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## Meaning of Christmas???

**H**ave you decorated your house yet? Got the tree up? Done your shopping and wrapped the gifts already? Are the cookies baked and house clean? What about the little twinkling lights on the gutters? So much to do, so little time! Have you started counting the days to Christmas yet? The stores already have their big bold signs, "ONLY 25 Shopping Days to X-Mas!" Whew, I better stop before I give myself an ulcer!

None of the above is what Christmas is truly about. You and I both know it in the depths of our hearts, yet it is so easy to get sucked in to the "Holiday Season" and forget the meaning behind the season. I received a reminder of the meaning of Christmas in an email that I would like to share with you.

May God bless you with a Christmas overflowing with LOVE!

Grace & Peace,  
Seth



### I CORINTHIANS 13 – A CHRISTMAS VERSION

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.  
If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

Merry Christmas and lots of love to you and yours!

*Author Unknown*

# Session News

Session met Wednesday, November 19th and here are some of the highlights.

Session spent time reviewing the proposed 2009 budget. It will be approved at the December meeting and presented to the congregation at the annual Congregational meeting.

October revenues were \$13,350.07, expenses were \$19,103.46, leaving a net income of -\$5,753.39.

Fellowship is planning another Heritage Sunday potluck in January.

The MLM collection items for the month of December are Cereal  
Mac and Cheese  
Canned fruit



# Deacon Corner

We had a nice turnout for the chili cook-off and talent show. Thanks to all who made this a success!

Volunteers for the months of November and December cookie making were assigned.

The Deacons put forth several suggestions for Christmas gifts for our shut-ins.



*Circles will meet on December 10, 2008.*

Rebekah - 10:00 a.m.

Hostess and Moderator –  
Mary Lou Clark (at the church)

Martha - 1:00 p.m.

Hostess – Frances Judd  
(at the church)  
Group Discussion

Lydia - 7:00 p.m.

Hostess – Cheryl Woolley  
(at her house)  
Moderator – Beth Wheeler



## CANTATA

*Sunday, December 7, 2008  
at 7:00 p.m.*

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### Our Staff

#### Pastor

Rev. Seth Wheeler

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Teri VanGilder

#### Music Director

Alarice Jones-Corrao

#### Communications Elder

Harold Scott

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They're back!! Men's Breakfast Square has resumed it's meetings, and was well attended last month. The next "square" is scheduled for December 13 at 8:00 a.m. Call the office for more information.

# December Prayer List

Bobby McKinney, leukemia, George's nephew  
Amy and family, Dana Shafar's sister  
Ardith Wiebel, hospice called in, George Gates' father's friend  
Charles Pate, personal situation  
Perez-Enriquez Family, personal situation  
Barb Seney, health concerns  
Jane Davies, cancer  
Tony Griggs, friend of Tim and Alarice Corrao  
Don Rogers, back trouble, Jo Harper's brother  
Gladys Hunter, tendinitis of left leg  
Jim Bush, emergency surgery, friend of Rod Chester  
Bill Long, hospitalized, friend of Loren and Peggy Clouse  
Bonnie King, cancer, friend of Sandra Correu  
Patsy Roberts, cancer, friend of Lois Hughes  
Chris Kelley and family, personal situation, friend of Don Correu  
Julie and daughter, family struggles, friend of Charles Pate  
Peggy and son, family struggles, friend of Charles Pate  
Pray for the World to be Christ-like  
Louis Brunke, stroke, Virginia Battagler's brother  
Carol and Mark Hennenberg, loss of job, Lorene Dieckman's daughter and son-in-law  
Max Samson, health concerns, Alex Harriger's friend  
Tammy Long, health concerns, Donna Douthit's co-worker  
Mark Hulett, job search, Pat Hulett's son  
Donna Hoendorph, breast cancer, friend of Jo Harper and Marilyn Hoefer  
Jerry Revenaugh, serious injuries, Carol Revenaugh's grandson  
C. W. Battagler, health concerns, Virginia Battagler's brother-in-law  
Noreene, health concerns, Ken Burden's mother  
Betty Scott, health concerns  
Family of Tammy Howard, her passing, friend of Sue and Fran Gates  
All children's agencies, facing financial struggles  
Jeff, health concerns, friend of George Gates  
Vincie Armato, recent surgery, friend of the Harpers  
Barry Moore, personal challenges, Gladys Hunter's son  
Cole Shinn, personal situation/hardships, friend of Keith Langabee  
Brittany Gill, health concerns, Betty Willhite and Diane Gill  
Caleb Wolf, recovering from surgery, David and Jo Harper's grandson  
Brittany Gill, hospitalized  
Hudean Stewart, hospitalized, Skeet Lowrey's sister  
Sean, throat cancer, Alarice Jones-Corrao's son  
Kelly, divorce, friend of Heather Myers  
Jan, hospice, friend of Kate and Alex Harriger  
Jason, health concerns, friend of Kate and Alex Harriger  
Rod Chester, surgery on Nov. 18  
Anita Green, cancer, friend of Marilyn Hoefer  
Chris Doyle, cancer, friend of Rich and Beth Luther  
Ashley Luther's father, health concerns, Rich and Beth Luther's daughter-in-law  
Danny Gardner, health concerns, friend of Don Correu



## Our Homebound

Jean Allen  
Virginia Brown  
Pat Fisher  
Cordelia Williams

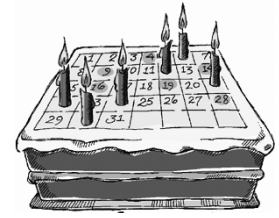
## Our Military

Capt. Chad Steel, Lyle Evans  
Ted England, Homeland Security, nephew - Sandra Correu & Drew  
Charles Oschner, Navy, Hawaii  
Sgt. Nick Sutherland, Colorado, Linda Sutherland's son  
Ben Morrow, Iraq, Rosalie Minor's nephew  
Bryan Wylie, Army, Iraq, friend of Alex and Kate Harriger  
Marcus Mitchell, Iraq, Gladys Hunter's nephew  
Richard Long, U.S. Army Ranger, son of a friend, Luther's  
Lt. Col. Scott Schwarz, USMC, Sheryl Chester's son & Rod's step-son  
Nathan Harper, Navy, Kuwait, David and Joann Harper's son  
Joshua Balhuizen, Army, Rich and Mary Thompson's grandson  
Kevin Scheier, U S Navy, son of friends, Rich and Beth Luther  
Morgan Smyth, Marines, Iraq, Tom and Dottie Hagan's step-grandson

# December Calendar

1	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
2	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
3	10:00 a.m.	PW Board
	6:00 p.m.	Koinonia
4	12:00 p.m.	JOY Group
	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
7		2nd Sunday of Advent
	7:00p.m.	Cantata
8	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
9	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
10		Circles Meet
	6:00 p.m.	Deacons
11	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
13	8:00 a.m.	Men's Square Breakfast
14		3rd Sunday of Advent
	3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts
15	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
16	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:00 p.m.	Preschool Christmas Program (Fellowship Hall)
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
17	7:00 p.m.	Session
18	7:00 p.m.	Cub Scouts
21		4th Sunday of Advent
22	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
23	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir
24	7:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
	10:30 p.m.	Christmas Eve Service
25		Merry Christmas!
29	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scouts
30	6:00 p.m.	Bells
	7:15 p.m.	Choir

December 2008						
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## December Birthdays

- 2 Carol Wagner
- 6 Emily Mischke  
Joel Wheeler
- 11 Dorothy Service
- 13 Betty Strausbaugh  
Joseph Shafar
- 15 Jessica Swanson-  
Luther
- 20 Clint Darling
- 22 Clyde Jones  
Will Vaughan
- 23 Scottie Shafar
- 25 Nick Artz
- 26 Jennifer Artz
- 27 Mary Jo Evans
- 28 Nathan Harper
- 30 Ann Underwood
- 31 Rod Chester



## Christmas Eve CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Join us for the 7:00 p.m. or  
the 10:30 p.m. Service





November has been a very busy month! Both sets of classes had their Thanksgiving Feasts that were organized and hosted by parents. Our 3 and 4's group even learned how to make homemade noodles! We are lucky to have such caring and helpful parents that help make our program such a success. This year the children also performed a short skit that was very funny and entertaining.

We have already begun to practice our songs for the Christmas Pageant! It will be held on Tuesday, December 16th. The Early Learners program is at 6:00 p.m. and Pre-kindergarten program is at 7:00 p.m. We would love for everyone to come and see what a talented group of little people are attending your preschool! Please feel free to peek in our classrooms at any time.

Thank you for your continued support!  
Lynn Wollard



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