



# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

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May 29, 2022 – Seventh Sunday In Easter

“I leave the gift of peace with you—my peace. Not the kind of fragile peace given by the world, but my perfect peace. Don’t yield to fear or be troubled in your hearts—instead, be courageous! – John 14:27



## Memorial Day - A Time to Remember Many

Mary-Jo - Fort Collins, Colorado - December 4, 2011

Google ‘Memorial Day’ and there are hundreds of write ups about it. But simply put, it’s the day we honor the men and women who have so graciously served this country. Those men and women include the front line people, the behind the scenes people and the families who have relatives serving our country.



Now, after talking to vets, watching interviews with vets from various wars, watching war films based on fact, and reading books about wars, I believe that it is hard for anyone returning from a war zone to come back to a ‘normal’ life.

When I visited the Viet Nam wall in DC, I was in shock to see name after name after name of people killed in that war and I was ashamed that I protested and didn’t support those who were there.

I recently saw the movie ‘The Killing Fields’ a very true reality of what it must have been like for people in Cambodia – not just the soldiers but the citizens of that country or any country where fighting is going on – the bombing, the loss of life.

It bothers me that songs like ‘War what is it good for’ and ‘What’s going on’ songs so popular in the 60s, I believe are still relevant today, forty plus years later.

So as May 30, 2011 approaches, I believe that we need to remember all of those who have sacrificed their lives and time away from loved ones – our solders, their families, the medical people, and others behind the scenes and the innocent lives of those living in these war-torn areas. I believe that on Memorial Day we need to remember them all.

Memorial Day started as a day to honor soldiers who fought in the Civil War and was extended to include those who fought in WWI, WWII, the Korean War, and for my generation it was the Viet Nam War (one that I protested) and now includes several more wars. I’ve come to believe that while I can be against a war, I still need to support the men and women who are fighting that war, laying their lives on the line. Never understanding what it meant to actually go into another country and kill the enemy, I believe that it is not easy for anyone to pull the trigger and kill a stranger. Yes, they might be the enemy but they have parents, siblings and other relatives who will miss them. It’s hard to imagine fighting a war one day and the next day being on a plane back in the U.S. walking along a street like nothing happened.





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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 Nancy Wyatt

### God's comfort:

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

### For God's provision:

- For successful physical result 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 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.





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

### **Part 1 *The Past***

Barb Hammell

~ continuing with the little House of Worship  
~ history of Louis Rodman Fox

The history of the Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton was due largely to the work of Rev. Louis Rodman Fox. Rev. Fox was born January 10, 1834, in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. He was born to the family of John Rodman (April 26, 1787 to April 15, 1849) and Mary Rodman (February 4, 1790 to December 21, 1872). Louis Rodman Fox was the youngest of five children. His siblings were Gilbert born 1817, Elizabeth born 1820, Edward born 1824, Mary born 1830, and Louis born 1834. The family was raised and lived in Doylestown, PA. They were a very wealthy, affluent family who owned a lot of property throughout the town. Rev. Louis Rodman's father was a very successful lawyer through his career. When the parents died the children inherited the land but sold it off after the death of their mother.

Louis Rodman Fox went to school to study law just as his father had. He practiced law but found that it did not hold his interest and wanted to contribute more to life. So, he decided to study theology at the Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, New Jersey. He graduated from the university in 1863.

Rev John Chester was resigning from the Providence Presbyterian church of Bustleton, and the people were in search of a successor. It was in that same year after he finished the seminary that Rev John Chester, who was the minister that started preaching under the oak trees and fell in love with the area of Bustleton, requested Mr. Louis Rodman Fox to come to Bustleton and nurse the infant enterprise. Rev Fox consented to come but for only three months. In fact, he remained during almost an entire year (November 17, 1863 – October 17, 1864). His first service was held December 6, 1863, in the little framed church (pictured in prior weeks newsletter) that was then unfinished. The congregation was composed chiefly of the members of the Sabbath-school. It was a very happy and exciting time for the Providence Church that a man of Mr. Fox's character had his hand upon the enterprise at that early period of existence. His influence helped to give it a start in the right direction. It was hard for Mr. Fox to live here. He felt shut off from his friends and this was a severe trial for one who depended so much upon those whom he loved for solace and encouragement. But the love of the little flock which he gathered about him here at Bustleton and the happiness he had in seeing a measure of prosperity attending his labors was a rich compensation for the self-denial which was involved in his living so much by himself. It was during his residence in Bustleton that the solemn ordination of Mr. Fox to the holy ministry took place. He had been called to be the pastor of the church in Burlington – Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton and the Presbytery made the arrangement to have two probationers ordained the same day. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 1864 in the evening in the church Rev. Louis Rodman Fox was ordained minister of Presbytery Church and there his journey began serving OUR LORD. The sermon at the ordination consisted of Rev. William S. Plumer, Rev. Chester, and Rev. Samuel Miller. While Rev. Rodman Fox lived in the area, he had a pleasant room in the house of Amy Hancock, which was and still is on the Columbus Road (see below).

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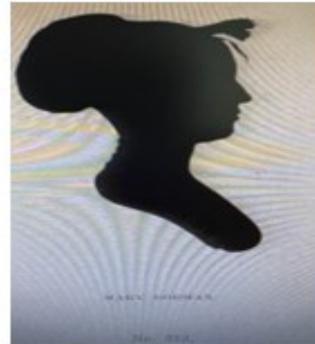
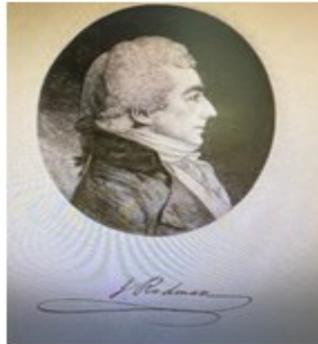


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Below are pictures of Louis Rodman Fox (right), his father, and his mother (the only photo to have of her is a silhouette)



Rev. Louis Rodman Fox devoted himself with great fidelity, zeal, and success to the work of preaching the gospel to the people of Bustleton and the surrounding area. It is noted that Mr. Fox was a gentleman of winning manners and earnest piety. His discourses are carefully prepared, complete with instructions and delivered with solemnity. He is characterized by great faithfulness in the Master's plan (God's plan). There is a plaque in our church that we have in honor of Rev. Louis Rodman Fox for his dedication and love of this church and its congregation.





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