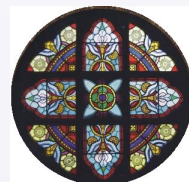


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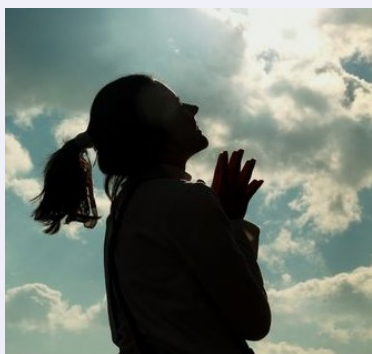
“Christ's flock is made up of sheep that not only listen to their shepherd, but are also able to recognize his voice, to follow him, faithfully and with full awareness, on the pastures of eternal life.”

~ Pope John XXIII ~



### The Grace To Labor

*Carol — Wallingford, Pennsylvania — December 22, 2009*



One Sunday morning, while wool-gathering during a particularly long sermon, I stumbled across a prayer in the hymnal that changed my life. Or at least, it changed my approach toward life. “Dear Lord, for that which I pray, grant me the grace to labor for it”. These simple, elegant words

have informed my decisions, my goals, and my actions ever since. I believe I should have the grace to labor for that which I pray.

I was not a particularly spiritual person. I did not pray often, typically I just listened when someone said, ‘please bow your head in prayer’. Mostly I prayed when the plane took off, or just before it landed. But this quote made me really think: what did I pray for?

I began to catalogue the things I prayed about, or perhaps just thought about, during moments of silence. I prayed for my family and their health and happiness. I focused a lot of prayer effort on my older daughter who suffered with anxiety and panic attacks. I prayed that my church and community would provide a loving environment for my girls. I prayed for friends that were having difficult times. I prayed for a better world.

With the illumination of that simple prayer, I refocused my energy. I began to think more about what I could do to help my family, support my troubled daughter, and encourage struggling friends. How could I be a better me? Now I would pray, and I would ask for guidance on how I could help those who needed me. I would not ask God to do what I should be doing.

A decade has passed since I first reorganized my prayer life. My first definitive act was to step away from my career and make myself more available to my daughter. She needed to know that she could call me anytime. She’s made tremendous strides, becoming an accomplished, independent young woman. I never regret my decision to focus on her needs.

I became an active participant in my church and community. I worked on committees; I ran for and won a seat on the school board. Where I could I make a difference, I did. My actions spoke for me, not my words.

When my friend suffered through a terrible divorce, and needed to be surrounded by caring friends, I reached out and invited women, some I didn’t even know all that well, to join a book club. It is a safe, secure place filled with friends who will always support each other.

I also focused on the larger world. I inventoried my skills and passions. I opened myself to new possibilities, parked my ego at the door, and took on new challenges in the non-profit world. I became a grant writer, an advocate for social justice, and joined a world where the people are passionate, the pay is lousy, and the rewards are glorious.





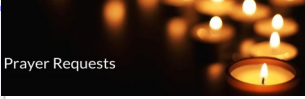
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Prayer Requests

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 Carl Wainwright, Dave Hammell & Joe Celkupa
- For Ginny Heal's nephew David
- For Ginny Heal who is having tests done this week
- 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 Joe & Edna Lauter

### God's comfort:

- For Alyson Keegan & her family caring for her father
- For the Family of Ginny Heal's cousin Isabell who went to be with the Lord.
- For the people of Ukraine
- For the Holliday family

### For God's guidance and assistance:

- For rain in this season of drought

### In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit
- For Aaron Olsen beginning college & for Cassy starting married life
- For Jack Harkins a three time cancer survivor



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

# Bible Study

The Presbyterian Women will resume their Bible study on the first Tuesday of September, 9/6 beginning at 12:30 PM in the C.E. Building.





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# Newborns IN NEED



The PW will be conducting their annual Newborns In Need campaign beginning this Sunday, September 4th. The drive will run during September and October. Donations may be dropped off in the rear of the sanctuary. Contact Carl Shore for additional information.



I'd like to tell you about a non-profit community I work with called Bordentown City Cats.

It's a volunteer network of people committed to rescuing and socializing stray and abandoned cats.

If anyone knows someone who would love to adopt or foster a cat, let me know or you can visit their website at:

[www.bordentowncitycats.org](http://www.bordentowncitycats.org).

If adoption or fostering is not an option and you would still like to help, there is a donation button on their website, **OR** if you have the available time and interest, there other ways you can help. They have committees addressing the following programs and **NEED** Volunteers :

Trap / Neuter / Release - Transportation - Feral Feeding - Friendly Cat Care  
Fundraising - Event Planning

If you have any questions, please contact me at [yorkie0401@gmail.com](mailto:yorkie0401@gmail.com). If I do not have the answers readily available, I can point you in the right direction!

I will be posting updates on outreach events as they arise!



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# What's Happening

## FLORENCE TOWNSHIP EVENTS & ACTIVITIES – SEPTEMBER 2022

- 9/2** – Opening of HS Sports – Florence vs New Egypt (Home @ 7pm)  
([Click Here to find all your exciting School District Sports and Activities](#))
- 9/3** – Free Yard Sale Day
- 9/6** – First Day of 2022-2023 School Year
- 9/10** – Wood Street Fair, Burlington
- 9/10** – Roebling Museum Bike Ride
- 9/15** – Annual Roebling Historical Society Scarecrow Contest Announcement
- 9/17** – American Legion Post 194 Food Truck Event
- 9/17** – The Charlie Bauer Memorial Catfish Tournament
- 9/18** – Pit Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bacon Bread Sale
- 9/18** – Saint Nicholas Church Outdoor Service & Picnic
- 9/24** – St. Stephen's and Barnabas Car Show & Florence Historical Society Open House
- 9/24** – Boy Scouts Car Wash @ Riverbank Charter School



**For More Information About Upcoming Events, Activities, Meetings and More.....**

Florence Township Website – [www.florence-nj.gov](http://www.florence-nj.gov)

Florence Township Police Department - <https://florence-nj.gov/public-safety/police/>

Florence Township Fire Department - <http://www.ftfd40.org/index.html>

Florence Township School District – “Smore September Happenings!” [News Flash \(smore.com\)](http://www.smore.com)

Roebling Museum - <https://www.roeblingmuseum.org/>

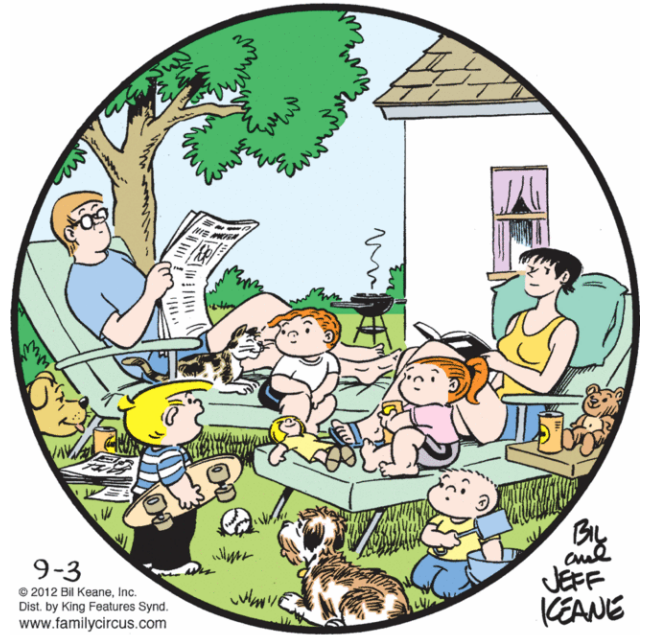
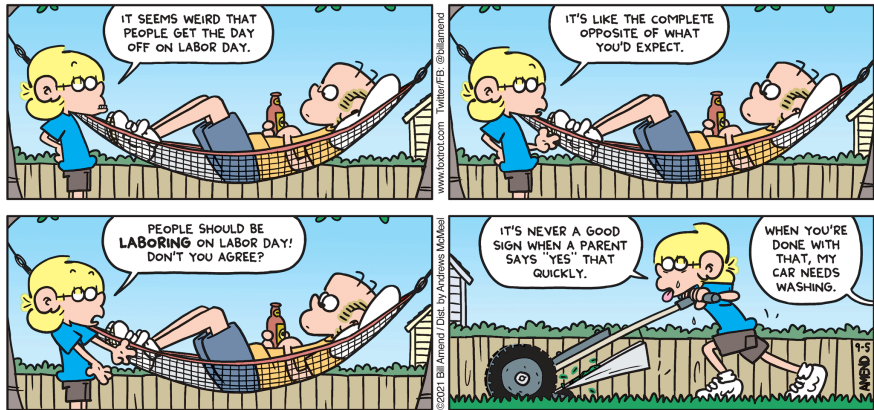


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# SUNDAY COMICS



**“What kind of presents do we get on Labor Day?”**



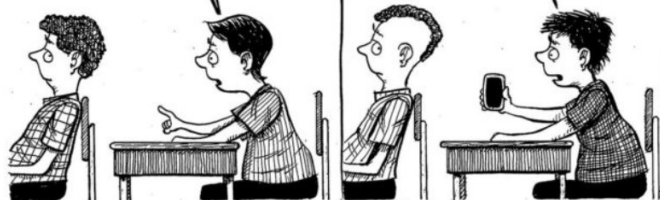
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HOMEWORK ALREADY! I JUST GOT BACK TO SCHOOL!

I HAVE TO WRITE A PARAGRAPH ON WHAT I DID OVER THE SUMMER! A WHOLE PARAGRAPH!!



HEY CAN I BORROW A PENCIL?

DUDE CAN I BORROW YOUR PHONE CHARGER?



# — WELCOME — BACK TO SCHOOL