



## Providence Presbyterian Bustling's

Sunday, December 13, 2020

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reetings! Today is Sunday, December 13th. The Third Sunday of Advent. The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent. *He In the day of the Lord, all sorrow and mourning will cease. Isaiah 35:1-6,10*



## A Natural-Born World Shaker

Randy York

Toward the end of the movie Cool Hand Luke, George Kennedy's character Dragline makes the following statement to the other prisoners about Luke, "Oi Luke. He was some boy. Cool Hand Luke. Hell, he's a natural-born world shaker."



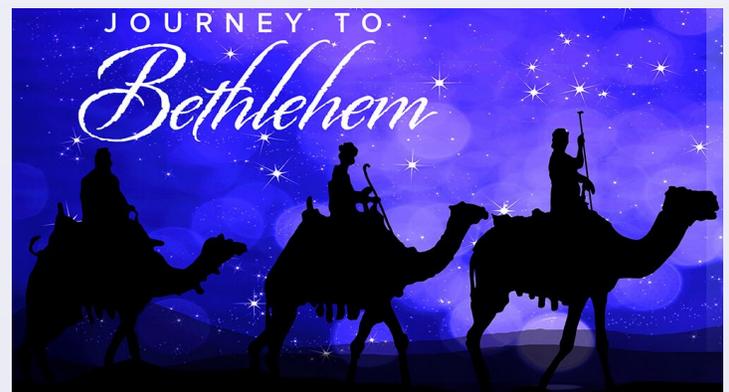
February 9, 1964 was a transformative day in America. It was my 5th birthday. Unfortunately for my mom, I was not the catalyst of the transformation. Sorry to say, she would have to settle for an average curly haired kid who made a slight dent in the history of the Postal Service.

No, the revolutionaries were four lads from England who appeared in hazy black and white on the 14" TV screen in our living room. They introduced a whole new world to us that evening. They didn't look like me. They sure didn't sound like me. Heck, they didn't sound like anything I had ever heard. Before that night all I had heard coming from the radio in my mom's '63 Ford Galaxie was Tony Bennet, Frank Sinatra, and Andy Williams. This was different. This was exciting. This was Rock & Roll. The world had been shaken.



But before we get too critical of the world, perhaps we need to ask ourselves, "Has Jesus Christ shaken my world?" Is my faith something I roll out on Sundays or when the fasten seatbelts sign comes on, or does my faith permeate all the rooms in my life. Do I just know about Jesus, or do I have a relationship with him? That relationship makes a vital difference; the difference between true faith and unbelief, between light and darkness, hope and hopelessness, and ultimately between life and death. You cannot know God from a distance. You must get up close. It must be personal. And when you draw near to a holy, just, and perfect God you realize, "I'm a mess, I deserve justice, I need mercy, I need restoration, Lord, I truly need your unmerited grace." And God smiles and says, "Welcome home child."

And so this is Christmas, as John Lennon might say. And what about it? The lights go up. The cards are sent. The halls are decked. The day arrives, and in the next moment Christmas is back in the box and put away till next year. But wait, wasn't Jesus a world shaker? After all he tops the religious preference polls, leading his closest rival Mohamed by 7 percentage points among world adherents. Historically calendars date all time from his birth. But a quick survey of today's news would suggest that he is not having much of an impact on the world these days.



Every journey has a reason and a destination. Our train continues on its journey to Bethlehem. God comes to us there. That's the easy part. We make no effort. God comes to us. Now he waits for our decision. He calls us to come, to join him. The shepherds heard the call, made a decision, and their lives were changed. It's time, let God shake your world. Don't unpack and repack this Christmas. Let the love and peace promised of old be born inside your heart each and every day. And if you find yourself sitting in the comfortable seat of small faith and simple religion, it's time to heed the call of the ancient prophet James Brown and "Get up offa that thing, heed God's call and you'll do better."



PS: The Burlington Food Pantry provided food to 127 families this past Wednesday.





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Prayer Requests

Becky Jensen — For continued prayers for the PNC as they carry on their mission.

From All of Us — For Brynna. A 7 year old fight lymphoma cancer.

From All of Us — For Polly Grobelny, for continued good health and recovery.

Carol Shore — For her brother, Barry Eckert, his wife Helen, his son Jesse, & grandson Logan. All have Covid. Also prayers for Jesse's wife Lauren and their three other children that they stay Covid free and healthy.

Kris Cummings — For Natalie Neuron, for good health and recovery from a serious health event.

From All Of Us — Continued prayers for Wendy Kasper.

From All Of Us — Prayers for Margo Mattis, who is still recovering from foot surgery.

Sheila Zier — Prayers for healing and strength and encouragement for her daughter, Brittany Zier as she is battling a serious long term disease.

Michelle Cox — Prayers of healing, comfort, encouragement & strength for her mother, Jennifer as she is battling serious long term illnesses.

Margo Mattis — For her Mother, Jean Miller, who is had a cardiac procedure this past Wednesday.

Robin McCarter — For her Mother, Betty Jenkins who is residing in the Masonic Home.

For All of us — Safety and God's blessing as we continue live worship services.

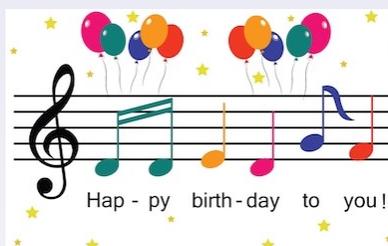


This year has been one of extreme challenges for everyone, which in turn, has exasperated the hardship of those already in need. Barb York is reaching out to those who may have the ability to provide a basic necessity to children in our community. The Sisterhood ministry is in need of new or gently used winter coats for kids. All sizes are welcomed, either for a boy or girl, as the demand is great. They could also use gloves, scarves or hats. Coats will be collected through the end of January. Drop off can be made either in church or arrangements can be made to pick them up. Just email Barb at: [yorkie0401@gmail.com](mailto:yorkie0401@gmail.com).

## Blessings — Anniversaries — Birthdays

Keep us posted on your blessings and special days.

Alice Garman — December 15th



Jonathan Cheslo



**Bustleton's Best — Church Cookbook Recipe of the Week**



**Mom's Fruit Cake**

Jean Wainwright

*"This is my mom's fruitcake. I make it every year - delicious!"*

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| 1 C sugar   | 1 1/2 t. baking soda (dissolve soda in 2 T hot water) |
| 3 eggs      | 3 1/4 C flour   |
| 1 t. salt   | 1 C raisins   |
| 3/4 C oil   | 1 C cup walnuts                                       |
| 2 T vanilla |   |

Mix with mixer.

Add:

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| 1 jar mincemeat   | 1 c. nuts                                      |
| 1 jar mixed fruit | 1 (8 1/4 oz.) can crushed pineapple (optional) |
| 1 c. raisins      |  |

Bake in 10 inch tube pan at 325 for 2 hours.

Tis' the Season for Joy and the expectation of the awaited Savior. Tis also the season for old family traditions and recipes. This week we present Jean Wainwright's Mom's Fruit Cake. The earliest known fruit cake recipe dates back to ancient Rome, and variations exist around the world. Enjoy!  
Thank you Jean!



Kudos to Carol Shore, who has hand embroidered more than 100 tea towels! In addition to showing and selling them at our Craft Fair, many of these beautiful towels were sold on-line. The remainder were donated to nurses at the nursing home where Carol's sister resides. Ginny Heal reports that this year alone she has sewn "at least" 40 quilts, many of which were special order. Marie Celkupa has sewn over 100 tote bags for the Craft Fair and for donation to Newborns in Need, a group that our church supports to help needy mothers of newborns. Eileen Hill, Bea Ashmore & Wendy Varga have also contributed by creating many Christmas decorations as well. We appreciate the encouragement of our congregation in supporting our endeavors.

This week our Craft Club is featuring a sale! We have been unable to go to local craft shows, and we still have several Christmas wreaths and arrangements. We are selling these wreaths and more for only \$10.00! You can come to the CE Building mornings on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday, and choose from our collection. These wreaths can decorate rooms all over the house, (How about your kitchen?) and every one has been lovingly crafted with love from us to you!





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There **WILL BE** an in person Christmas Eve service this year. We will have a single service at 7:00 pm.

Due to COVID-19 precautions, our seating is limited in both the sanctuary for main seating (34) and in the CE Building (30) for overflow seating.

For this reason Reservations **MUST** be made using the phone number we use for Sunday services. In order for everyone to have a chance for seating, we will begin taking Christmas Eve reservations beginning on Monday, December 14.

Please call or text our reservation line at (609) 534-0833 **NO SOONER THAN** Monday, December 14.

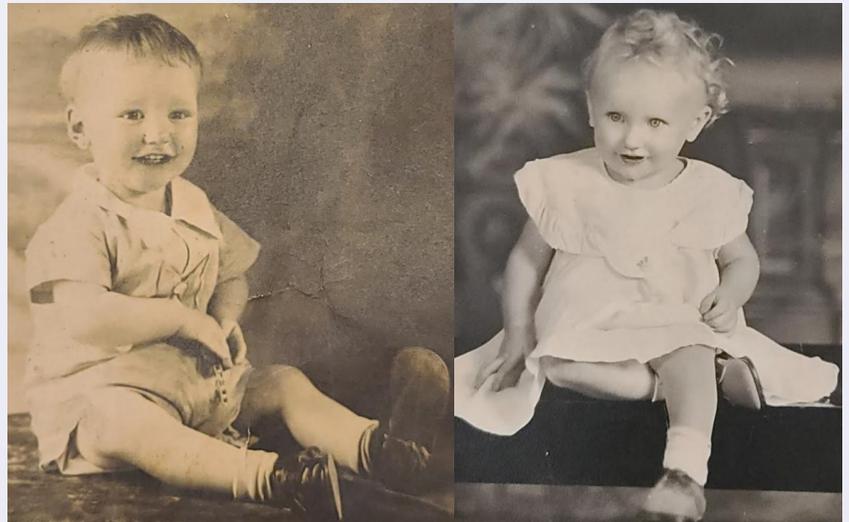
That line may still be used to make reservations for the regular Sunday service at any time.

We are also requesting poinsettias for the church on Christmas Eve. Please purchase your own and deliver them to the church on Sunday Dec 20 through Noon on Dec 24. If the door is locked, please leave the plants on the porch, someone will be checking regularly to bring any plants inside.

If your poinsettia is in honor or memory of a loved one, please provide that information to Barbara or Jack so that they can be mentioned in the Christmas Eve bulletin.

## Name Those Kids!

Need I say More? Here are Fritz & Jean Wainwright at their 60th Anniversary. God Bless!



## Christmas at New Lisbon

This has been a year like no other. But Christmas is coming, and with it new hope for better and healthier times. For the past twenty years, a cottage at the New Lisbon Developmental Center has depended on our little church to provide a happy holiday for their residents. We have never failed them - we have always granted every one of their Christmas wishes. This year will be no different. The New Lisbon family - both residents and employees - were hit hard by the coronavirus.

Cottages were combined, and what used to be Azalea House, and then Dogwood House, has closed. The men who resided in Azalea spread to other cottages. So this year, we will be providing holiday wishes for 30 men who now live in Fern Cottage, because it has the most men who used to live in Azalea/Dogwood.

Because we would never ask members to shop during this time, the missions committee generously provided the funds for all of the wishes to be granted. The shopping is complete,

the gifts will be wrapped, and the makings of a holiday party will be delivered to New Lisbon for Christmas!

Even through these uncertain times of a pandemic and being without the leadership of a full time pastor for the past 3 ½ years, one never ceases to marvel at the generosity of our congregation. If you had thought about purchasing a gift, as you had in the past, how about writing a check to the missions committee instead? You can be sure that the money will be used to help people in need. **Thank you!**



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Remember! "Annette Slaney's daughter, Emma, has started an Etsy shop selling her beautiful resin art craft items. Please take a visit to the shop and keep it in mind while you are Christmas shopping this year!" If you are reading this online simply click on her ad to link straight to her shop.



Check out Emma Slaney's new shop for handmade resin homegoods and gifts!



[ELSware.etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com/shop/ELSware)



[@resin.from.elsware](https://www.instagram.com/resin.from.elsware)



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## Church Calendar For Advent

Date	Time	Event
<b>Sunday, December 13, 2020</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Sunday, December 20, 2020</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>
<b>Thursday, December 24, 2020</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Service</b>
<b>Sunday, December 27, 2020</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Christmas Lay Service</b>
<b>Sunday, January 3, 2021</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Service</b>

### Daily Verses For Advent — Third Week

**Sunday:** Isaiah 69:1-3 *1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ...*

**Monday:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 *3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ...*

**Tuesday:** 1 John 2:4-7 *4 And we are writing this that our joy may be complete. ...*

**Wednesday:** John 3:16-21 *16 For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ...*

**Thursday:** Isaiah 40:1-11 *1 Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. ...*

**Friday:** John 9:1-7 *1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. ...*

**Saturday:** Luke 3:1-6 *1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiber'i-us Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturae'a and Trachoni'tis, and Lysa'ni-as tetrarch of Abile'ne, ...*

