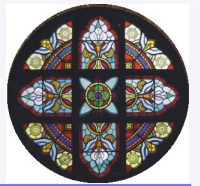


# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

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## August 21, 2022 – Tenth Sunday In Pentecost

**“I am not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant.” (Genesis 32:10)**

### *The Little Old Lady*

*Alyssa — Front Royal, Virginia — April 7, 2010*



I now understand why people say, “a friend in need is a friend in deed”. This phrase started becoming clear to me in the summer of 2005 when my church went on their annual Impact the Valley mission’s trip.

It was the first year I was allowed to participate in this event and I was so excited to do so. I remember arriving at our work sight the first day and seeing the condition this house was in. I was filled with sorrow for these people that they had to live this way, without having the option to try and get it fixed since they didn’t have a lot of money.

As the owner took us on a tour of her house you could smell the mold and see everything that was rotting away from under her. It was a disaster and to think that she was living in such an unhealthy condition was even worse.

That week we fixed everything! We put a new roof on, fixed her bathrooms and installed new toilets, repainted her deck, fixed her windows, painted all the interior walls, made a ramp up her deck so she wouldn’t have to try and get out of her wheelchair, and the list goes on.

As the week progressed I really started to get to know this lady. She started to really open up to me. She would tell me stories about her grandchildren, and her husband that had passed away five years ago, and what it was like growing up in the “olden days”. This lady had such a kind heart that it amazed me to hear how none of her family had come to visit her since the passing of her husband.

That summer had really taught me a lot. Some people are less fortunate than others and when you can give a little to someone that doesn’t have much it is the greatest feeling in the world!

As the week came to an end I was very upset to be leaving. It seemed like time had flown by so fast. The last day of the trip we had a picnic at the campsite we were staying at. The people in charge had invited the owners of the houses to come and celebrate with us. Needless to say my newly found friend had arrived and was in tears when she saw us all there. After the celebrating was done she pulled me aside and told me how lucky she was to have such a great group of workers to help her this week.

She told me that I was a special young lady who would always have a special place in her heart next to the rest of her grandchildren’s places. She started crying as did I then gave me a hug and thanked me for being there and listening to her. She then left and I didn’t see her for a year. Since then I often go and visit to see how she’s doing.

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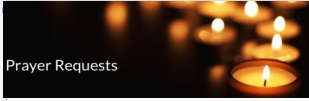
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Prayer Requests

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 Janet Newell, Eleanor Hathaway & Carol Shore's brother Dean Eckert
- For Fritz & Jean Wainwright, Jean Miller, and Fran Kraft
- For Dave Hammell & Joe Celkupa
- For Ginny Heal's cousin Isabell & her nephew David
- For Ginny Heal
- For Maritza Chambers' sister Elba and her brother Angel
- For Aiden Witte, Brittany Zier & Marleigh
- For Polly Grobelny, her son in law, Donald & her daughter Ava
- For Heidi Bonwell's father Robert
- For Joe & Edna Lauter
- For Jack Harkins

### God's comfort:

- For those who serve as caregivers
- For the family of Nancy Wyatt who went to be with the Lord this week
- For the People of Ukraine

### For God's traveling mercies:

- For Aaron Olsen about to start college

### In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit

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



# It's Here! August 21!

# Church PICNIC You're Invited

**Start: 2:00 PM Dinner Served 4:00 PM**

**A-M Please Bring a Dessert to share**

**N-Z Please bring a Side Dish to share**





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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  
~ Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton

Since Pastor Diane Curtis left in July of 2019, it has been a rough several years not only dealing without a minister but what the world has been up against, the Coronavirus disease COVID – 19 and inflation which has effected everything we buy, especially food and gasoline (highest level it has been since 1981). COVID – 19 shut down businesses, schools, and churches, and many people who had previous health issues who contacted COVID – 19 lost their lives. Our church was shut down March, 2020 and reopened around October, 2020. We decided to initiate going virtual with our church services and once the church reopened we continued being virtual. This way if some of our members and non member who felt more secure and safer watching the service on their computer or phone can have that option rather than go into church for Sunday service. A lot of work, trial and error went into getting the system up and running. It was with the perseverance of Chris Vitale, Jack Harkins, Phil Leifels, & Rick Cheslo to make this possible. Prior to our church being open, thorough cleaning is done in the church and CE building, masks were required and temperatures taken when entering the church along with hand sanitizer stations. In person attendance for Sunday services, once the church opened, were and have been very low. Offerings have been down but we have managed to stay slightly ahead. For this we are so appreciative and thankful.

Prior to COVID we continued to hold our pasta and roast beef dinner and other events. Every summer Chuck and Ginny opened up their home for our church picnic.

As I write this, I realize that all of our church activities and gatherings ceased during the pandemic for about 20 - 24 months. Our Crafty Women continued to make an assortment of gifts during the pandemic, of which they sold after church services (once the church opened up) and during holidays. They make the most unusual and beautiful crafts. I was quite surprised that during our difficult months the ladies from selling their crafts brought into the church for missions \$ 1,752 in 2020, \$ 1,461 in 2021 and \$860 so far for 2022 (and we are only 6 months in the year). These ladies are something else, very gifted and talented. Thank you Crafty Ladies!

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Presbytery Women have started to meet again in the month of June, 2022 for their meeting and Bible Study. They also meet once a month and go out for a delightful luncheon which is open to all women. It is a wonderful time to talk and share their life with one another.

The first event to come back after the pandemic was the yard sale held in June, 2021. In May of 2022, we resumed our pasta fest but decided to change the menu to lasagna. It was a big hit! Our church picnic was held again in August, 2021 and will continue in 2022 at Chuck & Ginny Heal’s home.

We are very hopeful as the months go on, that we will continue to bring back the events, outings, and to get together with our church family. We pray daily that this pandemic and any other challenges that we may encounter will come and go away quickly and let our family and others come to the Providence Presbyterian Church to worship in person in the Lord’s house.



Margo toasts Polly’s return at this month’s PW Luncheon

Our membership has gone down over the years. Many of our members are deceased or moved away. Presently our membership is 88 but we are hopeful that we will get new members to join our lovely church and our church family. Life is difficult and at times very hard, please do not lose faith. The Lord is always with you by your side to help, guide, love, and comfort you. All you have to do is ask Him and have faith. He will never abandon you. Our church has survived many, many years and many difficult times as you have read throughout the history of the church in our weekly newsletter. We must remain strong and have faith in the Lord.

Present church staff: Barbara Hammell - office administrator, Austin, Beaver - organist, and Kenneth Poole was sexton - left in April 2020 and was replaced by Michelle Cox.



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Our church has also been so blessed with three gentlemen, who are retired ministers that have been serving our church since Pastor Curtis left. They not only do our Sunday services but they conduct funerals, baptisms, moderate some of our meetings and help spiritually those members in need. We the Providence Presbyterian Church of Bustleton and its members are so grateful and thankful for these ministers. God has truly blessed us! Rev. Dr. James Kraft held Bible Study classes after church service prior to COVID. He had quite a turn-out of adults.

Below are the ministers who are serving our church from August 2019 to the present:



Rev. Richard Herman



Rev. James Shanley



Rev. James Kraft

## Friends Of Us All



Eileen Hathaway & Janet Newell



Bea & Bill Ashmore



Hal McCarter



Anniversary Time: Marie & Joseph Celkupa  
background Annette Slaney



Ginny Heal



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L-R: Polly's sister, Polly Grobelny, Marge Hull



Alice Garman's Retirement with Jane Cheslo

## Crafty Ladies selling at a craft fair



Marie Celkupa and Carol Shore



Janet Newell and friend



L-R Standing: Jen Karen, Barbara & Dave Hammell, Jack & Pat Lyons, Margo & Kevin Mattis Karl & Pam Solymosi

L-R Sitting: Randy & Darla Hunt, Pastor Diane and husband, Kathlyn Owens, Jean Miller

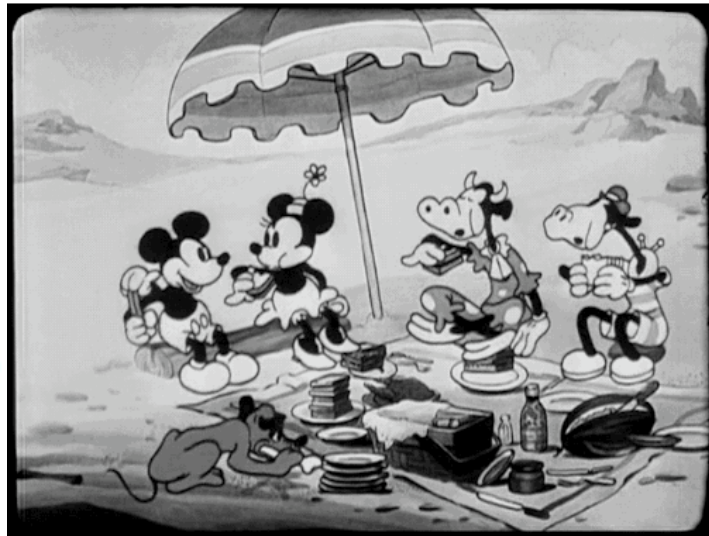


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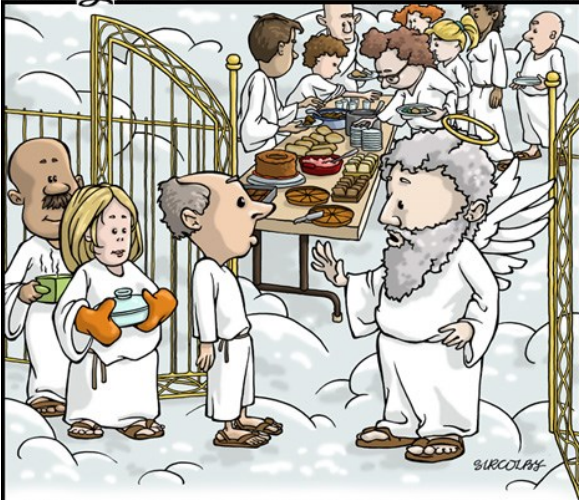


## Church Picnic

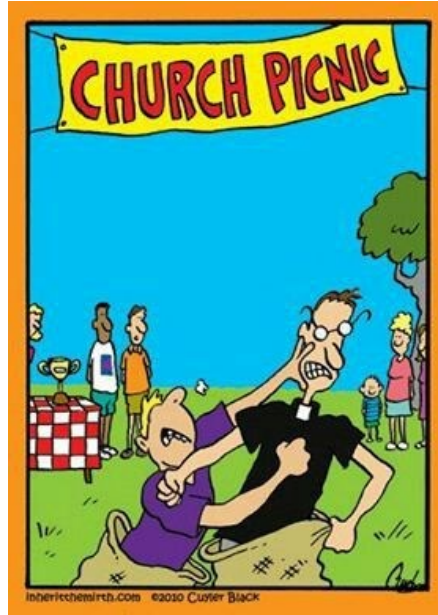


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by Colby Jones



WHOA, FELLA! I SUGGEST YOU COME BACK WITH A CASSEROLE OR MAYBE A DESSERT.



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### The Back Pew - Jeff Larson

I AM READY TO PARTY (aka fellowship) LIKE A ROCK STAR!



Rodney always came prepared for the annual summer church picnic extravaganza, potluck dinner, horseshoes, ultimate frisbee, all culminating with XTREME BAPTISM for the Xgamer at heart.

### THE LEARNING CURVE



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