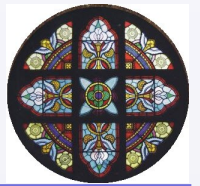


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"Hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. "
~ 1 Timothy 3:9 ~



The Power Of Mysteries

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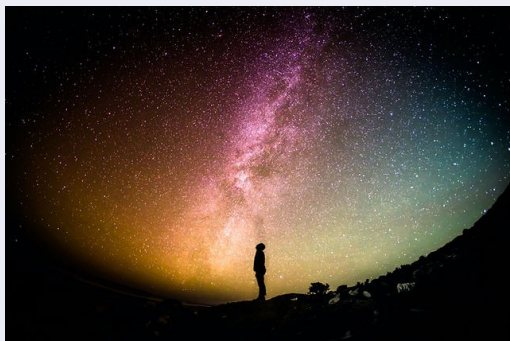


I believe in the power of the unknown. I believe that a sense of the unknown propels us in all of our creative activities, from science to art.

When I was a child, after bedtime I would often get out of my bed in my pajamas, go to the window and stare at the stars. I had so many questions. How far away were those tiny points of light? Did space go on forever and ever, or was there some end to space, some giant edge? And if so, what lay beyond the edge?

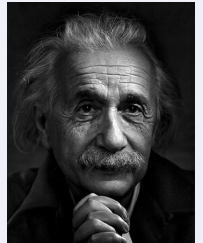
Another of my childhood questions: Did time go on forever? I looked at pictures of my parents and grandparents and tried to imagine their parents, and so on, back through the generations, back and back through time. Looking out of my bedroom window into the vastness of space, time seemed to stretch forward and backward without end, engulfing me, engulfing my parents and great-grandparents, the entire history of earth. Does time go on forever? Or is there some beginning of time? And if so, what came before?

When I grew up, I became a professional astrophysicist. Although I never answered any of these questions, they continued to challenge me, to haunt me, to drive me in my scientific



research, to cause me to live on tuna fish and no sleep for days at a time while I was obsessed with a science problem. These same questions, and questions like them, challenge and haunt the leading scientists of today.

Einstein once wrote that "the most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion which stands at the cradle of true art and true science." What did Einstein mean by "the mysterious?" I don't think he meant that science is full of unpredictable or unknowable or supernatural forces. I think that he meant a sense of awe, a sense that there are things larger than us, that we do not have all the answers at this moment. A sense that we can stand right at the boundary between known and unknown and gaze into that cavern and be exhilarated rather than frightened.



Scientists are happy, of course, when they find answers to questions. But scientists are also happy when they become stuck, when they discover interesting questions that they cannot answer. Because that is when their imaginations and creativity are set on fire. That is when the greatest progress occurs.

One of the Holy Grails in physics is to find the so-called "theory of everything," the final theory that will encompass all the fundamental laws of nature. I, for one, hope that we never find that final theory. I hope that there are always things that we don't know — about the physical world as well as about ourselves. I believe in the creative power of the unknown. I believe in the exhilaration of standing at the boundary between the known and the unknown. I believe in the unanswered questions of children.



Alan Lightman is an astrophysicist and novelist teaching at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is the author of Einstein's Dreams and A Sense of the Mysterious: Science and the Human Spirit. Lightman and his wife, Jean, started the Harpswell Foundation to help disadvantaged students obtain education in Cambodia.



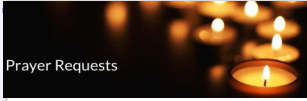
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Prayer Requests will be added each week by your requests, and will run for two weeks unless a request to continue is received.



God's healing presence:

Fritz Wainwright, Eleanor Hathaway, Jean Miller, Joseph Celkupa,
 Direction and 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 Robin Johnson after surgery this week
 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's continued recovery from back surgery. Her pain is gone, but the recovery will take some time.
 Jack Harkins, Jerrie Glass, & Alice Garman
 For Beth McDaniel being treated for a brain tumor
 For Payton Buck recovering from a broken hip
 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 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





Inna Moment



Harvest by a Ukrainian artist Mykola Pymonenko (1862-1912)

Jesus said, “But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown” (Matthew 13:23).

Harvest Gathering (an excerpt) by a Cincinnati, Ohio born American poet Phoebe Cary (1824-1871)

The days of the summer: bright and clear
Shines the warm sundown on the quiet land,
Where cornfields, thick and heavy in the ear,
Are slowly ripening for the laborer's hand;
Seedtime and harvest — since the bow was set,
Not vainly has man hoped your coming yet!

To the quick rush of sickles, joyously
The reapers in the yellow wheat-fields sung,
And bound the pale sheaves of the ripened rye,
When the first tassels of the maize were hung;
That precious seed into the furrow cast
Earliest in springtime, crowns the harvest last.

Ever, when summer's sun burns faint and dim,
And rare and few the pleasant days are given,
When the sweet praise of our thanksgiving hymn
Makes beautiful music in the ear of Heaven,
I think of other harvests whence the sound
Of singing comes not as the sheaves are bound. [...]

When the daystar, rising from the sea,
Shall light a land whose children will be free!



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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



- **July 18 @ 12:30– Luncheon at Mangia (by Acme Markets) Call Marie if you plan to attend.**
- 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.
- August 14 @ Villa Mannino (Rt 130, Bordentown)

We are 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)

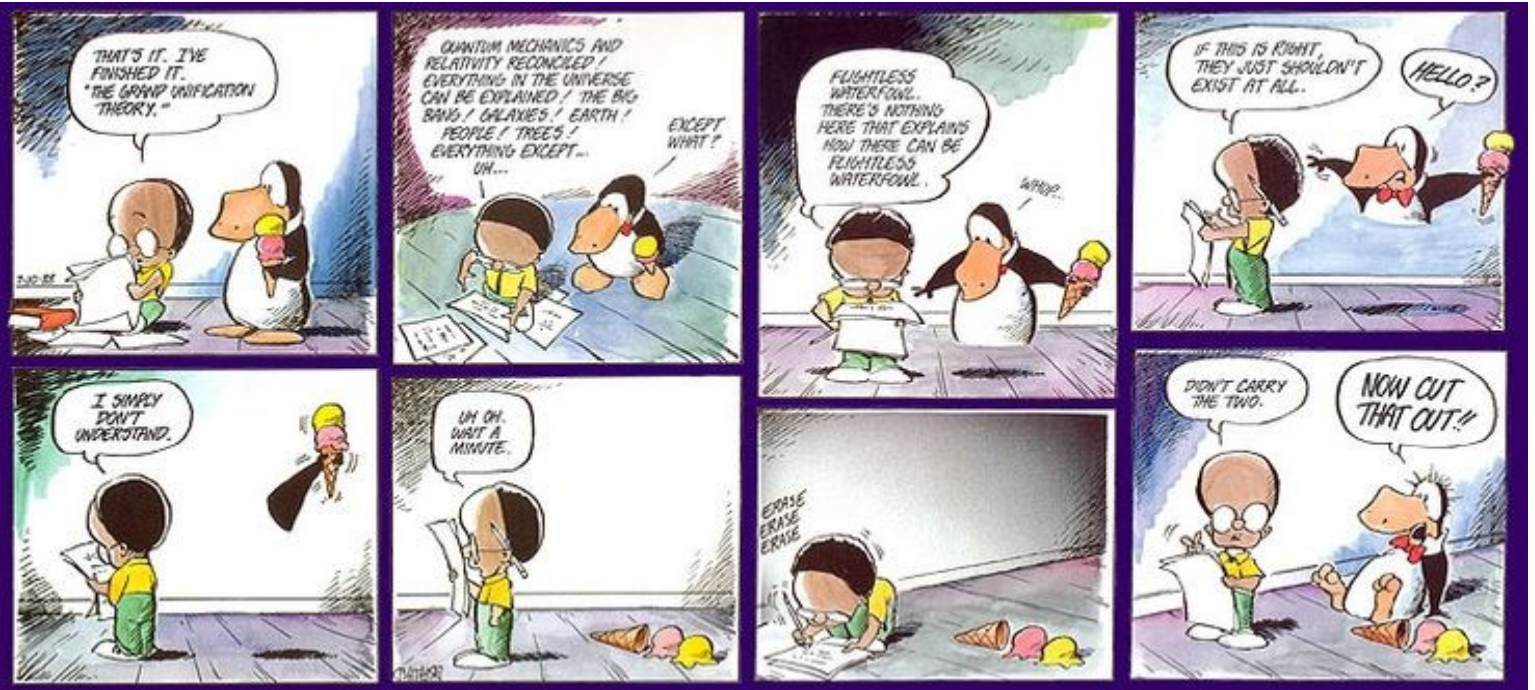
Tuesday morning: 9 – 10am (Zumba Gold)

Friday morning: 9 – 10am (Zumba Toning)



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