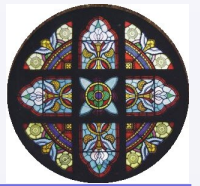


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Greetings! Today is Sunday, May 16, 2021

The Seventh Sunday of Easter.

This past Thursday was Ascension Day. As mentioned last week, Ascension Day is the celebration on the 40th day after Easter Sunday, commemorating Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven from Mt. Olive near Jerusalem. This final week before Pentecost is called by some, "Hebdomada expectationis", or the week of the expectation of the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit is the One who empowers the followers of Jesus with spiritual gifts and power that enables the proclamation of Jesus Christ, and the power that brings conviction of faith



This I Believe

William - Marietta, GA - December 13, 2006

I find it interesting to "people watch", or observe habits of other people. I find it interesting how the wealthy tend to care about the smallest change,



and contradictory to those are people who have nothing but still give what they do have. Roberta is an example of the latter.

Roberta is a hard-working immigrant from Brazil. She comes to our house every week for work so she can support her three young children. Roberta is divorcing her abusive husband. Her oldest daughter, recently diagnosed with lupus, is losing her eyesight. Her brother, who has no insurance, has been so ill that he was hospitalized. Despite all of her problems, Roberta keeps a smile on her face.

I recall last holiday season, an exchange between my mom and Roberta. "Please, take the money," my mom begged. "buy your kids something nice. I know you can use this. Please, just take it."

Unmoved, Roberta replied, "Okay. I'll take it, but only if I work extra next week."

"No, take a break, please, Roberta. It'll be Christmas Eve."

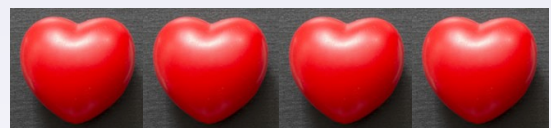
"Nancy, you know if I take the money, it would be like stealing. I can't do that. I must work to earn it." Roberta's imperfect English became even more imperfect as she continued arguing with my mom and tears began to spring.

I sat at the kitchen table in amazement at Roberta's strength. She never accepted extra pay unless she earned it, something I couldn't understand but now firmly believe in. Being fifteen and living among the privileged, I have come to expect compensation for the least strenuous activity. I baby sit kids and often get overpaid but I don't resist the generosity, I accept it.

I sat in my chair that morning and realized that Roberta was right. By not accepting the gift I learned that despite having nothing, it isn't yours unless it is earned.



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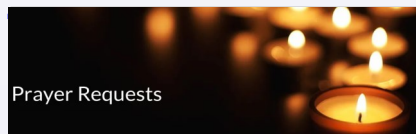
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Prayer Requests

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 **Ginny Heal** home recovering from cardiac issues

For continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper**

For **Folker Mirgle** who is in critical car

God's comfort:

For the family and loved ones of **Ed Merten** who passed away this week.

For those who serve as caregivers

For those who support the elderly and the homebound

For those in need of God's guiding presence

God's Guidance:

For all Class of 2021 Graduates

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.

Session Highlights from May 12, 2021

Pastor Rebecca Kesner, Moderator opened the meeting by sharing, "Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement," and cited a couple of passages: Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ, i.e. we will not ask questions or make statements in a way which will intimidate or judge others. And to Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus's teaching. The complete context of this flyer will be posted in the back of the church.

Committee Reports were shared. The rest of the windows for the Manse have been purchased and will be installed. Volunteers to help will be appreciated.

A new grill has been graciously donated to the church and will be used this weekend, just in time for our yard sale. Five tables have been sold, so far. Thank you to Wendy Varga and/or Michelle Cox for organizing

The Session received an update from the PNC on their process.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Margo Mattis, Clerk of Session



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This I Believe continued...

Last year, I worked in Tijuana, Mexico building houses for the homeless. We slept in tents and worked in dirt. We received no compensation for our efforts, despite a terrible heat wave and unexpected 36 hour downpour. At the apex of the week, work became the most difficult and the downpour worsened. Yes, work was difficult and I thought I would never come back, but we all managed because we all kept smiling. We cracked jokes while working and nothing got us down. At the going away ceremony, I got a turn to play cleaning lady and prepare the house for the homeowners.

They brought homemade empanadas despite having little to share. Most of our group cried. I know how Roberta felt that day. There is a feeling of accomplishment and pride for hard work that can't be paid for with money. When you know you have given it everything, receiving words of appreciation or even a simple gift can mean more than unjustified payment. From an immigrant who appears to have so little, I have learned so much. In the cleaning lady, I do believe.



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The Church Yard Sale was held yesterday on a glorious Spring Day that was enjoyed by all. Several tables were set up for people to sell their wares, and the Craft Club was also out in full force. The day also marked the christening of the Church's new gas grill. The grill was made possible through

a generous donation from an individual donor which was promptly supplemented by several additional gifts to ensure the best quality we could obtain.



A highlight of the day was the performance by a violin quartet that uses our CE Building for their weekly practice. The group desired to pay back our hospitality with this performance. Pictured below from left to right are Professor James Day, Jane Cheslo, Jonathan Cheslo, and Ian Waynor. Jonathan and Ian are graduating next month from Burlington Township High School. Professor Day is an accomplished violist having played with orchestras in the United States, Canada, and Italy.





Bustleton's Best

This is a reprise of a prior recipe we published last Fall. Rather, it is a different version of the same recipe for Chicken Spiedis. Spiedis (pronounced "spee-dees") for those who are new to our periodical, are a sandwich that is the pride of the greater Binghamton, NY area where I grew up. They were originally made with lamb, but every version can also be made with pork, venison, chicken, veal, or beef. They are essentially cubes of the chosen meat that are marinated for 24 to 48 hours before being skewered and cooked on a grill or hibachi. They are traditionally served on Italian bread, and they can be served plain or accented with condiments your choice. Favorites of mine are with mayonnaise and black pepper and/or hot sauce. This recipe or any Spiedi recipe you find online is scalable depending on how much chicken you will be using for the number of people being served.



A few of you asked for the recipe, so here it is. This is a take on Lupos recipe with the simple addition of some dried mint. Lupos is a local establishment known for their Spiedis for many years.

2 - 3 Chicken Breasts

Dice chicken breasts into 1" cubes.

1/3 Cup Olive Oil

Whisk all other ingredients together to form marinade. Set some aside for basting or sauce if desired (though I don't think this is necessary).

1/4 Cup Lemon Juice

1/4 Cup White Vinegar

Add marinade to chicken and refrigerate overnight, stirring occasionally (the acidic nature of the marinade will 'chemically' cook the meat partially).

2 Garlic Cloves (finely chopped or pressed)

1 Tablespoon Dried Parsley

Thread 5 or so cubes onto metal or soaked bamboo skewers and grill for a few minutes either side, just until meat is firm (remember, they're already partially cooked by the marinade).

1 Tablespoon Dried Basil

1 Teaspoon Dried Mint

Place two skewers on a fresh bread roll or Italian bread, grip the meat firmly with the bread and pull out skewers.

1/2 Teaspoon Dried Oregano

1/2 Teaspoon Garlic Salt

Enjoy!

1/2 Teaspoon Salt

1/2 Teaspoon Cracked Black Pepper

Bread or Rolls of Choice





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COVID-19 UPDATE

The statement from the CDC about masking and distancing not being necessary for vaccinated people is indeed wonderful.

The State of New Jersey allows 100% capacity with social distance and masks for indoor venues like churches.

We cannot have a different set of rules for vaccinated and unvaccinated people, and as a group of people our congregation falls into the high risk category. So it is our desire to remain string by protecting the most susceptible among us

We must and will continue to mask and social distance while in the Sanctuary. Our Sexton will continue to sanitize our facilities prior to each use per current protocol.

The good news is that we can all now sing in Church as long as we are masked and remain seated.

