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Angels All Around Us

We have been praying for my niece and her foster child for many months now. Recently, I had a message from my sister that my niece was very discouraged. She didn't say why but asked for prayers. I believe in the power of prayer and prayed for my niece and for her foster child, not knowing where the discouragement came from. Shortly after, my niece posted on social media that she was outside of her house going for a walk with the child when a neighbor, unknown to her, pulled up beside her and told her he has seen her in the neighborhood and what a great mom she is! She said it was the boost she needed at the time she needed it. An angel sent to a person in need!

I also experienced an angel to the rescue some years back when I was going through a really difficult time; a random phone call when I needed it most! I'm sure most everyone can relate to this.

And Also for Mary Magdalene, in a state of despair, an angel appeared.

Matthew 28 now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. **2** And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. **3** His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. **4** And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. **5** But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. **6** He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. **7** Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." **8** So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

As we celebrate the risen Christ this Eastertide, remember the angels all around you, sent by Jesus, ready to boost you up when you need it most. Sometimes they come dressed as regular people! Happy, glorious Easter!



April Fools

By Elaine Peacock



Now that the rush of the dark, sad days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday have burst into a beautiful Easter Sunday we find that all the feelings we experienced during those days are put on the back burner as we look forward to sunny days ahead. Remember God wanted us to feel the pain of the days before Easter and the loss of his only son. His true message of how much he loves each of us.

The title of this piece reminds us that even with all the hope, peace and love we still go back to our foolish ways, our Easter hearts become lost in the shuffle and we miss the opportunity to make a difference in our surroundings. Remember it is up to each and every one of us to listen to our Easter heart and what God has to say to us. Easter is not just one day in the year we are Easter People every day and may we show this love, peace and faith to everyone.

In memory of Jim Doland from Suzanna DeBlock



March birthdays

Jeff Romaine
Ben Borela
Stuart Carroll
Carol Romaine

*Happy
Birthday*

Thank you

I would like to thank my church family for all the well wishes with cards, phone calls, prayers, and visits. I have been truly blessed. Jackie

Many thanks to everyone who helped make our 2024 Fish and Chips Dinner a success and joined to support PRC. A delicious meal was prepared by Tastefully British and served by volunteers from PRC making it an enjoyable experience for all!



Beefsteak Fundraiser



Tickets continue to be available for our beefsteak dinner on Saturday evening, April 20th from 6-10 pm at the Bloomingdale Fireman's Hall (97 Hamburg Tpke in Bloomingdale).

Tickets are \$65 per person and are available following worship services, through the church office, or by reaching out to Mark at (973) 349-6539 or mark.warner2@me.com.

The event will include all you can eat beef tenderloin on French bread, salad, pasta, potatoes, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. Tap beer is included and a cash bar available with a DJ, music and entertainment. There will also be Tricky Tray baskets as well as a 50/50. All proceeds will go to benefit the ministries of PRC. All the food prep is handled by the fire department, and they have an excellent reputation regarding the food quality.

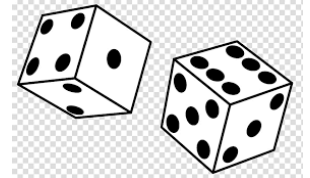
We're requesting donations of any new items that could be used as part of tricky tray baskets that evening. The event theme is Springtime, so items connecting to that theme would be much appreciated. Gather a group of family, friends and neighbors and plan to join us for what will be a fun evening to support what we know well as a very good cause.

Please note: we must submit our final numbers to the hall 10 days before the event, so please purchase your tickets and submit any donations if possible by April 10th.

Thank you.

Outback Fundraiser- back by popular demand!

OUTBACK of Wayne, tickets are now available for our May 20-23 , 2024 fundraiser. Same great deal- appetizer, choice of 5 entrees, salad, choice of side, non alcoholic beverage and dessert. ALL for \$20.00. WHAT A GREAT DEAL!
Call Joann Mack 973-557-8424 for tickets. Tickets will also be available after church services.



BUNCO RETURNS---

Save the date - SATURDAY, JUNE 8th, 2024. 2pm. \$12.00per person
Tickets will be available soon.....pass the word now!

The BUNCO donation box will be outside the office. Anything new that you would like to donate as prizes is appreciated. The more items we have, the more we can play! Any questions please contact Joann Mack 973-557-8424

PRC Autumnfest Boutique - The PRC Autumnfest boutique will be back by popular demand! We are looking for items that make women feel good about themselves. Jewelry of all kinds; necklaces, earrings, rings, pins, bracelets. All kinds of purses, wallets, coin purses, sunglass holders. Hot irons, curling irons, hats, mirrors, lotions. Anything that helps you and makes you feel better about yourself. There is a box in the workroom where you may drop off your items. Any questions, please reach out to Doreen Apgar blmd13@aol.com or Jo Ann Sisco.



Scholarship Opportunity

Attention Parents of College Age Students!

Scholarship Application Packets Available: High school seniors and college students may obtain packets for the PRC scholarship application from the Church office. Student must be a worshipping member of PRC, or a dependent of a PRC member. The deadline for return of all application materials is May 12, 2024.

Help Support Our Scholarship Fund: Extending our past practice of supporting the scholarships of PRC students through a direct contribution, a special envelope has been provided in your envelope packet for this purpose. We will be receiving this special offering on Sunday, May 19, 2024. Special gifts and Memorials dedicated to the Scholarship Fund are another important means of supporting our youth. These gifts are welcome throughout the year. Memorial gifts and donations to the Scholarship Fund are an excellent way to express your belief that religion and education must work together in providing the basic knowledge for our youth to be successful and lead purposeful lives. If you are grateful for what education has provided for you or a member of our church family, what better way to say thank you than to invest in the youth of our church.

By now you have seen the Classis Assessment envelope in your offering box, if you have one. This is the first one of two in your box. The classis assessment is an amount or church pays to classis for each of the members. It is a significant amount at \$106 per member. Any amount you can give towards this assessment will be gratefully accepted.

It was so nice to see Scott Burzinski once again! Thanks for filling in, Scott!



May Newsletter submissions are due by April 28.

Please email to khuysers@msn.com or place in the office mailbox.

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