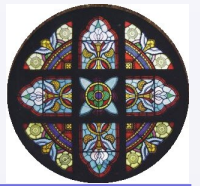


PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



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September 18, 2022 – Fifteenth Sunday In Pentecost

“I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints
and your faith toward the Lord Jesus...”

~ Philemon 1:4-5 ~



Why I Joined The Church

Ellen — Monterey, California — March 10, 2008



I believe we were created to belong to each other. Strange words for an introvert nonconformist like me. I've always been the one to question how others do it, draw up my own plan, feel snubbed when others rejected my corrections, and retire to the corner with a book.

Still, I joined a church. And I stayed. Remember the wit who remarked, “I'm not sure I would want to join any organization that would have me as a member”? Well, a lot of adult converts I've met are people who used to feel this way—but got over it.

A friend of mine says we should put a sign over the entrance to the sanctuary reading, “Enter if you feel shorn and needy.” Of course, such a sign would have scared me away.

I went in that door looking for Truth. If Truth lived under that cross, maybe Truth could explain to me why so many of my endeavors in life had failed. Truth could show me where I had fallen short—or where, as I suspected, the world had fallen short. So I went through the door into a quiet, darkened space in which people sat listening. A man was reading from an old book, a book of history and precept and mystery; then he began to talk, touching on incidents from the past that, strangely, were facts of my own present. Then a voice from the crossed wood began speaking directly to me.

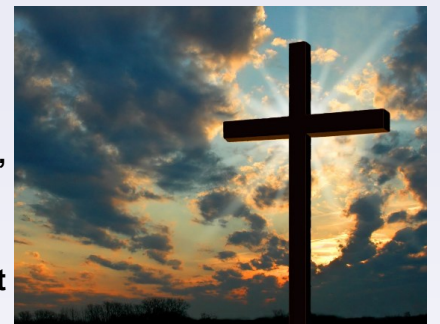
“You've grown a lot over the past season, haven't you? Rambled out in all directions, covered quite a bit of ground.” Although it was still dark in the room, I felt myself expanding in the light of the voice, unfurling my response for its approval.

“But it isn't all healthy growth. Quite a few diseased leaves here; not a few branches trampled and broken. I'm trimming you back now, so you'll be clean.” And then I felt a mass of leafy speculation, all about who was wrong and who was right, drop away. I was alone now, a small shorn thing, with the voice.

“I am grafting you anew into me.” I was a small clean shoot in the side of a great tree. Then I heard the new command. “Look around at the other branches, shorn and clean as you are. They are your brothers and sisters. Grow with them; grow in me. From now on you will bear my fruit.”

Then the service was ended and we were slowly moving back to the door through which we had entered. Arms were extended in greeting, some towards me, and as I reached out to take hands I felt like a small forest creature passing through a shady canopy; I was not back on ordinary earth, and yet the footing was sure enough. Outside the door was the familiar light of day. I could see the faces of those around me now; I did not know them, but they seemed to know me. It was as if, after a sudden blow to the head, I had woken up in hospital brightness, an amnesiac surrounded by the expectant faces of family members.

That is when my work began: a work of acquainting myself with the people to whom I now belonged, people who like me had all been touched in their most private place by the voice that spoke from the cross.





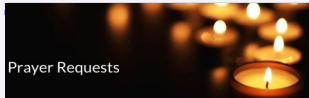
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Prayer Requests

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 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 son Eric who had a mild stroke.
- 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
- For Ginny Heal, Carl Wainwright & Heidi's father Robert
- For Jack Harkins healing after a complicated surgical procedure this week
- For Bob Hunt whose cancer has returned
- For Bobby Cox to feel the Lord's presence in a difficult time
- For Michelle Cox - prayers for strength, guidance, & peace at start of a difficult new teaching position this year
- For healing for Aaron & Ethan Olsen's grandfather, Bob. who was admitted to the hospital

God's comfort:

- For Alyson Keegan & her family caring for her father
- For the family of Marlow Marshall who passed away this week
- For the people of [Ukraine](#)



In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit
- For the blessing of having Jim Shanley as our pulpit supply pastor
- Jane - Thankful for time spent hiking on the Appalachian Trail with her sister and for how the beauty of nature heals and teaches us about God
- For our church family for helping to get Jack to and from the hospital this week.

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

Therefore I tell you,
whatever you ask for in prayer,
believe that you have received it,
and it will be yours.

Mark 11:24





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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.

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 are 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. 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!



Promises

I have a real problem with promises. I must make at least 5 of them some days. I'm not talking about the big promises, like promising to "love, honor, and cherish till due up part". I made that promise once and I intend to keep it for a lifetime. No, I am talking about promises that involve the little day-to-day things. I promise myself that I will get up when the alarm goes off at 5:30 a.m. so that I have time for a leisurely breakfast. I promise my husband I will be home before 2:00 in the afternoon. I promise I will sit down and go through some paper work that day. I promise I will call you that evening.

Then comes "tomorrow." The alarm goes off - and the bed is so comfortable I stay awhile longer in it. A few more minutes seems much more important than a good breakfast. I plan on being home by 2:00 but I decide to do a few more things at work. I will call you but by evening after dinner I get involved in doing something else or are just too tired. And paper work, well that another story, at work good but home for some reason it always goes on the back burner.

Such promises are easy to make. It's amazing how difficult they can be to keep. Even though I try to be careful and think before I make such promises, sometimes circumstances change. Some times I have to change my plans - and in the process I break promises.

In writing this I happened to have read a week ago from the New Testament 2 Corinthians. For in him every one of God's promises is a "Yes". If I were to make that many promises, I do not think I could remember them all, much less keep them all! But God's Word says that no matter how many promises He makes to us, He keeps every one of them!

I though that I would share this with you as it brought a smile to my face.

Barbara Hammell



"For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

2 Corinthians 1:20

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**PRAYER FOR THE EARTH
"RESTORATION OF THE EARTH"**

Lord, You gave us a dwelling place that You saw to be good and delighted in it. You made us feel at home, and so even I, when I see Your hand's work in the mighty waves of the ocean, the lofty heights of a mountain, or the wings of a butterfly, rejoice at the sight and recognize the work of Your hands. But sin defiles the beauty of Your creation every time we place material gain or our own comfort above our duty to keep what You have given us. Lord, show us the beauty of Your creation and inspire us to keep it as You intended. Amen.

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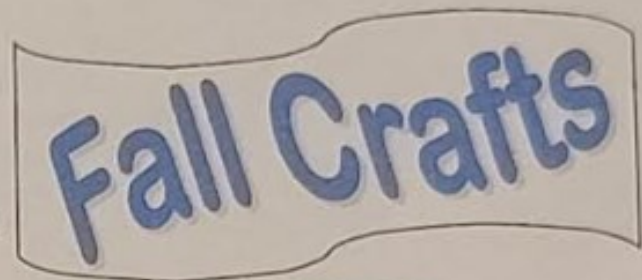
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What's Happening

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 2nd 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

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://smore.com)

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

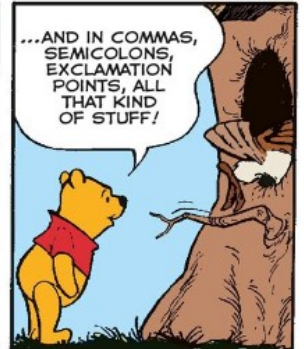


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