



1. How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas? He was hooked on trees his whole life.
2. Why was Santa's little helper depressed? Because he had very low elf esteem.
3. What does the Grinch do with a baseball bat? Hits a gnome and runs.
4. What do you call a broke Santa Claus? Saint-nickel-less.
5. What do you call a kid who doesn't believe in Santa? A rebel without a Claus.
6. Why did Frosty ask for a divorce? His wife was a total flake.
7. Why does Scrooge love reindeer so much? Because every single buck is dear to him!
8. What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa? A Christmas quacker.
9. What's Santa's favorite snack food? Crisp Pringles.
10. Why do mummies like Christmas so much? They're into all the wrapping.
11. How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing. It was on the house!
12. How do you help someone who's lost their Christmas spirit? Nurse them back to elf.
13. What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs? Anything you want. He can't hear you!
14. What nationality is Santa Claus? North Polish.
15. What do you call a blind reindeer? I have no eye deer.
16. What do you call an obnoxious reindeer? Rude-olph.
17. How is Christmas exactly like your job? You do all the work and some fat guy in a suit gets all the credit.
18. What's every elf's favorite type of music? Wrap.
19. What do you call a scary looking reindeer? A cariboo.
20. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite.
21. What's the absolute best Christmas present? A broken drum—you can't beat it!
22. What do reindeers say before they tell you a joke? This one's gonna sleigh you!
23. What do you call Santa's little helpers? Subordinate clauses.
24. What did Adam say to his wife on Christmas? It's finally Christmas, Eve!

December 4th will be the closing sale of the baskets and there will be bake sale following church services.

Sunday School program will be on December 11th. There will be a potluck following.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 5:00 p.m. There will be no church on Sunday the 25th.

HOLIDAY

DECEMBER 2022

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Christmas began as a celebration of the nativity story of Jesus in Rome in 354. It had been celebrated even earlier by Christians in the East, but they incorporated it into their Epiphany celebration on Jan. 6, which focused more on Jesus' baptism. The celebration of Christmas in Rome replaced the pagan solar festivals that occurred on Dec. 25.

The name "Christmas" comes from the Old English contraction for "Christ's Mass," which was first used in 1038. As a religious celebration, Christmas was fully embraced in the Middle Ages by the Catholic Church. Eventually, Christmas came to include many traditions, some unrelated to the birth of Christ. One of the most common characteristics of Christmas is the gift giving. Many believe the exchange of gifts was inspired by Father Christmas, later Santa Claus. This mythological figure's origin is rooted in both religion and pagan folklore. He is believed to be based after St. Nicholas of Myra as well as popular pagan Nodic beliefs. When Reformation occurred in the 19th century, there was a temporary shift away from celebrating Christmas. It was seen by many Protestants as a Catholic holiday and by others as having inaccurate pagan roots. In early America, there was little celebration of Christmas. The Puritans that settled New England did not approve and even banned it in Boston. Despite all this, Christmas was revived and revamped by writers such as Charles Dickens and Washington Irving. These writers emphasized elements of Christmas such as warm traditions, family, compassion and generosity.

The Legend of the Christmas Spider and Tinsel

Once upon a time, there was a poor widow living in her tiny home with her young children. One day, the children discovered a cast-off tree and pulled it into their home for the holidays. The kids were so excited to have their very own Christmas tree, and were so upset when their mother explained that they could barely afford food for dinner for the evening, much less decorations for the tree. The children understood, so they wiped away their tears as they climbed into bed that Christmas Eve. The tree stood bare in the corner, and the widow shook her head sadly as she herself turned in for the night. But household's spiders had seen the sadness of the children and their mother, so they climbed all over the tree that night, leaving intricate webs in their wake. Early that Christmas morning, the children called out to the widow, "Mother, mother! Come and see what has happened to the tree! It is beautiful!" Their mother rushed in to find that during the bitter night while they slept, spiders had spun magical glittery garlands all across the tree's barren branches.

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United Methodist Church

- O. D. Herbel - Bruce & Shelley Bullinger

Sympathy is extended to the O.D. Herbel family.



Thank you to everyone who helped prepare, serve, donations and clean up for the Thanksgiving Meal. Sixty one were served in the fellowship hall, sixty six takes outs and 23 workers.

Sweet Symbol

Author Unknown

A significant symbol of Christmas
Is the simple candy cane.
It's shape is the crook of the shepherd
One of the first who came.
The lively peppermint flavor is
The regal gift of spice.
The white is Jesus' purity.
The red is sacrifice.
The narrow stripes are friendship.
And the nearness of his love.
Eternal, sweet compassion
A gift from God above.
The candy cane reminds us all
of how much God cared.
And like His Christmas gift to use
It's meant to be broken and shared.



- 2- LeAnn Bremner
- 2- Clairen Jostad
- 4 – Lucy Mercer
- 5- Riley Bremner
- 6-Julie Russell
- 11 – Helen Patterson
- 12 – Karol Patterson
- 15 – Skyler Patterson
- 22 – Edna Peterson
- 25 – Peggy Marsden
- 27 – Rhonda Mund
- 28 – Beth Sluder
- 31 – Charlie McKay



- 5 – Paul & Rhonda Milbrath
- 27 – Ron & Marsha Martin

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 9:00 Sun School 9:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worship | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Bids close and Bake Sale | 5 10 Christian Crafters | 6 | 7 12:00 PW | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 Sunday School Program and Pot- luck to follow | 12 10 Christian Crafters | 13 | 14 12:00 UNIP7:00 PC | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:00 Fellowship 10:30 Worshiip | 19 10 Christian Crafters | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 5:30 Christmas Eve Service |
| 25 No Church Ser- vice | 26 Newsletter dead- line | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |