

Awesome

By Brendan Wanderer

“Because when something fits, even if it looks out of place, it still fits. Sometimes it will mean that everyone needs to do some reshuffling to rethink their place in the grand order, and that’s not a bad thing.”

Those are the words I wrote 4 years ago for a final newsletter submission to the congregation I worked with in Rocky Mountain House. I wrote it as a testament to how I felt a call from God to work with that congregation, even though my hairstyle (a mullet with dreadlocks) and my way of being (they called me a “free-spirit” for lack of better words) suggested otherwise.

That was 4 years ago!!! Since then I have had my faith challenged and somewhat uprooted two times, and I’ve led a group with more youth in one evening than I worked with in the whole time I was lived there. I’ve turned down a full scholarship to Vancouver Film School (which was one of the main reasons I moved to Vancouver, and still is... I know, I know: “What was I thinking?”) And now this season, as I contemplate my identity and my future, I am reminded again of the impermanence of all things. It seems that all I really do have is this moment.

Today I am feeling particularly inspired by the song “Don’t Stop Believing” which was recently made popular again in teenage circles in the television drama “Glee”. There’s a line that speaks to the part of me that has always been able to see truth. “Oh the movie never ends it goes on and on and on and on.”

“How many church members does it take to change a light bulb?” “What, change?”

There is only one constant I know which drives the universe, and that is change. It’s true. We all change. Whether it be for better or worse is not the point. The point is that we have been given a small part in a great play, and that is an honour. I feel honoured to have been a cog in the workings of this congregation, not because I am making changes in the congregation, but because I have been able to see the changes I make in myself as I continue to turn with the rest of you.

Happy Christmas everybody!
Brendan



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In the Spotlight

By Beth Stewart

This month’s featured family represents the continuance of family commitment to our church. Mom Kathy Owens first attended Highlands when she was a young girl. Her parents, Anne and Alex Wood, are still active members.

Kathy said that her parents served on committees in the early years, and that her mother also taught Sunday School.

Kathy remembers being baptized together with her brother. When she met her husband-to-be, David, she said to him: *Love, honour and cherish me - but never take me off the North Shore!*

Now the family consists of parents David and Kathy, daughter Grace, 10, and sons David, 6 and George, 20 months, together with the family cat, “June”. When asked what she likes best about Highlands, she said enthusiastically: *I love the family atmosphere. Sandi is so great. I also really enjoy the music.* Her daughter sings in one of the choirs and likes it very much.

Kathy continued by saying that Highlands offers something for everyone, that it is a stimulating and active church to which to belong. Her favourite Bible verse is:

1 Corinthians 13:4 ... Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, love does not parade itself, is not puffed up (continued) V 5 - 8: does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. V. 13: And now abide faith, hope, love, these three, but the greatest of these is love.



David and Kathy Owens
with children Grace, David and George

The next time you come to church, look for this wonderful family and say hello. They represent so much that is good about our church. Thanks, Kathy, for the time in your busy life to put up with an inquiring Editor! We are glad you are all aboard. ■

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From the Editor's Desk

By Beth Stewart

As Christmas approaches, can you think back and determine what your most favourite gift was.

challenge that year was to make all our gifts, rather than buying them in a store. Likely funds were tight that year but the essence of each gift still lingers after all these years. Precious. Unique. Memorable.

Times are tough again in 2009 and it just might be a good challenge at your house to suggest everyone make by hand one gift for a sibling or parent. How about a varnished wooden sign reading "Liam's Room" or a big cushion for a little girl to snuggle and watch TV, made only of her favourite colour? Or perhaps handmade Christmas gingerbread

men in a handmade cardboard box for that grandmother now relegated to a seniors' facility? Just think how special that would be. Simplicity. There is much value and love in simplicity.

Think of Mary and Joseph looking for a room at the inn. Their simple stable housed a baby who would go on to become the One we worship still. As Editor of our newsletter, I wish you and yours Special Blessings at this time of the year. ■

Beth



It's easy for me:

when I was a little girl my two brothers got together and made me a wooden crib for my dolls, complete with wheels.

Oh, how I cherished that gift. Our parents'

Planned Giving

Planned Giving, very simply is planning to make a gift. Planned gifts are generally funded from accumulated resources or assets, rather than income. The most common Planned Gift received by the church is a bequest. The tax benefit from a bequest accrues to the donor's estate. The United Church Gift Planning Office can also arrange several gifts which allow you to make a gift in the future but receive the tax benefits now.

You can designate your Planned Gift to any aspect of The United Church of Canada or designate it to your local Highlands United Church. Your planning today will allow Highlands to continue its valuable work for generations to come. For more information about how you can leave a legacy for your community, please speak to any member of the Finance Committee or to Rev. Cheryl Black. ■

Boxing Day—A great day to snuggle with a good book:

The brightest star of all: Christmas stories for the family

by Carrie Papa 242PAP

The beauty and power of these simple stories helps bring readers of all ages a new understanding and thoughtful appreciation of the Nativity.

Two family favourites that are available in both book and DVD



The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

by Barbara Robinson

The Herdmans, terrors of the town, take over the annual Christmas Pageant with surprising results, for both the town and the Herdmans.

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

by Susan Wojciechowski

This tale of a glorious miracle of the heart will be remembered and revisited year after year.

Celebrate with Joy

by Sondra Burnett

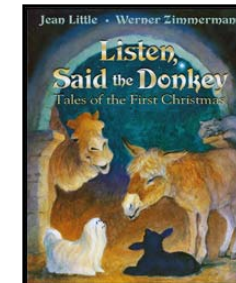
Designed to help you keep Jesus in the centre of all your celebrations, the book has multiple ideas for many Christmases or for gleaning yearly traditions Focusing on activities and meditations, it provides a wide variety of ways for observing Christ's birth.

The Christmas Mystery

by Jostein Gaarder FICGAA

Fifty years ago a girl disappeared from her home in Norway. She ran after a lamb and found herself travelling right across Europe to Palestine, and back through 2,000 years to meet the Holy Family in Bethlehem. In present-day Norway, a boy acquires a strange old Advent calendar. Hidden in each of the windows is a tiny piece of paper. Little by little these pieces unfold the girl's story and as we learn what happened to her, another story is revealed - that of the strange old man who made the calendar. Gaarder tells

the most famous story in the world freshly, every chapter containing his characteristic twists and turns. It's a children's book that can be read by adults, and it could even be read together through the advent period, day by day. "There are two ways of becoming wise. One is to travel out into the world and see as much as possible of God's creation. The other is to put down roots in one spot and to study everything that happens there in as much detail as you can. The trouble is that it's impossible to do both at the same time."



Listen Said the Donkey

by Jean Little JFICLIT

Three familiar animals are gathered at a stable in Bethlehem — a donkey, a lamb and a camel. With them are a no-nonsense Persian cat and a small, frightened dog. The animals miss the baby who was recently born there. To comfort one another, each tells of how it came to be at the stable for the baby's birth.

The First Christmas

Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan 232.92BOR



In *The First Christmas*, two of today's top Jesus scholars, Marcus J. Borg and John

Dominic Crossan, join forces to show how history has biased our reading of the nativity story as it appears in the gospels of Matthew and Luke..... Borg and Crossan help us to see this well-known narrative afresh by answering the question, "What do these stories mean?" in the context of both the first century and the twenty-first century. They successfully show that the Christmas story, read in its original context, is far richer and more challenging than people imagine.

Kneeling in Bethlehem

by Ann Weems 811WEE

This collection of poems captures the spirit of joyful celebration. They can be used in worship services, read aloud at family gatherings, or used by individuals for quiet reflection. ■

The Edge of Never

By Cheryl Black

The editor of our newsletter, Beth Stewart, has had a riveting weekend. She was at the Whistler Film Festival to speak at the launch of "The Edge of Never" a film about her son, Trevor Petersen. It took great courage for her to stand up in front of 1200 people and tell people she was proud of her son and what he stood for, even though it had taken his life and torn a piece out of her heart. But she did it: for her son, for his circle of friends who continue to risk their lives in this beautiful world God made; for her grandchildren who daily have had to find the courage to live big without their dad; for her daughter-in-law whose life was thrown off balance by that tragic accident.

I'm including a synopsis of this film from it's web page and inviting all of us, Beth's church family, to come and watch this inspiring film on

Sunday, January 10, at 1:00 p.m. It is well worth seeing and here is a review:

A documentary feature film set in the world of big mountain skiing, The Edge of Never is a real-life coming-of-age saga about the tribe of skiers who challenge the biggest, most dangerous mountains in the world. In 1996 Whistler extreme-skiing legend Trevor Petersen, was killed in an avalanche while skiing the Exit Couloir on the Aiguille du Midi in Chamonix, France. Nine years later, skiing icon Glen Plake, the ski world's most famous bad-boy rebel and one of Trevor's best friends, decides it's time for Trevor's 15-year-old son, Kye, who has grown up

under heavy expectations, to ski the route that took his father's life and join the tribe of big-mountain skiers. In this thrilling film, three generations of skiers mentor Kye as he attempts to finish his father's final run.

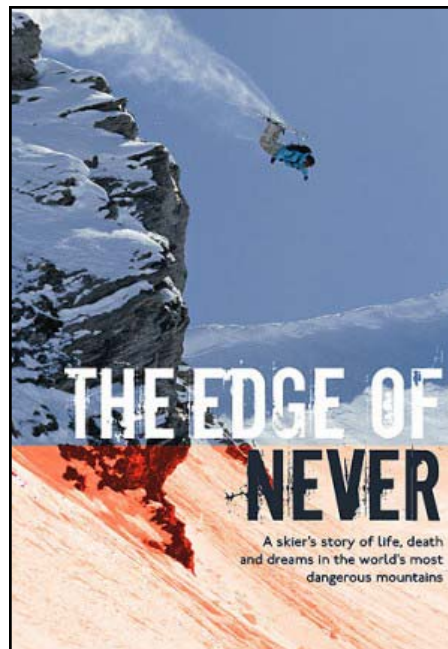
Ex-pro skier and Director Bill Kerig questions what makes life in the mountains so appealing in this film based on his book. A ripping adventure tale, The Edge of Never is also a rich and subtle portrait of men and women who live big in the face of their greatest fears. It's a story of family; of life and death; of searching for what counts in life; of fulfilling your dreams.

As I watch this film, I contemplate the upcoming birth of the baby Jesus. He grew up mentored by the prophets of Israel who were relentless in their call for a just and equitable world. He also grew up with tremendous expectations – that he would reveal the gracious nature of his father/mother for the whole world to experience. He grew up to live big in the face of his and his world's greatest fears. His is a story of the family of humanity; of life and death; of calling people to follow a way of life that counts, of fulfilling God's dreams for a just and caring world.

Hope you can come on Dec. 24 or Dec. 25 to bid the Christ child welcome and to hear again his inspiring story of healing, empowerment, wisdom teaching and vision of transformation. It's a great story.

I wish each of you, and your family and friends, a very blessed Christmas with some time to contemplate the holy gifts you receive this season. ■

Blessings,
Cheryl



Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

By Sandi Parker



"Fearfully and Wonderfully Made..."
(Psalm 139 vs.14)

At a recent meeting I attended someone commented on how Highlands is a congregation that recognizes and

embraces diversity. From my perspective this diversity is one of the strengths of Highlands. But diversity brings its own challenges...how do we create worship opportunities that are life giving for everyone? How do we create programs and activities that meet the needs of a diverse congregation?

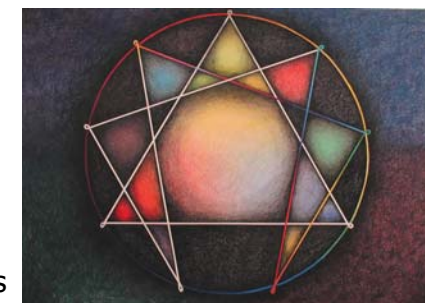
Often we think of diversity as being about gender or culture or age or family status or socio economic status, but even if all those things were equal, we would still be different because of our own unique personality – those innate preferences and temperaments that have been with us since birth. Have you ever been in a group where you found yourself drawn to someone with whom you really resonated? When you walk into a room of strangers do you sometimes find that there is someone you gravitate toward because they seem more 'like' you? And have you ever found yourself consistently at odds with someone, and you just can't figure out why you don't seem to get along? And what about planning groups where everyone seems to be working at cross purposes? And then sometimes it seems that there are people who just plain irritate us! Well one of God's wonderful gifts to us is our personality ... the God who 'knit me together in my mother's womb" (vs. 13) also knit you...and using quite a different pattern! Did you know that for thousands of years, philosophers, psychologists, scientists, and educators have tried to explain and describe

human personality? Well this winter, we thought it would be fun and enlightening to explore our own personalities and how we are both the same as and different from others in our congregation. Just recognizing the differences in temperament and personality can help us communicate better, plan better, work together better, and enjoy each other more. And I wonder how understanding personality differences could help us plan and prepare not only programs and activities but worship?

So to that end, we have scheduled some workshops all about personality. The first one will be Personality Dimensions – a research supported personality assessment developed in Canada. This is a fun, engaging, educational tool that will have you appreciating yourself and your gifts more and appreciating and understanding others too! Later on in the spring we will offer a Myers Briggs (MBTI) workshop. The MBTI is a well respected personality tool that has been used in Career Development, team building, counselling, relationship work, and in industry and business. And finally, we hope to gather a small group to go to Squamish where we have been invited to participate in a workshop using the typology of the Enneagram.

During these workshops we will celebrate both our similarities and our differences, and we will explore how our relationships, worship, family life, work and study is enhanced by an understanding psychological type. Watch for dates and details early in the New Year, and contact me if you have any questions or would like more information. ■

Sandi Parker
Ministry of Children, Families & Adult Faith Formation



Highlands Caring Ministry

By Ariel Creighton

Wherever 2 or more are gathered, there is potentially a "Caring Ministry" happening. This may be in some of the small groups such as the Healing Hands ministry, UCW, the choirs, Men's and Women's Breakfast, study groups, committees, Sunday School, Youth Group, Highlander's, Flea Market sorting, the Feeding Ministry or the Quilters. However, there are some specific programs that we think of as "Caring Ministry" programs.

The **"Chaplaincy program"**. Each person who is in a Care Facility is being visited once a month by a volunteer "chaplain" from Highlands. This chaplain will also be in contact with a family member of the person he/she is visiting for purposes of communication and support. It is hoped to extend this program to those who are in their own homes, but not able to easily get to church.

Three times a year (usually Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter) **visits and delivery of baking and plants** to those who are not able to get to church, or are facing particular challenges such as illness or bereavement.

The Caring Ministry **lunches** held in the Fall and Spring. A wonderful opportunity for reconnecting with friends. We attempt to facilitate those who seldom get to church, to come that day.

All of these "caring" activities are being carried out by you – the congregation.

It is through the reaching out from your heart that others may experience God's love. ■

A Most Memorable Christmas

By Bill Dyer

In 1999 my wife Wendie and I travelled to Kyoto where she had been invited to teach English in the Kyoto University of Foreign Studies. As December rolled around and the winter became more



miserable, the warm climes of Thailand beckoned us with her siren call. Along with our friend Cecelia, a Mexican who taught in the Spanish Department of the University, we landed in Pkuket around the 20th of December to experience one of the most unusual Christmases we have ever had. There was

not much in the way of Christmas Carols or crèches but lots of exotic fruits, sunshine and beach adventures.

A day or two before Christmas we found a flyer posted on a notice board that promised a full French style 5 course Christmas Dinner. With a certain degree of scepticism we made reservations. It was not turkey with all the trimmings, but it certainly was exceptional. I am hard-pressed to remember all of the dishes but the food was plentiful and delicious. I remember finishing the first course and thinking that had to have been the main course, only to discover it was the appetizer. Plates were whisked away and another tantalizing dish put in front of us. By the time we were finished (I do remember a flavourful soup, roast pork with all the trimmings,, a frozen yule log for dessert, a wondrous variety of cheeses and lots of good French wine) we could hardly get up from the table. Wendie and I both agreed that, while it was not a traditional North American Christmas Dinner, it was one of the most memorable we had ever had. Obviously this still hold true as I can still recall it with such vividness 10 years later.

A sad postscript to this story was that we saw pictures of Pkuket after the Tsunami in 2005, and the street with the restaurant had been entirely wiped out. ■

Epiphany Party Invitation from St. Andrews

St. Andrew's United Church congregation

invites

Highlands United Church congregation

to an Epiphany Party on Wednesday, January 6 at 5:30 p.m.

All ages are welcome.

We'll make crowns to remind us we are on a journey like the magi were.

We'll eat together and call it communion.

We'll set off fireworks and remember God leads by the light of a star.



Please plan to attend. Bring a salad, a main course, or a dessert to share as you are able.

St. Andrew's is located at 1044 St. Georges Ave., corner of St. Georges and 10th St.

The party will be held in the Gym - entrance off 11th Ave.

There will be a sign up sheet at the action table on Sunday so we can car pool.

Thoughts from the Amos Study Group

By Jean Gabrielse

Four sessions were full of lively discussions, historic background, new Bible information from several different versions and yes, questions. Why Amos? A summer lecture by Marcus Borg inspired Sandi and Ken to plan this series. Amos wrote very dramatically to get the attention of his listeners to think about the real meaning of Justice—societal and political Justice as well as personal Justice issues. Do we really mean and do what we say in church? Do we think about what Justice means for our own actions? We realized that Justice may look different depending on one's background. This thought provoking series awakened interest for more. Thanks to Sandi Parker and Ken Irwin!



A Baby's Hug

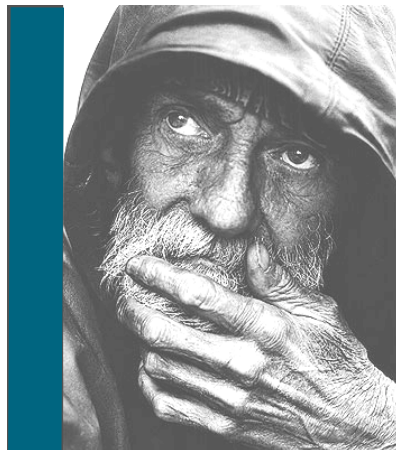
Submitted by Gillian Irwin

We were the only family with children in the restaurant. I sat Erik in a high chair and noticed everyone was quietly eating and talking. Suddenly, Erik squealed with glee and said, "Hi there." He pounded his fat baby hands on the high chair tray. His eyes were crinkled in laughter and his mouth was bared in a toothless grin, as he wriggled and giggled with merriment. I looked around and saw the source of his merriment. It was a man whose pants were baggy with a zipper at half-mast and his toes poked out of would-be shoes. His shirt was dirty and his hair was uncombed and unwashed. His whiskers were too short to be called a beard and his nose was so varicose it looked like a road map. We were too far from him to smell, but I was sure he smelled. His hands waved and flapped on loose wrists. "Hi there, baby; Hi there, big boy. I see ya, buster," the man said to Erik. My husband and I exchanged looks, "What do we do?" Erik continued to laugh and answer, "Hi, hi there." Everyone in the restaurant noticed and looked at us and then at the man. The old geezer was creating a nuisance with my beautiful baby. Our meal came and the man began shouting from across the room, "Do ya patty cake? Do you know peek-a-boo? Hey, look, he knows peek-a-boo." Nobody thought the old man was cute. He was obviously drunk. My husband and I were embarrassed. We ate in silence; all except for Erik, who was running through his repertoire for the admiring skid row bum, who in turn, reciprocated with his cute comments. We finally got through the meal and headed for the door. My husband went to pay the check and told me to meet him in the parking lot. The old man sat poised between me and the door. "Lord, just let me out of here before he speaks to me or Erik," I prayed. As I drew closer to the man, I turned my back trying to

sidestep him and avoid any air he might be breathing. As I did, Erik leaned over my arm, reaching with both arms in a baby's "pick-me-up" position. Before I could stop him, Erik had propelled himself from my arms to the man's. Suddenly a very old smelly man and a very young baby consummated their love relationship. Erik in an act of total trust, love, and submission laid his tiny head upon the man's ragged shoulder. The man's eyes closed, and I saw tears hover beneath his lashes. His aged hands full of grime, pain, and hard labour, cradled my baby's bottom and stroked his back. No two beings have ever loved so deeply for so short a time. I stood awestruck. The old man rocked and cradled Erik in his arms and his eyes opened and set squarely on mine. He said in a firm commanding voice, "You take care of this baby." Somehow I managed, "I will," from a throat that contained a stone. He pried Erik from his chest unwillingly, longingly, as though he were in pain. I received my baby, and the man said, "God bless you, ma'am you've given me my Christmas gift." I said nothing more than a muttered thanks. With Erik in my arms, I ran for the car. My husband was wondering why I was crying and holding Erik so tightly, and why I

was saying, "My God, my God, forgive me." I had just witnessed Christ's love shown through the innocence of a tiny child who saw no sin, who made no judgment; a child who saw a soul, and a mother who saw a suit of clothes. I was a Christian who was blind, holding a child who was not. I felt it was God asking, "Are you willing to share your son for a moment?" when He shared His for all eternity.

The ragged old man, unwittingly, had reminded me, "To enter the Kingdom of God, we must become as little children." ■



The Story Continues

by Jean Gabrielse

The two Karen Refugee families that Highlands is co-sponsoring with 7 North Shore Anglican churches continue their steep learning curve. They arrived in July '09 from a refugee camp on the border between Thailand and Burma.

They now live in Surrey near other Karens who were sponsored by Canada a few years ago. They are: Kler Paw (29) and his wife Ehmusi (27) and their son Eh Tha Nay (18 months), Lu Wah (30) and his wife Pak Gay (22) and their daughter Laura (18 months).



At Thanksgiving the families joined the Parry family of St. Clements Anglican for a typical Canadian family Thanksgiving dinner. The variety of food was mind-boggling; cranberry sauce was a hit while dessert was an unfamiliar concept.



The idea of owning a variety of clothing for changing seasons is also a new idea and they are in desperate need of chests of drawers.

Most recently Wilma Parry organized a breakfast cooking lesson. She and her friend started by showing how to clean all surfaces and your hands, moving on to preparing a Canadian style menu: french toast and bacon, syrup, fruit bowl and yogurt, toast, jam, cereal. A beautiful breakfast buffet resulted; the last activity being clean-up then a Show and Tell session.



A Thanksgiving outing with Dave and Wilna Parry and their daughter in the back and the Karen families in front.

The women had many questions about all the donated kitchen equipment but not a clue about how to use it! Thanks to Wilma, more lessons are planned.

Eager to become independent, our families are quick to grasp new ideas. Thanks goes out to the Anglican churches' volunteers. ■

Christmas Season Office Hours



December 24 Christmas Eve:

Office open 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
(Services at 4:30, 6:30, 8:30 and 11:00 pm)

December 25 Christmas Day: Office Closed
(Service at 10:00 am; Meal at 1:00 pm)

December 27: Sunday Service at 10:00 am

December 28: Office closed

December 29-31: Office open 9am to 12:00 noon

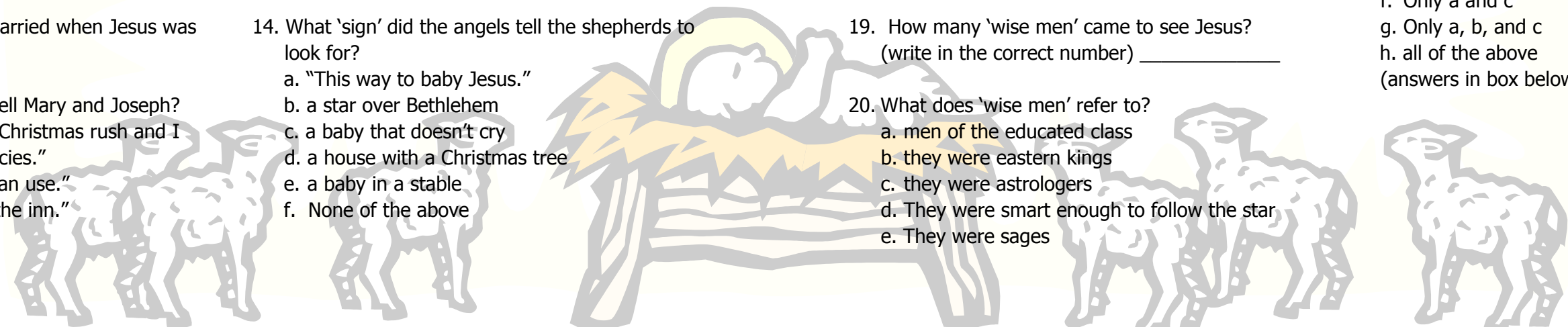
January 1: Office closed—Stat Holiday

January 3: Sunday Service at 10:00 am

January 4: Office returns to regular hours

Test your Christmas IQ

1. As long as Christmas has been celebrated, it has been on December 25. T___ F___
2. Joseph was from:
 - a. Bethlehem
 - b. Jerusalem
 - c. Nazareth
 - d. Egypt
 - e. Minnesota
 - f. None of the above
3. When Joseph and Mary found out that Mary was pregnant with Jesus, what happened?
 - a. They got married
 - b. Joseph wanted to break the engagement
 - c. Mary left town for three months
 - d. An angel told them to go to Bethlehem
 - e. Both a and d
 - f. Both b and c
4. Who told Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?
 - a. the angel
 - b. Mary's mother
 - c. Herod
 - d. Caesar Augustus
 - e. Alexander the Great
 - f. No one told them to.
5. How did Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem?
 - a. camel
 - b. donkey
 - c. walked
 - d. Volkswagen
 - e. Joseph walked; Mary rode a donkey
 - f. Who knows?
6. Mary and Joseph were married when Mary became pregnant. T___ F___
7. Mary and Joseph were married when Jesus was born. T___ F___
8. What did the innkeeper tell Mary and Joseph?
 - a. "Come back after the Christmas rush and I should have some vacancies."
 - b. "I have a stable you can use."
 - c. "There is no room at the inn."
 - d. both a and c
 - e. none of the above
9. Jesus was delivered in a :
 - a. stable
 - b. manger
 - c. cave
 - d. Barn
 - e. hospital
 - f. Unknown
10. A 'manger' is a:
 - a. stable for domestic animals
 - b. wooden hay storage bin
 - c. Feeding trough
 - d. Barn
11. Which animals does the Bible say were present at Jesus' birth?
 - a. cows, sheep & goats
 - b. cows, donkeys and sheep
 - c. sheep and goats only
 - d. Miscellaneous barnyard animals
 - e. Lions, tigers elephants
 - f. None of the above
12. Who saw the 'star in the east'?
 - a. shepherds
 - b. Mary and Joseph
 - c. three kings
 - d. Both a and c
 - e. None of the above
13. How many angels spoke to the shepherds?
 - a. one
 - b. three
 - c. a 'multitude'
 - d. none of the above
14. What 'sign' did the angels tell the shepherds to look for?
 - a. "This way to baby Jesus."
 - b. a star over Bethlehem
 - c. a baby that doesn't cry
 - d. a house with a Christmas tree
 - e. a baby in a stable
 - f. None of the above
15. What did the angels sing?
 - a. Joy to the world, the Lord is come.
 - b. Alleluia
 - c. Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given
 - d. Glory to God in the highest...
 - e. Glory to the newborn King
 - f. My sweet Lord
16. What is a "Heavenly Host"?
 - a. angel at the gate of heaven
 - b. angel who invites people to heaven
 - c. angel who serves refreshments in heaven
 - d. an angel choir
 - e. an angel army
 - f. none of the above
17. There was snow that first Christmas
 - a. only in Bethlehem
 - b. all over Israel
 - c. nowhere in Israel
 - d. Somewhere in Israel
 - e. Mary and Joseph only 'dreamed' of a white Christmas
18. What is myrrh?
 - a. an easily shaped metal
 - b. a spice used for burying people
 - c. a drink
 - d. aftershave lotion
 - e. none of the above
19. How many 'wise men' came to see Jesus? (write in the correct number) _____
20. What does 'wise men' refer to?
 - a. men of the educated class
 - b. they were eastern kings
 - c. they were astrologers
 - d. They were smart enough to follow the star
 - e. They were sages
21. The wise men found Jesus in a :
 - a. manger
 - b. stable
 - c. house
 - d. Holiday Inn
 - e. good mood
22. The wise men stopped in Jerusalem:
 - a. to inform Herod about Jesus
 - b. to find out where Jesus was
 - c. to ask about the star they saw
 - d. To buy presents for Jesus
 - e. for gas
23. Joseph took the baby Jesus to Egypt:
 - a. to show him the pyramids
 - b. to teach him the wisdom of the pharaohs
 - c. to put him in a basket in the reeds by the river
 - d. Because he dreamed about it
 - e. to be taxed
 - f. Joseph did not take Jesus to Egypt
 - g. none of the above
24. Where do we find the Christmas story in order to check up on all these ridiculous questions?
 - a. Matthew
 - b. Mark
 - c. Luke
 - d. John
 - e. Only a and b
 - f. Only a and c
 - g. Only a, b, and c
 - h. all of the above (answers in box below)



Answers
1. F
2. A
3. E
4. C
5. D
6. F
7. F
8. E
9. B
10. C
11. D
12. C
13. A
14. D
15. E
16. B
17. D
18. B
19. No one knows
20. C