



# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



**Providence Presbyterian Bustling's**

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**Greetings! Today is Sunday, August 8, 2021 ~ The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

I submit to you this week an abridged edition of the weekly newsletter. I am out of town this week attending my high school reunion of the Bicentennial Class of Binghamton Central High School. It is a tradition we have kept at 10 years, 20 years, and every five years thereafter. On a personal level, I always find them rejuvenating and rewarding as we all reconnect and re-collect the shared glory days of our formative and teen years. There is much catching up on lives lived and remembrances of friends no longer with us. It is a tradition that we all intend to keep and honor for as long as we all are able. It was mentioned that back then we all did not hang out with each other that much as the class size was over 400. But through the years all who have attended have become closer regardless of our distances apart. We all share a common foundation and we are proud to be 1976 Bulldogs!



## *We Are All Gardeners*

**Damon Colqhoun - New York, NY - July 15, 2011**

Quiet as kept, I live with the delightfully vain idea that New York City is buzzing with people who were somehow or another inspired by me ...And for sure, I am rather ordinary.

You see, in the 7th grade, there was a teacher that pulled me aside for a fateful chat. Her name was Ms. Dinos. What she had to say was simple – I was a follower with the potential of a leader, and what I needed was some new friends and some time to grow up. She suggested to my mother that I repeat the 7th grade. After a pout, a plead and a prayer, I made a deal, “give me the summer and I’ll show you!”

That summer, I made it my business to do just that. By the following school year, I was awarded a medal that validated my efforts. Two of those three friends she warned me of eventually became alcoholics – one an ex-con, the other a chronic woman-beater. Ms. Dinos saved my life.

Twenty years later, Ms. Dinos and I were reunited on Facebook. However, she didn’t remember the event at all. Right then it hit me. That event that meant so much to me was just a singular moment in her well-lived life. Ms. Dinos had since become a famous garden designer. Gardening was her true calling – teaching was a detour of sorts. Either way, she had a knack for planting seeds. It was only months after reuniting with Ms. Dinos, that an old student of my own popped up online.



She inform me of the moment that I inspired her. According to her, I once shared a drawing of mine with the class. At the time, I was studying design in college and teaching part-time at her after school program to help make ends meet. That

student was so moved by the drawing that she wanted to learn to do the same. While the program was primarily a writing program and her mother was in fact a well regarded writer, that picture ignited in her a passion that she later turned into a career. Impossible, I thought. My own little seed, planted and grown.

I haven’t taught a workshop in almost ten years. But now understanding what I do about the power of planting seeds, I take every opportunity to share what I can with as many young people as possible. I offer bits of wisdom or words of encouragement, but sometimes just a smile – it goes a long way. While these simple exchanges come and go with no fanfare and likely no reunions, I know that one day, when they’re ready for it, that seed I planted will be there, ready to grow.

So with that, I believe in embracing my inner gardener and striving to inspire exponentially – one seed at a time. Because like Ms. Dinos, we are all ultimately gardeners with the power to grow something beautiful.



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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, Barney Barnes, & Eleanor Hathaway**
- For **Fritz Wainwright & Joseph Celkupa**
- For **Marge's son Lee, recovering from a kidney transplant**
- For **Cooper Smith & Phil Leifels**
- For **Mary Jane, coping with depression & anxiety**

### God's comfort:

- For the **Rusella Family** in their time of grief
- For those who serve as caregivers

### For God's guidance & understanding:

### In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For **Rev. Shanley** enjoying the blessed tiredness from family
- For good shepherds in our pulpit

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

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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 Side Dish    N-Z Please Bring A Dessert**



### Name That String Ensemble!

The String Group performing at the picnic needs a name! Every great group has a name. Where would we be if The Beatles were simply called Four Guys From Liverpool? Send your suggestions to [JaneCheslo@gmail.com](mailto:JaneCheslo@gmail.com)

Name to be revealed at the Picnic.





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## 45 years ago in 1976 ★ AN EVENTFUL YEAR ★

<b>THE HABITS</b> READING Interview With The Vampire WATCHING Happy Days (ABC) Laverne & Shirley (ABC) M*A*S*H (CBS)	Nadia Comaneci of Romania became the first gymnast in Olympic history to score a perfect 10.0.	<b>THE WORLD POPULATION</b> - 4,080,000,000
<b>BEST SONGS</b> Tonight's The Night by Rod Stewart Bohemian Rhapsody by Queen	<b>COST OF LIVING</b> HOUSE \$43,400 AVERAGE ANNUAL INCOME \$16,000 NEW CAR \$2,650 ONE-YEAR TUITION AT HARVARD \$3,950 MONTHLY RENT \$220 MINIMUM WAGE PER HOUR \$2.30	<b>BEST MOVIES</b> ROCKY KING KONG THE SILVER STREAK THE BAD NEWS BEARS ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN A STAR IS BORN NETWORK  NBA Champions BOSTON CELTICS World Series Champions CINCINNATI REDS Superbowl X Champions PITTSBURGH STEELERS
SWEDEN'S MOST PROFITABLE CORPORATION WAS POP GROUP ABBA.	VHS WAS INTRODUCED	US LIFE EXPECTANCY 69.1 yrs : 76.8 yrs
Apple Computer was formed by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak. The first computer, reports say, sold for \$666.66.	<b>BEST FILM OSCAR WINNER:</b> ONE FLEW OVER THE COOCCOO'S NEST	Writer Tom Wolfe declared the '70s <b>THE "ME DECADE"</b>
The Concorde embarked on its first commercial flight.	50% HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES WENT TO COLLEGE	SYLVESTER STALLONE WROTE THE SCRIPT FOR ROCKY



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