



# TUALATIN UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# S P R I T

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## To The Saints:

Cindy and Seth and I went with family and friends to the Christmas pageant in Wilhelm's barn the other night. Mary and Joseph and baby Jesus were there in the stable, with real hay and real stable smells. The angels, shepherds and Kings were there also. And animals!! Real ones!! A donkey and lambs and a big red and white cow along with doves and goats. We sang and watched the story unfold and then we even got to pet the animals and see baby Jesus. Then we gathered for some refreshments, When we asked Seth what he had learned about the birth of Jesus, Seth said, "That they had cookies and hot cocoa."

Josheph Fletcher reminds us "that Jesus could be born in a thousand stables, a thousand times. Laid in a thousand mangers in a thousand Bethlehems, yet unless he is born in our own hearts through our responsive love, we do not have the incarnation. We do not know that God is with us."

Christmas is God's way of saying, "We need each other." It will do us no good to follow God for any reason other than the knowledge that we need to know we are loved. That is incarnation. This is God with us. God loves us in the midst of our humanness, our brokenness, our mortality. The message is so simple it is ludicrous ... God Is Love ... God loves us!!

Merry Christmas  
Thom

## NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Bill and Linda Sanders into our church family. We will celebrate their profession of faith on Sunday, Dec. 18th as well as the sacrament of baptism. Bill will be welcomed into the universal Church in baptism and then into this congregation as a communicant member as will Linda. Welcome in the name of Christ to both of you.

Bill and Linda Sanders  
19705 S.W. Boones Ferry Rd. #13  
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We welcome Virginia Ritzen into our church. Virginia comes to us by profession of faith and we will celebrate together on Christmas morning. Virginia has two kids, Chad and April, both in the older class. Welcome Virginia in the name of Christ.

Virginia Ritzen, Chad and April  
8325 S.W. Mohawk #139  
Tualatin, Ore 97062 692-0178

## SNOWBUNNY TUBE WEEKEND

Would you like to go to Snowbunny Lodge for A Saturday and Sunday of Family snow fun? Cost is \$9.00 per person which includes dinner and breakfast and lodging. Saturday lunch is a la sack. Departure on Saturday is at 10:00 A.M. from the office and Sunday departure is up to you. (Lunch will not be provided)

Saturday and Sunday February 4-5, 1984  
Snowbunny Lodge on Mt. Hood  
\$9.00 per person.

## Brief Notes

Thanks Adult Choir!!! Thanks Joyful Noise!! Both choirs add a great deal to our Sunday Worship Service. They are fun to be a part of too...join up!!

Thank you to Peggy, Dale, Kathy, Cindy and Connie for plays and paraments.

# Christmas Program

"TALKING TREES ... A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS"

Dress rehearsal for the Christmas Program begins at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, December 17, in the V.F.. Hall. Our children, all of them, will be in the program, .. so all of the kids should be at the rehearsal. The rehearsal will not be real long, so either stick around or arrange a ride for them.

If you do not have a costume, or for whatever reason this is all news to you ... call the teacher of the class your child is in, or call Thom at the office.

The program presented by the children and young people will be our sermon for the day. It was written by members of our congregation and incorporates the traditional Christmas story with the hanging of the greens. Preliminary reviews have been "Rave" so plan to get your seat early.

## Christmas Services

Christmas Eve Service will begin at 5:30 P.M. in the Hall. The service will include carols, the Christmas Story, the traditional Creche Scene, and Sharing the Light of the Christ Candle,

Christmas Eve service is one of the most beautiful experiences of any Church. It sets the expectant mood of people waiting for God's biggest surprise.

We celebrate Christmas Eve early because we think this service is most meaningful as a family worship experience.

Share Christmas Eve with your church family this year.

### *Emmanuel*

Christmas on Sunday!!! It is always a special treat to celebrate Christmas with our church family on Christmas Day. Sure it will be a bit different getting the gifts opened and the coffee and cakes eaten and off to church by 11:30 A.M., but just think of it ... Christmas on Christmas. Come worship and celebrate the Good News of Exceeding Joy!!!

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR KING CITY CONVALESCENT CENTER DECEMBER 18

It came to our attention that many of the people in the King City Convalescent Center have no family or friends to give them Christmas presents. It is a terrible thing to know that a person can spend Christmas Day without a single gift & The Mission committee didn't like the sound of it... so they asked the church to buy some simple gifts to be given to some new friends. Here is a list of some ideas. Please don't wrap the gift. Please have it in Church on the 18th.

Leg Warmers

Perfumes

Soaps

Brushes

Combs

Scarves

purses

Jewelry

Lap robes with ties and pockets on without

Warm Socks (not black)

Lotions

Creams

Hair clips, pins, ribbons

Ladies under shirts (cotton)

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE CHURCH!!

We enjoy singing hymns and popular songs as part of our worship services. Many of the favorites come from a book simply titled "SONGS". You may remember using this popular song book at a Fellowship Party not long ago.

Well, how about giving the church a Christmas present...on maybe an anniversary gift? You can purchase one copy of "SONGS" for 5.95...if we get enough copies. Just make out a check to the church and put it in the song fund envelope on Sunday morning.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TUALATIN PRESBYTERIANS

We began two years ago January 9. We began on Epiphany Sunday in the Cralls living room. Epiphany is the day that the Wise Men came to honor Jesus and it is the beginning of the church season of proclaiming Jesus as Lord. It is a fitting day for a group of people joined together in a commitment and desire to serve the Lord to celebrate. Wise people will be in Church on January 8.