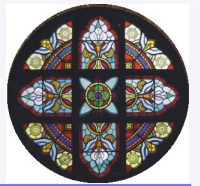


PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



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Greetings! Today is Sunday, March 7, 2028, the Third Sunday of Lent.

Reminder to everyone that our Annual Congregational Meeting Part II will be held right after the service. Here is the link to the meeting if you will not be present in the sanctuary. You can still watch on YouTube, but it is beneficial to our establishing a quorum if you use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87492959996?pwd=bUNOTkZIS3ZFTE8zUKV0SWZqYXZ0UT09>

Meeting ID: 874 9295 9996

Passcode: 434355



Congregational MEETING

Thanks!

A Morning Prayer In A Little Church

Randy York - Florence, NJ

When Ivo retired one of the first tasks our church undertook was to complete a mission study. The study was a process to define our congregation in the present and to discern God's will for our future. Upon completion of the study, a Pastor Nominating Committee could be created and the search for a new pastor could begin. As I recall, the study was a rather lengthy process that included meetings, brainstorming, questionnaires, dreaming sessions, charts, surveys, and graphs.

If times were normal, this Saturday we would be holding our annual Pasta Fest dinner. Frankly, I will be missing the experience. In fact, in deference to Robert Fulghum, I think all I needed to know about God's will for our church I learned at Pasta Fest.



The dinner didn't just happen. There was a lot of work involved. From set up, to cooking, to serving, to clean up, there needed to be a commitment of time and effort. The vitality of our church requires that same commitment. We come first and foremost before God to, as George Mueller stated,

"make sure our souls are happy in the Lord." Worship doesn't just happen. It requires work, diligence, and faithfulness. It's borne from the calloused hands of service, the worn out knees of surrender, and a broken heart of repentance. It acknowledges the truth that it's not about us, it's about God. A thought struck me the other day, I wonder if God is lonely at church? Face it, we gather, we sing, we pray, we read, we respond. But do we truly worship? Do we come expectantly to encounter God and praise Him, or is our concern about how the service was for me and what did I get out of it? I recall a summer Sunday years ago, Ivo began a prayer by mentioning "coming to the Lord in adoration," he paused and then he spontaneously began singing, "Oh come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!" Now that's worship in spirit and truth. If we as a church actively "work" at our relationship with God, first as individuals, then as a corporate family, we will succeed in every season we find ourselves in and God will indeed be glorified.



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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.

God's healing presence:

- For Pam Solymosi who was admitted to the ICU this week with Covid & Pneumonia. May her recovery continue to improve.
- For Shawn Varga as he undergoes chemotherapy treatment.
- For Wendy Pearl who continues to deal with multiple health concerns after a liver transplant.
- For Dave Volkman who was diagnosed with colon cancer.
- For Michael Arnao who is battling cancer.

For God's comfort

- For the McGillick family mourning the loss of their mother and grandmother, **Betty**.
- For Alice Garmin and family mourning the loss of her nephew, **Freddie Neamand**.

In thanks and praise to God:

- For Rev. Jim Shanley on the birth of his grandson Jack Ryan.
- For Joseph Celkupa's smiling face back at worship.

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

God's blessing to all who sacrifice their time and talent to keep our church active in the community and open for worship.

That all prodigals may find the awesome love and amazing grace offered by a waiting Abba Father God as they journey through the Lenten season.



Jerrie Glass has reactivated the Flower Book. Anyone who wishes to put flowers in church for any Service, please call Jerrie at (856) 906-2284, & she will help you to make that happen. Last week's lovely bouquet was brought to Betty Jenkins at the Masonic Home following the service.



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

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 announced during service regarding instructions for decorating the sanctuary with Easter flowers.

Please Remember to Bring in Boxes of Cereal to help provide children breakfast. Drop Off Your Donations at the Sanctuary. Contact Wendy Varga for Additional Details.



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

COVID-19 Vaccinated!



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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PastaFest Church...

We needed to reach out and inform the community that we were having a dinner. No one comes, if no one knows. As a church, we need eyes to see and ears to hear. We need to reach out and inform the community who we are by our actions and service. Fact is, it's not our church it's God's. We're just the caretakers who inherited it from the saints before us. Our inspiration should not be the lazy servant who buried his master's money, taking the safe, comfortable way. No, God seeks from us the risky behavior of the woman who broke open the alabaster jar, opening ourselves to sacrifice. To do a Steve Winwood; to see a chance and take it and make a difference for a stranger in need, who just may become a brother.

Preparation was the key to a successful dinner. Ingredients needed to be purchased. Meatballs and lasagna needed to be put together. Chicken needed to be pounded and marinated. Desserts needed to be made. Tables needed to be set. Likewise, we as a church need to be set. We need to stand ready before our Lord, to walk with Him in any direction He leads. TOGETHER. As a church, we prepare for God's call by lifting each other up in prayer, by reaching out to members in need, by gathering together in worship, and by encouraging those we don't see at church to come back home because we miss their presence.



There was an enthusiasm about the dinner. No one was pressed into service. Folks climbed aboard because they enjoyed the camaraderie, the stories, the kitchen singing. Newcomers joined in and soon became regulars. They gave their time willingly because they enjoyed themselves. The evening made a difference to them and to their church. So should it be for any ministry a person looks to undertake. Individuals don't need to be talked into service. Situations will present themselves and God will raise up members with the talent, interest, desire, and enthusiasm to bring the need to the hearts of the congregation. We need the willingness to consider, care, and act, to follow through on the old African proverb, "When you pray, move your feet." Concern for others, reaching outward to meet a need, ease a burden, or to heal pain with love will unify and grow the church. Fifty-nine collected coats and three car loads of cereal for children in need, who we never met, are testaments to that.

The dinner required that someone be in charge. A person with a plan that others will put their faith in, commit to, and follow. Someone with experience, who leads as well as serves, who commands as well as encourages. The movies had don Vito Corleone. Pasta Fest had Don Kasper. Our church looks to the one, living, Abba Father God. A God who knows all about us prodigals, yet waits for and welcomes us with open arms. A Savior who directs us away from ourselves and points us to a cross, a cross He is all too familiar with, a cross that marks our salvation. A Lord who is upfront in his word about the cost and demand of the work He calls us to, but also reminds us in the words of Mary Crowley, "that the retirement is out of this world."

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So, I will miss not having Pasta Fest. I look forward to it next year. More importantly, I look forward to the future promise that awaits each of us here in our "little country church." To quote the aforementioned Mr. Fulghum, "It's still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it's best to hold hands and stick together."

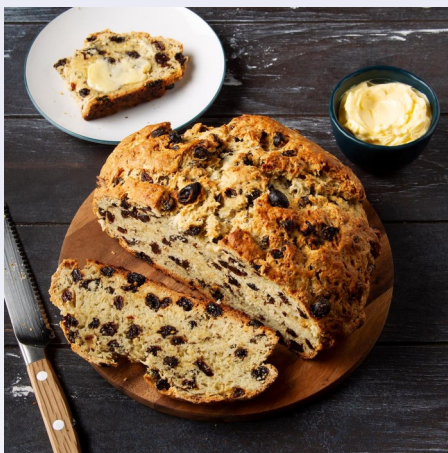
PS: The Burlington Food Pantry provided food to 103 families this past Wednesday



Bustleton's Best

St. Paddy's Day is coming and in preparation for the "Wearin' O' The Green." Our second treat in our Irish series is Bea Ashmore's "Irish Soda Bread." Great stuff! Perfect with a pat o' Irish butter.

I am looking forward to this. Thanks Bea!



Irish Soda Bread

Bea Ashmore

"This is a big easy crusty faintly sweet loaf of bread!"

- 2 C flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 1 1/2 t baking powder
- 1/2 t salt
- 1 T sugar
- 4 T shortening

- 1/2 C raisins or currants
- 3/4 C sour milk (add 1 Tbsp. vinegar to milk and let set 5 minutes)
- 1 T caraway seeds (optional)

Sift dry ingredients; cut in shortening. Add raisins and caraway seeds. Add the milk; knead it all a moment. Shape into a round loaf about 3/4 inch thick and put in a greased pan. Bake in 375° oven for 30 minutes.