

Celebrating December

Bingo's Birthday Month

Universal Human Rights Month

Hanukkah Continues

December 1-6

Saint Nicholas Day

December 6

**Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day**

December 7

Poinsettia Day

December 12

Yaldā

December 21

Christmas

December 25

Kwanzaa

December 26-January 1

Boxing Day

December 26

New Year's Eve

December 31



DECEMBER



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December Celebrations

Resident Birthdays

Bob S~ 12/12

Marianne M~ 12/20

Helen S~ 12/27

Staff Birthdays

Trudy A~ 12/18

Sue M~ 12/27

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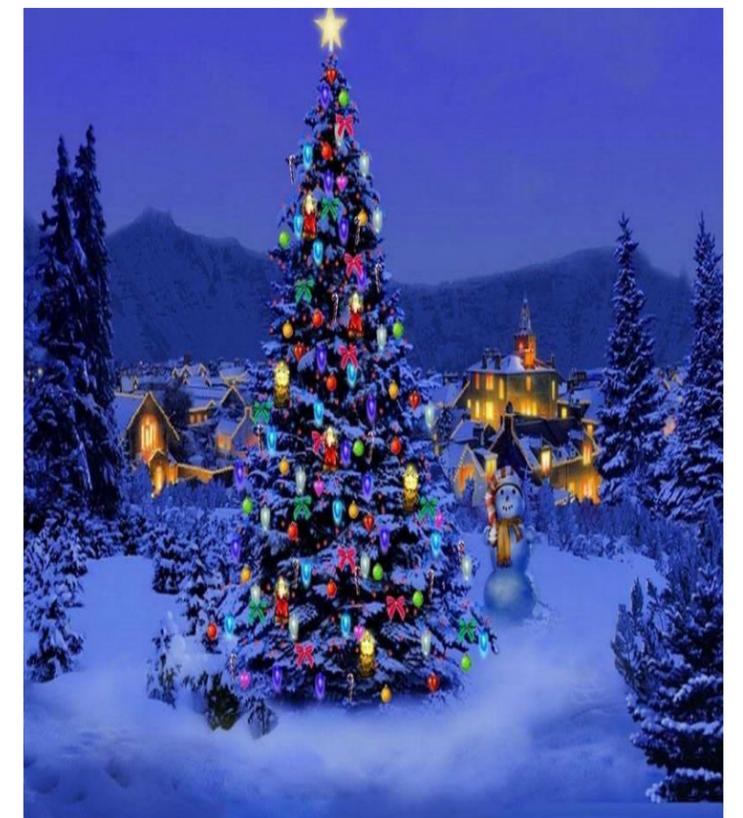
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Thank You!

With all the love and support from our wonderful families, our fall pie fundraiser was a great success! We were able to raise over \$600 for our income based program!



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What Is the True Meaning of Christmas?

Christmas is undoubtedly one of the most joyful holidays of the year. But amid the bustle and buying, the family and the presents, take a moment aside to reflect on the true reason for the holiday--Jesus Christ.

Christmas is a time to celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Luke 2:4-19 reveals that God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to be born to Mary, a young woman, and Joseph, her husband. Shepherds, wise men, and angels all shared in the joy of the event, as the prophets of old had told of His coming hundreds of years before. The star stopped over Bethlehem to mark the way for those who visiting the holy child. Luke 2: 8-14 recounts: "And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." God sent His son, Jesus, into the world so that one day, He would grow up to become the Savior of the world.

He would pay the price for the sins of humanity by dying on the cross.

The Bible says that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." All of humanity is born with a sinful nature and unable to please God on our own accord. But there is hope!

John 3:16-17 says, "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. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

God gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Jesus' story is one of truth, love, and hope that brought salvation to all of humanity. Without the birth of Jesus Christ, there would be no hope of Heaven for humanity.

This Christmas, remember the true meaning of the holiday and celebrate God's incredible act of love. Celebrate Christmas out of gratitude for what God did for humanity and remember His birth by giving gifts, worshiping Him, and rejoicing in the promise of Heaven.

Where Is The Light?

Have you ever put something in a good place so you would remember where it is the next time you need it? And then when you need it, it's not there?

At my house, this means we can never find a flashlight when we need one! This is so frustrating. How can we see what we are looking for if we have to stumble in the dark. But when we find the flashlight, we are excited, because now we can see where we are going by following the light.

John 8:12 tells us, Again Jesus spoke to them saying, **"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."**

In Jesus' day, it was difficult for people to see the light. The Roman government was persecuting Christians, the Pharisees wanted people to live by the law and there were divisions within the church. The Jews and Gentiles were not accepting of one another. The words Jesus spoke and the miracles he performed created great unrest among the people. Jesus' first miracle was when he turned water into wine at a wedding in Cana; he performed miracles on the Sabbath Day, much to the chagrin of the Pharisees; he used a whip for clearing the moneychangers and animals out of the temple; he told Nicodemus, a grown man, to be born again; he healed the sick and raised Lazarus from the dead.

Jesus told the people he was the Truth, the Bread of Life and the Living Water. The people felt confused and afraid. They wondered, who is this man and what does all of this mean?

Life today is no different than in Jesus' day. We too, are confused and afraid. We have divisions within our government and our churches. We are concerned with issues of race, gender, poverty and injustice. We doubt Jesus as the truth and the living water. Our natural inclination is to walk away from the light. Why? Because the Light reveals the Truth and we are afraid of the Truth.

But we don't need to be afraid of the truth because Jesus is the light. Jesus does not want us to live in the darkness. He is not like my flashlight that I can never find. His light shines when I open and read my Bible, in the faces of my residents and staff, in the healing of broken bodies and in the mending of broken relationships. Walk towards Jesus, the light, this Christmas, and you will find life!

~Chaplain Val

