



# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

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Greetings! Today is Sunday, July 4, 2021

The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Have a blessed, safe, and happy Independence Day!

Meditation (I Corinthians 13:13)

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

## That Old Piece of Cloth

Frank Miller - New York, NY - September 11, 2006

I was just a boy in the 1960s. My adolescence wasn't infused with the civil rights struggle or the sexual revolution or the Vietnam War, but with their aftermath.

My high school teachers were ex-hippies and Vietnam vets. People who protested the war and people who served as soldiers. I was taught more about John Lennon than I was about Thomas Jefferson.

Both of my parents were World War II veterans. FDR-era patriots. And I was exactly the age to rebel against them.

It all fit together rather neatly. I could never stomach the flower-child twaddle of the '60s crowd and I was ready to believe that our flag was just an old piece of cloth and that patriotism was just some quaint relic, best left behind us.

It was all about the ideas. I schooled myself in the writings of Madison and Franklin and Adams and Jefferson. I came to love those noble, indestructible ideas. They were ideas, to my young mind, of rebellion and independence, not of idolatry.

But not that piece of old cloth. To me, that stood for unthinking patriotism. It meant about as much to me as that



insipid peace sign that was everywhere I looked: just another symbol of a generation's sentimentality, of its narcissistic worship of its own past glories.

Then came that sunny September morning when airplanes crashed into towers a very few miles from my home and thousands of my neighbors were ruthlessly incinerated — reduced to ash. Now, I draw and write comic books. One thing my job involves is making up bad guys. Imagining human villainy in all its forms. Now the real thing had shown up. The real thing murdered my neighbors. In my city. In my country. Breathing in that awful, chalky crap that filled up the lungs of every New Yorker, then coughing it right out, not knowing what I was coughing up.

For the first time in my life, I know how it feels to face an existential menace. They want us to die. All of a sudden I realize what my parents were talking about all those years.



James Madison



Benjamin Franklin



John Adams



Thomas Jefferson

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*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord*



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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 continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper**  
For **Joseph Celkupa**, who is now in Marcella Rehab  
For **Barney Barnes**  
For **Eleanor Hathaway**

### God's comfort:

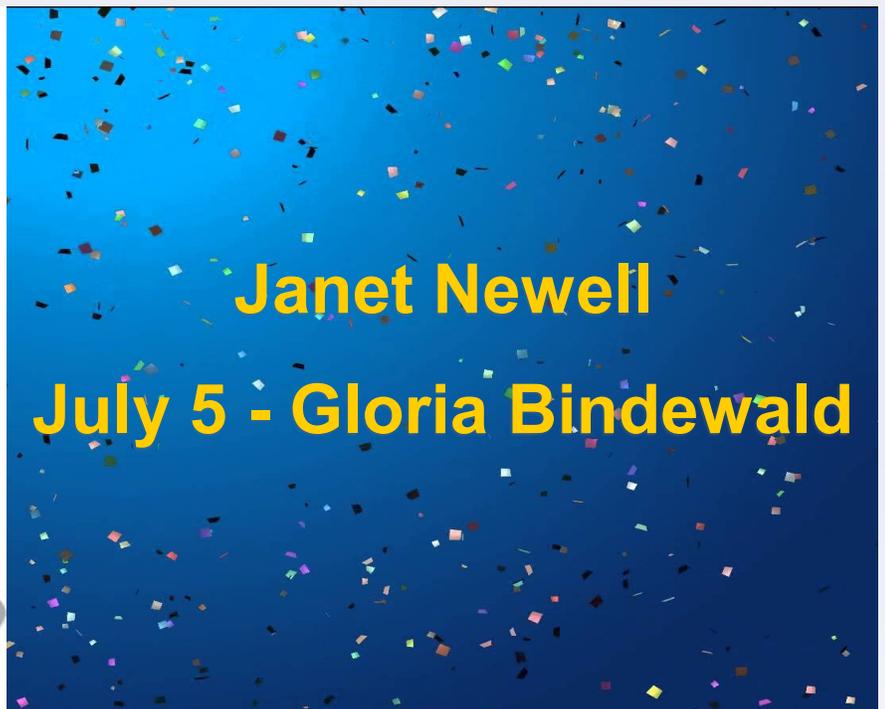
For those who serve as caregivers  
For the family of **Lauris Cheesman**, who passed away on Friday  
For **Alyson Keegan** and her mom **Nora** as they care for her father **John** dealing with cognitive issues

### In Thanks and Praise to God:

For **Carol Shore & Steve Shore** who are both doing well after their surgeries  
For **Jack's** friend **Henry** reaching out for prayer and our church reaching right back  
For God's Spirit to help us pass along His love to those we meet.

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

### In Thanks And Praise To God





## Bustleton's Best Next Generation

### SHEET PAN SHRIMP BOIL

This is not part of our cookbook, but it could be in the next generation cookbook. (Foreshadowing for a future issue). This caught my eye and I thought it could easily be done on the grill too using a grill basket or grill sheet pan. To allow for a caramelizing grill marks or a slight char if desired. Enjoy this weekend or summer, and stash away new recipes you may have for a next generation recipe book. Stay tuned!



#### Ingredients

for 6 servings

- 1 lb baby dutch yellow potato
- 3 ears corn, husked and cut crosswise into 6 pieces
- ¼ cup unsalted butter, melted
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon old bay seasoning
- 1 lb medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 12.8 oz smoked andouille sausage, 1 package, thinly sliced
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges
- 2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped

#### Preparation

- 1 Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
- 2 In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook potatoes until just tender and parboiled, about 10-13 minutes. Stir in corn during the last 5 minutes of cooking time and drain well.
- 3 In a small bowl, combine butter, garlic, and Old Bay Seasoning.
- 4 Place potatoes, corn, shrimp and sausage in a single layer onto a greased baking sheet. Gently toss with the butter mixture.
- 5 Bake for 12-15 minutes, or until the shrimp are opaque and corn is tender.
- 6 Serve immediately with lemon wedges, and sprinkle with parsley.
- 7 Enjoy!

### Old Piece of Cloth ...Continued from Page 1

Patriotism, I now believe, isn't some sentimental, old conceit. It's self-preservation. I believe patriotism is central to a nation's survival. Ben Franklin said it: If we don't all hang together, we all hang separately. Just like you have to fight to protect your friends and family, and you count on them to watch your own back.

So you've got to do what you can to help your country survive. That's if you think your country is worth a damn. Warts and all. So I've gotten rather fond of that old piece of cloth. Now, when I look at it, I see something precious. I see something perishable.



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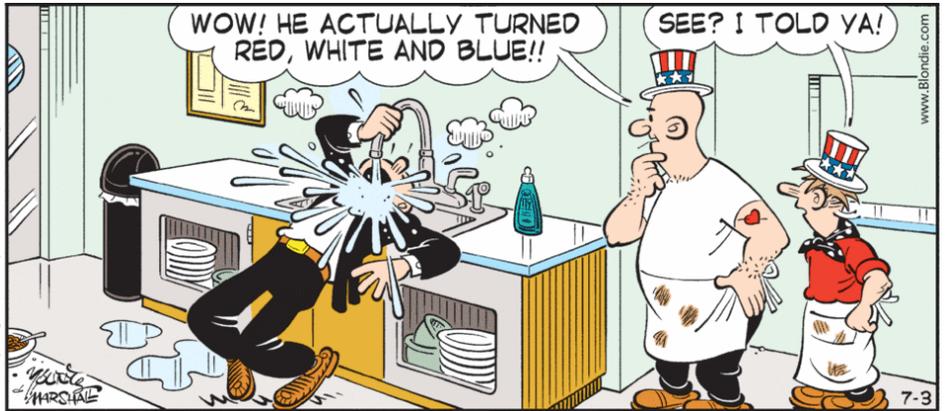
Frank Miller is a comic book artist whose titles include "Batman: The Dark Knight Returns" and "Sin City" (which he co-directed for the movie). Miller recently announced that he's working on a new graphic novel in which Batman pits himself against terrorists.



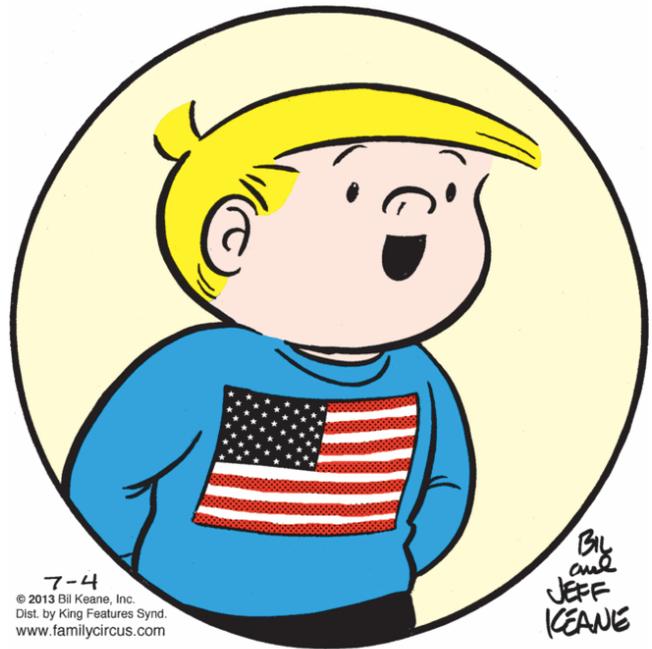
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# Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July!



"I'LL BET THE ANGELS AREN'T GETTIN' ANY SLEEP TONIGHT."



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"This is my favorite shirt 'cause it has our country's logo on it."

