

Community Newsletter



Auburn

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 2023

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Last year Julie Baga started a year-end Christmas Pageant tradition that turned out great (see photo above). This year the tradition will continue. We are looking forward to another inspiring performance on December 23.



INSPIRATION CORNER

Putting Christ back in Christmas

More and more it seems nowadays,
Christ is being taken out of Christmas.
People frantically run around in a craze,
Shopping, parties, decorating in a fuss.

Why can't we just sing a carol
In front of a cozy fire with friends?
Listening to how angels harold,
The birth of the King of kings.

Sipping hot apple cider to keep warm,
Why not just watch a Christmas play,
In a nice place, safe from any storm?
Why not do things the old-fashioned way?

Now days to be politically correct,
You can't advertise Merry Christmas.
Heaven forbid anyone should neglect,
The Jew, the Moslem or the Buddhist.

Have we all forgotten religions freedom,
Was what this country was founded on?
It seems the story of Christ is seldom,
Even related anymore to anyone.

No one wants the system to buck,
Santa Clause is taking control.
Political correctness run amuck,
It seems like the devil is on a roll.

I think we should start a movement,
To put Christ back into Christmas,
And not stop until the message is sent,
Without Christ, there is no Christmas!

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Sermon Notes



Dec 2: Pastor Mel
Dec 9: Pastor Mel
Dec 16: Pastor Mel
Dec 23: Pastor Mel
Dec 30: Darrel Crane

Christmas is...

Christmas is a grateful heart
Christmas is the spirit of good will
Christmas is a brand new start
Christmas is a prayer to fulfill

Christmas is a celebration
Of friends, both new and old
Christmas is congratulation
For another year to unfold

Christmas is a time of joy
And hope and peace combined
Christmas is the time to enjoy
God's love for all mankind

Christmas is a time to reflect
On the ultimate sacrifice made
By our Savior offering a perfect
Home for us waiting in Heaven.

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Jan's Healthy Recipes

Pumpkin Hummus

From Taste of Home, Vegetarian Made Easy

Traditional Hummus gets an update for Autumn

Ingredients:

- 2-15 Oz, each cans of Garbanzo beans, rinsed and drained
- 15 Oz, of solid-pack pumpkin
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup tahini
- 5 Tbsp. Lemon juice
- 2 tsp hot pepper sauce
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp salt

Baked pita chips, assorted fresh vegetables, optional

Directions:

Place the first 8 ingredients in a food processor until blended.

Serve with chips or vegetables as desired.

Upcoming Events

Dec. 8 - PHAA 7-12 Christmas Concert at Auburn Church (7pm)

Dec. 9 - Philippine Meistersingers Concert (2pm)

Dec. 16 - Church Christmas Social (6-9pm)

Dec. 21 - Jan. 7 - PHAA Christmas Break

Dec. 23 - All Church Christmas Breakfast and Pageant

The Ugly Christmas Tree

The cat had an obsession with the sparkling, twinkling Christmas tree. The entire holiday season, it was an endless job to keep the cat from the climbing the tree and the family from climbing the wall. Thankfully, it was Christmas Eve, and the tree would be coming down soon.

However, it was then that the over-sized barn cat decided it was time to wage war. Unfortunately, the tree stand wasn't up to the added weight of the pudgy, treat-happy tomcat. With one single leap like a reindeer landing on a roof, the cat launched into the tree, and it came crashing to the ground with a thunderous boom.

Upon hearing the resounding crash, the entire family sprang from their bed. The living room looked like a Christmas wasteland, with ornaments rolling under the couch and the tree crushing presents. The cat slunk away under the radar to pick needles out of his fur. Bobby, the youngest, looked up at his mother in wonder, and with the keen eye of a kid, he said, "Dad was right, Mom. Santa thought your Christmas tree was ugly, too."



What We Are Thankful For:



Each year Auburn Church members remind us what we have to be thankful for at Thanksgiving time.

On the left Dave Krussow is interviewing Judy Crum who works at Community Services. She is thankful for the donations for the Grateful Hearts Program that provided extras for our clients this holiday season. She is also grateful for the new shower facilities.

Jason & Jacquie Brown along with Ava & Mika gave what they were thankful for on November 18th.

They were thankful for family, a nice home, our pastors, good weather, running water, warm water, our church family, our church school, a like-minded spouse, and the ability to support those among us who struggle at Christmas time each year.



Church Family Birthdays

Raymond Fanselau Dec 01	Edwije Joseph Dec 09
Nicole Toppel Dec 03	Jeffrey Pierson Dec 15
Donald Wallace Dec 05	Beckett Reese Dec 17
Joanne Pierson Dec 07	Jett Whitson Dec 18
Barbara Bende Dec 09	Viviana Weeks Dec 19
Milton Kindrick Dec 09	Sophie Jewkes Dec 21
Tim Excell Dec 09	Gil Riojas Dec 24

