What costs me is picking up my cross and following him instead of living as though Jesus should take up my cause instead. Fact is, that following him is a call to lay down my life, to walk in his will. That's a bit of a reach for someone centered on me, myself, and my mom's favorite son. His call to worship is not a matter of attendance, it's to be an attitude of my heart, a heart bowed to him.

That surrendered heart then becomes available to contribute to the life of the church. Yes we are still waiting on a pastor, and when called he or she will take the helm. Pastor or not, the church must continue to sail forward on a course given by God and aided by the faith, compassion, and service of all the "crew" on board. Faith, compassion, and service. food to 108 families this past Wednesday.

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Prayer Requests

Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.

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

Betsy Reeder — For Joel, who is in need of a bone marrow transplant.

From All Of Us — Prayers for All whose needs are known only to God.



Jerrie Glass would like to reactivate the Flower Book. Anyone who wishes to put flower in church for any Sunday Service, please Jerrie at (856) 906-2284, and she will help you to make that happen.



Please mark you calendars for the following Lenten/Easter Season services:

Ash Wednesday — February 17, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday — April 1, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Good Friday — April 2, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday — April 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Additional details will be released as they become available including instructions for decorating the sanctuary with Easter flowers.

COVID-19 vaccine



The Moorestown Mall has available appointments for the COVID-19 vaccine for those who are currently eligible. As of right now, the earliest appointments are in March. Here is the link to schedule: https://mychart-openscheduling.et1017.epichosted.com/mychart/signupandschedule/embeddedschedule?dept=1000021227&vt=117773&fbclid=IwAR3XVU_WyM0WgKEJluJUMN1GyeelZ8fk2vwfEpBI6IjuUN8IJWJeUmoNTi0

If you try booking an appointment then it says not available, you just have to try again with a different date and time. I guess it's first come, first serve, and someone beat you to it. My dad only had to try twice and got a February appointment. He signed up to get alerts from Virtua (as well as the state website) but never got any notifications. The confirmation is then listed in MyChart with Virtua. (If you don't have a MyChart account with Virtua, you can sign up for one as you book an appointment or proceed as a guest.)



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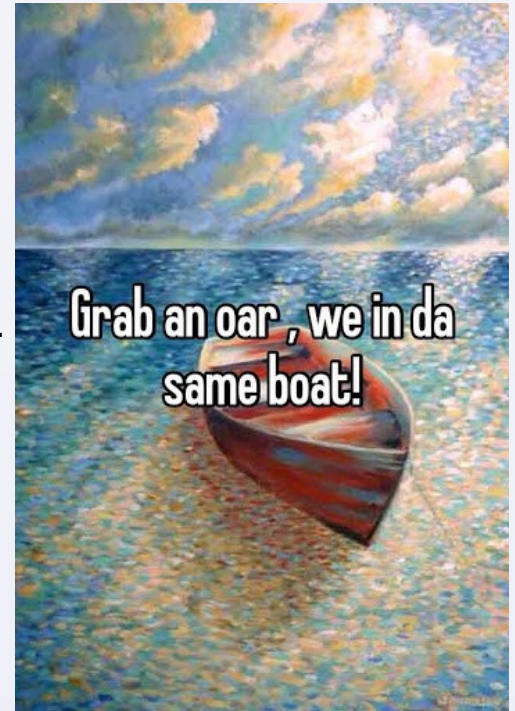
Our mission is given, not as some abstract document to be posted for reference, but as a call to action. While we wait for someone to take the helm, grab an oar and look to make a difference where you can. Folks out there need us. We need us. Look for those who may be weak. Encourage those who need to be lifted up. Seek out opportunities to serve. One person considers a coat drive and together we donate 42 coats. One person enjoys crafts, then joins with a few others, and together using their talent they contribute a large donation to the church. One person looked to move available food to folks who need it and together we stepped in to continue that ministry.

My grandma never bought soup. She brought it together. She looked around her kitchen to see what was available, whole things and leftovers, meat scraps and vegetables. A little chemistry, a bit of alchemy, a whole lotta love. You take the ingredients you have and see what you can make.

I am, we are the church, and he (God) is waiting for us. We come together and sail on to change lives, to mend hearts, to answer his call. Pick up an oar, lay down your life, and join together. That's one insurrection sure to succeed.

(Speaking of sailing on together, allow me commend to my fellow crew members the time and effort of 3 talented deck hands: Rick, Phil, and Chris. Because of the season we are in, they answered the "all hands on deck" call allowing the church to adjust and "trim our sails" to the circumstance. We are able to "gather" in no small measure because of their sacrifice. Thank you good and faithful sailors!)

PS: The Burlington Food Pantry provided food to 108 Families this past Wednesday.



BIRTHDAYS!

2/3 Chuck Heal
2/9 - Randy York



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THE AV-TEAM

Ladies & Gentlemen, Boys & Girls, Techno-geeks of all ages!

I am reaching out to interested individuals who would like to be part of the Audio-Visual team at Providence Presbyterian Church. Wait, what? You did not know we had an AV Team. That is because we are forming one now. Team members will learn:

- How to operate the Church's new camera system
- How to script the video production of services
- How to design, edit, and utilize Title overlays
- How to set up and live stream the service to the internet

Please note the change in date to Saturday, February 27th at 10 AM in the sanctuary.

Just drop me a line or let me know if you would like to participate.

Repeat From Last Week — Stay Safe During The Coming Winter Storm. Reach Out To Family, Neighbors, & Church Friends If You Are In Need Of Anything.

