

# Cedarwood News

December 2022

## Armchair Travel—Paraguay

Come out to learn about this beautiful country in South America from the comfort of your own home. A small Paraguayan snack will be shared as well.



## Christmas Party

We will be having a Christmas Party on Monday, December 19 at 2:00 pm! Come and join the fun as we have a special coffee time with the staff.

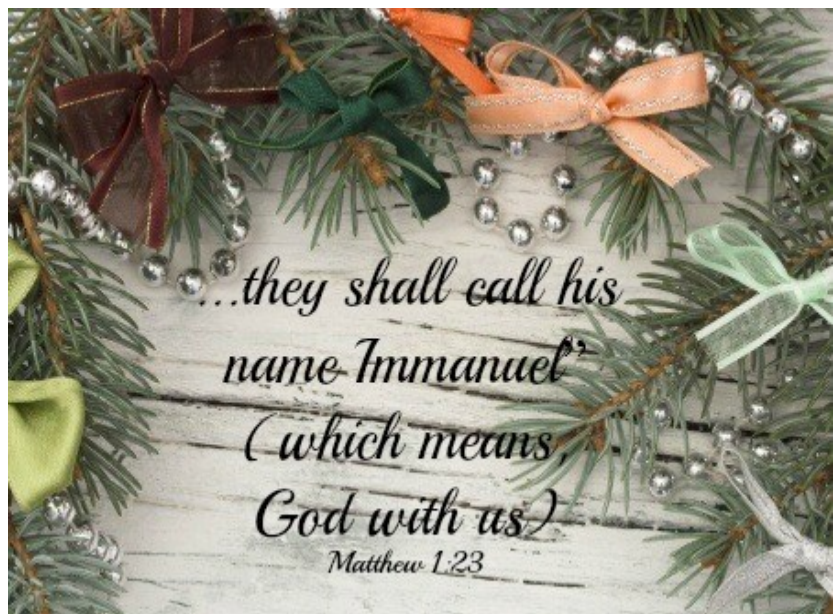


Therefore the Lord himself will  
give you a sign. Behold, the  
virgin shall conceive and bear a  
son, and shall call his name  
Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14



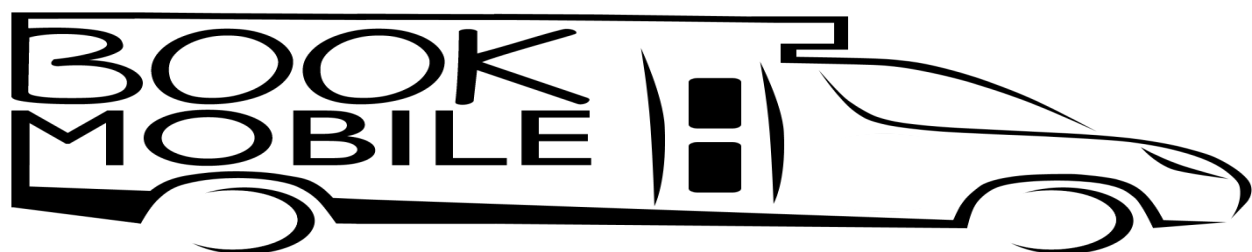
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## Book Mobile

The Jake Epp Library brings books to Cedarwood each month. On the **2nd Monday of the month**, we will be putting these books out in the dining room in the morning for tenants to look through and lend from the library. Please be sure to let Pearl or Lucy know if you would like to take out a book, and return it the following month.

If you have any specific books, genres, or authors you would like to read, please let Pearl know before the 1st Thursday of the month.







# From... the Chaplain

It was Christmas Eve, 1818, in the Alpine village of Oberndorf in northern Austria, where Joseph Mohr paced back and forth in his study. The church organ wasn't working so in its place Joseph hoped to present his congregation with a new song for Christmas, but the words just didn't seem to come.

As he observed the falling snow outside his window, he noticed a woman struggling through the drifts on the walkway, so he hurried to let her in to the warmth of the house.

Breathlessly, she told him of her friend in a neighboring village who had just given birth to her first child, and how the father hoped the priest would come to bless their son.

"Of course, I'll go", he said, and bundled up for the long, cold walk.

When Joseph arrived and opened the door, he caught his breath at the scene before him—a young father kneeling down in admiration in front of the new-born baby in the arms of its mother. Noticing his arrival, the young father invited the priest in to meet and to bless their son.

Afterwards, as Joseph made his way past pine trees laden with freshly-fallen snow, he discovered anew the pristine beauty in the air and found the words to write what has become a beloved carol:

*Silent night, Holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright  
'Round yon virgin mother and child!  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.*

As we can easily overlook the familiar around us, let's discover anew the Message in the manger and join in with Mary and Joseph in adoration of the Lord Jesus this Christmas!

May God's love and peace surround you this season and in to the New Year!

Peter Berg

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