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FROM THE DESK OF Pastor Gary

Bah! Humbug! I'm sure we're all familiar with that infamous line. And I trust that none of us would ever want to be considered scrooges when it comes to Christmas. And yet, in a way some of us probably have been – from this perspective:

“I hate the commercialization of Christmas!” People have forgotten what Christmas is all about – Jesus is the reason for the season!” “All these lights and trees and ornaments and buying gifts don't have anything to do with Christmas! All these things have just ruined Christmas!”

And while there's a certain degree of truth in most of these remarks, the reality is that almost every one of these customs can be traced back to Christian roots.

The use of Christmas trees and other evergreen decorations, such as wreaths, were used by early Christians because they represent eternal life. Also, the (more or less) triangular shape of the Christmas tree was seen to represent the Holy Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The tree also represented the Tree of Life found in the Garden of Eden.

The use of lights on the Christmas tree was begun by 16th century Germans as a way of acknowledging that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, as John described him several times in his gospel.

The ornaments on the tree were originally Christian symbols – the cross, angels, stars, lambs, etc. – much like what we call today, Chrismons.

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas can be traced back to the precious gifts that the Wise Men brought to the baby Jesus when they came to pay homage to the new born King.

Even Santa Claus, also known as Saint Nicholas, derived from a 4th century Christian bishop by that name who became famous by his generous giving of gifts to the poor.

So I can't help but wonder whether we might make more of an impact for Christ in our daily lives this time of year, by being ready to explain these things to those who may not be believers, than going around complaining that they're all a bunch of pagans who have ruined Christmas.

Yes, John described Jesus as the light of the world, but in turn Jesus told his followers, us, that we are the light of the world. So let's shine our lights – at Christmas and all through the year!

Have a blessed Advent and Christmas, and a joyous New Year *Pastor Gary*

Applying Biblical Principles

“When God gives any person money and possessions, and enables them to enjoy these things, to accept their lot and be happy in their work ... this is a gift of God.” (ECC 5:19)

As Christmas approaches we prepare ourselves to receive the greatest gift ever given – the gift that God gave us in His Son, Jesus Christ. When the Wise Men came to visit the newborn King they brought gifts appropriate for the occasion, and out of that tradition the practice of giving gifts at Christmas was born.

Don’t you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts, and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that He also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

All that we have comes from His hand; but in particular, as Solomon indicated, money and possessions and the ability to enjoy them are gifts from God. In other words, God gives us that which is rightfully His, and then He allows us the enjoyment of our money and possessions. As we enjoy what He has entrusted to us, no doubt he takes great pleasure in our enjoyment – if our actions are in conformity to His Word and His will.

How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and possessions is according to God’s plan? The Bible contains a great deal of specific instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth: *“So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”* (1 COR 10:31)

There’s nothing wrong with money. There’s nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon was correct when he said that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in such a way that our enjoyment will bring glory to God. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and His work, through His Church.

During the past few months, have you kept God’s glory ... especially giving to him ... as the number one priority in your use of money? Or have other things taken the place of your giving to God?

“FRIENDS of the FLAME” Contributors:

Congregation:

- Jeanette Aguayo
- Anonymous
- Susie Anders
- Dorene Bava
- Gina Bennert
- Ed & Bev Brown
- Larry & Carol Doud
- Cathy Elledge
- Lou & Charlene Giovanniello
- Linda Gwozdz
- Ellen Hisey
- Joy Hughes
- Ruth Humphrey
- Helen Karl
- Abbie Kverek
- Mary Lawson
- Jim & Judy Locke
- Wayne & Joyce Lyons
- Doug & Gayle Marsh
- Jim & Linda McGinnis
- George & Ruth Michie
- Rev. Bob & Jo Moffat
- Jim & Kathy Oliver
- Jeanie Ryan
- Carrie Schaefer
- Peg Schrader
- Iris Sefried
- Esther Stake
- Jim Townsend
- Shirley Vickers
- Jeannette Watson
- Svend Wilhelmsen
- Al & Dora Wilkinson

Community:

- Chick-fil-A
- 10 Indian River Blvd.
- Edgewater (386) 478-1490
- Coastal Integrative Healthcare
- 315 N. Ridgewood Ave.
- Edgewater (386) 427-8403
- Eagle Eye Dental
- 104 S. Cory Drive
- Edgewater (386) 957-3977
- Edgewater Floor Store
- 2119 S. Ridgewood Ave.
- Edgewater (386) 410-6963
- JB’s Fish Camp
- 859 Pompano Ave.
- New Smyrna Bch. (386) 314-8342
- Leon’s Edgewater Motors, Inc.
- 1737 S. Ridgewood Ave.
- Edgewater (386) 427-4816
- On Solid Ground RV & Boat Storage
- 421 Timaquan Trail
- Edgewater (386) 424-9433



Thank you for your support!

Total Received

\$4,894.50



CHRISTMAS UNDER THE PALMS - SAT. DEC. 8!

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year!

HELP OUR BAKE SALE

Needed: volunteers to make and sell homemade bake goods.

Sign-up sheets are in the Hallway between the Sanctuary and Hardin Hall.

Contact Helen Karl (386-409-8382/catsandbooks@bellsouth.net)



SAVE THE DATE!
CHRISTMAS UNDER
THE PALMS
DECEMBER 8, 2018 9AM-4PM



UNITED METHODIST
WOMEN
ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday, December 15, 2017 at 7PM
In Hardin Hall

“Have a Mary Christmas” is the theme. If you haven’t signed up yet or if you have questions, see Arlene Tilison, Chair of UMW.
 (386) 428-4351
arlenetilison@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS


- Boys & Girls Club Mon.-Fri. 2PM-6PM
- Girl Scouts Meet 1st & 3rd Monday @ 6PM
- Girl Scout Leaders Meet on 2nd Monday @ 6PM
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Meet each Tues. 8:30AM
- Dec 1 9:00 AM UMM Meeting (Choir Room)
- Dec 2 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service 1st Sunday of Advent
- Dec 2 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Dec 4 6:00 PM Trustees Meeting (Choir Room)
- Dec 6 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
- Dec 6 8:30 AM Women’s Breakfast (Goodrich’s, Oak Hill)
- Dec 6 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Dec 8 9:00 AM **Christmas Under the Palms**
- Dec 9 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service 2nd Sunday of Advent
- Dec 9 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Dec 13 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
- Dec 13 8:30 AM Women’s Breakfast (Goodrich’s, Oak Hill)
- Dec 13 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Dec 15 7:00 PM Advent by Candlelight (Hardin Hall)
- Dec 16 10:00 AM **Christmas Cantata 3rd Sunday of Advent (Blended Service)**
- Dec 18 12:00 PM Ruth Circle Christmas Party (Choir Room)
- Dec 18 5:45 PM Naomi Circle Christmas Dinner (Blackbeard’s NSB)
- Dec 20 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Sand Bar NSB)
- Dec 20 8:30 AM Women’s Breakfast (Goodrich’s, Oak Hill)
- Dec 20 9:30 AM Card Ladies (Choir Room)
- Dec 20 6:30 PM Choir Practice (Choir Room)
- Dec 23 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service 4th Sunday of Advent
- Dec 23 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service
- Dec 24 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service
- Dec 25 Christmas Day~ OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec 26 OFFICE CLOSED
- Dec 27 7:30 AM UMM Breakfast (Goodrich’s, Oak Hill)
- Dec 27 8:30 AM Women’s Breakfast (Ruthy’s, NSB)
- Dec 30 9:00 AM Praise Worship Service 5th Sunday
- Dec 30 10:30 AM Traditional Worship Service

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Sing
Joy
 to All
 the
World!

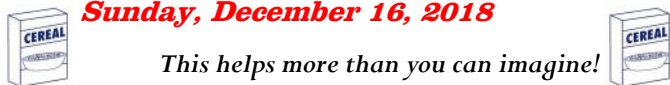
A Christmas Celebration

Melissa Macnab & Our Sanctuary Choir invite you to our Christmas Musical Sunday, December 16, 2018 10:00AM in the Sanctuary

 **CEREAL**

is needed for third SUNDAY donations.
Sunday, December 16, 2018

This helps more than you can imagine!



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 03—Cathy Elledge
- 05—Jim Townsend +
- 06—Ray Genco
- 14—Lorna Brice +
- 16—Jack Rorabaugh +
- 17—Mary Merrow
- 19—Bonnie Bailey
- 21—Marla Hager
- 23—Mary Lawson +
- 24—Joy Hughes +
- 25—Jesus Christ
- 31—Kim Davis
- 31—Keli Kennedy
- 31—Joe Schuler
- + = 80 or above



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER:

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| Jack Bowkus | Phil Johnson & Family | Bill Myers |
| Bev Brown | Erin Juliano | Tommie O'Donoghue |
| Thelma Buchard | Vince Karl | Maureen Powers |
| Tom Carrigan | Mason Joseph Kiep | Mari Reed |
| Leigh Clark | Hope Koenigsknect | Carol Rutter |
| JoEllen Curtis | Joe Koenigsknect | Jody Sanders |
| Dante Datolli | Brenda Kupris-Cary | Karen Sheets |
| Myrle Ewing | Sandy Langlois | Vickie Sheets |
| Gunna Fabre | Pat Lewis | Estelle Smith |
| Tom Freymuth | Judy Littorin | Bobbie Steinhoff |
| Wally Green | Doug Marsh | Ken Steinhoff |
| Melinda Hamilton | Mauricio Martell | Patricia Ternet |
| Claudia Hanson | John Miles | Arlene Tilison |
| Donald Hockett | Miles Gresham-Miller | Bud Tilison |
| Mike Hockett | Randy Miller | Michael Warren |
| Ruth Humphrey | Rev. Bob Moffat | Grace Wood |
| Scott Jackson | Lorie Morris | |

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 12/14 Richard & Lorna Brice
- 12/17 Jim & Kathy Oliver
- 12/23 Bob Gudis & Ginger Clark
- 12/31 Joe & Beth Schuler



Please keep in prayer and make a point to call,
visit or send a card to our shut ins:

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| Norma Cassada | Wilma Montgomery | Lois Ann Rector |
| Pat Chaney | Ed & Vivian Nunn | Mary Jane Scowden |
| Shirley Clevenger | Ruth Pawlowski | Marie Scudder |
| Meta Devlin | Martha Petersen | Nettie Secrest |
| Louise Mills | Bill Price | Phyllis Sperry |

The office will be
closed on Tuesday,
Dec. 25th &
Wednesday,
Dec. 26th.

Blessings for a
Safe and Happy
Christmas!



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MOST
Wonderful
Time of the
YEAR!
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