



**SHEPHERD'S  
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### **SHEPHERD'S CENTER NEWS**

We are excited to announce that we are planning to offer three zoom classes in February. We will let you know the titles and dates in our January newsletter. Each class will have a teacher, as well as a host or hostess who will handle the technology portion. The classes will vary in length depending on the teacher's discretion. We hope you will want to participate.

Our Board of Directors has decided that we much charge for you to take part in these classes. Our expenses continue even though we are not meeting in person. Instead of the usual \$35, the charge will be only \$25. You can take part in as many or as few classes as you choose for this amount. We feel that the knowledge you gain and camaraderie will be well worth it!



**GOOD WILL TO MEN!**

**PEACE ON EARTH!**



**WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

### **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

Hello, Shepherd's Center Members,

I hope all is well with you. It has been a rough year, hasn't it? Covid has turned all our worlds upside down. I wasn't able to visit my friends in WV for Turkey Day. Many of you could not be with your families or friends for Thanksgiving either. It made our difficult situation even worse. I'm sorry. I hope your Thanksgiving, albeit different, was warm and wonderful.

Your Board has been busy planning for a winter "session" starting in February. Since we are not able to meet in person, we will be offering three zoom classes. For each class there will be an instructor and a host to help with the technology. The January newsletter will provide all the details.

We do have expenses such as salaries, utilities, rental fees for our office, supplies, etc. If you'd like to donate while not participating, of course we'd appreciate that, too. Meanwhile, may I wish you a wonderful holiday season? I wish you happiness, joy, and peace. I hope we are able to meet together for classes in the near future!

Betsy Siemers, President

## TINY TALES

Please email us an original story of approximately 100 words. It just might appear in one of our newsletters!

### WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

Years ago a few weeks before Christmas, my daughter Tracy and her best friend Jill wanted to enter a contest sponsored by WNOK, a local radio station. Five hundred dollars would be awarded for a photo of the house decorated the tackiest in Columbia. I told the girls the only way I would agree to this was if they took the decorations down the NEXT day. Well, you would not have believed the finished product! To say that it was tacky is a total understatement! Signs and lights in clashing colors covered the house! MUSIC MONEY & MORE was in giant different colored blinking lights. Would you believe they spent all their Christmas shopping money to buy this junk? Driving to school one morning I almost wrecked the car when I heard the DJ announce that Tracy and Jill had won the contest. Everyone at school was amazed and envious. But the best part is that they painstakingly put everything back in the original boxes, returned them to Kmart, and got their money back!

### SANTA CAN DO ANYTHING!

When our daughter Tracy was about four, she told us she wanted a "can-a-peas" bed for Christmas. I explained that it would be very difficult for Santa to get a bed down our chimney, but she insisted that Santa could do it. Well, "Santa" and I discussed it and finally came up with a plan. Our older daughter Melony would ask Tracy to sleep with her on Christmas Eve so we could set up the bed. Can you imagine how difficult it was to assemble a canopy bed without making any noise, especially since they were sleeping in the next room? It took us most of the night! We were completely exhausted when we finally got into bed at 4:00 a.m. Two hours later Tracy comes rushing into our room, jumping up and down, and yelling, "He managed it! He managed it! I don't know how he did it, but he managed it!" We didn't know how we managed it either!

EUNICE SABO

## CHRISTMAS TREE IN THE CHURCH FOYER



### JOIN US FOR LUNCH BUNCH!

DEC. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 WEDNESDAY 12:00 Noon

MCALISTER'S DELI, 4710 Forest Dr., across from Lowe's Foods, has great salads, sandwiches, and tea! We can spread out at separate tables in our own section. It's very clean and open, with ceiling fans. Victoria Crosland needs your reservation by Monday, Dec. 7, by 6:00 p.m. 704-608-1434 or [vic4cola@gmail.com](mailto:vic4cola@gmail.com)

### HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



HE'S MAKING A LIST AND CHECKING IT TWICE; HE'S GOING TO FIND OUT WHO'S NAUGHTY OR NICE!



LET'S SMILE A WHILE...

**What type of music do Santa's elves like best?**

Wrap, of course!

**What do you call an old snowman?**

Water

**What do you call Santa's helpers?**

Subordinate Clauses

### CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

**Why does Santa wear a red suit?** In the poem *The Night Before Christmas*, Santa is described as dressed all in fur, but there are no other details mentioned. That addition was added in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The illustrator Thomas Nast was largely responsible for popularizing our modern image of Santa. It was then adopted by Coca-Cola, which has used his likeness extensively in Christmas ads since 1931.

**Ever wonder why we put lights on our Christmas trees?** Martin Luther is said to be the first to do so. Legend has it that he was walking through a forest one night and was moved by the beautiful stars shining through the trees. When he got home, he recreated what he saw for his family by putting a tree in their living room and placing lighted candles on its branches.

**How does Santa know what to bring?**

Dear Santa Claus,

I've been the very best little boy lately, and if you don't hurry and come, I don't know if I can stay good much longer. I just want a few things this year since Daddy says you are as poor as he is. I'd like a ball and bat, a glove, and a lot of fruit, candy, and nuts. Now Santa, don't make a mistake and bring me a doll cause I'm no sissy. I'm a real man and I'll soon be nine years old. Love to you, Santa.

Forrest Roberts

December, 1930

