

Central Baptist Church of Westerly, 16 Elm Street, Westerly, RI 02891

THE GOOD WORD

Carrying News of God's Work into the Community and World
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**Worship With Us At
Central Baptist**



**Sunday Worship Service
10:30 AM**

Our services can be seen on Facebook Live or on YouTube.
Access is always available through our church website:
www.cbwesterlyri.org

Operation Christmas Child: A Gift to the World's Children Sent with Love



**NEED A RIDE
TO CHURCH?**



Call 401-596-4929
Call the church before
noon on Saturday.



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Twenty five volunteers packed 150 shoe boxes to send off to the regional distribution center for Operation Christmas Child. First organized in our church by Brian Gerbutavich back in 2012, this marks the 13th year we have participated in this wonderful event. On Sunday we prayed over each of the boxes and the children that will receive them.

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Cal Lord, Jr., Pastor
 Assoc. Pastor, Enrique Newman
 Lynn Johnson, Music Director
 Dorothy McClure, Administrator
 Ray Deptulski, Jr., Custodian
 Sofia & Gianna Scarano

Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**NEWSLETTER TEAM**

Suzanne Vanaman
 Dot Marra
 Dorothy McClure
 and
 A host of other contributors

**Newsletter
Deadline**

Articles for *The Good Word*,
 are due the
15th of the month.
 Please submit articles
 as a WORD document
 if possible.

e-mail all articles to:
Suzanne Vanaman

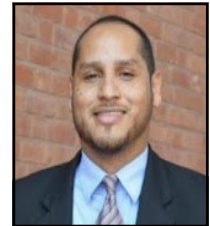
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**WHAT TO EXPECT AT A MANUP BIBLE
STUDY GROUP**

MANUP is a welcoming space where you'll be known, heard, and supported without judgment or shame as you grow into a godly man, receiving encouragement, inspiration, and guidance every step of your faith journey. A Bible study where you can connect with God and other men.



ManUp Bible Study begins
 Monday, January 6 at 6:30 PM.
 Group will be led by Pastor Enrique



DECEMBER

CHURCH MEETINGS**December 9**

5:30 PM Board of Christian
 Education

December 16

4:30 PM Board of Trustees
 7:00 PM Board of Deacons

December 3, 10, 17

6:30 PM Mission Board

CHURCH ANNUAL BAZAAR PREPARATION

The Friendship Circle plans to meet on December 2nd at 7pm in Fellowship Hall.

We will wrap up all there is to do to make our annual bazaar a huge success. This event includes participation of everyone in the church. Please let Meredith Eckel (mceckel@cox.net) know what you can do to help if you are not already signed up . All ladies are invited.



Also, we need bakers for the bake table. If you are able to bake some goodies it would be much appreciated. Please speak with Georgette DeBernardo (1-860-536-0896) for any questions you may have. We hope to have a very successful day on December 7th. Please come, help, and make this a very prosperous happy day in the life of Central Baptist Church.



December 7th - 8:00 AM
 Kelley's Deli
 116 Granite Street, Westerly
All men invited

**HELP WANTED FOR KID'S CHURCH**

We need volunteers to join us in leading Kid's Church. As our program grows, we are seeking team leaders and weekly helpers. It's a great opportunity for all ages to serve.

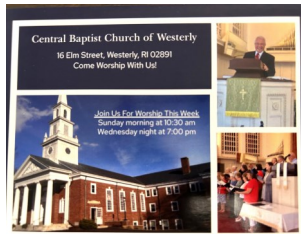
PASTOR CAL'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

It was December of 1969 that I first stepped into the little church on the green in Lebanon, Connecticut. My aunt Connie invited my dad to bring my little brother and I to the church Christmas party. No one could have guessed how that simple invitation would change my life forever. I felt welcomed there. Before long I came to know the love of Jesus and gave my life to him.

That's what can happen when you invite someone to join you for worship. This is the best time of year to do that. Everyone is more open to hearing the Good News associated with the birth of Christ. What makes Christmas special is not the holiday movies or the tinsel trappings of the shopping season or the joyful laughter of Santa. It is the Good News of Great Joy that Jesus Christ was born! Through his birth God entered human history and took on the role of Savior. More than anything else, it tells us that God loves us. People need to hear that. They need to know that in Christ we can find forgiveness and new life. Too many people are walking around carrying heavy burdens and feeling that no one cares. You can let them know that God cares. I can't think of a better gift to give a friend this Christmas!

So invite your friends. Invite your co-workers. Invite your family. Some of them may turn you down but those who take you up on your offer will thank you someday down the road. We have postcards available at church for you to share with all the information. Grab a few this Sunday and start inviting.



Do you love children?



We can use your time and ability to help keep Kid's Church going. This past fall we ran the weekly program with only three regular volunteers. I know we don't have a lot of children at the moment, but this is a vital ministry. I mentioned how my life was changed through the church. That happened initially through my attendance at Sunday School and youth group. It was Mrs. Bartizek, Mr. Pearce, Mrs. Kahn, Rev. Brooks and others who invested their lives in me and my friends. They shared their love of God with us and we developed a strong foundation for our adult lives.

We need six people to step up and help starting in January. If you can teach, we have a new curriculum that is easy to use and we can train you on it. If you can serve as a helper, you can be that second set of hands and eyes to assist the teacher. We are putting together a schedule for next year. Pick the days when you are available and we can get it covered. Please pray about it. This is a gift that you can share with our families at church as they faithfully raise their children to know Jesus.

Let's Pack the House!

Our Christmas Cantata is late this year. It will fall on the weekend just before Christmas. We would love to fill the sanctuary when we host it here at 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 22. The musical production features an orchestra of twenty plus and over sixty voices from at least six area churches. If you are looking for something to jump start your celebration, this is it! So mark your calendars. Make it a date to be with us for a delightful celebration pointing to the birth of our Savior.

See you in church. Pastor Cal



Hurricane Relief for North Carolina

Over the last month and a half we collected funds for the victims of Hurricane Helen. We sent them to Hope Baptist Church in Eastern Tennessee where Pastor Cal's friend, Pastor Les Young is a member. Pastor Rick Keller and his congregation are intimately involved in relief efforts. Rev. Keller (left) receives our initial check from Rev Young (right.). Thank you for your generosity. We hope to head down to North Carolina on a short term mission trip in 2025.



Come to the Open House!

Join Pastor Cal & Lori at their home at 68 Summer Street, Westerly on Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm for refreshments and a little holiday cheer.

Board of Trustees



Church Family,

The Board of Trustees team is making final adjustments to the 2025 spending plan as the fiscal year comes to a close. Fritz Eckel and Michelle Hallamore are researching the implications of the Westerly water system lead concerns resulted from recent changes in state standards and its impact on the Church and Parsonage water systems.

The replacement of the individual lift enabling people with limited mobility access to Fellowship Hall will be delivered in late November. We are planning to have it installed by the year end.

The invitation to join the Board of Trustees or attending the meetings to present your ideas or concerns is always open. We meet the third Monday of the month at 4:30 in Fellowship Hall.

Very Respectfully,
Bob Burnside

Treasurer's Report

	September 2024 Actual	September Plan	Year-to-Date Actuals	Year-to-Date Plan	Annual Plan
Total Income	61,528.21	46,837.18	445,595.70	430,321.80	532,946.00
Total Expenses	48,941.52	43109.35	427,951.40	448,338.50	532,397.00
Net Ordinary Income	12,586.69	3,727.83)	17,644.30	(19,016.16)	549.00

Overall, the financial picture is positive. Year-to-date planned giving is lagging by approximately 2% (\$4,000) however, year-to-date expenses are currently lower than planned amounts by 4% (\$21,000) resulting in a year-to-date net revenue of \$17,644. Overall, the financial plan is tracking to finish close to the planned amounts.

As always, the generous donations and faithful support of Central Baptist members and friends allow the church to actively serve our community while also proactively maintaining our church properties. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thank you so much!

If you are unable to come to church, we hope that you're watching the live stream services on Facebook. If you miss it, you can search Facebook for the Central Baptist Church of Westerly, RI page and scroll down. It is also available on YouTube, just search for Pastor Cal Lord's page.

Here are some options for online giving:

1 Add CBC's address (16 Elm Street, Westerly RI 02891) to your bank's Bill Payment site and schedule the bank to mail your check to the church. Add a memo if your gift is for a special cause.

2 Text Giving is now available. Message the word "GIVE" to 401-414-4940 from your cellphone and easily send a donation.

3 Another option is to visit www.cbCWesterlyRI.org, then click on the Donations link at the top, or scan this code on your phone to access CBC's online giving app. If your phone's camera can't scan the code, the URL for the app is: <https://app.easytithethe.com/app/Giving/cbcw>.

You can give either directly from your bank account or ... (for a higher fee) use a debit/credit card.

The app uses the same security as bank websites, so your personal information is secure.

Also, it allows you to schedule your donations in advance, so 'once and it's done'!





Board of Missions

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering

Originating in the mid-1930s as the Communion Fellowship Offering, it became known as the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering in 1977. The RMMO funds collected are distributed as thank you checks. Recipients include retired ordained ministers, and commissioned missionaries who have devoted 15 years or more to ABCUSA, as well as surviving spouses. A certain portion of the funds are also allocated for direct emergency assistance. This offering is taken at Christmas and 100% goes directly to this fund.

Thank you for your support.

The Mission Board

Christmas is a Season of Generosity

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

As we celebrate the birth of Christ we are called to mirror God’s generosity by sharing our blessings. The story of his birth encourages us to share with and help others. There are so many ways that we can share the gift of generosity. Here are some ways we can make it a personal mission to share God’s love with others this Christmas season ...



- * Invite a friend to church.
- * Donate blood .
- * Offer to tutor or mentor someone.
- * Help with a food or toy drive.
- * Volunteer at church or in the community. A few hours of your time can have a huge impact on many.
- * Donate clothing, blankets or hygiene products to help those who are homeless or struggling financially.
- * Write cards to the elderly receiving meals on wheels or in nursing homes.
- * Perform an act of kindness-pay for someone’s coffee, shovel a walkway, provide a service and share your talents.
- * Incorporate giving to others into a family tradition.
- * Bake cookies for a neighbor or coworker.
- * Pray for those in need.

As you choose your personal mission of generosity, remember that we can keep the spirit of this season with us all year long as we continue this practice throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Savage

The Giving Tree

In this season of Thanksgiving, hope and love, the Board of Missions thanks you for your generous response in taking a gift request tag off the Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall. There are still a few tags left. If you did not get a tag and would like to make a donation, here are some ways to do so:



1. Money or a check (made payable to Central Baptist with “White Gift” in the memo line). Place your donation in a white envelope and write “White Gift” on it.
2. Gift cards can be purchased and put into white envelopes with White Gift marked on the front.
3. Any type of toys can be purchased and wrapped in White paper.

These envelopes and gifts, as well as the gift tag items that were purchased, will be placed in front of the manger scene during worship on Sunday, December 8. All gifts will be distributed to families within our church and community who are in need.

Board of Deacons



CHRISTMAS REFLECTION:

This time of year, "It's A Wonderful Life," is often on television. It is the quintessential Christmas story with a hero and a villain and we all know that the good guy wins in the end. That Christmas Eve in Bedford Falls (or Westerly RI) reminds us all of Christmases past as we look to the coming of the baby Jesus this year and Christ who is to come in the future.

Like George Bailey, we sometimes focus on the negative. Our world today can present us with many reasons to lose hope with opportunities, attractions, and distractions that make it easy to miss the true meaning of the Christmas season. But in fact, this is the season of light, whether from the lights of the Christmas tree, the flow of the Advent wreath candles, the flame of the Menorah, or perhaps simply the sky on a rare day of sunshine in December. These can remind us of the presence of God and the promise of hope that is fulfilled in this holy season.

Remember that behind the packages and the lights is the radiance that is our God. See the hope in the faces of the people around you. See it in the faces of your family and friends and coworkers. See it in your own face when you look in the mirror. Doing this will allow each of us to welcome that little baby on Christmas, the way that Mary and Joseph willingly welcomed him into their lives. And know that God so lovingly welcomes us into His.

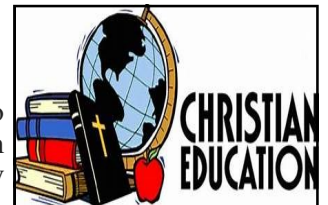
May the peace of God rule in your dreams. May your joys be fulfilled and your prayers answered. May you have healing, health, happiness, and prosperity in the New Year. Have a graced Advent and a Merry Christmas.

This Christmas reflection, taken from a piece by Rev. Frederick Zagone, Chaplain at Marquette University touched my heart, and I hope it will touch yours as well. Merry Christmas.

May God Bless You All.

Karen Boeniger

Board of Education



As we prepare to close out the year and begin anew, it's important that we prepare our hearts to receive the wonderful gift that is Jesus. Just like you've probably heard before, He is the reason for the season! And one of the many ways that we can do that is by sharing the beautiful story of His birth!

White Gift Sunday is a tradition where we're able to share God's love and help brighten a child's Christmas by providing a gift for them. There is a tree setup in Fellowship Hall with tags hanging from it. Each tag has the age of a different child, and whether they're a boy or girl. You can take a tag and go shopping for that specific child. You then wrap the gift in white paper and attach the tag to it, so it will get to the correct child. Don't forget to bring that wrapped gift to church on December 8th, White Gift Sunday!

Have you heard!? We need your little stars to come out and shine on White Gift Sunday!!

We will have a special time during the service when the kids will act out the Nativity story and sing a song. Lovingly, Lynn Dowding is devoting some time during Kid's Church each week to teach and practice the song with the children. There will be costumes for them to wear on the day of, as they take on the roles of Mary, Joseph and those who came to worship the Christ Child. Please contact Mary Ann Rezendes or Marie Bertsch to let them know your kids will be there.

Kid's Church has been going great, and we're so very appreciative of the teachers we have! However, we still need more volunteers. We have a new, and easy to use curriculum, so don't let that be a worry! Ask Pastor Enrique today how you can get involved!

Stay Blessed, Sofia Scarano

Stewardship Moment

Dear Friends,

I want to begin by saying thank you. Your generosity over the last few years has contributed to the success of our ministry in these trying times. First, we had to navigate the pandemic. Then we had to face the challenge of inflation on our household budgets. You never stopped giving. Because of your investment in our church's ministry, we have been an effective witness for Christ in our community.



I wish more people understood how much joy we get from our giving like you and the other members of our congregation do. To see a financial gift transformed into life giving ministry leaves a lasting impact. Your weekly and monthly giving fuels our growing ministry to youth, our adult small group ministries, and so much more. It is an investment in the future. We are planting seeds for tomorrow's ministry.

Our God is a God of transformation – who changes us, and through us, changes the world. This is the good news we have been given to share with others. In light of this, I want to invite you to prayerfully consider increasing the size of your financial gift in the coming year. An increase of \$1, \$5 or more each week can make an incredible difference in what we can do. It is a time of great possibility for our congregation. Together, we celebrate the ministry and mission of our church, and that "go and do likewise" mentality that Christ encourages his disciples to do. You will hear testimonies of God's faithfulness, examples of the type of ministry we want to establish and see the fruit of what God is already doing.

Again, I thank you for your support. Giving like you do does not simply happen – it is the result of faith, trust, and intentional choices. Thank you for your faithful discipleship.

Generously, Pastor Cal

Yes, your financial gifts are important to fund our ministry and provide what is needed to secure the foundation of a faithful, evangelical ministry. Yet, we couldn't thrive without the gifts and talents that you offer when you volunteer at church. In 1 Peter 4:10, the Apostle Peter declares that each of us has been given a gift to serve others, and to share the grace we have been given. On Sunday Pastor Cal mention 23 different ways that you can fill a void and provide a valuable gift to the ministry. I'm going to list them here.

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| 1. Volunteering for Kid's Church as a teacher or a helper. See Pastor Enrique. | 12. Join the Praise Team. See Scott Gail or Hope Burnside. |
| 2. Serve as a greeter on Sunday morning. See Meredith Eckel. | 13. Work in the kitchen at a supper or event. See Skip Terwilliger or Brian Gerbutavich. |
| 3. Cook a meal for our Abundant Harvest Meals Ministry. See Brigid Newman. | 14. Provide baked goods for events. |
| 4. Be a part of our funeral collation ministry at funerals. See Dot Marra. | 15. Work on the Newsletter. See Dot Marra. |
| 5. Join our informal card ministry and send greeting cards to sick and shut in members of the church. See Anita Greene. | 16. Host a home Bible study. See Pastor Cal or Pastor Enrique. |
| 6. Become a part of our Parish Committee team to visit our elderly and shut in members. See Anita Greene | 17. Cooking and serving a meal at the Warm Center. See Pat Anderson. |
| 7. Serve as a host or hostess for Fellowship Hour. See Judy Lathrop or Skip Terwilliger. | 18. Helping with a small home repair for someone at Church. See Bob Burnside. |
| 8. Volunteer to be a weekly driver for our bus ministry. See Pastor Cal. | 19. Serving as an usher. See Jim or Patty Collins. |
| 9. Go on a short term mission trip. See Pastor Cal. | 20. Serving on the tech team. See Scott Gail. |
| 10. Volunteer at Faith Kids Camp next summer. See Pastor Enrique or Marie Bertsch. | 21. Helping to clean an area at church. See Bob Burnside. |
| 11. Join the Choir. See Lynn Johnson. | 22. Mentoring a young person at church. See Pastor Enrique. |
| | 23. Serving as a prayer or accountability partner. See Pastor Cal. |

CURRENT BIBLE STUDIES

Seeing Christ in the Old Testament

- Sunday Mornings, 9:00 AM in the Chapel.

Led by Rev. David Jordan

Essentials of Faith - Women's Bible Study

- Thursday Mornings, 10:00 AM in the Chapel.

The series "Essentials of Faith" discusses why Jesus matters, and it will give you a greater appreciation of who He really is. Please come and be inspired.

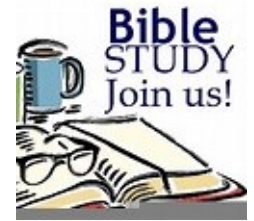
Led by Geri Maloney.

An Advent Study

- Wednesday Mornings at 10:00 AM.

This four week study which began on November 27th looks at the prophecies surrounding the birth of Christ and the actual birth stories in Mathew and Luke.

Led by Pastor Cal.



Annual Christmas Bazaar

Central Baptist Church
16 Elm Street, Westerly
(401) 596-4929

Saturday, December 7th ~ 9am - 1pm



Come and browse through our:

- Delicious Home-Made Baked Table
- Hand-Made Items, Knitted, Crocheted and more
- Kay-Dee Kitchen Towels and more
- Grandma's Attic
- Gently used Christmas Items
- Cemetery Baskets
- Georgetti Handicrafts
- Vendors including books by our own authors,
- Gifts for children, jewelry, crafts and more!



Holiday Luncheon

11:30am - 1:00pm

Baked Ham Dinner,
Rolls, Dessert and
Beverage

*Tickets available through
Friendship Circle members*

\$15 Adults

**Celebrate the Lord's Birth with us
During this Christmas Season**

December 1st

**3:00pm - Christmas Concert with
Westminster Strings at the Armory**

December 7th

**9:00am - Friendship Circle's
Christmas Bazaar
11:30am - Bazaar Luncheon**

December 8th

**10:30am - White Gift Sunday
2:00pm Open House at the Lord's
(68 Summer Street, Westerly)**

December 21st

***Christmas Cantata*
3:00pm - First Seventh Day Baptist,
Ashaway
6:00pm - First Seventh Day Baptist,
Westerly**

December 22nd

***Christmas Cantata*
4:00pm - Central Baptist Church**

December 24th

***Christmas Eve Candlelight Services*
7:00pm - Family Service
11:30pm - Late Night Service**

**Christmas Season Sermons
Join Us each Sunday
at 10:30am**

December 1st

**1st Sunday in Advent
"Hope Begins with the Heart"**

December 8th

**2nd Sunday in Advent
White Gift Sunday
"God's Love Begins Where We Are"**

December 15th

**3rd Sunday in Advent
"Finding Peace Amidst the Chaos"**

December 22nd

**4th Sunday in Advent
Christmas Sunday
"Do You Have the Joy, Joy, Joy?"**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR**



**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BELIEVER'S BAPTISM
OR JOINING THE CHURCH?**



Speak to Pastor Cal or Pastor Enrique if you want to take the next step in your faith journey. We will be welcoming new members during the season of Advent.



Library Corner

Library Corner & Library Room

The Library Corner bookcase is located in the back of Fellowship Hall. New additions and suggested readings are available. Please visit the complete Library Room down the Nursery School Hallway near Fellowship Hall. There are many more titles and topics to catch your interest. A sign-out sheet is available at both locations. Don't miss the following books for Christmas reading.



Inspirational

Stories Behind the Greatest Hits of Christmas - by Ace Collins

We all love singing and listening to Christmas songs. This book tells the stories behind those songs that have blessed the hearts of many. They are the greatest songs enjoyed by generations. Within the pages of this book, you will learn how the hits came to be. For example, Mel Torre wrote "The Christmas Song" after visiting a friend in California who wanted to escape the heat for the cold winters of New England. Other hits include "I'll Be Home For Christmas," "Let It Snow," and "Silent Night." Learning the inspiration behind thirty-four Christmas songs will have you humming the tunes throughout the Christmas season.

Religion

The Hope of Christmas - by Jack Countryman

This book is a perfect devotional to help with Advent readings. It explores God's prophecies, fulfillments, and promises for Christmas. It reveals the broad and miraculous scope of Christ's birth in the manger. It shows that His gifts of love, joy, peace, and grace are within our grasp. It is a wonderful read for this time of year.

Fiction

A Christmas Bride in Pinecraft - by Shelley Shepard Gray

Beloved bestselling author Shelley Shepard Gray concludes her Amish Brides of Pinecraft series with a story of forgiveness and trusting your heart. Beverly Overholt's beloved Orange Blossom Inn has been vandalized and in need of repair. She has stayed away from relationships ever since her fiancé left her for her best friend. Beverly calls Eric Wagner, the inn's handsome owner, who helps her put the inn back together. Trust and love grow between them. Will Christmas bring a second chance at love for Beverly? Read this book to find out if she is brave enough to fall in love as she prepares the Orange Blossom Inn for Christmas.

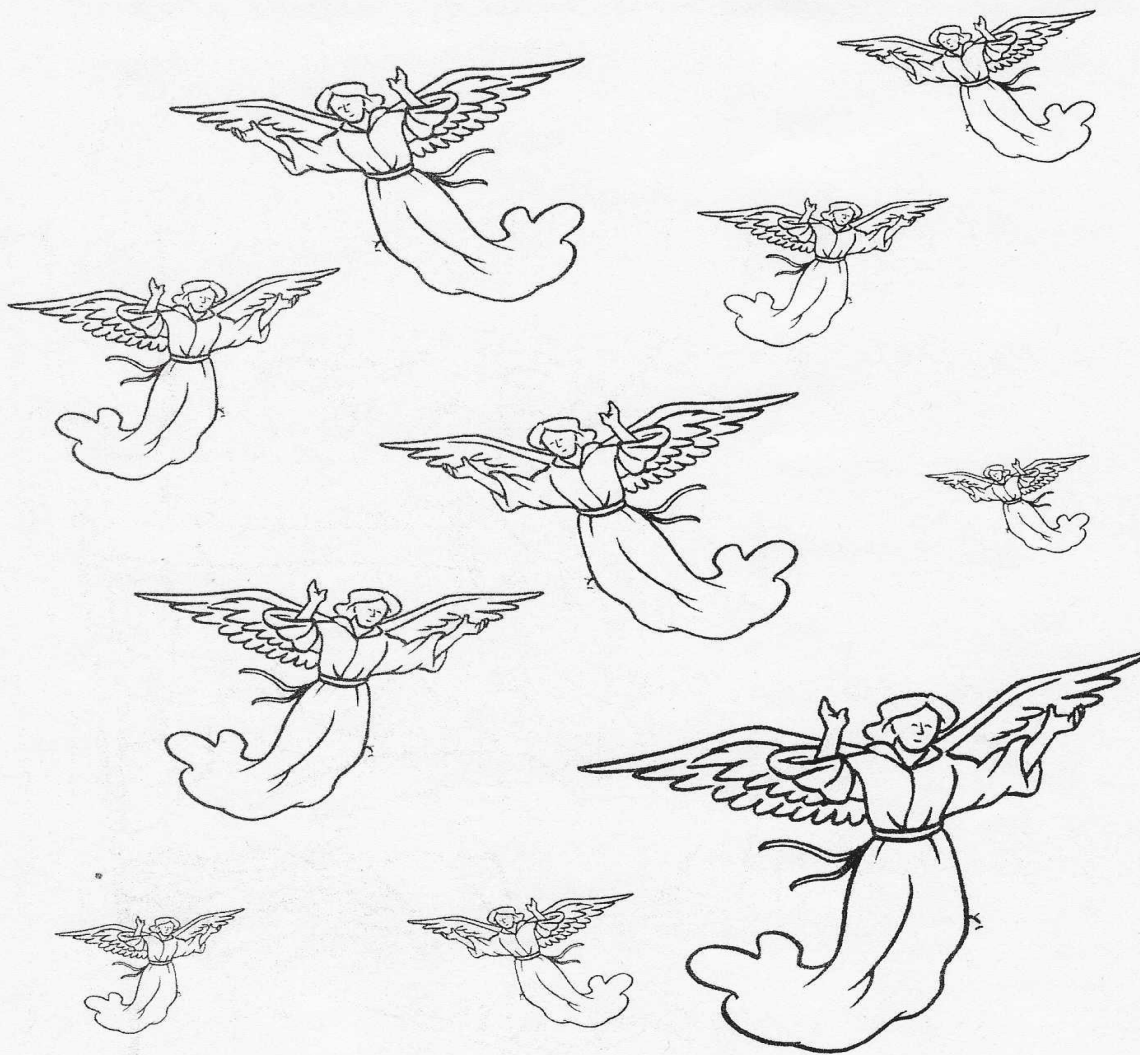
Just For Kids

By Marcia Erskine



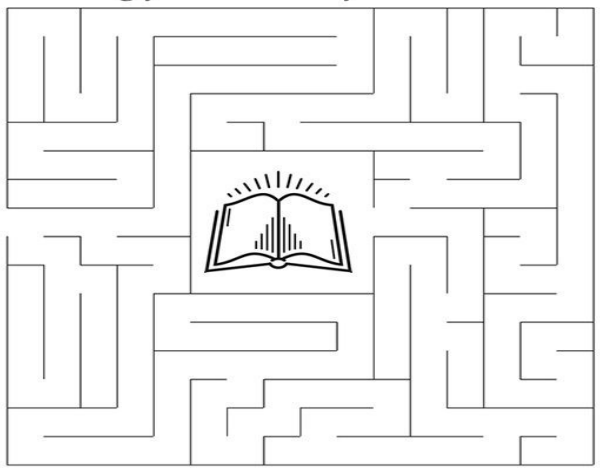
Count the Angels

How many angels were at Jesus' birth?

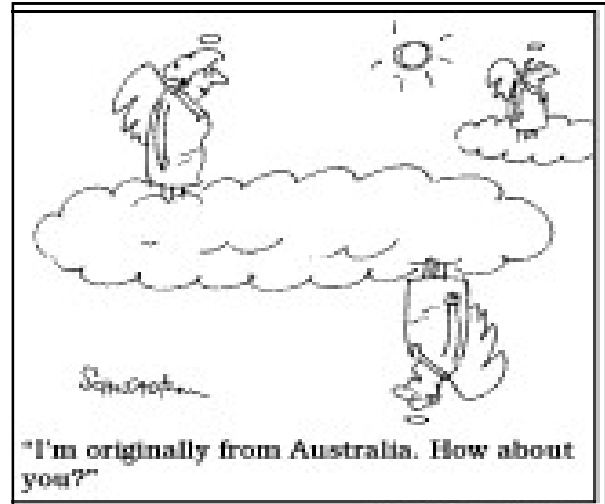


SMILES AND SO FORTH

Looking for a Word from the Lord?



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Have you ever wondered about **THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS**? What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas?

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a Catholic reality, which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope, and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or law, the five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

Every Time

*I may not always understand
The way You answer prayers,
But every time I talk to You,
I understand You care.*

*I may not always hold my own
When pain and fear attack;
But every time I take Your hand,
I hold the strength I lack.*

*I may not always find my way
Or trust my eyes to see;
But every time I lift them up,
I find You're leading me.*

*I may not always mend the hopes
That life has torn apart,
But every time I turn to You,
You mend my broken heart.*

Marjorie Ruth Dodge

Prayer
LIST

Anita's sister, Candy
 Joan Cushman
 Georgette DeBernardo
 Mary Evans
 Mark Faiola
 Katie Feinstein
 Arline Fitzhugh
 Judy Grady
 Richard Lambert
 Tim Lynn
 John Macomber
 Barbara McAvoy
 Rev. Joshua McClure
 Rachel Meyer
 John Millett
 Kay Perrone
 Pat Rhodes
 Bobby Schilke
 Jean Smith
 Ruth Ann & Jim Stewart
 Francine Sullivan
 Sean Tetlow
 Walter Thorpe
 Bruce Titterington
 Geraldine Wagner
 Elizabeth Webster
 Nancy Young & son John
 Peace in the Middle East
 Peace in the Ukraine
 Peace in Sudan
 Victims of Hurricane Helene
 Victims of Hurricane Milton
 * World Peace *

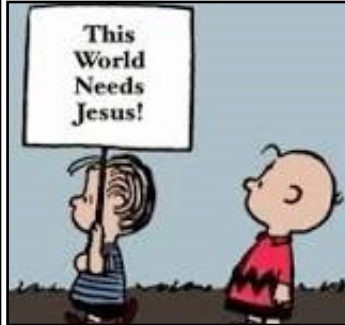


December
ANNIVERSARIES

Melissa & Sean Tetlow - 11th
 John & Casey Payne Jr. - 14th
 Diane & Bob Johnson - 18th

DECEMBER
Birthdays

- 4 David Caswell
- 6 Geri Maloney
- 8 Cindy Capizzano
- 10 Jonathan Gibson
- 11 Judy Grady
- 15 Jim Servidio
- 16 Marie Moussie
- 16 Carol Potter
- 17 Stephen Macomber
- 18 Bob Johnson
- 21 Richard DeBernardo
- 21 Mary Evans
- 28 Cheryl Murray
- 29 Linda Behringer
- 29 Nancy Gibson
- 31 Agnes Trebisacci

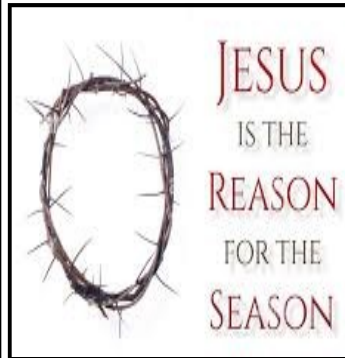


As we celebrate the birth
 Of our Saviour and our King,
 Let us live in harmony
 Seeing good in everything.

When festivities have ended,
 And the memories fade away,
 Let peace remain within each heart
 As it did on Christmas Day.

Marian Jones

Merry Christmas



January
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Eva Payne
- 3 David Whipple
- 4 Kelsi Crockford
- 5 Jodi Savage
- 5 Christine West
- 7 Georgette DeBernardo
- 7 Issac Payne
- 8 Quinn Burnside
- 8 Kent Greene
- 8 Lisa West
- 9 Jean Smith
- 14 Lynn Johnson

JOY

Please pray for our Sick & Shut in Members

The church extends sympathy to the families of:

Amy Foscale
 Laurie Chipperfield
 Brigid Newman's Uncle
 Mary Anne Jordan's Brother & Sister

Those in the Military:

Sargent Jordan Payne , Camp legume, NC
 Cpt. Evan Caval, Ft. Campbell, KY
 Lieutenant Colonel Brian Gavitt
 Lance Corporal Christian Smith
 David Aiello, US Marines

All of those who serve in our armed forces.

Our Shut in Members at Home
 Judy Grady & Rev. Joshua McClure

Royal Nursing Home
 John Macomber & Kay Perrone
 79 Beach St, Westerly 02891

The Elms
 Joan Cushman
 22 Elm Street, L09
 Westerly, Rhode Island 02891

Pendleton Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
 Elizabeth Webster, 44 Maritime Drive,
 Mystic, Connecticut 06355

Benchmark Plymouth Crossing
 Winnie Hamilton, 157 South Street - Apt 218,
 Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360



Never forget the three powerful resources you always have available to you: love, prayer, and forgiveness.



DECEMBER 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Comunion Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM Westminster Concert	2 7:00PM Friendship Circle	3 6:30PM Mission Board 7:00PM Young Adult Study	4 10:00AM Advent Study 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	5 10:00AM Essentials of Faith 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	6 2:30PM Set-up CNS rooms 5:00PM Table Set-Up 7:30PM Worship Band	7 8:00AM Men's Breakfast at Kelley's Deli 9:00AM Bazaar 11:30 Luncheon
8 White Gift Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship 2PM-4PM Lord Open House	9 5:30PM Christian Ed Board	10 6:30PM Mission Board 7:00PM Young Adult Study 7:00PM Sisters in Christ	11 10:00AM Advent Study 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	12 10:00AM Essentials of Faith 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	13	14
15 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship	16 4:30PM Trustees Board 7:00PM Deacon Board	17 6:30PM Mission Board 7:00PM Young Adult Study	18 10:00AM Advent Study 7:00PM Mid-Week Worship Weight Watchers	19 10:00AM Essentials of Faith 7:00PM Choir Rehearsal	20 7:30PM Worship Band	21 3:00PM Cantata at 7th Day in Ashway 6:00PM Cantata at 7th Day in Westerly
22 Christmas Sunday 9:00AM Adult Sun School 10:30AM Worship 4:00PM Cantata at Central	23	24 Christmas Eve 7:00PM & 11:30PM Candlelight Service	25 Christmas 	26 CNS Christmas Break	27 WARM Meal	28
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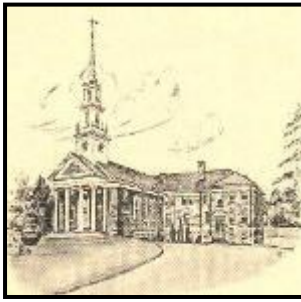
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