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Rev. Wayne Sherrer — Priest-in-Charge



“Save us from the time of trial”

I grew up attending church and hearing the more traditional words similar to Rite I. In the days of my childhood, Rites I and II had not yet been written, so everyone used the more traditional and, some would say, archaic language until it was updated in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) in the 1970's. I still prefer the language style of Rite I because it is familiar and comforting to me.

So it is with the 23rd Psalm and the Lord's Prayer. These are familiar to almost everyone, especially those who attended Sunday School. But, in our family's daily prayers during this pandemic, my eyes have been drawn to the contemporary version of the Lord's Prayer on page 97 in Morning Prayer II of the BCP. My ears heard the more modern words in a novel way that seemed to connect with me and my concerns for my family, church, and country with new and more relevant meaning.

The one verse that stands out as extremely relevant is the contemporary: “Save us from the time of trial”, rather than the traditional: “And lead us not into temptation”. I do not feel led into temptation, but certainly feel that this is a time that tries our patience, resolve, sense of optimism about the future, and that God is with us. (I think biblical scholars associate the contemporary text with Revelations 3:10 and with what the ancients believed would be an end time and a great battle of good versus evil, or God versus Satan, and the final judgement of us all.) I am not a biblical scholar and I'm not going to a discussion of end times with my reflection, but rather with hearing this verse as an

affirmation that God is with us during this time of trial. This is similar to the petition in the Suffrages on page 98 of the BCP: “Lord, keep this nation under your care” which we have been reading each Sunday morning.

I pray for the safety of our extended St. James' family in this time of trial, and that we can all follow the directions of medical experts to maintain safe distances and wear masks. Also, that we adapt to new ways of meeting together in prayer and fellowship, via technology until we can be together again physically in our St. James' sanctuary.

Until then,

Paul and Phyllis Bartkus

Bishop Hughes Shares Jewels Quelly's Prayer

Jewels Quelly recently replied to The Rt. Rev Carlye Hughes' request to share your prayers with the Diocese of Newark. To view Bishop Carlye talking about this and reading this beautiful prayer paste in your browner:

<https://dioceseofnewark.org/bishops-vlog>

Scroll down to find:



Share your prayers!

APRIL 29, 2020

Bishop Hughes invites all of us to do something that might be a first for us - to write down our...

Thank you Jewels for sharing this with the Diocese and all those who may view it!

Reverend Clarence William Sickles

Died: Apr 14, 2020



Reverend Clarence William Sickles, 99, of Hackettstown, NJ passed away peacefully with his wife by his side on April 14, 2020 at the Clarence W. Sickles Health Care Center at Heath Village.

Clarence was born on February 11, 1921 in Harrison, NJ to the late John Joseph Sickles and Mary Lois Rowe Sickles. He married his loving wife, Jean Stover, on February 11, 1950.

As much as any one lifetime spanning nearly a century could be summed by one idea, Clarence's life was dedicated to the service of others. Growing up as a teenager through the depression had a tremendous impact on Clarence and, throughout the rest of his time, he was always quick to help a person in need. Many of his accomplishments throughout his life share this common thread.

After beginning his collegiate studies at Rutgers in 1941, and with the guidance and encouragement from his parish priest, he transferred to and graduated from Columbia University and the General Theological Seminary in New York. Then, in 1948, he achieved his childhood goal to become a priest. At the start of his career, Clarence held positions as a chaplain in Sparta, Fairlawn, and Rutgers until he assumed the role of rector at St. James Episcopal Church of Hackettstown in 1953. It was in Hackettstown that Jean and Clarence would raise their family of eight children and engage as civic-minded members of the local community.

Augmenting the help and guidance he offered others through his position in the local church, Clarence never stopped looking for ways to help others outside of his congregation. During his service at St. James, he saw the need for developing eldercare in a way that provided comfort and dignity for those near the end of their lives. It was this idea that led him to form the Heath Village non-profit corporation and build the retirement community on Schooley's Mountain Road. While serving as Heath Village's first executive director, Clarence earned a Master's Degree at Columbia Teachers College in gerontology and therapeutic recreation. In 1978, the General Theological Seminary awarded him an honorary doctorate in divinity for his work with the elderly.

The support and guidance Clarence received to reach his goals made a lasting impact on the way he led his life. He passed these blessings on for so many people throughout his life in ways too innumerable to mention here. Many lives have been forever changed as a result of the impact Clarence had on those seeking council and understanding.

Clarence worked with the local Salvation Army to provide shelter and food for transient people moving through Hackettstown. Knowing this, the local Police would send transients to the Sickles family residence on Washington Street. There, Clarence would speak with them to assess their needs, arrange shelter in a local motel for the night and a meal at a nearby restaurant. Occasionally, when these arrangements couldn't work, he opened up the family home so they could get rest and receive a warm meal before heading on their travels — even though he and his wife were already caring for eight children.

He also engaged in creative and academic projects with the aim of making the world a more harmonious place. These achievements include authoring a book detailing the historical development of the Ten Commandments with a new moral code written in a secular nature. His work also included three children's books: *The Happy Christmas Tree*, *The Easter Bunny*, and *The Pink Butterfly*, each built on his love and caring for all as an extension of his Christian values.

Clarence lived his life enamored with human potential and the capacity for growth and understanding, both physical and mental. He was an accomplished track and cross country runner at both Kearney High School and St. Benedict's Prep in Newark for what he refers to as "a glorious year" where he worked to obtain the credits needed to gain acceptance into Rutgers University in 1941. He took the physical health of his children very seriously, often rousing them out of bed before school to run the grounds of Hackettstown's Centenary University. It is no surprise many Sickles' siblings were star athletes in their chosen sports.

Equally as important was the education of those within his family and those who were not. Clarence was infamous among his grandchildren for pulling out grammar flashcards during their visits to inform them that Dick Tracy was, in fact, a proper noun. This playful sense of humor would come to life as he and Jean volunteered their time to analyze the handwriting of local high school students, which was an engaging way to help students self-reflect on their habits and qualities. He also provided care and assistance to many as they worked through their education to build the lives of which they dreamed.

Clarence was, as are we all, a person of variances. As much as he loved and cared for all of his fellow humans, he could also be stubborn and tenacious in his resolve. Longtime members of the Hackettstown community will no doubt have a memory of at least one of his letters to the newspaper editor. Anyone who had the distinction to share a Saturday afternoon watching college football with Clarence would hear him shout for the referees to "turn in their suits" after a bad call. One of the greatest compliments he could pay anyone was to ask for, and then consider, their opinion. Still, the reason Clarence so strongly held to his ideas was because he truly believed they represented the best ways to serve his fellow humans or, in the case of college football, fairness.

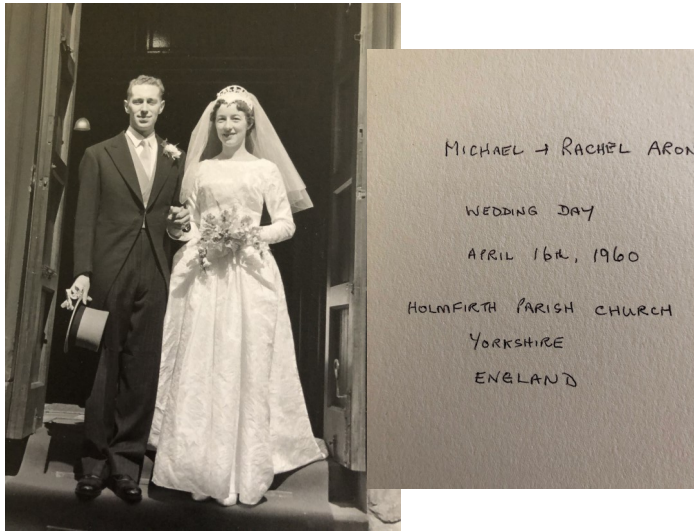
He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Jean Stover Sickles, his four daughters Mary Roberts and her husband John, Martha Sickles, Margaret Sheldon and her husband Jim, Monica Cook and her husband Pete; and his four sons, Mark Sickles, Michael Sickles and his wife Barbara, Martin Sickles and his wife Jean, and Matthew Sickles; along with, thirteen grandchildren, and seven great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his brothers, Raymond and Harold Sickles, and his sisters Eleanor Rittmann and Mildred Freigant.

Funeral services will be held at a later date for family and friends to join together to celebrate his life of service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Heath Village Employee Appreciation Fund, 151 Heath Village, Hackettstown, NJ 07840.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Cochran Funeral Home, To send an online condolence please visit <http://www.cochranfuneral.com>.

Happy Anniversary!



Pauline and Bud Volkert married at St. James' April 9, 1988.



Thanks!



Jeanette Nolan's children Julianna, William and Michael display their support for teachers, EMT's, doctors, nurses, firefighters, police, postal workers, retail workers and delivery people!

...and to Peter Quelly and David Olesen along with help from Pauline Volkert for changing all of St. James' light bulbs to LEDs to save on the electric. Great teamwork!



Financial Stewardship

The St. James' parish is affected in many ways by the current pandemic, just as you are. Our expenses continue, just as yours do. We understand if you are experiencing financial difficulty at the present time and cannot contribute as you thought you would be able. For those who are able, here are the ways:

- ✦ Envelopes can be deposited in the Mitcham House mail slot.
- ✦ Envelopes can be mailed to St. James' Episcopal Church, 214 Washington St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840.
- ✦ If you use online banking, you can send checks from your account or set up automatic payments using the address above.
- ✦ You can visit the St. James' website at stjameshackettstown.org and look for electronic giving through Vanco on the home page.
- ✦ You may contact the church office to have our parish administrator, Julie Mills, set up Vanco for you.
- ✦ Lastly, you may also use a phone app called Giveplus+ to make electronic contributions to the general operating fund or the building fund.

Thank you for your support!

Easter Food In-Gathering Update

Changing times require that we change with the times. Our wonderful ministry of in-gathering food and having the Sunday School pack it into bags for distribution was just not feasible this year. So it was decided to try a different way of meeting this need for local food-insecure families. Our church members stepped up and generously donated \$1105 for this ministry. Interestingly, when the Snyder Parish Hall was being built, we could no longer accept frozen turkeys to store in a freezer. So, we changed it up a bit and invented "Turkey Cards" which we collect instead. By the way, these cards take up less room and are easier to distribute.

Thank you, St. James', for adapting to this year's change and challenge, and for your generosity in donating grocery gift cards for our Easter food collection.

Be safe,
Mission Strategy Committee

Fall Rummage Sale

There is a possibility that St. James' will have a Rummage Sale in the Fall. If you are cleaning out please save new or used items in good condition until we are able to open our doors again. Be well!

**WARREN COUNTY OFFICE OF TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE
FOOD PANTRY LIST**

<u>WARREN COUNTY</u> Town	<u>Name of facility & address</u>	<u>Phone number</u>	<u>Hours of operation</u>	<u>Temporary Changes Due to CoVID19</u>
Allamuchy	Panther Valley Ecumenical Church 1490 Route 517, Hackensack, NJ 07840	(908) 852-5444	Call for availability	Available M-F (10-12p) Must call to arrange an appointment for alternate times.
Alpha	United Presbyterian Church of Alpha 859 High Street, Alpha, NJ 08865	(908) 454-2464 or (908) 454-1422	Alpha residents only Call for availability	
Belvidere	Belvidere United Methodist Church 219 Hardwick Street, Belvidere, NJ 07823	(908) 475-4065	9-11:45AM on Mon., Wed., & Fri. Contact: Vicki Fraehlich (Belvidere residents only)	Same days. Hours modified: M,W,F 9:30a-12p
Blairstown	First United Methodist Church of Blairstown 10 Stillwater Road, Blairstown, NJ 07825	(908) 362-6893	9:30-11:30AM on the 1st Sat. of each month	Same availability. Must remain in vehicles while completing order form. Bag of food handed car side. No changes
Blairstown	Evangelical Free Church of Blairstown 11 Lambert Road, Blairstown, NJ 07825	(908) 362-8979	9:30-11:30AM on the 2nd Sat. of each month	No changes
Blairstown	First Presbyterian Church of Blairstown 35 Main Street, Blairstown, NJ 07825	(908) 362-5769	9:30-11:30AM on the 3rd Sat. of each month	No changes
Blairstown	St. Jude's Catholic Church 7 Eisenhower Road, Blairstown, NJ 07825	(908) 362-6444	9-11AM on the 4th Sat. of each month Contact: Barbara	
Finesville	Calvary Bible Fellowship Church 191 Route 627, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	(908) 995-7478	9AM-12PM on Wednesdays	Pantry closed until further notice
Hackensacktown	Church of the Covenant Orthodox 319 Blau Road, Hackensacktown, NJ 07840	(908) 850-8910	Find Deacon after Mass Sat. Service 6PM Sun. service 10:40AM	Pantry closed until further notice
Hackensacktown	Drakestown Church 6 Church Road, Hackensacktown, NJ 07840	(908) 852-4460	2-5PM on the 2nd & 4th Mon. of each month	Pantry closed until further notice
Hackensacktown	Seventh Day Adventist Church 927 Route 517, Hackensacktown, NJ 07840	(973) 214-7262	5-7PM on the 2nd Wed. of each month	
Hackensacktown	Trinity United Methodist Church 213 Main Street, Hackensacktown, NJ 07840	(908) 852-3020	9AM-12PM on Mon., Tue., Wed., & Thu.	Same availability. Added Tuesday evenings (5p-7p)
Hope	St. John's United Methodist Church 354 High Street, Hope, NJ 07844	(908) 459-5759	9AM-12PM on the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Mon. of each month	Same availability. Closes at 11:30a
Knowlton	Knowlton United Methodist Church 503 Route 94, Columbia, NJ 07832	(908) 496-0161	10AM-12PM on the last Sat. of each month	
Lopatcong	Fellowship Outreach Ministry 300 Cromwell St, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	(908) 859-0134	11AM-1PM on the 2nd Fri. of each month 11AM-1PM on the 3rd Sat. of each month	Must call for availability
Phillipsburg	Blessed Hope Church of the Nazarene 42 Mercet Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	(908) 454-5070	Call for food pantry availability Soup kitchen: 2-3PM on Sundays	
Phillipsburg	Branching Out Food Pantry 340 Anderson Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	(908) 454-2579	Call for availability	
Phillipsburg	Catholic Charities 387 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	(908) 859-5447	NJ residents only / proof of residency & income required 10AM-3PM on Mon., Tue., Wed., & Fri. 1-3PM on Thu.	No proof of residence/income required at the time. Intake by phone for new clients. Only open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month.
Phillipsburg	River of Life Presbyterian Church 445 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	(908) 213-1377	NJ residents only / ID required	No changes
Phillipsburg	St. Luke's Episcopal Church 500 Hillcrest Blvd., Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	(908) 859-1479	10AM-12PM on the 2nd Sat. of each month 10AM-12PM on the 2nd & 4th Mon. of each month	No changes
Phillipsburg	St. Philip & St. James Church 430 South Main Street, Phillipsburg, NJ 08865	(908) 454-0112	Soup kitchen only (no food pantry) 11:30AM-1PM on the 2nd & 4th Sat. of each month	No changes
Port Murray	Hilcrest 7th Day Adventist Church 590 Route 57 E, Port Murray, NJ 07865	(908) 689-7085 (908) 619-4557	Call for availability Contact: Marnie Perry	
Vienna	Vienna United Methodist Church 232 Route 46, Vienna, NJ 07880	(908) 637-4340	2-4PM on Mondays	No changes
Washington	Faith Discovery 33 Brass Castle Road, Washington, NJ 07882	(908) 689-7777	Can utilize twice per month 1:30-4PM every Thursday	Available for residents of Washington only.
Washington	First Presbyterian Church of Washington [Redacted] 40 E. Church Street, Washington, NJ 07882	(908) 689-2547	Oxford, Franklin, & Washington residents only Can only utilize once per month 9:15 am-11 am on Tue.-Fri.	New clients should call for an appointment
<u>MORRIS COUNTY</u> Town	<u>Name of facility & address</u>	<u>Phone number</u>	<u>Hours of operation</u>	
Budd Lake	Abiding Peace Lutheran Church 305-311 U.S. Hwy. 46, Budd Lake, NJ 07828	(973) 691-9393	Call between 9AM-12PM M-F for availability	
Nelcong	Stannope United Methodist Church 2 Route 183, Netcong, NJ 07857	(973) 347-0247	Morris County residents only Call for availability	
<u>SUSSEX COUNTY</u> Town	<u>Name of facility & address</u>	<u>Phone number</u>	<u>Hours of operation</u>	
Newton	St. Joseph's Food Pantry 22 Halstead Street, Newton, NJ 07860	(973) 919-8827	Sussex County residents only 12-1PM on Mondays	
Stillwater	First Presbyterian Church 901 Main Street, Stillwater, NJ	(973) 579-6686	Stillwater residents only Call for availability	

Farm resources in Warren County that offer curbside pick up or Delivery.

Mackey's Orchard: 284 County Route 519 Belvidere, NJ 07823

Delivery and curbside pickup

Delivery is free over \$100

\$10 delivery fee for orders \$25-\$00

Curbside pick up is free

Delivery available to Belvidere, Oxford, Hope (to Route 80), White Township, Harmony, Lopatcong (north of 78), Washington Boro and Washington Township (west of 31).

How to order:

Over the phone 908-475-1507

Over Facebook Messenger on the Mackey's page.

Donaldson's Farms: 358 Allen Rd Hackettstown, NJ 07840

Market is open:

Monday 9am-6pm

Wednesday 9am-6pm

SAFE SHOPPER HOURS ARE: Wednesday 9am-12pm.

Exclusively for seniors and at-risk customers only.

Immunocompromised or pregnant women

SENIOR WEDNESDAYS: Wednesdays are always Senior days.

Seniors receive 15% off for ages 65+

Seniors may shop at any time on Wednesdays to receive discount.

Thursday 9am-6pm

Friday 9am-6pm

Saturday 9am-6pm

Sunday 10am-5pm

CLOSED TUESDAYS

A list of what is available to purchase is online www.donaldsonsfarms.net

NO CALL-IN OR ONLINE ORDERS AT THIS TIME.

Tranquility Farms: 47 Decker Pond Rd Andover, NJ 07821

Market is open:

Monday 11am-7pm

Tuesday 10am-7pm

Wednesday 8:30am-7

Thursday 10am-7pm

Friday and Saturday 8:30am-7pm

Sunday 8:30am-6pm

SENIOR AND HIGH RISK HOURS:

Tuesday 8:30am-10am

Thursday 8:30am-7pm

Online Orders:

Will be accepting a limited number of online orders Monday through Thursday.

<http://forms.gle/NpH2pHTYqdwz2vbA>

48 turnaround time on all orders and are subject to change depending on availability.

VonThun Farms: 438 Route 57 West Washington, NJ 07882

Market is closed.

Barn side, no-contact pickup on Wednesdays and Saturdays between 1pm-5pm

Order online:

<http://squareup.com/store/von-thun-farms>

Select your pick-up time on the date you select.

Hensler Farms: 369 County Route 519 Belvidere, NJ 07823

Opening day Friday, April 17th.

Curbside pickup

Daily hours 9am-6pm

SENIOR AND HIGH RISK CUSTOMER HOURS:

Tuesday and Thursday 9am-10am

Call in orders 908-475-0021

Full selection of fruits and vegetables, butter, eggs, cheese, yogurt, bacon, ring bologna, bread cakes, pies and donuts.

Liberty Produce: 752A Pequest Road Oxford, NJ 07863

Locally owned and operated fresh produce delivery services. You can shop online for fresh produce from the convenience and safety of your home.

Delivery is free at this time until May 15th.

How to order:

Facebook Messenger

Sending an email to LibertyNJProduce@gmail.com

Days of delivery are Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Order by 5pm the day before your delivery.

Deliveries are limited to 7 miles from Hot Dog Johnny's.

If you are outside of this radius, you can arrange a meeting place within the 7 miles.

Marshall's Farm Market and Country Store: 114 Route 46 Delaware, NJ 07833

Curbside pickup and local delivery at no charge.

Market is open 9am-6pm

For orders and assistance call 908-475-1989

Pies, specialty foods, seasonal vegetables, soup mixes, homemade peanut butter, apples and eggs. They also have jams, meats, cheese, bacon and canned goods.

Mohican Farms: 45 Mohican Road Blairtown, New Jersey 07825

Curbside pickup and delivery.

Open 9am-6pm

Order over Facebook messenger or over the phone 908-852-1500

Payment methods accepted: Venmo, Cash and Check.

Available for purchase:

Fresh produce, bread, milk, eggs, meat, and seafood. Homemade soup, brownies, crumb cake, cookies, cakes, and mac and cheese. Also cream cheese, yogurts, half and half and cheese curds.

Race Farm: 87 Belcher Rd Blairtown, NJ 07825

Curbside pickup and delivery available.

Can deliver to Blairtown, Knowlton, Hope, and Hardwick.

Email your order to dracefarm@yahoo.com

Call the market at 908-362-8520

Text your order to 908-642-5518

Place your order in the morning, you can receive it by the afternoon.

Place your order after 1pm, we will deliver the next morning.

Open daily 9am-6pm

SENIOR AND HIGH RISK HOURS: 9am-10am

Call for a list of available produce and other market items

Country Fresh Farm: 70 W Asbury Anderson Road Hampton, NJ 08827

Tentative hours: 10am-6pm

Curbside pickup available.

Call in order at 908-537-9009

Facebook message on the Country Fresh Farm page.

Available: fruit, vegetables, bread, pies, and they offer a premade bundle.

Bundle includes:

Lettuce, tomato, carrots, eggplant, zucchini, yams, peppers, bananas and cucumbers for \$20.

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