

## Poinsettias;

**Thank you to everyone who purchased poinsettias to add to the beauty of our church this Christmas Season.**

*Tis the Season to Remember. Precious thoughts of times together,*

*Happy Memories that last Forever...*

**You may take the Poinsettias you purchased home with you following 8 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service Tuesday Dec 24**

### In Loving Memory

Pam Sudlow by Joyce Blint

Elizabeth Bradford, Mary E. Sartin by Dave & Virginia Bradford

Chuck Lenig by Alice Lenig

Frances R. Schuck by Arthur Schuck

Farrell & Gladys McClelland, James McClelland, Rayna Rison by Ben & Karen Rison

Ernest Rison Jr., Ernest Rison Sr. Hunter McCarty by Ben & Karen Rison & Family  
Arthur Wasielewski Sr, David B. Wasielewski, iFrank & Evelyn Kiefer, Andrew &

Magdalena Wasielewski, Jorge Schultz by Iva Wasielewski

Joe & Marian Watnick, Betty & Francis Hebert, Anthony & Delia Watnick

Vivian Parker by Bette & Dave Schaefer, Deb & Mike Harris, Joe & Jackie Watnick

Ralph & Edith Harris by Mike and Deb Harris

Al & Barb Schaefer by Dave & Bette Schaefer

Rosa Prtichett, Otto & Lois Schroeder by Barbara Parker

Dan Lenig, Wilbert & Irma McVay, Jim, Bill, Dick McVay & Betty Bagwell by June Lenig

Barbara Duncan by Sue Hughes

William & Elizabeth Corbin, Lillie & Haskell Osborn, Katherine & Wesley Corbin,

Ida Mae & Omer Nisley, Claude & Betty Everingham By Steve & Linda Everingham

Jane Obenchain by Jeremy & Stefanie Obenchain

Jim Riedstra, by Ann Riedstra

Bernard & Jennie Lenters by Ann Riedstra

James Stoehr by Wayne & Shirley Kirkham

Ralph Everill, Walter & Naida Hunt, Kelsey & Ruth Everill, Dick Everill, Madelyn Arford,

Angela, Jonathan Tucker by Myrna Everill

### In Honor

Iva Wasielewski by Bette Schaefer & Deb Harris

Donna Cain, Doris Burkus by Barbara Parker

Pastor JoEllyn by Arthur Schuck

Bette Schaefer by Arthur Schuck

Appreciating each of you with love by Pastor JoEllyn & Lester

## Meaning & Symbolism of Poinsettias

What is the meaning of poinsettias? Also known as the Christmas Star and Christmas Flower, it's said that poinsettias' association with Christmas comes from a Mexican legend. The story goes that a child, with no means for a grander gift, gathered humble weeds from the side of the road to place at the church alter on Christmas Eve. As the congregation witnessed a Christmas miracle, the weeds turned blossomed into the beautiful red & green flower plants we know as poinsettias, known as Flores de Noche Buena in Mexico (Spanish for "flowers of the holy night").

Named after Joel Roberts Poinsett, first United States ambassador to Mexico and the amateur botanist who introduced the plant to the U.S. in 1825, the poinsettia is also known as Mexican Flame Leaf, Winter Rose, Noche Buena and, in Turkey, Atakurk's Flower, because it was the favorite flower of Atakurk, the founder of modern Turkey.

While considered by the ancient Aztecs to be symbols of purity, in today's language of flowers, red, white or pink poinsettias, the December birth flower, symbolize good cheer and success and are said to bring wishes of mirth and celebration.

So what does a poinsettia have to do with Christmas? One interpretation of the plant is as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem, the heavenly body that led the three magi, or wise [men](#), to the place where Christ was born.

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<https://people.howstuffworks.com/culture-traditions/holidays-christmas/christmas-poinsettia1.htm>