



# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

Sunday, April 25, 2021 *Issue No. 56*

**Greetings! Today is Sunday, April 25, 2021,  
The Fourth Sunday of Easter.**

**This day is the day the Lord hath made. Let us rejoice in it and pass  
the peace of Christ to all we meet this coming week.**



## Now Hiring

Randy York - Florence, NJ - April 25, 2021



I have recently wondered what were the first words the apostles said to one another after Jesus ascended into heaven. I guess it's possible they were so excited and jazzed up

after hearing Him give the "great commission" speech that they looked at each other wide eyed and said, "Let's go!" Unfortunately, after remembering the lineup we are talking about: Peter, who denied Christ 3 times, Thomas, who would not believe, Phillip and Andrew, who did not fare well when Jesus fed the five thousand, I think it's more likely that after Christ vanished from view, they looked at each other and said, "Well, now what?"

Easter has come and gone, like Christmas before it. And perhaps my imaginary apostle quote resonates for us all, "Now what?" I mean Christmas did bring us all the joy and carols and those lovely decorations. Easter, likewise had its colorful flowers, rousing hymns, and alleluias. And now? Well quite possibly we have settled back in. Back to a comfortable, listless, "Hey it's almost May..... soon to be....Wow it's August already....where does the time go, kind of faith. Change? Transformation? See me on the next lap.

Alas, that's not God's plan. He is looking for a sense of urgency from his people. He seeks those ready to serve. Those who are thankfully active and available. Of course he does have a plan for those who are comfortable and lukewarm in their faith. Spoiler alert, it involves vomiting them out of His mouth. (Rev 3:16). Yikes! It seems the good Lord does not mince words. So perhaps it is time, or as the great Sam Cooke sang, "It's been a long time coming, but I know that change has got to come." Time to return to the Father and renew a fallow faith, time to till up our spirituality if you please.

Relationships are not passive. They are active, kinetic, living fellowships. They involve many moving parts: key word being "moving." So where to begin? Well, why not right at worship. If you look closely, there is a sermon given each Sunday, and the minister in the pulpit gives one as well. Hold it a second Randy, just what is that supposed to mean? I mean there are things happening right in front of us, gospel things, pictures of grace, transfigurations, people stepping up. The word amphitheater in Greek means "The place where you go to see in both directions." As we gather each Sunday, there are two gospels in play. The one represented in scripture and the one playing out in the faithful present. I may have personal devotion time during the week, but to witness faith in action, that drives true spiritual encouragement. Because if you take the time to look around, you'll be inspired and you'll see the presence of Christ. Folks seeing a need, hearing Jesus say, "C'mon now, I've got work for you, right here, right now." And they respond by saying, "I'll be the one," and acting to meet the need. Folks like Phil Leifels, manning the lift to make it easier for those who need the help to enter the church. Folks like Sara Goff, being Millie Lincoln's guardian angel. Folks like Wendy Varga, collecting a couple of car loads of cereal for kids in need, folks like Victor and Vaughn Vitale our weekly temperature monitors. Now I can't explain the doctrine of Justification to you and I still find it hard sledding when I read certain parts of the scriptures, but I do know this, I can see Jesus through his presence in the folks who pick up the "towel and basin" and make a difference. It both blesses and directs me.



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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 **George Eaton** battling kidney failure
- For **Jack Harkins** recovering from surgery
- For **Darlene Brown** recovering from back surgery
- For **Fran Kraft** recovering from a fall
- For **Ginny Heal** home recovering with cardiac issues

### God's comfort:

- For **Michelle Cox and Family** upon the passing of her Mom, **Jennifer Cox**
- For those dealing with dementia and Alzheimer's issues
- For those who serve as caregivers
- For those in need of God's guiding presence

### God's Guidance:

- For **Aaron Olsen** preparing for a driver's license

### In thanks and praise to God:

- For **Ethan Olsen** waiting to have dental braces removed
- For good shepherds in our pulpit

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.



**Jean Wainwright - April 17**

**Margo Mattis - April 27**

**Aaron Olsen - April 28**



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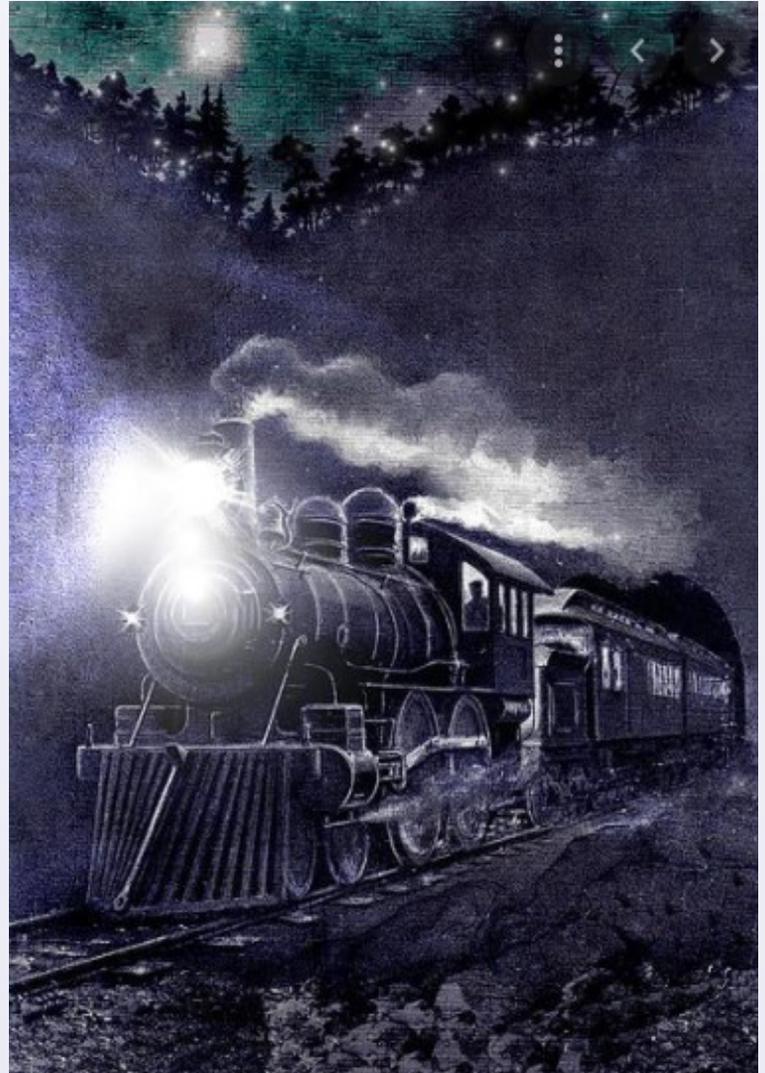
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### Now Hiring ...continued

Not sure of your spiritual footing? Well just start right where you are. Be a better spouse, a better friend, a better neighbor to the glory of God, and let your faith grow from there. Change is not an option, it's a requirement. Repentance means to turn around. Not necessarily just from sin, but from the comfort we may have settled into. As we hear God's word, as we experience His presence, as we witness His provision, as we consider Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we are called to transformation, to renew our minds, to rend our hearts, to become like Christ.

The story goes that there were 2 caterpillars walking down a country lane. Suddenly a butterfly flew past them. One caterpillar looked at the other and said, "There's no way you'll ever get me up in one of those!" God is not after satisfied caterpillars. The highest form of Christianity is obedience to God. So if we truly love Him, we will follow His commands and His calling. We are called to new life in Christ Jesus and in following that call, we might finally see that God holds our lives together, that nothing happens without His permission. The things He permits are being used only for our good. We are being promoted through a process and the process rests in His loving hands.

Perhaps it might seem as there is not much going on. But look closer. God is at work. Still waiting on a pastor? Think that the church is on pause? Open those eyes of faith, because God is working His purpose out. God is calling and as Curtis Mayfield sang, "People get ready, there's a train a-comin.' You don't need no baggage, you just get on board." There's plenty of work available. Feeling old and tired? Hop on! It's a journey of transformation. Think you faith is a bit shaky? Climb up! It's the way to affirmation. Feeling comfortable? Wake up! You'll find some inspiration. Need some help? Reach up and take my hand. This train, this church, this reclaimed prodigal are bound for God's glory. Be available, see the needs, and get to work. The Conductor is calling, "All aboard!"



**When: May 15th**  
**Rain Date May 22nd**

**Contact Wendy Varga or Michelle Cox for information and details about renting a table.**

**Times and additional information will be available next week**





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### Bustleton's Best

This recipe is not in our cookbook, but someday it will be. The dashing young Chef to be pictured here is our own Jonathan Cheslo. Jon is getting ready to graduate high school in June, and his planned course of study is Culinary Arts. He has been accepted at Walnut Hill College in Philadelphia where he will begin classes in the Fall. Yesterday he competed in a baking competition at the school where each of the contestants had to bake a cake using this recipe. The prepared cake was then decorated and judged on a number of criteria. Jonathan's 2nd place effort was rewarded with a \$3000 scholarship to the school. Next weekend Jon will be competing for a chance to earn additional scholarship money in the second part of the competition where everyone will prepare Chicken Dijonaise with a Sauce Supreme. Now you know next week's recipe. Hearty congratulations to Jonathan and good luck next week!

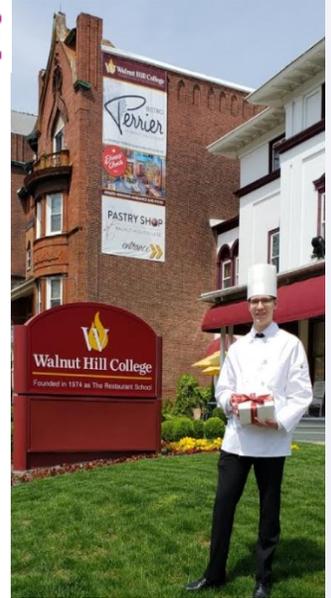
### CHOCOLATE CAKE

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups buttermilk
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-3/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 cup cocoa powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 tbsps. unsalted butter, melted

#### PREPARATION

- Spray the cake pans with non-stick spray. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.
- NOTE:** Follow the directions EXACTLY. Do not deviate. Use a hand whisk to mix.
1. Mix the buttermilk, sugar and eggs together briefly to break up the eggs and blend.
  2. Sift together the flour, salt, baking soda, and cocoa powder. Mix into the liquid until combined. DO NOT OVERMIX.
  3. Stir in the melted butter.
  4. Scale equal amounts into the 3 pans.
  5. Bake at 375 degrees until the cake springs back or a toothpick inserted into the cake comes out clean.



### The West Jersey Presbytery is introducing an opportunity for contemplative fellowship that is titled "Vital Vigils."

It begins on Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. It will be conducted via Zoom and it is a time for "Outdoor Prayer (Prayer Walks) Join Us!

Please Cheryl at [admin@wjpres.net](mailto:admin@wjpres.net) for additional information and the Zoom info.

Zoom information and a packet will be sent out on Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### ELDER LIST FOR 2021

		<i>class of</i>	<i>term</i>
<b>Clerk of Session</b>			
Margo Mattis	609-499-0181 <a href="mailto:mvmattis@comcast.net">mvmattis@comcast.net</a>	2023	1st
<b>Personnel</b>			
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<b>Membership / Worship / Spiritual Life</b>			
Jack Harkins	609-353-7977 <a href="mailto:docjack01@comcast.net">docjack01@comcast.net</a>	2022	2nd
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Sandy Agathokleous	609-694-0127 <a href="mailto:Sandyknitter97@gmail.com">Sandyknitter97@gmail.com</a>	2021	2nd
<b>Christian Ed / Missions</b>			
Wendy Varga	609-387-8060 <a href="mailto:wendyvarga111@yahoo.com">wendyvarga111@yahoo.com</a>	2021	1st

President of Organization Rick Cheslo

South Jersey Vital Congregations Presents

## VITAL VIGILS

First Wednesday of Every Month in 2021 at 7pm

5th Vigil: May 5  
Outdoor Prayer (Prayer Walks)

Any member or leader of a Vital Congregation is invited to attend.

The Gathering will:

- Take us into God's Creation to pray
- Give resources for personal, group, and worship prayer practices
- Inspire renewal in the Spirit

Join on Zoom Link in participant email  
If you are not on our email list please email [admin@wjpres.net](mailto:admin@wjpres.net) for zoom link