

Merry Christmas

**WOODHAVEN NEWSLETTER
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NEWS & REMINDERS:



**STEINBACH
MENNONITE
HANDBELLES WILL
BE PERFORMING ON
MONDAY, DEC 4TH
AT 7:30PM
IN THE MAIN FLOOR
MULTIPURPOSE
ROOM**



**COME AND TRY OUT A
NEW GAME!
L-C-R (LEFT-CENTER-
RIGHT) IS A FUN DICE
GAME FOR ALL! CHECK
IT OUT ON
TUESDAY, DEC 5TH
AT 2:30PM - EVERYONE
WELCOME!**



**THIS MONTH AT CRAFT CLUB THERE WILL BE
SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FOR MAKING A SMALL
CHRISTMAS CRAFT. \$2 PER PERSON, FOR
EVERYTHING YOU'LL NEED - LOOK FOR SIGN UP
SHEETS. FOR THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO
MAKE A CRAFT, FEEL FREE TO COME WITH YOUR
OWN PROJECTS TO WORK ON! SEE YOU
DECEMBER 6 AT 2:30**





IMPORTANT




A friendly reminder to **please check your floor's bulletin board regularly for new information and sign up sheets!** Many programs need you to sign up in advance for planning and purchasing purposes. Thank you!

Set some goals for the upcoming new year! Come on Wednesday Dec 27th at 2:30pm and create a vision board for 2024! Watch for sign up sheets! If you have old magazines to donate, please see Helen



On Wednesday Dec 20th at 2:30pm, come for a bit of pampering before Christmas, and get your fingernails painted by Helen. Bring your own favourite polish or choose from the few options provided. First come first serve, as time allows.






Important Information:

HELP!

**Volunteers
needed**

We are in desperate need of some more set up volunteers so that our evening programs can continue! if you can move a chair, you can help! Training will be provided if needed! Men or women - anyone can do this! Please see Helen if you are able to help at all. We have a very full calendar coming up in December, and we will need lots of help. Thanks!



**Rest Haven now has
vending machines.
Please see your
bulletin boards for
more information!**



**On Saturday December
30th at 1:00pm, the
Treasured Foundation
Youth Group will be
here for some caroling
and games!**



**Please remember to
sign in when you
attend a program!
Sign up sheets are
always by the MPR
door!**



You're invited to: A Special Christmas Faspa!



On Tuesday December 12, at 4:30pm join us for a special Christmas supper. Enjoy a 2 piece chicken, fries, coleslaw and a bun meal from Rocco's Pizzeria. Coffee, tea and dessert will be provided by the Social Committee. Entertainment and devotional by Dave Hiebert. \$10 per person, please sign up to be included.



A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

Come and celebrate the season together on **Wednesday December 13th, at 2:30pm** in the Main Multipurpose Room! Fun and games, food and drinks, music, prizes and more! All are welcome! **No cost to attend,** **and no sign up required, but please bring a snack to share if you're able to,** and bring your own mug! Coffee & tea provided.



Festive Christmas Outfit contest! Come dressed up in your craziest, brightest, twinkliest most festive outfit! Christmas sweaters, hats, tinsel, garland and glitter are all welcome! **The most festively dressed person will win a prize!**

NEW MONTHLY PROGRAM!

At 3:00pm on the last Friday of every month, come for “Happy Hour” in the Main MPR! Enjoy listening to some 60's music with Joe Draude. Snacks & drinks will be available for purchase.



HAPPY HOUR

Pop/Juice \$1.00

Bowl of popcorn \$0.50

Bowl of chips \$0.75

Nut mix \$1.00



CONTEST TIME!

From **Friday December 1, until Friday December 22**, we will be having a "**Find Noel the Christmas Gnome**" contest. **Each weekday morning starting at 9:00am**, this cheeky little gnome will be hiding somewhere, waiting for you to find him! The person who finds Noel first and brings him to Helen each day, will have their name entered into a prize draw! The more days you find Noel, the more chances you have to win! Two winners will be picked at the end of the day on **Friday December 22**.

Noel is very sneaky, and very good at hiding. While he will be very well hidden and sometimes hard to find, Noel the Christmas Gnome will **NEVER** be found:

- Outside of the building (in the parking lot, at Resthaven etc.)
- In a place that requires you to stand on furniture to reach him
- In a non-common area (in a suite or locked room/office)
- In the basement

Good luck, and happy hunting!





FOR UNTO YOU
IS BORN THIS DAY
IN THE CITY OF DAVID
A **SAVIOR**
WHICH IS
Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:11



December Birthdays:



Rita Funk - 4
Bill Giesbrecht - 16
Elfrieda Plett - 18
Ethel Teetaert - 18
Sandi Hiebert - 20
Judy Friesen - 21
Sandra Gerbrandt - 30

Please join us for a Birthday party
on Monday, December 18 at 2:30pm!





A NOTE FROM HELEN

As the end of the year is fast approaching, I've been reflecting back on the last 12 months of my life and how much change I've experienced. If you would have told me a year ago that I would leave BC and move half way across the country, I would have never believed you. I loved my job, my home, my friends. It was comfortable and familiar. A change like that is never easy. The uprooting of a life, and the grieving that comes with that process.

Fast forward to today, and I can't tell you how unbelievably happy I am to be here, and how much my heart has healed. Much of that, is thanks to all of you. The warmth, love and kindness you have shown me over the last few months has filled me up more than you will ever know. I would like to thank you all for making me feel so very welcome here, in your home. It is truly a pleasure to get to spend my days here with you. You are all such a blessing to me, and I am excited for all of the fun things we will do together in the new year. (In particular I'm excited to learn more low German 😊)

From the very bottom of our hearts, my family and I would like to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas, and a happy and healthy new year. May God bless you all.

*With love, hugs, gratitude and warm
wishes from,
Helen* 





From the Chaplain's desk

The First Noel, the angels did say was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay...

Why did God choose lowly shepherds as the first to hear about the birth of Christ? Wouldn't the news have spread more quickly if it had been given to the elite?

God takes delight in the humble. We see one example in how Jesus responded to the disciples as they disputed about who would be the greatest in the Kingdom of God.

"He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. And he said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 18:2, 3

Humility does not come naturally, since our nature often seeks recognition and esteem. Jesus taught otherwise, however, and instructed us to deny ourselves, take up our cross, and follow Him (Luke 9:23).

Why did God announce the big news to lowly shepherds? They were a humble people, and humility is a big part of what Christmas is about. At Christmas we remember God's own Son humbling Himself to become a child and how he then humbled himself even further to fulfill the plan of salvation for us (Philippians 2).

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Let's rejoice together with the shepherds this Christmas season!

Peter Berg, Chaplain



Christmas Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find the Christmas words.
Answer key is upside down at the bottom of the page.

1. naclorig _____
2. rast _____
3. porduhl _____
4. dressephh _____
5. gramen _____
6. galen _____
7. limesotte _____
8. vaniyitt _____
9. gotscink _____
10. virasou _____
11. traweh _____
12. gisehl _____
13. wamsonn _____
14. ejuss _____
15. stranneom _____
16. scamsthir _____

Answer Key: 1. caroling 2. star 3. Rudolph 4. shepherds
5. manger 6. angel 7. mistletoe 8. nativity
9. stocking 10. saviour 11. wreath 12. sleigh
13. snowman 14. Jesus 15. ornaments 16. Christmas