

# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

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Greetings! Today is Sunday, July 18, 2021

The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

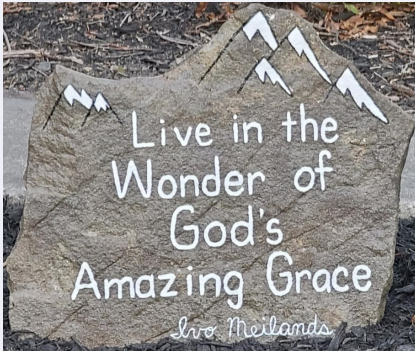
**Meditation: Songs and hymns refresh the body. Hymns invoke the spirit to rise to its maker for strength. When we live in a day without a hymn or a song, we disregard the essence of the day.**

- Ernest Agyemang Yeboah



## Meanwhile, Back At The Church

Randy York - Florence, NJ - July 18, 2021



It's been awhile since Ivo retired and we began our journey in search of a new pastor. We pray each Sunday for the mission of the PNC and that God will guide them to find not

just "a pastor," but the unique individual He has destined to shepherd our congregation. We faithfully pray for God's will, but we are inclined to want it according to our timetable. We can feel impatiently stuck in a holding pattern, as if our call to God was heard, but the reply was "just a moment please," and here we sit checking our watch and listening to background music.

Our answer will surely come in God's timing, in the meantime though here's a thought to ponder. It's a distinct possibility that the waiting itself might produce the most blessing. Perhaps we need to step away from the question of when the pastor will be found and consider a more important question, that being, "Lord, what are you trying to teach us and how are you trying to grow us in this season of waiting?" Fact is a church with or without a pastor is still the church and the relationship between a pastor and his people will always be temporary, but the relationship between God and His people is forever.

As individuals, and as a church family, it's important then that we explore that relationship. That we reach out for direction to a loving, Abba Father who in turn seeks our attention. We must be aware of needs He directs us to within our congregation, and also to the needs of those folks, unknown to us now, who He may just place in our path down the road. There's no need to be super spiritual or a master of doctrine. Sometimes a person just needs a kind word or to be asked simply, "Are you alright?"

Some months before Barbara and I became members of the church, my mom passed away. The following Sunday, as we entered the church, Annette Slaney approached me. I did not

know her particularly well at the time. She didn't remind me about the previous week's sermon, and she didn't throw some

verses at me. In fact, she did not say a word. She simply took me in her arms and comforted me. She became the face of Christ to a soul in need.



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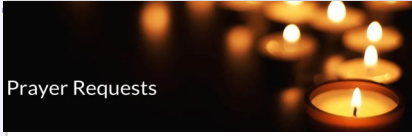
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Prayer Requests

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 continued prayers for **Wendy Kasper**
- For **Barney Barnes**
- For **Eleanor Hathaway**
- For **Fritz Wainwright**
- For **Barbara York**

### God's comfort:

- For those who serve as caregivers
- For **Gus Bindewald** whose wife, **Gloria Bindewald**, passed away last week
- For **Polly Grobelny's** brother, **Fred** and his wife **Carol**
- For the people still coping with pain & loss from the **Surfside, FL** building collapse

In remembrance: Of **Terry**, a member & vocalist at Rev. Kraft's former church, who passed away recently

### For God's guidance & understanding:

As we deal with lanternflies and the delicate balance of His creation

### In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For a loving, caring, prayerful church family
- For **Marge's** son **Lee** who had a successful kidney transplant and now needs God's healing hand during his recovery

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



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The Presbyterian (PW) have scheduled their next luncheon for Tuesday, July 20th at 12:00 Noon at Villa Rosa on Route 130 South in Burlington.

Everyone had such a good time at our last luncheon!

All the ladies in the church are invited, so please mark your calendars and plan to come. Reach out to Marie Celkupa for ad-







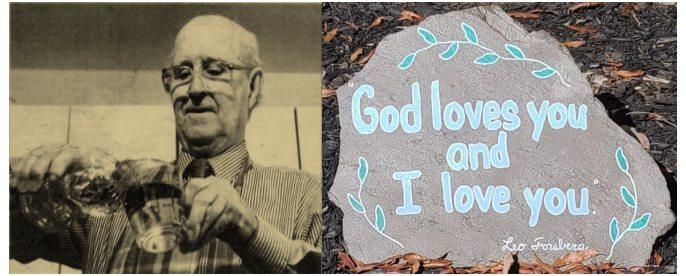
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**Meanwhile...** Our mission as a church does not require focus groups or well worded phrases. Heck, Leo Forsberg summed it up pretty plainly, "God loves you and I love you!" Just live right there. Folks should come to church and expect healing. You should not come in burdened and leave burdened. You should not come in depressed and leave depressed. You should not come in wounded and leave wounded. Church members and strangers alike should walk in and be able to say "Brother/Sister, I'm having a rough time right now, will you pray with me?" and to know that simple need will be answered in Christ's love.



"If you build it, he will come." The quote is from the 1989 movie *Field of Dreams*. The film centered on an Iowa farmer, played by Kevin Costner, who plowed up his cornfield to build a baseball diamond and realize a dream he had been given. It is a story of faith, conviction, hope, vision, love, and action. Those same ideals frame the legacy of our church. We exist because in faith people saw, people cared, and people acted. Those qualities persist because we continue to build upon the lives, stories, and the foundation of faith that we joined.



It's true, we have been waiting some time for a pastor. When the call is finally answered, it's a good bet it will not be because we have charming buildings or a quaint setting. It will be because the individual takes a look at all us prodigals, sees that God is at work through us, and is excited to join in and be a part of that. A pastor will come.....keep on building.

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## Bustleton's Best

Wow! Has it been hot this month? They say, "Hot weather. Hot food." Globally cultures in the hottest locations have the spiciest food. By making you "Break a sweat," you are actually cooling yourself down for a longer period than say enjoying an ice cream cone. So enjoy this recipe from Jack as is, or tone it down, or even pep it up. Mix up a batch and chill out with this perfect accompaniment to almost any fare. **Thanks Jack!**



## Hot Mexican Salsa

Jack Harkins

3 large tomatoes, coarsely chopped  
3 fresh or canned jalapenos  
3 T chopped green onions  
1 T chopped fresh cilantro  
1 clove garlic, crushed

1/2 t salt  
1/4 t ground cumin  
1/8 tsp. sugar  
1 1/2 Tbsp. cider vinegar or substitute wine vinegar or herb vinegar

Position knife blade in food processor bowl; add all ingredients. Cover and pulse 5 or 6 times until mixture is chunky





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## Church Picnic

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## Church Family Picnic

**AUGUST 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**HELD AT THE HEAL'S HOUSE**

1612 Salem Road, Burlington

Time: 2:00 PM  
Dinner at 4:00 PM

Bring your swim suit, towel & chair

**PLENTY OF GOOD FOOD TO EAT**  
and  
**GREAT MEMORIES IN THE MAKING**

**SO COME ON OUT AND HAVE SOME FUN!!**

A-M please bring a desert

N-Z please bring a side dish

