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LINUS-THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



During the making of the animated Christmas classic A Charlie Brown Christmas, Peanuts creator Charles Schulz had a meeting with Lee Mendelson, the show's producer, and Bill Melendez, its lead animator. The discussion concerned Schulz's insistence about including a New Testament scripture reading of the Christmas story from the Bible. The scripture reading was to be spoken by Peanuts character Linus Van Pelt in response to Charlie Brown's lament, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?" Mendelson and

Melendez both voiced their concern about the reading, with Melendez telling Schulz, "It's very dangerous for us to start talking about religion now." Schulz answered him by saying, "Bill, if we don't, who will?" In the end, the scripture reading was retained, and the CBS special was the second-most watched show of the week when it debuted on December 9, 1965.

Linus' King James version scripture reading from Luke 2: 8-14, read:

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this [shall be] a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

"That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown."

Events, Reports, Notices, & Stuff



CHRISTIAN ED NEWS

We have a number of holiday activities planned and hope that you will plan to participate in as many as possible as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

- Saturday, December 1st @ 9:00am— Decorating the Church School float at the Ashton's shop (9936 Main Street). Our float theme is Happy Birthday, Jesus!
- Thursday, December 6th @ 7:00pm—Berlin Christmas Parade. Hot chocolate and cookies on the church lawn. Children need to be at the float by 6:30pm. Please see Carol Rose if you can make cookies or help serve. And be sure to cheer for the children on the float.
- Saturday, December 8th @ 8:30am— 10:30am—Breakfast with Santa. Kitchen help, servers and a clean up crew are needed. Contact Cecil Tull.
- Friday, December 14th @ 5:30pm—9:00pm— Parnts' Night Out at SonRise Church. Buckingham is responsible for preparing and serving dinner. Please contact Cindi Pruitt if you can help.
- Sunday, December 16th @ 10:00am—Full dress rehearsal for the children's Christmas program. Please be sure all children attend. Some of the children will need white, gray, or brown sweat shirts and

pants for their costumes. We will advise the children's parents.

Sunday, December 16th
© 5:00pm—Christmas
Family Night and
Children's Program.





Women's Lunch Bunch

Will Meet Wednesday, December 12th @ 11:30am

For their Christmas Luncheon Atlantic Hotel in Berlin

Bring a friend! Please call Evelyn Warren at 410-641-2109 if you plan to attend — She needs to have a head count



COMMUNION will be held on the following date:

December 2nd & 24th

Upon request, Communion will

be offered to house-bound members of our congregation. Please advise a member of Session, or the Church Office if this service is desired.



Worship Committee Report

December is here already and of course that means lots of things going on at church. The first Sunday (12/2) will be a breakfast (9:00am) followed by a combined

contemporary service in Taylor Hall with Communion, and the Annual Congregational Meeting to follow. The third Sunday (12/16) will be a combined traditional service in the Sanctuary where the choir will put on a music program with the Christmas story as part of the service. This is a service designed for the whole family to attend and enjoy the many Christmas carols we have sung over the years. Please come and invite your friends. There will be a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, as well. Keep your eyes open for further notices in the bulletin.

Respectfully submitted, Sally Kohler

Mission Report—November



The 38 shoe boxes that were lovingly filled by you (including 10 from the Deacons) for children somewhere in the world were delivered to the church in Millsboro that will pack them in bigger boxes and ship them by tractor trailer to Baltimore. They have another stop to be processed and then they are ready to go out into the world.

Thank you to all who contributed toiletries and cleaning supplies to the Hope4Recovery House. To make this house work, we all need to support the hard work these men have

done in order to get and stay clean. There are talks about opening a house for women in the future.

Mission Focus—December

WOW, Santa will be needing our help to make a Christmas for 23 children from a local elementary school. The Deacons took 11 names and it will be up to the congregation to do some fun shopping. The Angel and Hearts tree is up and running. Please keep Christmas in your heart as you shop, remembering fondly your joys at Christmas and being able to share that joy with a child. Most likely our gifts will be the only gifts that child will receive. Each child <u>is only allowed two boxes</u> so if you buy two of something, please put them both in one box. Please wrap your gift and tape the angel on the outside of the gift and <u>return to church Sunday</u>, <u>December 16th</u>.

As in years past, the hearts will be for the residents of the Samaritan Shelter in Pocomoke. These should not be wrapped, just bring them to church with the heart taped to them.

A very Blessed Christmas to All, The Mission Committee









December Days December 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
"How did it get so late so soon? It's night before it's afternoon. December is here before it's June. My goodness how the time has flewn. How did it get so late so soon?" Dr. Seuss						1 Float Deco- rating 9am @ Ashton's Shop
2 9am Break- fast; 10am Worship; 11am Annual Meeting	3 Scouts 6pm Adult Care- givers 6:30pm	4 Session 7pm	5 Spiritual Formation 6pm	6 Christmas Parade 7pm; AA 8pm	7	8 Santa Breakfast 8:30-10:30am
9 Deadline to order Christ- mas flowers	10 Scouts 6pm; Deacons 6pm; Adult Caregivers 6:30pm	11 Trustees 6:30pm	12 Women's Lunch Bunch 11:30am @ Atl.Hotel; Spirit.Form 6pm	13 AA 8pm	14 Parents' Nite Out @ SonRise 5:30- 9:00pm	15
16 Combined service 10am; Christmas Family Night @ Child.Prog. 5:00pm	17 Scouts 6pm Adult Care- givers 6:30pm	18	19 Spiritual Formation 6pm	20 AA 8pm	21	22
23	24 Candle- light Service with Communion 7:00pm	25 Keep Christ in Christmas Ilave a blessed holiday	6pm	27 AA 8pm	28	29
30	sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory					



VISION STATEMENT

We are a community of disciples, Who honor all people, Care for those in need, Share the hope we receive from Jesus Christ.