



The Beverly Beacon

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Linda's Ramblings

15b The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." 16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. 17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. 19 But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.
LK 2:15b-20



Thanks to our Youth and to all of our church family and friends from near and far, the youth filled 114 Shoe Boxes this year. You have made 114 children very happy who may not have received a gift this year. To us it may seem like a small thing, but to a child it is everything. There are no things too small in giving. We will begin collecting these items throughout the year beginning January 15. There is a plastic tub outside the sanctuary marked for this special ministry. So, please fill free to fill it. Again, many, many thanks for all you do for God's children.

This is indeed my second favorite time of the year (only second to Easter and you can't have one without the other). But for me and I know many of you, it does not come without loss because one is missing. But that person now has a front row seat to all that is happening and celebrating the gift of God's Son with us from a higher place where it all began.

Since my house is so small, I had to go to much smaller trees this year. However, I did buy a beautiful 7 1/2 foot pencil tree, and I have put up several little 3 and 4 ft. trees. And a secret Santa left me a wall Christmas tree by my door (for someone with a small house). As I was decorating three trees in my living room, I looked up into Don's smiling blue eyes, and I could just see him shake his head and laugh at my childishness and my love for Christmas Trees. And while I miss my soul mate desperately, I find that I am not lonely but have the joy and peace of Christ in my heart and soul.

To you my faith family and friends both here and beyond, I want to say to you "Celebrate your faith"-celebrate the birth, life, death, and resurrection of the King who has given us LIFE and given it abundantly. May God's grace and peace flow through you and work through you to the glory of our Almighty God.

Have a very Merry Christmas my dear people. I love you dearly.
Shalom,

Linda

December Worship Leaders

Readers for December are the Advent Candle Readers/Lighters.

Dec. 7th Mike and Teresa Kelly
Dec. 14th Ellis Family
Dec. 21 Draper Family
Dec. 24th Loveless Family

Children's Sermons

Dec. 7 Sharon Foster
14 Jacob Rice
21 Linda Marcum
28 Christina Scruggs

Ushers

8:30 svc. Alice Stallcup
11:00 svc. David Hubbard, Ron Lisec, Jimmie Phillips

Substitutes

Jeff Lisec, Ray Potter, Devon Bazile, Hunter Bazile, Shirlene Luna, Tim Loveless, Matthew Hubbard



Toys for Tots

Every year we collect new unwrapped toys for tots for the fire department. They are to be at the church no later than Dec. 14. Bring unwrapped toys, black out any bar codes and place toys under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

MHMR Christmas party/dinner, Dec. 9, 6:00pm. If you have any time to donate and want to be thoroughly blessed, consider volunteering to work the dinner Christmas party for the Mental health clients. See Roger Stringer for details.

Advent/Christmas Services Schedule

Dec. 14, 6:00pm Children's Christmas Program
Dec. 21, **(NO 8:30 SERVICE)**
11:00AM Choir Christmas Presentation
Dec. 24, 6:30pm Candlelight worship service with Holy Communion

Prayer Concerns: US Armed Forces, Terrorist, Linda Nelson, George Nelson, Georgia Draper, Jim Crombie, Steve Foster, Kim Seipel, **our church**, Jeremy Stringer (job issues), Roger Stringer's family, Paula Bohannon, Claudine Hall, Janet Kurtankish, Sharon Hornbuckle, Teresa Ferguson (Kathy Murphy's sister), Arron Miller (10 year old with tumors), Hermon Schultz (Bill's son), Cindy Green (friend of Susie's), Sherry Moore, Clarence & Lou Scruggs, Tina McBroom Peavler - cancer {Lisa McBroom's sister}, Amanda Kuebler {Lenora Sheets granddaughter}, Kathryn McGregor, Lori & Chris Fordyce (death of Chris' mother), Otis Scobee (fell and broke arm) Mary Stringer; Chris, Amanda, and Baby Witter, **RAIN.**

Faith Mission

Please join us to worship with the homeless at Faith Mission on December 15, 7:30pm.



Please help us keep **INTERFAITH MINISTRIES'** pantry stocked.
Many items are dangerously low, and the holiday season typically brings increased demand!

Current needs are:

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| Oatmeal | |
| Canned meat, all kinds | |
| Soup, all kinds | |
| Grape jelly | |
| Peanut butter | |
| Rice (small bags) | Mac & cheese |
| Pasta | Dried beans |
| Cake mixes | Dressing (stuffing) mix |
| Canned tomatoes | |



THIS & THAT
Roma Yokley

Sunday, Nov 19th was United Methodist Women's Sunday and Sharon Foster was speaker for both services. The weather kept people from attending and they failed to hear her wonderful message. The UMW presented a pin as special recognition to someone who does many services for our church and we honored Ray Potter this year.

We have so many things to do for December it's sorta scary, so much to do and with less people. We've lost many of our members this past year.

Susie Adams who is at Texhoma Care Center is in the Alzheimer Unit and under Hospice care

Clarence Scruggs is at United Regional and Lou may be moved to Texhoma Care Center care so check before visiting.

Kay Lynn Fenn who was in a car accident with many injuries is home recovering.

Alice Stallcup children are busy getting her house updated.

Linda Marcum has really had a long bout with breathing problems.

The snow today wasn't much but it was moisture.

MHMR dinner will be December 9th. Volunteers are needed.

The Children's Christmas play will be December 14th. People are to bring unwrapped toys to be given to the fire department.

The choir program service will be December 21 and dinner will be served to honor the choir. They put in so many hours preparing for this special service. We hope many will come and enjoy it. No 8:30 service.

Thanks again to H.L. Ford for her support of our Teen Project and to Lisa and Kevin Lerner for supporting our Agape projects.

The playground project has to be planned and money will be raised before it is started.

United Methodist Women's party is on December the 6th at 6 pm. Everyone is invited. Bring snack food and a white elephant gift.

The Tea at Mt. Calvary/Falls chapel UMC was really nice and brought back many memories since I was a member there when it was Adams St. Methodist church.

NOTE: Since we are short of used Christmas card fronts for our agape, please save this year's cards for us. We use them on our Christmas projects.

T-shirts have been distributed and are pretty. Jimmy said that they got questions where they wore theirs. Jackets should be ready soon.

Covenant Study on Monday nights has brought back some former members and we always welcome them.

Pray for rain, pray for all who are hurting, whether physically, mentally, spiritually. There is so much pain all over the world and praying is the one way we can all help. Add our concern for all that are neglecting churches by not participating in any way.

Mary Stringer is still seeing double and is under care of doctors.



Merry Christmas.



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