

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



**Providence Presbyterian Bustling's** 

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Greetings! Today is Sunday, June 20, 2021
The Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

Today is also Father's Day. Father's Day is a holiday of honouring fatherhood and paternal bonds, as well as the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic countries of Europe, it has been celebrated on 19 March as Saint Joseph's Day since the Middle Ages. In the United States, Father's Day was founded by Sonora Smart Dodd, and celebrated on the third Sunday of June for the first time in 1910. The day is held on various dates across the world and different regions maintain their own traditions of honoring fatherhood.



#### Fishing In Reverse

Rick Cheslo - Burlington, NJ - June 20, 2021



Happy Father's Day! I guess being a Dad now myself for 23 years gives me some room to discuss fatherhood, and parenting in general. What did I know way back on Thursday, June 18, 1998 at 5:31 AM when Verity Christina

burst into the world? Did I really know anything more on Monday, March 17, 2003 at 12:05 PM when Jonathan Josiah made himself known to us? The truth was that despite my lifelong career as a son, it was now different and a great unknown being on the other side of the generation gap. I set about quickly learning the tricks of the trade and the fine craft of being a father. There were the feedings and the aftereffects known as diaper changes early on to be sure, but what about the fine line between being the rough and tumble gentle playmate rolling on the floor to the stern voiced parent when it was time to pick up toys, clean rooms, eat your veggies? What about the persona that I had to fill on the inevitable "Wait 'til your Father gets home days?" They told us at the hospital when we were preparing to bring Verity home, that there was no instruction manual, and there was a no return policy. It will be all OJT and I (we) will just have to wing it and learn as we go.

The milestones ring up fast and furious in those first years. First burp, first dirty diaper, first rollover, first time sleeping through the night. One had a much more difficult time than the other reaching this particular achievement.

First time sitting up, standing up, cruising, steps, words, and so much more. It was around all of these firsts that I realized that parenting is fishing in reverse. In the beginning you have them and you hold them close. Then, ever so gradually, moment by moment, day by day, week by week you begin to un-fish. You hold them and splash a little water on them to assure them that it feels good. Before you know it you have them on the line and over the side of the boat. You keep them close with the net beneath, so they can't get away. In time the net is removed, but still close at hand. You let out the reel. Not too much. Just enough for a wee bit of separation with the assurance that the line is there to bring them back. The line lets out more, and limits are tested. You can't go out that far so let's pull back on the rod and reel in a few turns. Stay close to this boat. Occasionally there were timeouts back in the boat, but they always make it back in the water with a little more line to spare.

One day the line is removed and they are let loose

in the water. They are out there swimming on their own. For awhile they stay close to the security of the boat, jumping in and out by themselves still testing the limits of the sea. However, the day will come. The ocean will be their own. The un-fishing is complete.





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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 continued prayers for Wendy Kasper

For Joseph Celkupa

For Barney Barnes

For Fritz Wainwright undergoing surgery

For Steve Shore undergoing surgery

#### God's comfort:

For those who serve as caregivers

For Maritza Chambers' sister Elba.

For Volker Mirgle's wife Vickie and son, Scott

#### In Thanks and Praise to God:

For the full recovery of Chris Vitale's friends in India

For Pam & Karl Solymosi who are back with us in worship

For Jonathan Cheslo and all of the 2021 Graduates

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



#### In Thanks And Praise To God

Happy 64th Anniversary to Dick & Jerrie Glass!

Married June 22, 1957 in Providence Presbyterian Church

The Reception was held on the lawn between the Manse and the old Scout House









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### It's Father's Day! **Keep It Simple** With Burgers & Dogs!





If anyone has a wheelchair or access to a wheelchair that can be loaned for a short time, please contact Ginny Heal. Her son needs one while he is recovering from his surgery. It needs to be able to fit through a standard door, and have the large rear wheels, so he can propel himself. Thank you!



Chuck & Mary Beth Kroh are moving.

They will give these items away to a good home. The piano is a Baldwin console. Please contact them if interested.

















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## Dad Jokes!





**Timmy:** What did the daddy buffalo say to its son before it left for school?

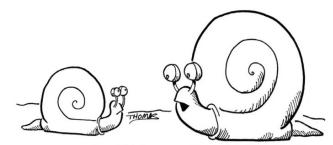
Bob: Beats me. Timmy: "Bison."

Caroline: When does a dad joke become a dad joke?

Jackson: I have no idea.

Caroline: When it becomes apparent.





Son, I'd love to tell you I think you'll go far in life, but I'd be lying.

Dad: How do you like fourth grade?

Son: It isn't much fun.

Dad: That's too bad. It was the best three years of my life!

#### Dear Dad,

 $\colon 1\$  great. I'm making lot\$ of friend\$ and \$tudying hard. I \$imply can't think of anything I need, \$0 ju\$t \$end me a card, a\$ I would love to hear from you. Love, Your \$on

#### Dear Son

I kNOw astroNOmy, ecoNOmics and oceaNOgraphy are eNOugh to keep even an hoNOr student busy. Do NOt forget that the pursuit of kNOwledge is a NOble task, and you can never study eNOugh. Love, Dad



CONGRATULATIONS. DID THEY GIVE YOU THE JOKE BOOK YET?