

December 2018



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The Church Bell



"Follow the Bells"

Pastors Pen

"Merry Christmas"

Pastor Casey

"The angel said to them, 'Don't be afraid, for look, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people: Today a Savior, who is Messiah the Lord, was born for you in the city of David...' (Luke 2:10-11, HCSB). The Christmas story found in the second chapter of the Gospel of Luke will be told all around the globe on Christmas morning. Many will hear this story for the first time. Perhaps that person may be you. The Christmas story is very real and is worth great rejoicing over.

For the Christian, Luke 2:1-20 causes rejoicing because the Son of God has come into this world in the most innocent form, the form of a baby. He came and rescued the Christian from their sin so that they could be made right with God. He did this by dying upon a cross and rising from the dead. Christians celebrate because they have received the gift of eternal life with Jesus, the Son of God, and they will dwell with Him in Paradise.

For the one who is not a Christian, they can rejoice this Christmas too, for a Savior has been born. We have all fallen short of the glory of God because of our sin, and even a single sin can keep us from Heaven. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is life through Jesus the Christ. This Christmas everyone has the opportunity to open a gift... the ultimate gift... eternal life. The Bible teaches that Jesus is the only way to Heaven, and it is by faith and following in Him that one will see the Father; there is no other way. What is sin and who decides what is sin? God decides for He created us, and He has given us the Bible, His Word, which has not changed from the beginning and is applicable even today. "For I assure you: Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all things are accomplished," (Matthew 5:18).

As a Christian, we sometimes fall into sin, but no longer are we known by our sin. Sin ought to be the exception in our life, not the rule. We can rejoice for we have been forgiven. With forgiveness comes repentance. That means we should not participate in that which is sin for we should follow Christ. But when we do fall we can get back up, brush off the dirt, and strive all the more for the faith, and ultimately, if we obey Christ and please Him then we will also please those who truly matter in our lives. Rejoice of world, rejoice! For a Savior is born and He has brought with Him a great gift. Will you accept it?

December Worship Leaders

December 2	John Molnar and Carol Robinson
December 9	Sharon Hopkins and Jeff Byler
December 16	Amy Popichak and John Molnar
December 23	Amy Popichak and John Molnar
December 30	Curtis Bell and Amy Seger

Deacons: Virginia Carr: 330-507-3313

Chuck Chagnot, Sharon Polakoff, Katie Molnar,
Linda Rogers, Carolyn Sparhawk

Deaconess: Katie Molnar

Organ and Keyboard: Jonathan Gallo

Musical Director: Darlene Ball



Merry Christmas

Pastor Casey

is available Monday-Thursday
from 8am-1pm

Need to see him? or speak to him ?
call 330-637-4611 or 814-573-8148

Office is open

Monday-Thursday

8 am-1Pm

Call or stop in!

Coffee Fellowship



December 2	Judene Ainsley and Barb Bradford
December 9	Effie and Carol Glancy
December 16	Amy Seger and Carol Robinson
December 23	Ruth Young and Joyce Hall
December 30	Sharon Hopkins and Friends

Budgeted monthly expense \$10,500

Month ——— November 30, 2018

Offering Received	\$10,156. 00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 8,641. 00</u>
Balance	\$ 1515. 00

\$10,000
needed
monthly
just to
maintain

CCC

Monthly Mortgage Payment \$2047.67

October Financial Report

Year to date—Jan 1,2018 to Nov 30, 2018

Offering Received	\$110,129.00
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$110,686.00</u>
Balance	\$557.00

Mortgage Balance \$63,225.42

"Happy Birthday"

"December 4	Nola Miller
December 5	Dorothy Moss
December 5	Carrie Robinson
December 6	Phyllis Hake
December 9	Joyce Lewis
December 10	Pat Taylor
December 12	David Miller
December 16	Joyce Hall
December 29	Lorin Hopkins
December 30	Laura Lee Lawrence



Happy Birthday
And

Happy
Anniversary

Happy Anniversary

December 16

Don and Lorra Barnes



Church Meetings

Tuesday, December 4

Financial Meeting

6:15pm

Board Meeting

7pm

Elders Meeting
Third Sunday
of the month

8:00 am.

To all my special friends at Cortland Christian church,

For by *Grace*
YOU HAVE BEEN SAVED
THROUGH FAITH.

AND THIS IS NOT OF
YOUR OWN DOING;

IT IS THE *Gift*
of God.



Ephesians 2:8

*One of the nicest things in my life is my friendship with
you all. Even if we don't have a lot of time to spend with
each other, I want you to always know how much
I appreciate you and our friendship.
May you have the warmest, loving, spiritual
Christmas ever.*

*Love,
Your Friend,
Joyce*

“Stockings for the Troops”

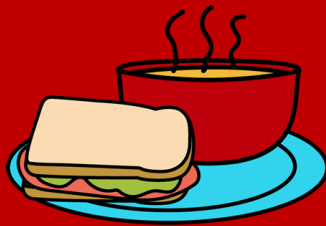
Getting the stockings ready to ship to the two service men and their groups serving our country.
From your contributions, and your help stuffing the stockings, Linda and Terry Swaugers help doing the shopping and shipping, the 50 stockings are well on their way to make many soldiers Christmas holiday just a little bit brighter.



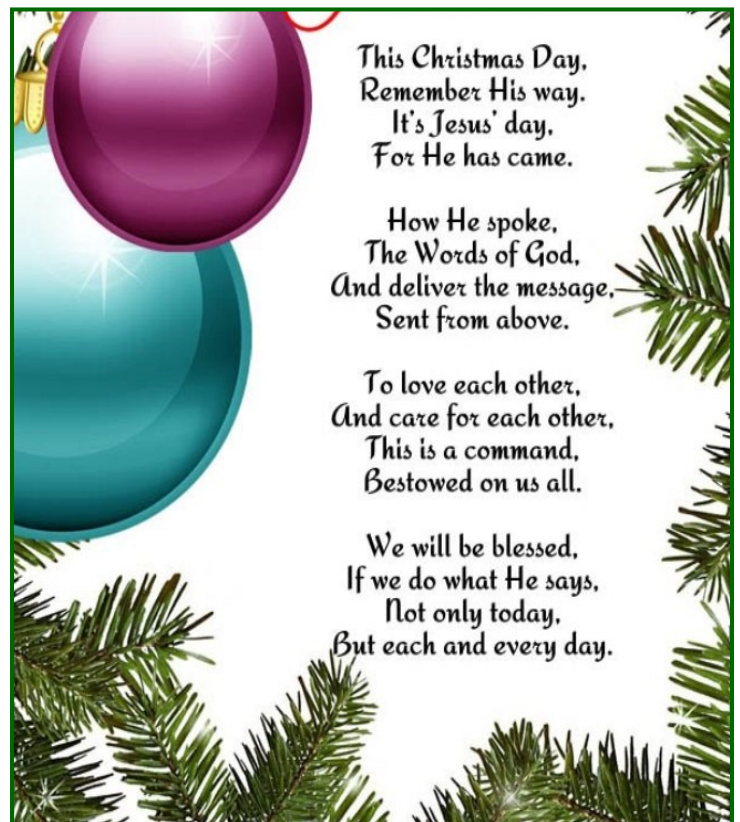
**Thank you all so much for your contributions
from Cortland Christian Church.**



Soup and Sandwich Luncheon



**After a short respite,
Soup and Sandwich will
resume on
January 17, 2019**



December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1. Aerobics
2. First Sunday of Advent Service	3. Girl Scouts Aerobics	4. Cookie Baking Finance 6:15pm Board 7Pm	5. Cookie Baking Joyful Noise	6. Cookie Baking LOAF meeting Aerobics	7. 	8. Aerobics
9. Sunday Service	10.  Aerobics	11. Baking	12. Decorating Joyful Noise	13. Baking Aerobics Aerobics	14. Set-up	15. Cookie Sale 9am-Noon 
16. Sunday Service Elders Meeting	17. Girl Scouts Aerobics	18.	19.  Joyful Noise	20. Aerobics	21.	22. Aerobics 
23. Sunday Service	24. Christmas Eve  30. New Years	25. Christmas 	26. Joyful Noise	27. Aerobics	28.	29. Aerobics

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends" who would enjoy a Christmas card
Send them a note of encouragement and let them know we care that we care.

Phyllis Beer

Lake Vista
41 Heron Circle
Cortland, Ohio
44410
330-637-1456

Grace Wagner

Gillette Rehab
Room 613
3310 Elm Rd. N. E.
Warren, Ohio 44483

Erma Bellitt

545 Fowler Street,
Cortland, Ohio

Bob and Mary Jo Johnson

328 Orchard Lane
Cortland, Ohio

Raymond Kline

502 Arcaro Street
Cortland, Ohio 44410
234-244-4241

Kathie Bates
Room 105
369 N. High Street
Cortland, Ohio 44410

Edwin Niemi

Lake Vista
Apt. 207
Mecca Street,
Cortland, Ohio

Chuck Lucy

73 Lake Vista Drive
Cortland, Ohio

Nancy Governor

5172 Ohio State Rt 46
Cortland, Ohio

Doris Bennett

296 Woodview
Cortland, Ohio

Lauralee Lawrence

124 Willow Street
Cortland, Ohio
44410

Kathy Miller

416 North High St.
Cortland, Ohio 44410



A Christmas Story



Written by a the daughter of a parents with Alzheimer's

Mom's birthday is just 5 days before Christmas and I'd been taking notes all year long on what to get her. There are a few things she has on every shopping list, but our trips to the store are few and far between. It is so hard on both of them to be in the big stores and winter weather makes it even more of a challenge. Dad especially is bothered by the cold and really can't seem to find a good reason to be out in it. Mom's birthday presents this year, stocked them up on all her favorites for months.

(Craisins, raisins, sunflower kernels, unsalted dry roasted peanuts, dried apricots, wheat germ, Kleenex with lotion, and double A batteries).

While Mom was opening her presents, Dad kept himself busy talking to that guy in the mirror, exploring the things on the top of the dresser, chatting with his toys, napping. Each thing Mom opened, she recognized and wanted to show me the one she already had. She compared and verified that they were the same thing, and commented that it was good that I got this because the one she already had was almost empty.

"Did you just know we were almost out of these?"

I said, "A little birdie told me".

In the days to come, she showed me some of those same items saying,

"Your brother brought these for us the last time he visited."

I said. "Oh, that was nice of him."

Mom asked, "Did You tell him we needed these?"

I said, "I may have mentioned it."

On Christmas Day, when I got home from work, I called to wish Mom and Dad a Merry Christmas. I don't know who Mom thought I was, but she kept saying, "I didn't expect you back so soon." and "Did everything go alright?" I was a bit dumb-struck and had little creativity in my responses, making references to the weather and road conditions, and vague comments on how work went. Then with a seamless transition, she knew who she was talking to and slipped into our normal routine.

She told me about their Christmas: "Did I tell you about the oh, um, shoes, no, stockings. Stockings. That's right. Did I tell you about the stockings we had hung on our door? They were stockings, not socks like you'd wear. We had them hung on the door on the outside, not inside where we could see them. I guess everyone had some stocking or decorations on their door. When we went to breakfast this morning, they were gone. I said, "Bill, look! Our stockings are gone." He didn't know what I meant. When we got back from breakfast the stockings were back. I said, "Bill, look! Our stockings are back!" He wasn't interested. He just wanted to get back into the room. I made him look at the stockings, I don't know where they were, but they were back, but your Dad's was hanging where mine belongs. There was something in them! A present! The stocking that was your Dad's but was hanging in my stocking's place, had a singing stuffed animal in it. I think that was meant for your Dad. My stocking that was hanging where your dad's stocking should have been had a pedometer in it."

When she finished telling me about the stockings, I said, "Well, a pedometer certainly fits you, Mother! Now you can keep track of just ow much walking you do around the place! It seem each of you got something that fits you very well."

And, she retold it.

Amazed that the stockings had been gone and then were back. Filled with wonder like a child on Christmas morning after Santa Clauss came to visit. I suggested that Maybe Santa had delivered presents to all the residents.

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Filled with wonder like a child on Christmas morning after Santa Claus came to visit.

I suggested that maybe Santa had delivered presents to all the residents.

Mom seemed pleased by the thought. She reasoned that Santa would have to deliver to all the children first, then come back around for people like her. That explained why their stockings were missing, then not missing.

And she retold it.

As we see our children lose that belief, we remember when we too, figured it out.
It's a moment almost all of us can recall. That feeling has stayed with us ever since.

Bittersweet?

We can never recapture that innocence.

And yet, for Mom.....

Yes, Mom, there really is a Santa Claus.

This story submitted by Ruth Young

Alzheimer's is the disease that robs you of your mind, your memories, your identity, your dignity and your relationships.

Then it comes back for your body.



Raisin Puff Cookies (Yummy)

1 1/2 c. raisins 1 c. water

Simmer until water is absorbed, except for a small amount in the bottom of the pan. Cool.

Cream together:

1 c. Crisco

1 1/2 c. sugar

Add: 2 eggs

Stir in raisins with a spoon.

Mix: 3 1/2 c. flour

1/2 t. salt

1 t. baking powder

1 t. soda

Add to raisin mixture. Stir in 1 teaspoon vanilla. Form into small balls. Roll in sugar. Place on a cookie sheet.

Bake 8-10 minutes at 350 degrees or until very lightly browned.

Craft Show 2018

Pictures submitted by Curtis Bell

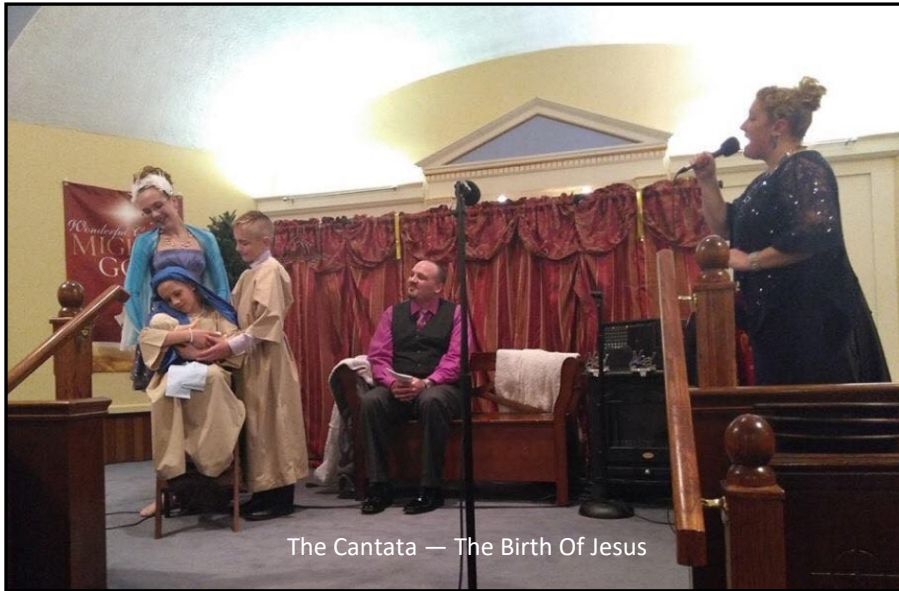


How about these cute little gingerbread houses.

Look for Anita Bell behind this display.

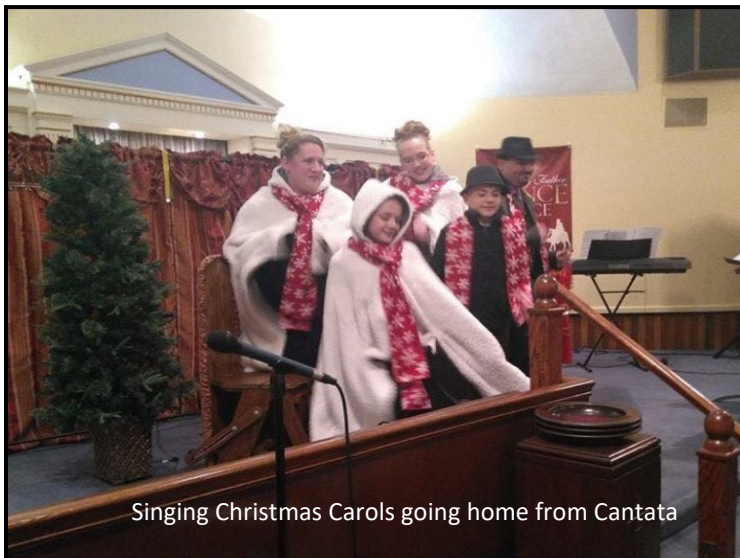


The Devine Inspirations— A Christmas Eve Tradition



The Cantata — The Birth Of Jesus

Just a little snack for later, cookies, cookies and cookies, and hot spiced cider, coffee and hot chocolate.



Singing Christmas Carols going home from Cantata



At Home on Christmas Eve
Hanging their stockings, opening one gift,
and singing carols — a family tradition

The women of Worship are going to have the Divine Family back in April to do their Easter Concert. For the Spring Tea. This concert is entitled "The Cross" . It sounds like no one should miss this tender story and music. This concert has changed many to be believers.

The judge asked the defendant what he was charged with.
Doing my Christmas shopping early," was the reply.
That not illegal!. How early were you shopping?"
Before the store was open."

How do you know Santa has to be a man?
No woman is going to wear the same outfit year after year.



What did the reindeer say before launching into his comedy routine?
This will sleigh you.

Christmas: The time when everyone gets Santamental.



Maria went to the Post Office to buy stamps for her Christmas cards.
What denomination?' asked the clerk.
Oh! Good heavens! Have we come to this?' said Maria, 'Well give me 50 Methodist and 50 Disciples of Christ, please....

The Cookie Sale

Next week will be an interesting week of baking and creating. We are about to start a pilgrimage to a fun and happy ending



The "Cookie Sale"

December 15th, 2018

Baking days are
December 4-5-6

Decorating Days and
Baking days are 11-12-13-

Setup day - Friday 14 and

Sale - December 15th,

9-Noon

This is a big endeavor.. It takes a commitment ..
The profits made from this sale, help our church,
and our missions. We are there when extra funds
are necessary.

Through the years we have accomplished so much
with our donations.



Christmas
Eve Service

Cortland
Christian
Church

7 pm

Pastor
Casy chapman

"You are invited to share this inspiring service"

The most destructive habit Worry
The greatest Joy Giving
The greatest loss Self-Respect

The most satisfying work Helping Others
The ugliest personality trait Selfishness
The most endangered species Dedicated Leaders

Our greatest natural resource Our Youth
The greatest "shot in the arm" Encouragement
The greatest problem to overcome Fear

The most effective sleeping pill Peace of Mind
The most crippling failure disease Excuses
The most powerful force in life Love

The most dangerous pariah A Gossiper
The world's most incredible computer The Brain
The worst thing to be without Hope

The deadliest weapon The Tongue
The two most power-filled words "I Can"
The greatest asset Faith

The most worthless emotion Self-pity
The most beautiful attire Smile
The most prized possession Integrity

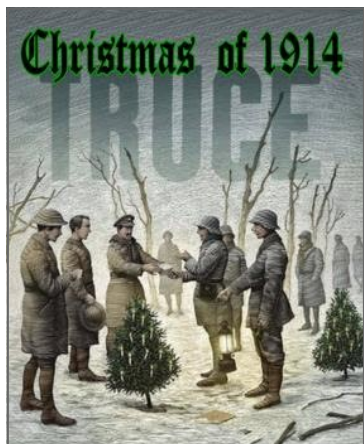
The most powerful channel of communication Prayer
The most contagious spirit Enthusiasm

Inspirational Christmas Story

The Christmas Truce

by David G. Stratman

From his book [*We Can Change the World*](#)



It was December 25, 1914, only 5 months into World War I. German, British, and French soldiers, already sick and tired of the senseless killing, disobeyed their superiors and fraternized with "the enemy" along two-thirds of the Western Front (a crime punishable by death in times of war). German troops held Christmas trees up out of the trenches with signs, "Merry Christmas."

"You no shoot, we no shoot." Thousands of troops streamed across a no-man's land strewn with rotting corpses. They sang Christmas carols, exchanged photographs of loved ones back home, shared rations, played football, even roasted some pigs. **Soldiers embraced men they had been trying to kill a few short hours before. They agreed to warn each other if the top brass forced them to fire their weapons, and to aim high.**

A shudder ran through the high command on either side. Here was disaster in the making: soldiers declaring their brotherhood with each other and refusing to fight. Generals on both sides declared this spontaneous peacemaking to be treasonous and subject to court martial. By March 1915 the fraternization movement had been eradicated and the killing machine put back in full operation. By the time of the armistice in 1918, fifteen million would be slaughtered.

Not many people have heard the story of the Christmas Truce. On Christmas Day, 1988, a story in the *Boston Globe* mentioned that a local FM radio host played "Christmas in the Trenches," a ballad about the Christmas Truce, several times and was startled by the effect. **The song became the most requested recording during the holidays in Boston on several FM stations.** "Even more startling than the number of requests I get is the reaction to the ballad afterward by callers who hadn't heard it before," said the radio host. "They telephone me deeply moved, sometimes in tears, asking, 'What the hell did I just hear?'"

You can probably guess why the callers were in tears. The Christmas Truce story goes against most of what we have been taught about people. It gives us a glimpse of the world as we wish it could be and says, "This really happened once." It reminds us of those thoughts we keep hidden away, out of range of the TV and newspaper stories that tell us how trivial and mean human life is. It is like hearing that our deepest wishes really are true: the world really could be different.

Christmas in The Trenches - Song This song is based on a [true story](#) from the front lines of World War I that I've heard many times. Ian Calhoun, a Scot, was the commanding officer of the British forces involved in the story. He was subsequently court-martialed for 'consorting with the enemy' and sentenced to death. Only George V spared him from that fate. -- John McCutcheon

this song cannot be played in this church bell, but the words are in poem form. Please read them. **If the world could always be as peaceful as it is on Christmas.**

There is also a movie called "Joyeux Noel" about this story. It is on Amazon.





Christmas in the Trenches

These are the words to the song.

My name is Francis Toliver, I come from Liverpool.

Two years ago the war was waiting for me after school.
To Belgium and to Flanders, to Germany to here,
I fought for King and country I love dear.

'Twas Christmas in the trenches, where the frost so bitter hung.
The frozen fields of France were still, no Christmas song was sung.
Our families back in England were toasting us that day,
Their brave and glorious lads so far away.

I was lying with my messmate on the cold and rocky ground,
When across the lines of battle came a most peculiar sound.
Says I, "Now listen up, me boys!" each soldier strained to hear,
As one young German voice sang out so clear.

"He's singing bloody well, you know!" my partner says to me.
Soon, one by one, each German voice joined in harmony.
The cannons rested silent, the gas clouds rolled no more,
As Christmas brought us respite from the war.

As soon as they were finished and a reverent pause was spent,
"God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen" struck up some lads from Kent.
The next they sang was "Stille Nacht," "'Tis 'Silent Night,'" says I,
And in two tongues one song filled up that sky.

"There's someone coming towards us!" the front line sentry cried.
All sights were fixed on one lone figure trudging from their side.
His truce flag, like a Christmas star, shone on that plain so bright,
As he bravely strode unarmed into the night.

Then one by one on either side walked into No Man's Land,
With neither gun nor bayonet we met there hand to hand.
We shared some secret brandy and wished each other well,
And in a flare lit soccer game we gave 'em hell.

We traded chocolates, cigarettes, and photographs from home.
These sons and fathers far away from families of their own.
Young Sanders played his squeezebox and they had a violin,
This curious and unlikely band of men.

Soon daylight stole upon us and France was France once more.
With sad farewells we each began to settle back to war.
But the question haunted every heart that lived that wondrous night:
"Whose family have I fixed within my sights?"

'Twas Christmas in the trenches where the frost so bitter hung.
The frozen fields of France were warmed as songs of peace were sung.
For the walls they'd kept between us to exact the work of war,
Had been crumbled and were gone forevermore.

My name is Francis Toliver, in Liverpool I dwell,
Each Christmas come since World War I, I've learned its lessons well,
That the ones who call the shots won't be among the dead and lame,
And on each end of the rifle we're the same.

Wishing a
peaceful and
loving
Christmas
Season for all
who died for
us,
all of our
Veterans and
all who are still serving our
country.



May God Bless you all. And for all
of us to you "thank You for your
service and Merry Christmas "

Christmas Acrostic

By: Johnnie Desjarders

C is for the Child born that night to be our light.

H is for holy is His name.

R is for rejoice with gladness & joy.

I is for Immanuel, God with us.

S is for the star that led the Wise men to Him.

T is for the truth & grace that was sent our way.

M is for Mother Mary laying Him in swaddling clothes
in the manger.

A is for angels singing songs of joy.

S is for salvation.

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Some Christmas Fun

Christmas Tree Maze

Can you find your way from the base of the Christmas tree all the way to the star?



CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



O P R I N L I G G Q Q R G L U N H Z E F
C H Z Q E J A O R E I N D E E R I R L Q
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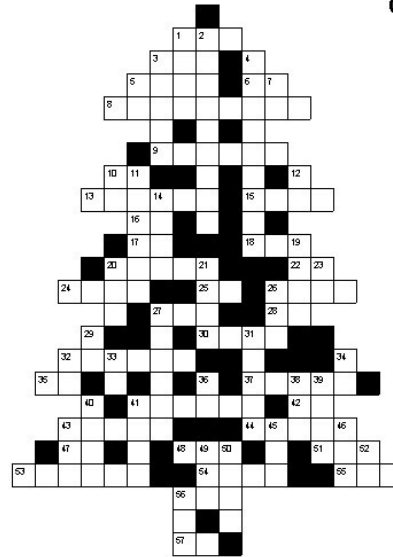
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JOLLY
JOY
MERRY
MISTLETOE
NOEL
NORTH POLE
REINDEER



Word Scramble #5 from the Christmas Cottage (Christmas Song Titles)

1. RLEVSI LELSB _____
2. DTEAES EIDESFL _____
3. EDCK ETH SLLAH _____
4. ETH RTSIF LNOE _____
5. FEIZL IANADDV _____
6. HTWIE AHSRSICMT _____
7. OJY OT ETH OWRLD _____
8. MRAY IDD OUY KOWN _____
9. NLGIEJ LLBE RKCO _____
10. ULBE TSIRMAHSC _____
11. IENJGL BELSL _____
12. EW EEHRT NGKSI _____
13. HO LOYH GNTIH _____
14. AHWT DCIHL SI SHIT _____
15. TSANA YBAB _____
16. NISLET THGIN _____
17. TENWRI LDDONANRWE _____
18. EHSGL IEDR _____

Christmas



Across

1. President
3. Observe
5. Discuss
6. "And _____ shall reign over the house of Jacob..."
8. Flock watchers
9. Satisfy
10. The great I _____
13. Mary's resting place
15. Mother of Jesus
16. Negative
17. "_____ and search diligently for the young child"
18. Jesus is the _____ of God
20. The baby
22. "_____ and shall be called the Son _____ of the Highest:"
24. Destitute
25. "_____ and laid Him _____ a manger"
26. Bearded nanny
27. "And she brought her first born _____"
28. "...and _____ earth peace, good will towards men."
30. Wiseman gift
32. "And _____ him with all the heart" (two words)
35. "...what have we to _____ with thee, thou Jesus..."
37. What the wisemen brought
41. Stepfather
42. Either
43. More accurate.
44. "And all went to be _____, every one into his own city."
47. "For unto you _____ born this day
48. No room here
51. Consume
53. Singing Cherubs
54. Present decorations
55. "For unto you is born, this _____ in the city..."
56. Pro
57. Way to win in boxing

Down

1. Jump
2. Birth city
3. Shepherds flock
4. The Holiday we observe
5. Brand of sugar
7. Mr. McMahon
10. "Hee shall be born of Mary, _____ Jerusalem..."
11. Baby's bed
12. Northwestern state
14. Hisses
19. Mid day
20. Happiness
21. What the angels did
23. "_____ la la la la la la la"
26. Jehovah
27. Redeemer
29. "His name was called Jesus, _____ which was _____ named of the angel"
31. Illumination
32. "and it came _____ pass..."
33. "_____ and _____, the star which they saw in the east..."
34. "When _____ his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph,"
36. "Master what shall _____ do?"
38. Sly canine
39. Decorated pine
40. "...behold, there came _____ men from the east."
41. Not Gentiles
43. Parable of the _____ tree
45. Mary's transportation
46. Father
49. Broadcast TV network
50. Christmas carol
52. Instructor's helper
56. Inquire



May the Peace and Joy of the Christmas season be yours now and
throughout the coming year.

And May He keep His healing hands on you
and loving heart with you always.

“Bless you today, tomorrow and always”

*Merry Christmas and
A Happy and Healthy New Year.*