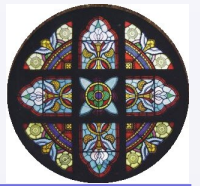


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**"My Father's house has many rooms;
if that were not so, would I have told you
that I am going there to prepare a place for you?
~ John 14:2 ~**



Personal Growth Through Gardening

Cody — Encinitas, California — August 27, 2010

Sunlight beaming on my skin, a light breeze brushing through my hair, the scent of jasmine in the air with a background harmony of songbirds chirping and the trickling flow of a creek: all this reminds me of the countless weekends spent gardening in my backyard with my parents growing up. I would end each day utterly exhausted with dirt under my fingernails and grass stains on my jeans. These are memories I would not trade for anything.



It was not until fifth grade when I had begun my own garden that I realized how truly amazing it felt. My original garden consisted of the two empty troughs that sat on the side of our house. From the second the first seed sprouted, my love gardening did too. It takes many years to become an amazing gardener, but only one successful season to get hooked. My two troughs soon turned to three, then to four, then more pots were added. Anything I could find in the

shed and yard that could hold dirt were soon turned into my personal gardening canvases.

By my freshmen year, I decided that these small canvases were not enough. It was time to upgrade into my own plot of land to start a real vegetable garden in the ground. The finished plot was amazing and had taught me so much before I had even planted my first seed. At the time, I had no idea how much I was learning from the process of gardening: through the good seasons and bad seasons, the lessons of gardening have been applicable to my everyday life.

Each step of the gardening process has something to offer: from planning, to preparation, to sowing seeds, weeding, watering, fertilizing, thinning the plants, and finally harvesting. Each one of these steps gave me something more than just dirty hands and a healthy diet. I believe in gardening.

I begin each season with preparation, making sure the soil is fertile and the area is ready to be planted. I learned the benefit of preparing is that the better the soil, the stronger the plants will be. The planning is extremely fun; it is like grocery shopping months in advance. Buying these little packets of seeds enabled me to envision the finished product sitting on my plate. Continuing in the process: weeding, watering, and fertilizing taught me so much about dedication and hard work. These tasks were monotonous, but crucial. With today's "instant gratification" society, gardening was just what I needed to combat this new and ever growing trend because throughout the whole season I learned patience. Another huge part of gardening is the let-downs. There is no gardener that will say they have never had a rough season due to bad weather, rodents or insects. This is a common occurrence that taught me optimism and humor. Without the let downs, the successful seasons would not be as powerful. The final step is harvesting, which is my favorite part. Picking a fresh, ripe vegetable from something that was originally a tiny seed is extremely rewarding. There is nothing sweeter than a vegetable I have grown myself. Imagining all the hard work and time that went into it really makes one appreciative.

I believe in gardening, because gardeners learn so much from what they love. The entire process is extremely rewarding. Whether you end up with home-grown vegetable or improved personal qualities, no matter how each season ends up, you will at least have something to show for all your work.





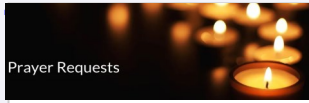
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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

Fritz Wainwright, Eleanor Hathaway, Jean Miller, Joseph Celkupa,
Polly's son-in-law Donald & her daughter Ava who has entered hospice,
Heidi Bonwell's father Robert and her brother-in-law Jimmy
Sheila Zier's daughter Brittany,
For Carol Shore's brother Dean and his caring family
For Carol Shore and her husband Steve
Chris Vitale's father Fred
Jack Harkins, Bea Ashmore, Jerrie Glass, & Alice Garman
For Michelle's Aunt Mary
For Wesley & Samantha having difficulties awaiting the birth of their child
For Alan's daughters, Krista progressing in rehab, and Jess who is seeking a job

God's comfort:

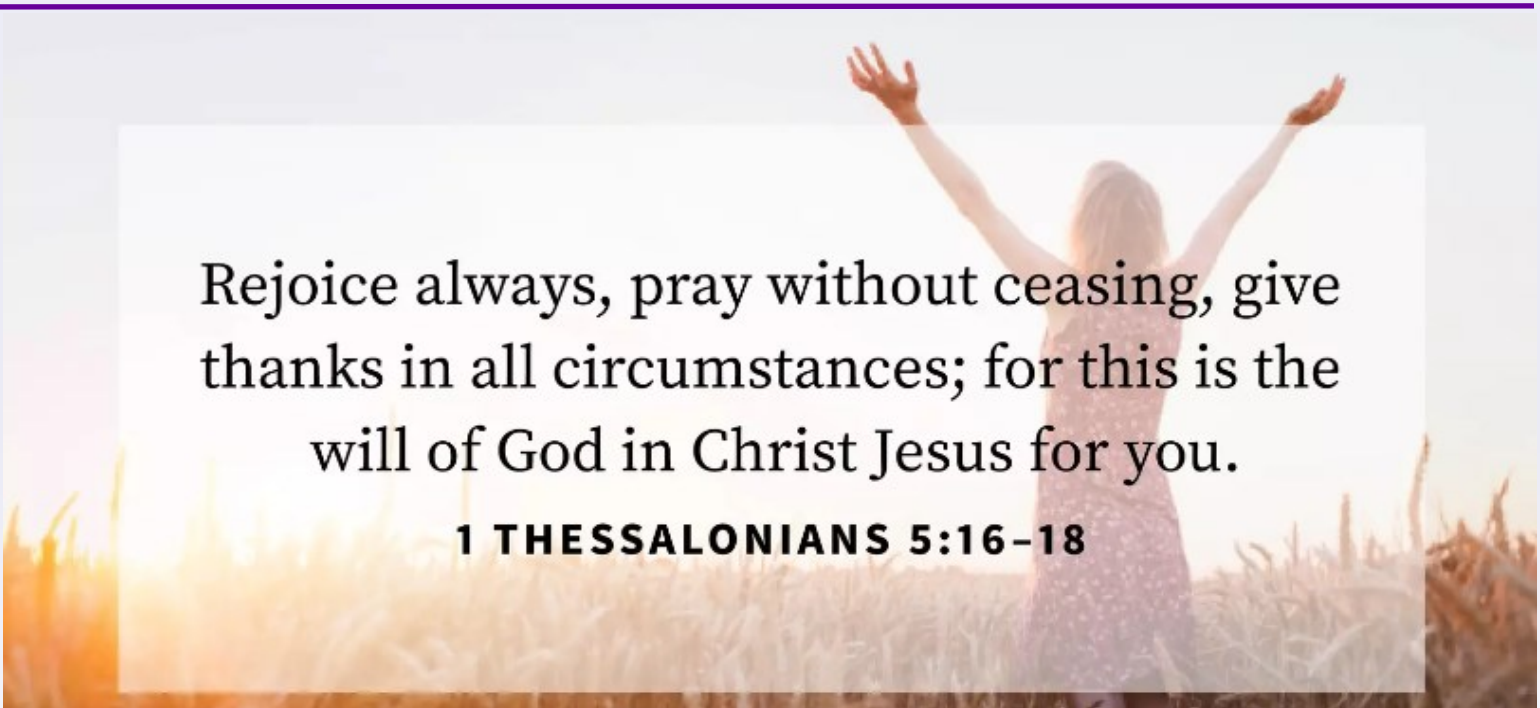
For Betsy and her son, Alex. Alex is in hospice
[For the people of Ukraine](#)

For God's Guidance and Assistance:

Pastor Inna's mom and family in Kiev
For Pastor Inna & our Session
For our confirmation candidates Ethan, Victor, and Vaughn
For individual who committed theft at BTHS

In thanks and praise to God:

The loving kindness of the children in our community to right wrongs that have been done
For Joseph on his return and continued healing



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give
thanks in all circumstances; for this is the
will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18



Inna Moment



"Christ With Children" courtesy of Christopher Santer; pacemstudio.com

Boy Like Me/Man Like You by Rick Mullins

You was a baby like I was once
You was cryin' in the early mornin'
You was born in a stable Lord
Reid Memorial is where I was born.

They wrapped you in swaddling clothes
Me they dressed in baby blue
Well, I was twelve years old in the meeting house
Listening to the old men pray
Well, I was tryin' hard to figure out
What it was that they was tryin' to say
There you were in the temple
They said, "You weren't old enough to know the things you knew."

Well did you grow up hungry?
Did you grow up fast?
Did the little girls giggle when you walked past?
Did you wonder what it was that made them laugh?
And did they tell you stories 'bout the saints of old
Stories about their faith
They say stories like that make a boy grow bold
Stories like that make a man walk straight.

And you was a boy like I was once but was you a boy like me
Well I grew up around Indiana
You grew up around Galilee and if I ever really do grow up
Lord, I wanna grow up and be just like you.

Well did you wrestle with a dog
And lick his nose?
Did you play beneath the spray of a water hose?
Did you ever make angels in the winter snow?
And did they tell you stories 'bout the saints of old
Stories about their faith
They say stories like that make a boy grow bold
Stories like that make a man walk straight.

Did you ever get scared
Playing hide and seek?
Did you try not to cry when you scraped your knee?
Did you ever skip a rock across a quiet creek?
And did they tell you stories 'bout the saints of old
Stories about their faith
They say stories like that make a boy grow bold
Stories like that make a man walk straight.

And I really may just grow up
And be like you someday.



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“We are each other’s harvest”

Our Confirmation Class of Ethan Olsen and Victor & Vaughn Vitale with the help of their mentors and volunteers have started a community garden. The confirmands will tend to the vegetables and herbs and flowers throughout the season, and share in their bounty when the harvest comes.





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We are still collecting plastic bags from the store, your pantry and your front door, i.e. produce, store, and ice bags; Ziploc & other recloseable bags, cereal box liners, bread bags; and newspaper sleeves, dry cleaning bags, and bubble wrap, for a recycling project. Please see Michelle Cox for details.



COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are effective at protecting people from getting seriously ill, being hospitalized, and dying. As with other vaccine-preventable diseases, you are protected best from COVID-19 when you stay up to date with the recommended vaccinations, including recommended boosters.

Updated (bivalent) Pfizer or Moderna boosters are a single dose vaccine available and recommended for individuals age 6 months and older at least two months after their previous COVID-19 vaccination.

Children ages 6 months through 5 years who previously completed a Moderna primary series are eligible to receive a Moderna bivalent booster 2 months after their final primary series dose.

Children ages 6 months through 4 years who are currently completing a Pfizer primary series will receive a Pfizer bivalent vaccine as their third primary dose.

The updated (bivalent) booster provides increased protection against Omicron variants.

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine after you have recovered from COVID-19 infection provides added protection against COVID-19.

People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have different recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 vaccine and booster recommendations may be updated as CDC continues to monitor the latest COVID-19 data.

VACCINATION FRIDAYS

Beginning Friday, April 14, 2023

The Burlington County Health Department will be offering COVID-19 vaccinations to Burlington County residents 6 months and older. Primary series doses, as well as booster doses, will be available for eligible age groups.

PLEASE NOTE: As of April 21, 2023 the Pfizer and Moderna Bivalent Vaccines are the only mRNA vaccines authorized and available for Primary Series doses, as well as Booster doses.

WALK-INS ONLY

EVERY FRIDAY 2:00 TO 4:00 PM

15 PIONEER BOULEVARD WESTAMPTON, NJ 08060

PLEASE USE SIDE CLINIC ENTRANCE

Vaccines Offered

Primary Series
Pfizer Bivalent Vaccine
6 mths - 4 yrs | 5-11 yrs
12 yrs and older
Moderna Bivalent Vaccine
6 mths - older

Booster Doses
Pfizer Bivalent
6 mths and older
Moderna Bivalent
6 mths and older

If you have any medical concerns regarding the vaccine, please consult with your physician or child's pediatrician.

If you have any questions about the clinic, please contact the health department at 609-265-5548.

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