



PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



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May 22, 2022 – Sixth Sunday In Easter

I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. ~ John 10:9-10



Gift Therapy

Daniela - Wildwood, Missouri - December 6, 2011



As a child, I never thought of "gifts" as something so special, let alone something that people had within them. A few months ago, at a Catholic conference in Denver, one of the speakers talked about personal, innate gifts. What stuck the most about what he said was that

we all have them, but that they are not ours to keep.

Since that day, I've been thinking about my personal gifts, and how I can give them away throughout my life. So far, I've been told that I am a gifted dancer, a gifted singer, a gifted listener, gifted friend. I thought of these as talents; not once had I considered giving them away.

This changed around three months ago, when I visited a nursing home as an occupational therapy student. Inside, I met my partner for the day, introducing myself first and then asking for her name. In a barely audible voice and with a blank expression on her face she responded "Annabelle" quickly followed by "do I have to do this?"

For a half hour Annabelle refused to make crafts with me and just sat in her chair, watching other residents make their crafts with my fellow classmates. The activity was clearly not part of her "to do" list that day. I looked away from Annabelle trying to hold back tears. As I prayed for some sort of enlightenment, my mind suddenly flashed back to that one talk on gifts at the conference. Could I possibly give away one of my gifts today?

All of a sudden I forgot all about the crafts and realized that I knew nothing about Annabelle other than her name. So smiling, I turned to Annabelle and started asking her about different things in her life, and listened. Before I knew it, she was telling me all about her travels, her life-lessons, her passions, and her future plans. After a short while of sharing her life stories with me, she began to put her snowman together. Smiling, she admired her finished craft.

As our time together ended, I took Annabelle back to her room, where she showed me pictures of her family and crafts made by her grandchildren. As I was walking out of her room to leave the nursing home, she said: "Thank you for everything. I hope that you come back someday."

That day turned around for both of us, through the power of gifts. I believe that the gifts shared between an occupational therapist and a client, make the relationship unique and powerful. Annabelle and I shared many gifts that day: time, creativity, memories, happiness, trust and listening. Our gifts made our relationship a memorable experience. As a student and future therapist, I will never disregard the power of gifts. I will use them and share them with my clients, as I will also get to experience their gifts in our journey together with occupation. My goal is that at the end of my days, I will have given them all away.





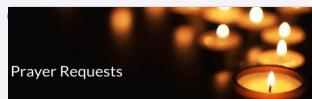
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Prayer Requests

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 Bea Ashmore, Nancy Wyatt & Steve Westmeyer
- For continued prayers for Wendy Kasper, Jack Harkins & Eleanor Hathaway
- For Fritz Wainwright, Polly Grobelny, Hayley Morris & Jean Miller
- For Dave & Barb Hammell, Joe Celkupa, and Polly's son-in-law, Donald
- For Ginny Heal and her cousin Isabell, Faye Eckert, & Janet Newell
- For Maritza Chambers' sister Elba, Aiden Witte, and Carol Shore's husband, Steve
- For our Session Moderator, Rev. Becca Kesner
- For Marleigh and her family

God's comfort:

- For those who serve as caregivers
- For Krista coping with addiction
- For the People of Ukraine

For God's provision:

- For a job after a successful interview for Krista

For God's guidance & understanding

- For family members in need of God's presence and fellowship

In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit
- For a new grandbaby for Marge Hull, welcome to Noel Faith

For continued prayers for the PNC as they carry on their mission.



The Crafty Ladies will be taking orders for water bottles and mugs. The order sheets will be in the back of the church. You can have your bottle or mug personalized with your own saying and name or use the sayings we have. \$5.00 for either the water bottle or mug.

Colors of plastic bottles: green, blue, white and pink. The smaller bottle comes only in purple and mugs in white.

Please leave your completed order form in the back of the church or you can give them to Carol Shore or Marie Celkupa. Proceeds go to the missions.



The Past, Present and Future of our Historical Country Church “The Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton”

Part 1 ***The Past*** ~ building a House of Worship

Barb Hammell

In the fall of 1863 a small building was erected, it was the *First House of Worship*. It was located on the right side of the Manse on Old York Road. The *House of Worship* was used to hold church sermons, meetings and social gatherings. It was built by the men of the area and was dedicated free of debt on December 23, 1863 the same year. Thanks to the generosity of Doctor Plummer who provided the people the means and materials to build the *First House of Worship*. The organization, Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton, was incorporated and the corporation was recorded in Mount Holly, New Jersey on September 16, 1864. A year later on October 16, 1865, the *organization of the Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton* was recorded in our church book.

A church committee was organized and consisted of Rev. John Chester, Rev. V.D. Reed of Camden, Rev. Samuel Miller of the Presbyterian Church of Mt. Holly, and the Rev. Edward B Hodge of the Presbyterian Church of Burlington New Jersey. A sermon preached by Rev. V.D. Reed to celebrate the occasion of our new *House of Worship* was so appropriate and thought out for the occasion. In adding to the occasion, there were four people who wanted to become members of the church. Letters from those four individuals who wanted to join and to become the first members of the *Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton* presented letters from the churches to which they formally belonged. These letters (as we know them today to be a letter of transfer) were received by the committee and were recognized. Those individuals were welcomed members of the *Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton*, New Jersey during this special occasion. The first four members of the church were David Styer and his wife Mary Styer from the Presbyterian Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, PA, Kate Jelley (David and Mary Styers daughter) from the Presbyterian Church of Burlington, New Jersey, and Isabella Robinson from the Presbyterian Church of Columbus, New Jersey.

On November 27, 1865 a church service was held in the *House of Worship* by Rev. Edward Hodge of Burlington. After the Rev. Hodges' sermon, an election for a Ruling Elder was held. The small congregation of Bustleton made the choice to nominate David Styer. He was appointed as the first



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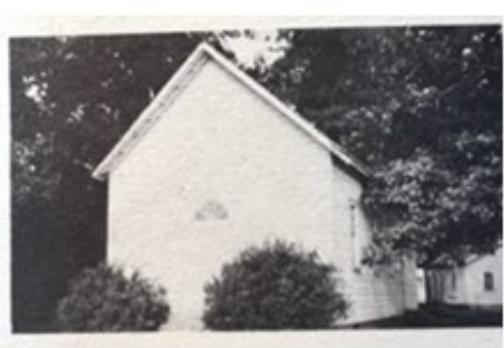


Ruling Elder of the *Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton*. If you go into our church today, you will see a memorial plaque (near the east side) in the front of the church in his honor. From 1865 till his death, David Styer was the sole elder of the church. It is also recorded that he gifted the original grant of land on which the *First Church of Worship* was built.



Mr. Styer was a very dedicated individual to our Lord and worked hard at making the Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton a welcoming place to worship and to bring families together. He also was the first superintendent of the Sunday School. David Styer was born June 21, 1810 and died March 24, 1881 at the age of 71. He is buried in Cedar Hill cemetery located at 1015 Cedar Lane, Florence, Burlington County, New Jersey.

Below is a picture of Our First House of Worship. Please keep in mind that the building was constructed in 1863 with a metal roof and sided with weather board (picture of original was not taken). In the photo below the building was resided with composite siding. This was done after an addition was added to the back of the building to have the appearance of the building blended together. The only difference was that the addition had asphalt shingles where the main building was metal. It could have been that the addition served as a small kitchen. This was done around 1940.





See You In The Funny Papers!

