



# PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BUSTLETON



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And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

~ Philippians 4:7



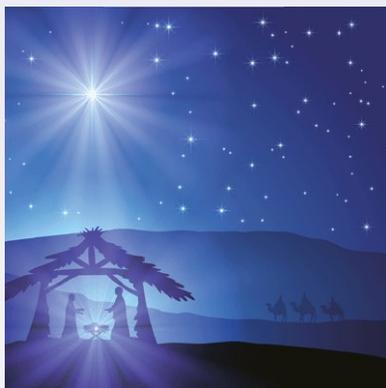
## The Power Of A "Silent Night"

Natalie - Oregon, OH - April 11, 2011

The words "Jingle Bells" or "O Christmas Tree" could be the most imagery-evoking song lyrics ever written. A warm fire with a twinkling Christmas tree, or a family gathering filled with laughter, but most of all, a lot of love. "O Holy Night" or "Away in a Manger" could stir up a religious picture, one of a tiny baby sleeping in a manger surrounded by animals with a bright star shining above. Now, most people believe that Christmas music should not start until after Thanksgiving, or two weeks before Christmas, or even the day before. I on the other hand think that when something is so beautiful and can create such a great feeling and atmosphere in the heart of so many, there is no reason to put rules and limitations on it. From where I stand, Christmas music is one thing that brings peace to the hearts of millions in a world that cannot be united through anything.



The most powerful Christmas song, I believe, is "Silent Night". It is the most widely translated Christmas song, but nowhere in translation is the meaning lost. It makes me think of a story that I heard as a child and still think of as astounding. During times of war, one of the only days, if not the only day that cease fires are called is Christmas.



One Christmas during World War I, a German soldier was singing "Silent Night" in his barricade in German. From across the battle field, an American soldier heard the sound and recognized



the song. He began to sing along, only in English. Before they knew it, the soldiers were climbing out of their trenches, leaving their guns and their hatred behind, and meeting on the battlefield to celebrate Christmas. At that moment, the war, their "hatred", and their beliefs, were no longer dividing. All that

mattered was the single song that broke the language barrier. The men sang together all night, then at sun rise, they returned to their respective sides, hopefully with a little more respect and a little more love for their "enemies". If only for one night, all differences were put aside for the Christmas spirit, starting with one song. Anything that has the power to unify opposing dominant forces during one of the most deadly and destructive wars of all time must have more power than any weapon, more of an ability to delegate than any international league, and more persuasion than any treaty. And for that reason, I believe in the power of a "Silent Night".





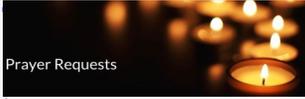
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Prayer Requests

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:

- For continued prayers for Wendy Kasper, Barney Barnes, & Eleanor Hathaway
- For Fritz Wainwright, Polly Grobelny, Hayley Morris, Jean Miller & Margo Mattis
- For Barb & Dave Hammell, Joe Celkupa, and Polly's sister-in-law Mary
- For Jim Shanley's Father-In-Law Carl and Ginny's cousin Isabell
- For Maritza Chambers, Gloria & Asher, and Marleigh & her family
- For Carol Shore's Sister-In-Law, Faye Eckert who is having triple bypass surgery on Monday
- For the People of Ukraine

### God's comfort:

For those who serve as caregivers

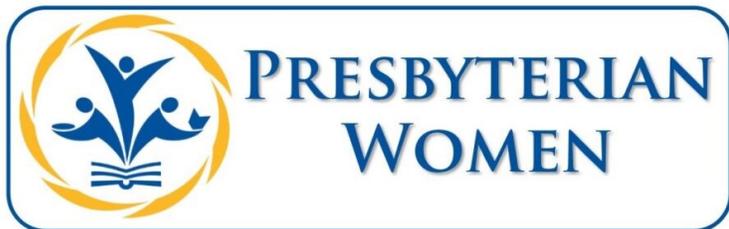
### For God's guidance & understanding:

For family members in need of God's presence and fellowship

### In Thanks and Praise to God:

- For good shepherds in our pulpit
- For the joy & fellowship abounding in our church
- For those who have passed, yet continue to witness to us

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



### Monthly Bible Study Meeting

Resumes Tuesday, April 5th at 12:30 in the CE Building as they continue their study of the Ten Commandments.

# Lent



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April 14, 2022 7:00 PM



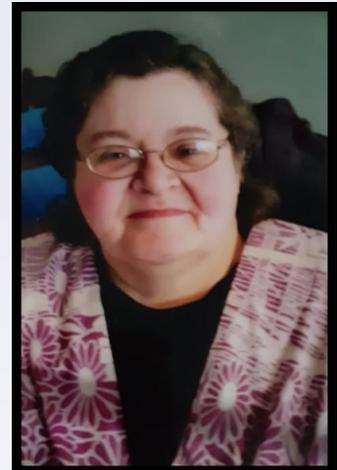
April 15, 2022 7:00 PM



Thank you to everyone for their many prayers and support for my sister Karen, myself, and my family.

It is very comforting to know that so many people cared about Karen and my whole family. Once again, thank you all.

~ Carol Shore





## LASTING TRUTHS – (Final Chapter of Grandparents)

Barb Hammell

***The truths of*** Scripture are meant to be lived. But how? In order to be lived, truth must first be planted deep into our hearts. Then it can grow into actions, thoughts, and feelings. Truth grows as a vibrant tree from which others can pick and enjoy the good fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, faithfulness, kindness, humility, and self-discipline.

What kind of fruit will your life bear for the generations that follow you? Remember – judge and be judged, be critical and be criticized, put down others and they will put you down. But love and be loved, be merciful and receive mercy, give and it will be given to you in abundance.

We reap what we sow into the lives of our children and our children's children. The truth we sow is never just what we speak; it's also how we live. The fruit of your life will become painfully or joyfully evident in your grandchildren. Proverbs 13:22 reminds us that good grandparents leave an inheritance for their children's children. The life you live is the inheritance you leave. Live and leave lasting truths.

*Absolute truth is that which is true for all people,  
For all times, for all places.*

----- Josh Mc Dowell

As a grandparent, you can give the gift of wonder better than most. Grandparents know that gazing at the stars and wondering what's out there is an activity worth sharing. Grandparents and grandchildren can share the wonder of a newborn baby, a field of wildflowers, a spider's web, or a soap bubble.

Part of the innocence of childhood is the ability to marvel at God's creation and all of its creatures, including ourselves. One of the greatest gifts a grandparent can give upcoming generations is a wide-eyed gaze that marvels at the sunset and sunrises, caterpillars, and butterflies, falling stars and autumn moons.

Grandparents are giving, gracious, and all-around wonderful. They share time, memories, love, and most assuredly *hugs*. Whether you are called Grandma, Grandpa, MaMaw, Papaw, Gran, Gramps, Nana, or MeeMaw – Grandparents are a priceless treasure... Share a *hug* that will bless for a lifetime.



## God Bless Our Families



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**Happy Birthday**

Barbara York - **April 1**

Reverend Shanley - **April 4**

Julie Olsen - **April 5**

**THE CRAFTY Ladies**



are displaying some hand crafted Easter and Spring crafts, including beautiful spring wreaths, in the CE Building. Stop by and take a look, and check them out.



## Easter Flowers

Help beautify our Sanctuary for Easter Sunday Service by donating flowers to celebrate our Risen Lord.

Flowers are to be purchased individually and dropped off at the CE Building on Weds, Thurs, or Friday April 13th, 14th, or 15th between 9 AM and 3 PM. Flowers may also be dropped off in the sanctuary on Saturday April 16th before Noon.

If you wish to donate flowers, but are unable to get out to purchase and/or deliver them to the church, please contact the office or Annette Slaney (609-206-3961) and we will purchase and deliver them for you.





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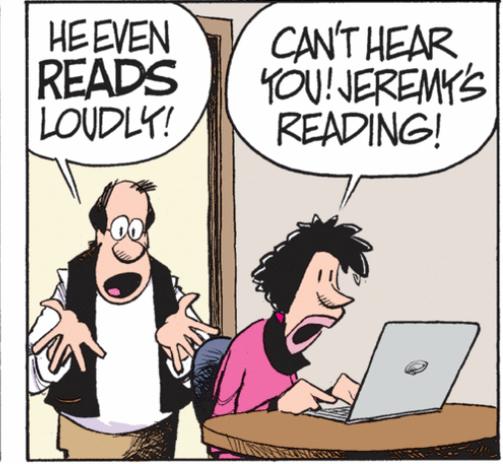
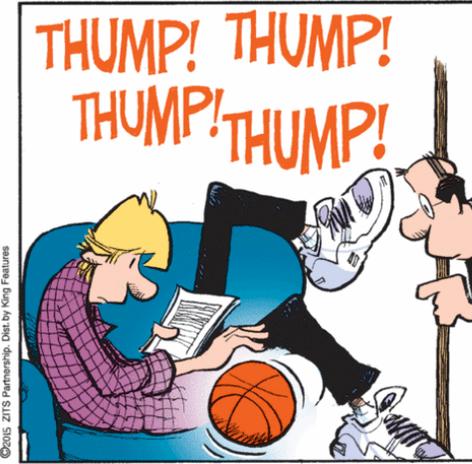
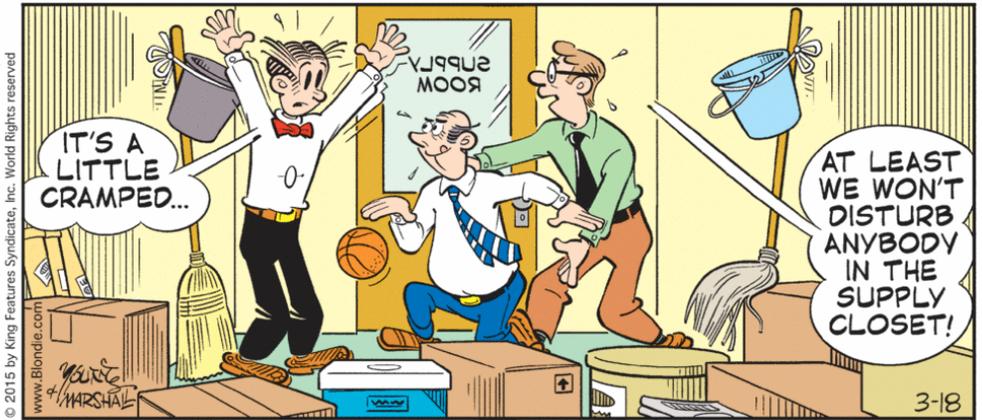
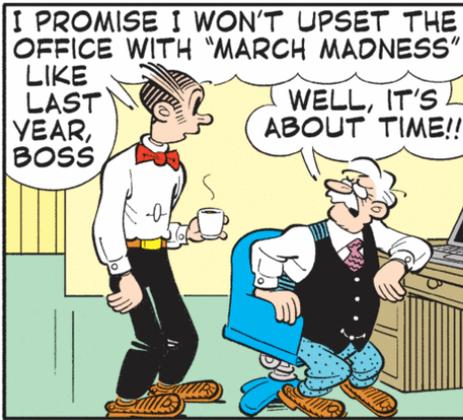
# SPRING CLEAN 2022





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## The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like a Division I player with a 48" vertical. **Pr 23:5**