

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

July 9, 2023 Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ~ John 15:13 ~



<u>Old Time Parades</u>

Nina — Byron, Michigan - October 4, 2006

I believe in the old time parades. Growing up in Byron, Michigan, a rural town nestled in the country we had modest but wonderful parades. Our town was small, but patriotic. Twice a year it would happen. My first experience with our parades was when I was in Elementary school. We would be able to go to the parade and stand out by the small streets and wait.

We would wait until we heard the band. First it would come softly and you would only hear the drums. Louder and louder they sounded until you could hear them all. We were all excited and waited with anticipation to see the floats and reach for the candy scattered on the ground from the high school floats.

As I grew older I would pay more attention to the groups in the parade and not just looking for the treats available. All of the community groups would be represented. One thing that always sent a chill down my spine was standing on the street when the Veterans would march by carrying the American Flag. All of the town would stand and put our hands on our hearts. The pride I felt in my heart I could feel beaming from others at the same time. We were proud of our service men, our country, and loved our flag.





Getting older I was not only in the parade, I had the honor of being a Drum Major. By this time in my life I understood more about our Veterans and the service they have done for our country.

To this day I respect the fact that I am free for a reason. I believe that this feeling is lost today. When I see a member of our armed services I thank them for their service and wish them well. Their reaction is pure astonishment. You can tell they just don't hear that from people in the community. Too many issues get in the way of our appreciation these days.

I believe in having pride in a town and a nation. We need to sit with anticipation to see a parade that celebrates our nation. I now live far from that town and when I get homesick I yearn for not only the feeling of home but also for the hometown feeling of pride and faith in our country.





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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, Strength for Polly caring for her son-in-law Donald & her daughter Ava who is in hospice, Heidi Bonwell's father Robert and her brother-in-law Jimmy Sheila Zier's daughter Brittany For Chuck & Ginny's son Eric For Evie Johnson awaiting an ultrasound liver test For Noah Brock awaiting additional test results For Liz's mom Cynthia who has started chemo this week For Carol Shore's brother Dean and his caring family For Carol Shore, Steve, and Erin as they assist Carol's recovery from back surgery Jack Harkins, Jerrie Glass, & Alice Garman For Beth McDaniel being treated for a brain tumor For Alan's daughter, Krista progressing in rehab

God's comfort:

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 a successful job search for Jess

In thanks and praise to God:

For God's provision of rain For the miracles & wonders all around us For the healthy birth of Julia Claire Prada, 7 Lbs, 11 Oz. to Alyssa & Ricardo

For God's Blessing and a Lifetime of Happiness and Joy:

Traveling Mercies:

Lord God Almighty, who has made all peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and peace: Grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

– Episcopal Book of Common Prayer



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Inna Moment



Thankful, 1894 painting by a Pittsburg, PA born artist Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859-1937)

"Henry Ossawa Tanner was the first internationally acclaimed African American artist. While many mainstream churchgoers believed the African American faith to be overly emotional and expressive, this painting stands in stark contrast to those kinds of representations. It shows an older gentleman with his grandson praying before a meal. In their impoverished state, they have their heads bowed in a dignified pose as they participate in a common daily ritual. It is a simple, yet effective display of two devoted subjects giving thanks for that which they do possess." (<u>https://</u> <u>diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu</u>)

Across the century, this thankful grandfather and his grandson are praying for all people who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens. Their prayer invites us to come to Christ, who is gentle and humble in heart, and in whom we will find rest for our souls and hope for our lives.



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Mark your calendars and prepare yourself for a good time! Ginny and Chuck will be hosting our Annual Church Picnic at their home on August 20th. Time 2:00 pm; Dinner 4;00 pm.

Those who last names are between

A-M please bring a side dish.

N–Z please bring a dessert



Also do not forget to bring the most important thing: your bathing suit, towels and chair to cool off in the warm salt water pool. *Good times, good food, and great company!*

Presbyterian Women



- There will be no Bible Study during the summer months of July and August. Bible Study will resume September 5 and will study Last-Women of the New Testament Priscilla.
- October 3 Begin study of Women of the Old Testament.
- July 18 @ 12;3– Luncheon at Mangia (by Acme Markets)
- August 14 @ Villa Mannino (Rt 130, Bordentown)

We will be holding a peanut butter drive for the Burlington County Food Bank. Kindly contribute. A box will be provided in the back of the church.





Yoga / Zumba Classes in the CE building Yoga – Instructor: Sue. Held every Monday morning: 8:30 – 9:30am Zumba – Instructor: McCleese Held every Monday evening: 6 – 7pm (Zumba Toning) Tuesday morning: 9 – 10am (Zumba Gold) Friday morning: 9 – 10am (Zumba Toning)

