



THE FOUNTAIN

A newsletter for the Deermeadows Senior Adults
Oasis (Older Adults Sharing in Service)

December 2021

Len's Lines



Last Sunday we welcomed the Advent Season with our "Hanging of the Green" worship service. Let us prepare our hearts and minds to once again remember the birth of "**Emmanuel,**" **God with Us!** We begin again to enjoy the season with **Hope, Faith, Joy, and Peace** as symbolized by each of the candles that are lit on successive Sundays of Advent. On Christmas Eve the "**Christ Candle**" is lit during this very special service. If you are able, please be with us at Deermeadows during the coming weeks at this time of reflection and anticipation of Christ's birth. Remember, if you are unable to join us on campus, each service will be live streamed so you may join us in worship of the King!

Remember to join us on **Sunday, December 12, or Monday, December 13, for "Carols by Candlelight."** Both nights will be live streamed. Also be with us on **Christmas Eve at 5:00 pm for our candlelight service.** It, too, will be live streamed.

Shout out to the Tommy Walter Adult 2 Sunday Connect Group! The class has an annual project for Operation Christmas Child. The class begins collecting items beginning in late Spring that culminates in a packing party in November. This year the class donated over 300 Operation Christmas Child boxes to be distributed around the world! Thanks to Tom and Mary Dedricks and Bill and Sue Ellen King for spearheading this most important missionary project!

"Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." – Matthew 1:23

Blessings!

Len Sak
Minister to Senior Adults



December

12, *Carols by Candlelight*
7:00 pm
13 *Doors open 6:30 pm*

22 *No Wed Night Activities*

24 *Christmas Eve Service*
5:00 pm

25 *CHRISTMAS DAY*

29 *No Wed Night Activities*

30 *Church Office Closed*

Each Sunday

Connect Groups 9:15 AM
Services 10:30 AM
On Campus & Live Streamed

In Our Hearts There Rings a Melody....

December.....the end of 2021, another year seemingly snatched away by the remnants of Covid 19. **BUT** better still our thoughts turn to Christmas and Advent, that joyous time of year filled with hope, peace, and love as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child. Since we may somehow have stepped away from that which had captured us for so long, let us now turn our thoughts and our hearts to Jesus, the one who is the reason for this wonderful season upon us.

Our hearts yearn so for this time to be special so let us approach Advent this year embroiled with Christ to fill us with the true meaning of Christmas.....a feeling deep within our hearts.....a melody of sorts thinking of what took place that very night as the Shepherds saw

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This is the day the
LORD has made;
We will rejoice and
be glad in it.



Psalm 118:24

You Can Always Have Peace

*The Lord will fight for you, and
you shall hold your peace and re-
main at rest.*

Exodus 14:14

Trust in Him

Don't say "God, I trust you", if
your actions show otherwise.
Trust God with your words and
your actions; rest in His peace and
He will deliver you.



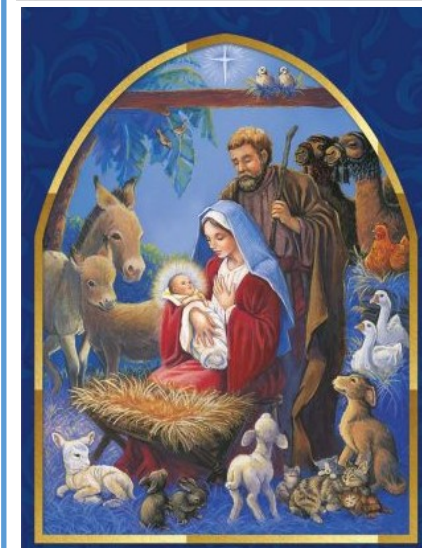
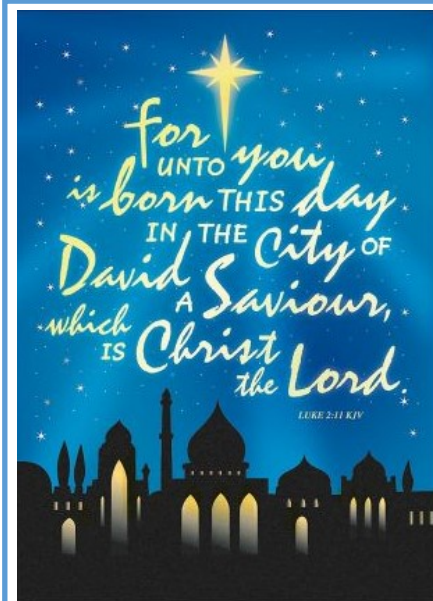
Remember in Your Prayers

Members Homebound

Shirley Baur, Michael Call
Leona Carmichael
John & Anne Gardner
Sue Hale (Tapp)
Beverly Hough, Patsy Pound
Nancy Poore, Joyce Preslar
Jennie Rowe
Ron & Joan Weikert
Helen Zapf

In Retirement Homes, Assisted Living & Rehab

Russ & Bobbi Anglin
Joyce Boggs, Ann Bush
Amy Davis, Eloise Ellis
Joyce Epting
Barbara Hartley, Ann Houchins
Joyce Moore, Jeanette Pritchard
Alice Shreve, Betty Lou Smith
Louise Turner, Anne Williams



Members in the Spotlight



Frank Lane, Becky and Charles Walker serve as a Senior Adult visitation team. They visit our homebound and assisted living Deermeadows Seniors. They also make phone calls and send cards. Our Seniors look forward to their visits and the homemade chocolates that Charles brings. Their visits include prayer and scripture reading along with conversation about Deermeadows and friends.

Thank you, Frank, Becky, and Charles for your ministry.

DEERMEADOWS ANNUAL CAROLS BY CANDLE- LIGHT DEC 12 & 13 7:00 PM



**We need help
in the following areas**

Food Pantry

Church Library

Senior Connections

(cards, phone calls and visits)

It's easy to volunteer, simply call Len Sak at 642-2200 or email him at lsak@deermeadows.org.

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and heard that multitude, a host of Angels we are told, singing and telling them of the birth of this Child.....a Savior who had come to earthsomeone very special.....an unknown, but yet the prophets of old had spoken quite explicitly of His coming. And what was the first thing heard...***SINGING*** ! May each of us find such a melody within our hearts that tells our story of what Jesus means to us.

As we prepare our homes and our hearts this year, can we write such a song that in years to come will tell our own personal story of what Jesus means to us.....not only for this time of year, but throughout this Christmas season and into 2022 and maybe for years to come as a cherished family memento?

The world needs to hear our songs....not just the songs of ole, but new melodies that tell stories of how God came to us as HE did all many years ago.....as a tiny babe in a manger and then became a man who walked among them, talked to them, and became their friend. We have a melody too. And you will be surprised at how God can use your melody to share to the world and for all to hear.

Let us go forth these next few weeks, not only adorning our homes with the twinkle of bright Christmas cheer as we prepare for family gatherings and attending festive parties but may each of us prepare our inner-selves welcoming that tiny baby into our hearts as if it was the first time, we too heard those same Angels singing that night.

May somehow our hearts capture a melody that describes a song more beautiful than all the decorations and tells the story of how we began our journey with HIM.

Let us define a personal melody which may change this Christmas for each of us.

What will be your melody for Jesus?

Merry Christmas to All,

Brenda and Terry Caldwell

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