

Bridesburg Presbyterian Church

2770 Pratt Street

Philadelphia, Pa 19137

SUMMER 2016

# Kids' Night Out!

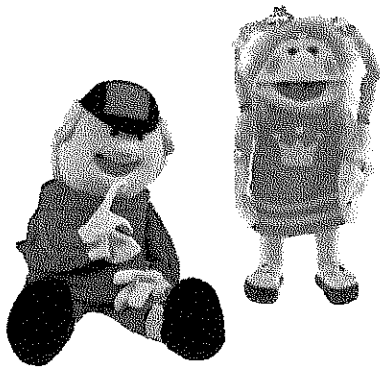
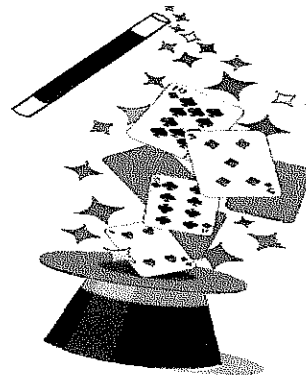
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Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

*Magic by Chuck*

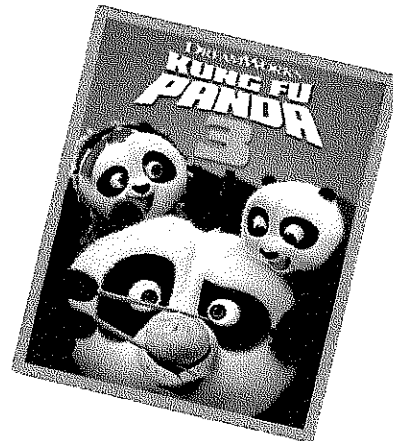


Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>

*Halleluiah Puppets*

Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

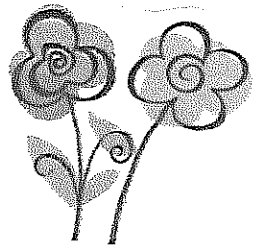
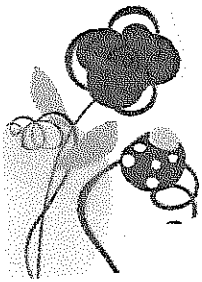
**Movie Night**



*The Fun Starts at 7 pm!*

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## THE TIME IS NOW .....

We convince ourselves life will be better after we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids aren't old enough and we'll be more content when they are. After that we're frustrated we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together. When we get a nicer car, have a nice vacation, when we retire. The truth is, there is no better time to be happy than right now. If not now, when?

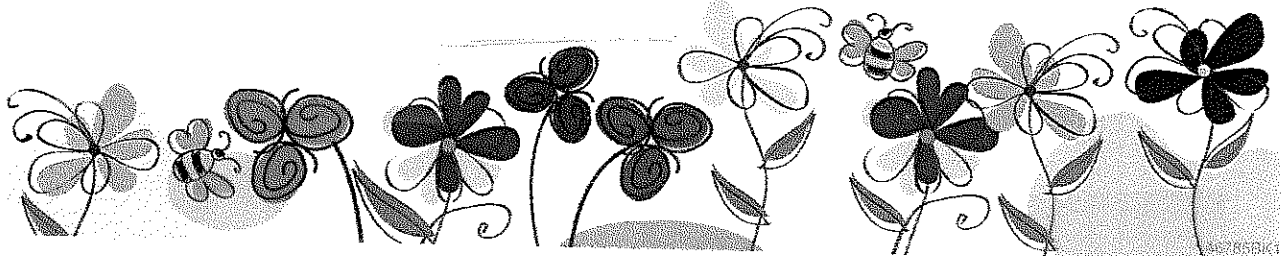
Your life will always be filled with challenges. It's best to admit this to yourself and decide to be happy anyway. A favorite quote comes from Alfred Souza. He said, "For a long time it seemed to me that life was about to begin---real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time to be served, a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles WERE my life."

This perspective has helped me to see there is no way to happiness. Happiness IS the way. So, treasure every moment that you have. And treasure it more because you share it with someone special, special enough to spend your time with... and remember that time waits for no one.

So stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave home, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until you get divorced, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new home, until your car or home is paid off, until Spring, until Summer, until Fall, until Winter, until you are off welfare, until the first or the fifteenth, until your song comes on, until you had a drink, until you are sober, until you die, until you are born again... to decide there is no better time than right to be happy.

Happiness is a journey, not a destination.

Work like you don't need money.  
Love like you've never been hurt.  
Dance like no one's watching.

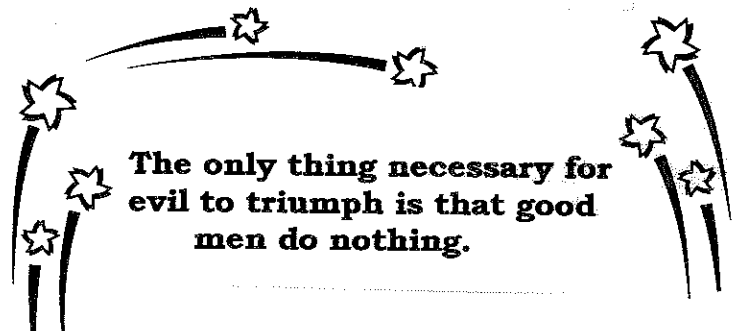


It is easy to take liberty for granted when you have never had it taken from you.

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Dick Cheney

The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is that good men do nothing.



## JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Kacey Hunt
- 8<sup>th</sup> - Nancy Gianfortune
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Carol Highland
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Katlynn Razler
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Chris Elliott
- 31<sup>st</sup> - Brittany Kolb

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 13<sup>th</sup> - Harry & Barbara Eskuchen
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Robert & Lois Lenhart

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Robert Mazzitelli
- 5<sup>th</sup> - John Eichmann
- 10<sup>th</sup> - Shawn Prescock
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Susan Chodnoff
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Brian Anderson
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Janet Tingley
- 21<sup>st</sup> - James Walker
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Bryan Hartzell
- 28<sup>th</sup> - Nancy A Eskuchen



## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 20<sup>th</sup> - Pat & Linda U'Selis
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Gary & Pat Spiecker
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Matthew & Kimberly Razler
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Pastor Scott & Rose Bohr
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Brian & Sarah Anderson



### Deepest Sympathy

Our prayers and deepest sympathy to Carol & Ed Highland on the passing of Carol's sister, Kathleen Racciatti. Both Carol & Kathi grew up in our church. Kathi was very active in Christian Endeavor and was a major influence in leading young people to Christ. Last year Kathi retired and moved to Florida to be near Carol. Kathi is now resting in the arms of her Lord & Savior. May God's love comfort her sister and family.

Our prayers and deepest sympathy are extended to the Tingley family. Guy Tingley was called home to be with his Lord this past week.

The Tingley family were all raised in our church and were very active. May God's love bring them comfort and peace.

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### Best wishes to Eva Chrupcala

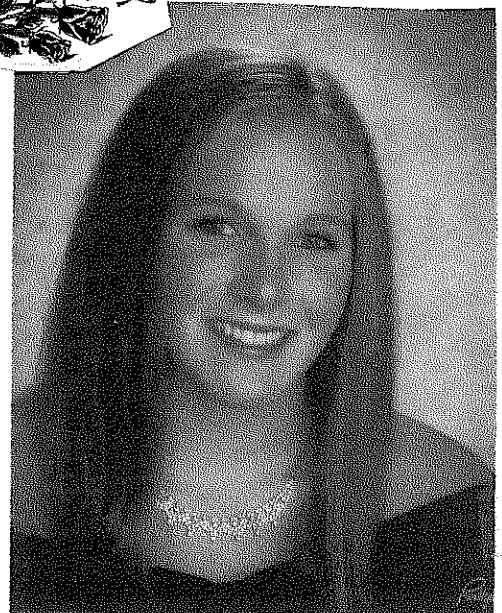
Eva is graduating from kindergarten & will attend Bridesburg School for first grade. Good luck Eva, I am sure you will love first grade.

### Congratulations to Megan Hawkes.

Megan is graduating high school from GCIT with high honors. Megan is near The top of her class with over 30 college credits. She had a very successful high school swimming career and was recruited to swim with her college team.

Megan will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology in the Fall with a Premed major. Megan is a very talented young woman.

Megan is the daughter of Billy & Kate Hawkes, and granddaughter of Jim & the late Patricia Walker. We ask God's blessing on Megan & her family as she goes forward in this new adventure.



# BACK to SCHOOL

It will soon be September and school will be back in the swing of things.

Lauren & Jeff Bowes are teachers in a low income elementary school. Last year Lauren had 33 children in her first grade class, 5 which could not understand English. The majority of these children will start school without a book or pencil.

In a few weeks the sales will start. If you find a great sale, please pick up a book, pencil, or crayons anything that will help Lauren & Jeff teach the children. They are not allowed to have spiral books. The hard marbled ones will be good. If all of us pitch in and donate one thing it will be a great help and spread the expense. Bring it to church or call 215-870-3819 (Barbara) & we will pick it up.

If asked what is the best thing about Bridesburg Presbyterian, I would say that we are a family. A "come as you are" family that loves and cares for each other, the community, and above all God. What do you think is the best thing about Bridesburg Presbyterian?

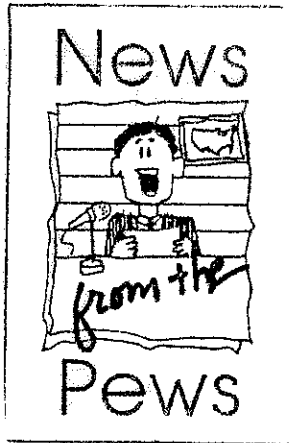


## FROM THE SESSION.....

At a recent Session meeting it was decided to send out pledge cards to help us plan our budget for the rest of 2016. The cards were mailed in mid June to take effect from July to December.

We had cement work done in June. Parts of our pavement & path along the Church were very crumbly from the winter months. This was at a cost of \$900. The contractor was very fair.

Our next big problem.... A neighbor whose garage is next to our side fence is complaining that he wants a tree removed because it is damaging his roof & the roots are raising the garage floor. This is a big tree. The three estimates are \$1800. to remove the tree & \$1100.00 - \$ 1300. to trim it. Please keep our church in your prayers.



## Blessings from God.....

A few weeks ago there was a horrible storm in Wildwood/ Cape May County. Dot & Rich Rinkunas have a trailer in a campground outside of Wildwood. There was so much damage that the campground had to close. Five trailers next to Dot & Rich were totaled. Their trailer was not touched. We thank God that their property was protected. We pray that their neighbors will find relief from this damage.



Combined Session & Deacon meeting will be held on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> following the church service.

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215-396-1330





### THE POWER OF PRAYER

Please remember in prayer; Nancy Fleck, Dorothy Twist, Nancy Rudzinski, Jack Twist, Becky Thierry, Anna Marie Smeykal, Bill & Mary Gilson, Tyler Marr, Barbara Eskuchen, The Chrupcala Family, Kim Razler, Brian Beaton.

Clifford Babnew, Doreen Babnew, Stephanie Guiffre Debbie Workheiser, Scott, Wallace, Jonathan, Richard Griffiths, Margaret Watson, Jack Schroeder, Andrew Brennan, Leo Pavonarius, Cheryl Garvey, Mike Urban, Christopher, Lauren Eichmann, Kimberly Maw, Abbe Kohn, Melissa, Carol, Sharon Shawcross, Barry Trego, Anthony Galen, Tina, Lois Wild, Trish Fries, Howard Callaway, Dawn Enggesser, Janice Gill, Alice Mc Elhinney, Denise Good, Melissa, Carol, Roger & Jean Babnew, Jim Staab, James Scott, Charles McDowell, Jacqueline Paul, Dennis, John Urbanski Jr. , Greg Howard, Doug Eskuchen, all victims of violence.

Servicemen: Michael Urban, Jeff Axilrod,

Children in need of prayer;  
Our Sunday School kids, Shaelynn,  
Aiden Hansen, Michael Komar, Charles Devlin

Please e-mail any additions or changes to the  
Prayer List to [jean@brucebeaton.com](mailto:jean@brucebeaton.com)

Please post the Prayer List on your refrigerator  
and each time you open the door, pray for the  
next one on the list. You will be surprised  
how many prayers will be lifted up to God.

