

# KIDS STUFF

# DECEMBER

A MONTHLY UPDATE FOR KIDS AND PARENTS AT LEWINSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE ANNUAL ANGEL BREAKFAST HAS GONE...MESSY!



SUNDAY, DEC 1  
9:30-11:00 A.M.

THEME:  
THE JESSE TREE +  
NAMES OF CHRIST

This year's Angel Breakfast has transformed into the Messy Christmas Celebration. All the elements that made the Angel Breakfast so much fun will still be there!

We will still have Christmas crafts! We will still have a breakfast of star shaped pancakes and the story will still be told by the puppeteers performing, "The Bethlehem Rhapsody!"



So mark your calendars and join us for a Messy Christmas, Dec 1 beginning at 9:30 a.m.!

ORNAMENT  
MAKING

GAMES

STAR  
PANCAKES

Messy  
Christmas  
CELEBRATION

FREE!

HELD IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

## BETHLEHEMIAN RHAPSODY

featuring:



Performed by the Lewinsville Puppeteers in Fellowship Hall, Sunday, December 1 at 10:30am

# Parent's Day Out

Sat. Dec 14  
9am -12pm



**PARENT'S DAY OUT IS BACK!!** ON DECEMBER 14 FROM 9 AM TO 12 NOON, THE LPC YOUTH MINISTRY IS SPONSORING AN INTERGENERATIONAL EVENT WHERE **CHILDREN (AGES 3-GRADE 6)** FROM THE COMMUNITY CAN SPEND TIME WITH LPC YOUTH WHILE THEIR PARENTS PREPARE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

WE WILL SPEND TIME WATCHING **CHRISTMAS MOVIES**, **MAKING CHRISTMAS CRAFTS**, **DECORATING CHRISTMAS COOKIES**, AND **PLAYING GAMES**.

IF YOU KNOW A CHILD OR PARENT INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS EVENT, THEY CAN SIGN UP ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE OR CONTACT REV. ANNAMARIE GROENENBOOM.

**WE CAN'T WAIT FOR THIS MERRY EVENT!**

## SERMON STORIES: DECEMBER

CHILDREN, AGES 4-GRADE 2, ARE INVITED TO EXIT THE 11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE FOLLOWING THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FOR SERMON STORIES. THE CHILDREN WILL EXPLORE STORIES FROM THE BIBLE THROUGH THE ANIMATED VIDEOS AND ACTIVITIES. CHILDREN WILL THEN RETURN TO THE SANCTUARY FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE SERVICE.

SERMON STORIES WILL NOT BE IN OPERATION ON COMMUNION SUNDAYS (FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH).

### DECEMBER 1: COMMUNION/NO SERMON STORIES

DECEMBER 8-ADVENT 2  
*FUN FOAM ADVENT WREATHS*

DECEMBER 15-ADVENT 3  
*HEART NATIVITY LUMINARY*

DECEMBER 22-ADVENT 4  
*NATIVITY STORY STONES*

DECEMBER 29-LESSONS + CAROLS AT 10 AM  
**NO SERMON STORIES**

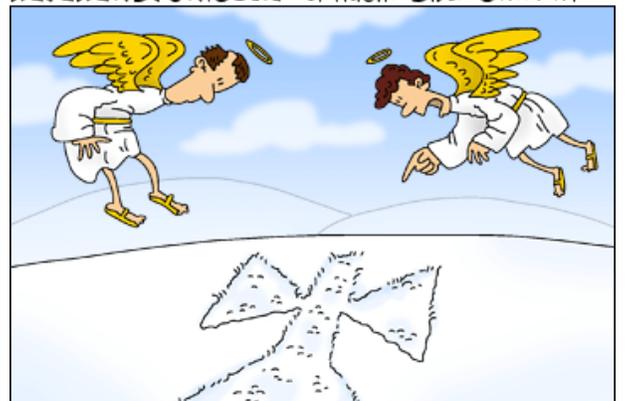
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12-07-2012

I WANT TO GET GOD SOMETHING AWESOME FOR CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR, BUT WHAT DO YOU GET THE GUY WHO MADE EVERYTHING?

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12-26-2014

DOESN'T LOOK ANYTHING LIKE US



(See Luke 2:1-16)

12-19-2014

IT HAD A STAR ON TOP SO I FIGURED IT SHOULD HAVE A MANGER AT THE BOTTOM



10-01-2012

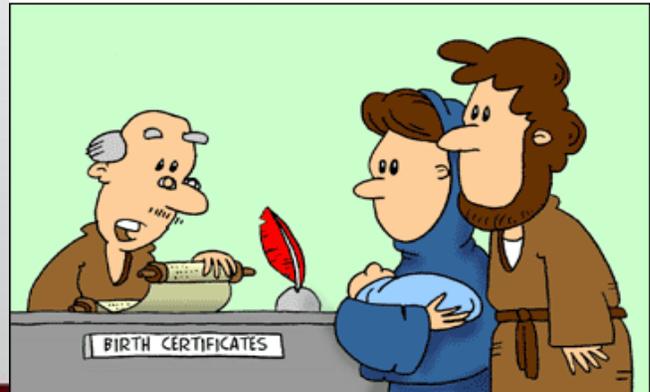
THE WISE MEN, BEING WISE, GOT ALL OF THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING DONE WEEKS BEFORE THE RUSH



Thanks to Stacy Jackson

12-10-2012

AT THE SHEPHERD'S WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE



Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Luke 2:1-16)

12-20-2000

'JESUS, WONDERFUL COUNSELOR, MIGHTY GOD, EVERLASTING FATHER, PRINCE OF PEACE' IS A BIT LONG FOR THIS FORM ... YOU MIGHT WANT TO JUST USE 'JESUS'

## JOYFUL NOISE/GODLY PLAY

ON THOSE SUNDAY MORNINGS THAT FOLLOW THE MESSY CHURCH CELEBRATION- CHILDREN, AGES 3-5, ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN MUSIC IN THE JOYFUL NOISE CHOIR (STARTING AT 9:45 A.M.). THIS TIME IS FOLLOWED BY STORYTELLING AND CRAFTS IN GODLY PLAY.

### DECEMBER SCHEDULE:

DECEMBER 1-MESSY CHURCH CELEBRATION  
THE JESSE TREE/NAMES OF JESUS

DECEMBER 8-ADVENT 2/HOLY FAMILY  
*ADVENT CALENDAR STICKY SCENE*

DECEMBER 15-ADVENT 3/SHEPHERDS  
*GRACE CRAFT*

DECEMBER 22-ADVENT 4/WISE MEN  
*STAR OF BETHLEHEM*

DECEMBER 29-10 AM WORSHIP/LESSONS  
AND CAROLS/NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

# Family Christmas Eve Service



December 24, 2019 4:30 p.m.



Join us this Christmas Eve for a special Family Service that proclaims the Biblical passages of the birth of Jesus as dramatized by the NEW life size puppet characters created for this presentation and operated by the Lewinsville Puppeteers.



From the Annunciation to the Appearance of the Star and the Visit of the Wise Men, this familiar story will be told through the singing of carols and reenactment through puppetry. During the presentation, children

from the congregation will be invited to join the storytelling by operating the animal puppets at the manger.



# How Well Do You Know the Christmas Story of Jesus' Birth?

**1. Who said: "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel?"**

- A. Jeremiah B. Isaiah C. Ezekiel D. John the Baptist

The correct answer is Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14).

**2. When Mary told Joseph she was pregnant, what did he do?**

- A. He threw a party  
B. He sent Mary away  
C. He considered breaking the engagement quietly  
D. He took a nap

Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly (Matthew 1:19).

**3. Before the birth of Jesus, who received a visit from an angel announcing the miraculous birth?**

- A. Mary B. Joseph C. Both A and B D. Neither A and B

An angel appeared to Mary before she conceived (Luke 1:26-27) and also to Joseph in a dream after he found out Mary was pregnant (Matthew 1:20).

**4. What was the name of the Christmas angel who visited Mary to tell her she would give birth to a son and call him Jesus?**

- A. Harold B. Gabriel C. Michael D. Lucifer

The angel was Gabriel (Luke 1:26-27).

**5. Why did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus?**

- A. A Roman census was being taken and they were required to go to their hometown to register.  
B. Jerusalem was too crowded  
C. They were following a star.  
D. They were running away from Herod.

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**6. Where was Jesus born?**

- A. In the town of Bethlehem. B. In the city of David.  
C. Inside the inn. D. Both A and B are correct.

Jesus was born in the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (Luke 2:4-7).

**7. When was Jesus born?**

- A. December 25. B. Sometime in September.  
C. Sometime in April. D. The actual date is unknown.

The Bible does not record when Jesus was born.

**8. Who visited Jesus on the night of his birth?**

- A. Shepherds B. Magi (Wise men)  
C. King Herod D. Barn animals

Only the shepherds visited Jesus on the night he was born (Luke 2:15-17).

**9. Why did the shepherds go looking for Jesus that night?**

- A. They heard Mary and Joseph might need some help.  
B. They were following a star.  
C. An Angel appeared to them out in the fields and announced the birth of the Messiah.  
D. Both B and C are correct.

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." (Luke 2:9-11)

**10. Who plotted to kill the baby Jesus?**

- A. Pontius Pilate B. Herod  
C. Caesar Augustus D. Pharaoh

Herod secretly plotted to destroy the child (Matthew 2:12-16).

**11. Approximately how old was Jesus when the wise men (Magi) from the east arrived with their gifts?**

- A. One day old. B. One week old  
C. Two weeks old. D. Two years old.

Most likely, Jesus was already two years of age by the time the wise men arrived (Matthew 2:1-2).

Christmas Concert

December 8, 2019

# Waiting for the Messiah

*A blend of the Christmas part 1 of Handel's Messiah and Advent & Christmas favorites*

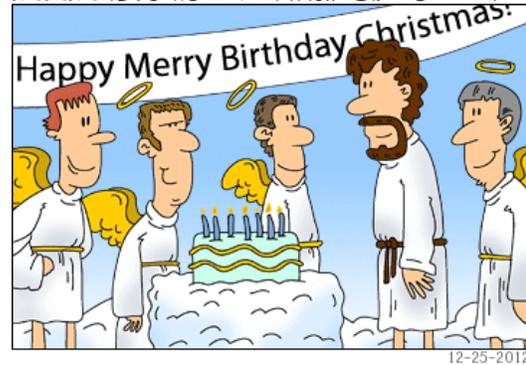
Celebrate with the music of Christmas!

Join us for the 2019 Christmas Concert on December 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Featuring the talents of the children's choral and bell choirs along with an orchestra and the voices of the adult choir.

This event will also feature the familiar music from the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah!

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12-25-2012

## Pacific Theatre's Christmas Carol Quiz

1



Phil Miguel

2



Jess Amy Shead

3



Andrea Loewen

4



Frank Nickel

5



Cara Cunningham

6



Alison Chisholm

7



Ron Reed

8



Kim Larson

9



Julia Siedlanowska

Guess who is dressed as which Christmas Carol!

1-0 Holy Night 2-The First Noel 3-Little Drummer Boy 4-Good King Wenceslas 5-Silent Night 6-What Child is This? 7-Joy to the World 8-I Saw Three Ships 9-0 Christmas Tree

# Are you a Christmas Carol Expert?

Each year as the holiday season rolls around, our ears are filled with the spirited sounds of familiar holiday tunes. But how closely do you really pay attention to the lyrics? Take our quiz to test your skills and see if you can call yourself a Christmas carol expert! Answers below.

1. In "Do you Hear What I Hear" the main characters are the wind, a lamb, a shepherd boy and...
2. In "The First Noel" when the poor shepherds look up in the sky, where is the star that they see?
3. When "We Wish you a Merry Christmas" we bring a cup of good cheer and this sweet treat.
4. When "I'll be Home for Christmas" I ask for snow, presents under the tree and this.
5. In "The Little Drummer Boy" the ox and lamb do this.
6. When we "Deck the Halls" what passes fast away?
7. As "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" we are told to be sure to do these three things.
8. On a "Silent Night," how should one sleep?
9. In "Jingle Bells," where are the bells that make spirits so bright?
10. What was the magic item that brought "Frosty The Snowman" to life?

**Answers**  
1. King.  
2. Shining in the east beyond them far  
3. Figgy pudding  
4. Mistletoe  
5. Keep time  
6. The old year  
7. Watch out. Not cry. Not put.  
8. In heavenly peace  
9. On Bob-tails  
10. That old silk hat they found

# Christmas Symbolism



**Star represents the bright star that shone the night Jesus was born.** *"Where is the new born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him." Matthew 2:2*



**Candy cane represents the shepherd's staff. Christ is also called the Good Shepherd.** *And there were in the same country, shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. Luke 2:8*



**Gifts represent the gold, frankincense and myrrh.** *...And when they opened they had opened their treasures, they presented him gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11*



**Evergreen tree represents the eternal life.** *For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16*



**Christmas carollers represent the multitude of angels that sang on the night Jesus was born.** *And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest..." Luke 2:13-14*



**Christmas candles and lights represent the light that Jesus has brought to the world.** *To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:79*



**Holly Berries represent the blood that Christ shed for us.** *For this is my blood of the new testament which is shed for many remission of sins. Matthew 26:28*



**Nativity scene represents the scene in the manger where Jesus was born.** *And she brought for her firstborn son, and wrapped him swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn. Luke 2:7*



**Christmas wreath represents the crown of thorns that Jesus wore when he was crucified.** *The soldiers made a crown of long, sharp thorns and put it on his head... John 19:2*



**Christmas Bells represent the call of mankind to worship the Lord.** *For the Son of man came to seek, and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10*