



Fowler Advent Flashes

"It is Christmas in the heart that puts Christmas in the air."

(W.T. Ellis)

From our heart to yours a Christmas thought we share...



UGM Christmas Donations

Please bring donations to the church by the 10th of December. Roberta will pick them up and deliver them to UGM. The lists of needed items are below.

Thank you for your time and help. Lets help others as we can.

Men's needs: Hoodies, winter socks, gloves, and hats, underwear, jeans, shoes, boots, and coats.

Women's and children's needs: Robes and PJ's for all ages (even teen boys and girls), hoodies and warm socks and slippers.

December Birthdays
& Anniversaries

1st - Pam Doyon
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3rd - Wayne Rau

8th - Larry Price

9th - Rick lockert

12th - Jeni Sherman
Sally Schafhirt

13th - Enya LaFrance

14th - Alexa Knutson

18th - Carol Vrolson

19th - Robert Hammer

23rd - Ron & Carol Ring
Kergen Boone

24th - Sarah Briggs

28th John & Bev Parott
John & Dotie Godley
Christelle Mwange

29th - Janet Abernathy

30th - Mable Pangle & Nader
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Prayers

Please keep these people in your prayers.

Dick and Shirley Thompson -
Dick is doing better and hopes to be released soon from the hospital.

Judy Knutson - to know what is the causing the swelling.

Pastor René - He fell in his drive way and hurt his knee and foot. His family, Ryan is home because of a fellow student has Covid.

Diane Strobeck - She fell in Pastor René's office and fractured her patella.
Cory Williams & Family - 13 year old Dog passed away



Pastor René would like you to record Christmas wishes to the congregation. Take a video of your family wishing the congregation a Merry Christmas and send it to him via email. Please turn them in by the 20th of this month. Thank you all.





My Favorite memory of Christmas was in 2011. This was the year I fought breast cancer. After fighting cancer and my final chemo treatment, I flew down to Palm Desert. My son, Justin, was a personal chef there. The plane ride felt like I was flying with angels. Every moment was so full of beauty - the lights as we flew in, the flight attendant who gave me her breast cancer bracelet, and the tender care I received on the plane. I was ready to see my 2 year old grandson, Kainoa, who I adored and meet my first granddaughter, Emma.

As I came off the plane we embraced each other with a new granddaughter in my arms. As we arrived at their home, I saw a sign that read, "We love our mom/grandma who is a BC survivor". I was overwhelmed. Every Christmas moment became a precious snapshot of what pure joy meant. Each moment we live is a blessing.

I remind myself constantly that my faith sustains me and reminds me that God is in control.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls."

Matthew 11:28-30

God bless you my beautiful Fowler Family.

May peace be your journey.

Shelley

Christmas Traditions

Christmas is filled with traditions. I know that I have a lot of them. I believe that the traditions that we do as a family will be remembered by my boys for a long time. Hopefully, they will continue some of our traditions on just as I have.

The first tradition is the tree. We always put up our tree the first Saturday after Thanksgiving. Since we moved here 6 years ago, it has been our tradition to get a real tree from 'Hutton Settlement'. We go there and get our tree and at least one wreath. Sometimes we get poinsettias too. We always spend some time there talking with the kids and adults. This is because my husband grew up there.

We spend that first weekend decorating the house inside and out. Each of us has an area that we like to decorate. The tree is all of us. Then there are the villages, 3 of them. We also have a train that goes in the tree. It is kind of cool since smoke comes out of the engine. The outside is my husband and youngest son. That is their territory.

Over the next 2 weeks of the season we will be baking cookies, making candies, fudge, and of course 'Buche de Noel'. We put together plates of goodies and deliver them to our friends and family. We have been known to bake a few extra cakes to take to the schools that the boys were in. We would also fill mason jars. These would be the dry ingredients for cookies that could be made by the recipient at a later date.

Christmas Eve would be the day for a Dinner Party. Usually this consisted of family and friends. We would get together for a nice dinner, usually a Turkey, ham, and all the fixings. After dinner we would exchange gifts with our friends. The kids always love that part.

Christmas day is always for family. The first thing that is opened is the stockings. These are filled with candy from Europe and a small gift. As my boys have gotten older they try to get the small gifts for my husband and me. Then the chaos begins when everyone is awake. There will be wrapping paper, boxes, and bags all over the place. Once all gifts are opened they are put into the appropriate room and then the living room is cleaned up.

Now it is time for a family breakfast. My husband and I cook and the boys help. Family working together and enjoying being together. No matter where we were we have always kept our traditions. Sometimes things have modified due to where we were and who was there. No matter though. We always remembered why we celebrated.

May this Christmas bring you many family memories and traditions. Some may need to be modified but they can still happen. Merry Christmas!

Diane Strobeck

