

# WILMINGTON AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

### FROM THE CHAIR

**T**he final count-down has begun.

We are bombarded with, "there are \_\_\_ days of shopping left until Christmas. In our fast-paced world of the 90's, many stores are open 24 hours a day and offer us our dreams with buy now, pay later plans. The dilemma of what perfect gift to buy everyone begins. We are soon caught up in the commercialism of the season and quickly forget the real reason for the season.

God gave to us a perfect gift, His only Son, Jesus Christ. Our gift to God is how we choose to live our life.



The actions and decisions that we make daily either bring us closer to God or farther away from God. At the beginning of this Christmas season, take a look at your priorities. Where does God fit in? Is your gift to God left unopened under the Christmas Tree long after the holidays are over? Jesus is the reason for the season.



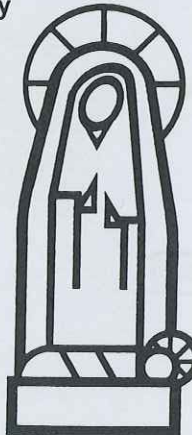
SANTA SAYS, "DE COLORES!"

### FROM KATHY

Christmas, as it is observed by believers in Iceland, has a charm that is peculiarly its own. First of all, everything must be clean for Christmas. Every corner of the house and every bit of clothing must be immaculate. All necessary repairs must be made, however inconspicuous the need. All of this is symbolic and preliminary. The greater preparation is that of the heart. All differences must be adjusted and all hearts reconciled. Then there are gifts, family reunions, and fellowship with friends. And over all, there hovers the sweet consciousness of the coming of Christ into the world and into the hearts of all people. Wouldn't it be

wonderful if all of us would try to do this very same thing! Well, I'm not too sure we could get every bit of our homes and clothing immaculate, but I am sure we could prepare our hearts. I don't think that is too much to ask of us, is it?

Love & Peace  
Kathy



*SILENT NIGHT,  
HOLY NIGHT*

## THE PEACE OF CHRISTMAS

**C**hristmas brings not only joy, but suggests peace for the heart. Our savior brought peace through love. This Christmas you may know deep in your heart whether or not you have Christmas peace.

Has a friend asked your forgiveness and you would not forgive? This Christmas, forgive.

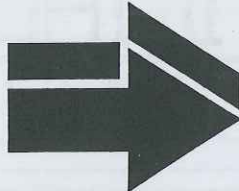
Did something in your past hurt or frighten you terribly....so much so that you thought you could not forget? This Christmas, forget.

Was there a time your own strength faltered and you forgot to believe? This Christmas, renew your faith.

Have you been postponing a kindness because you did not know exactly what to do, and so, with the passing of time, did nothing? This Christmas, do that kindness. Do you know of a need, even a word of support or cheer or praise that can enrich another's life? Fill the need. Say the words.

Are you seeking Christmas peace? Then this Christmas forgive, forget, renew your faith, create a kindness and start to live.

-Westminster Presbyterian Church  
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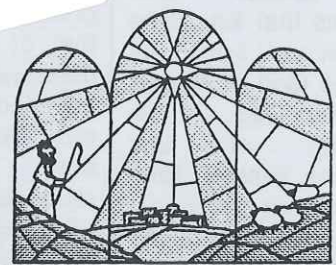
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