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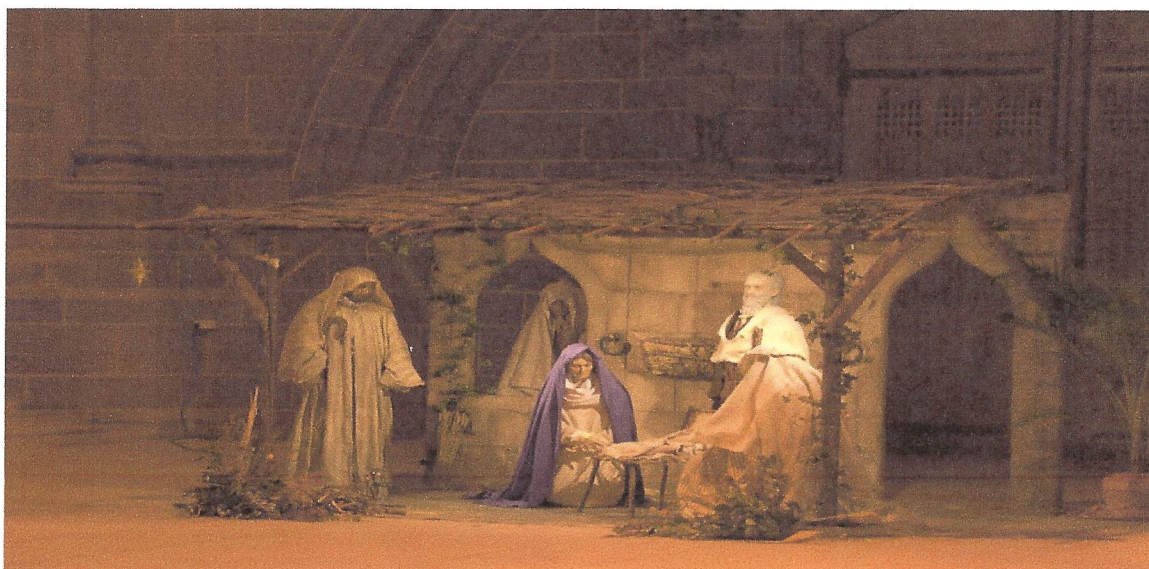


"HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS"

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Remembrance Day



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EDITOR'S NOTES

I know that it has been a long time since I have done an "Editor's Notes".

This one is to say good bye to you all.

It has been a pleasure to do the Gordon Globe over these past few years.

I hope that the articles, stories and jokes have brighten your days.

I am leaving Gordon Church and therefore passing the baton onto whom ever wishes to take on producing the Gordon Globe in the future.

There is a paid-up subscription to the Joyful Noiseletter which expires on April 1, 2022. No joke intended here.

I wish you all a very bright future and the most blessed of Christmases.

Take care of yourselves and God Bless,

Lindy McQueen



The Lord's Laughter

"The One whose throne is in heaven sits laughing."
Psalms 2:4

Humor for the hard times

JN consulting editor Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft of Dover, DE, learned from a fellow Methodist pastor "why there is so little free time around Christmas, even for pastors." The pastor of two churches wrote Kraft: "While listening to our Joint Choir Christmas Cantata for the fifth time, I amused myself by writing new words to 'The Twelve Days of Christmas':"

On the 25 days of Advent, my two little churches gave to me:

- Twelve hospital visits*
- Eleven shut-in smiles*
- Ten plates of cookies*
- Nine lost costumes*
- Eight worship services*
- Seven Bible studies*
- Six Joint Choir Cantatas*
- Five special luncheons*
- Four Advent candle lightings*
- Three missing poinsettia*
- Two full churches*
- And a copier on its last legs."*

Despite theories that "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was an early Christian teaching tool used during a time of persecution, evidence suggests otherwise. It is an English Christmas carol that enumerates in the manner of a cumulative song a series of increasingly numerous gifts given on each of the twelve days of Christmas (the twelve days that make up the Christmas season, starting with Christmas Day). The song, published in England in 1780 without music as a chant or rhyme, is thought to be French in origin.

— via Dianne Lane
Kalamazoo, MI

Mary Maxwell, age 72, who probably could make a living as a dead-pan comic, opened a meeting of Home Instead Senior Care with a hilarious prayer and talk about getting old.

She recalled that after Mass at the Cathedral, she and her husband

stopped to talk with friends. Her husband got into a long, animated conversation with a friend, so Mary left to find her husband's car.

She got in the car, and there was another man behind the wheel. "Oh, are you going home with me?" the man asked.

She finally recognized that man behind the wheel, and said, "Oh Archbishop, I'm so sorry!"

— via Bob White
Owego, NY

In the mid-1900's, when Rev. Russell K. Camp was pastor at St. John's Reformed Church in St. Johnsville, NY, the local Post Office replaced an old machine and found a postcard in it offering the previous pastor the opportunity to renew his 1946 subscription to the magazine *Christianity Today*. The pastor was asked to tape a dime to the postcard and mail it back.

When Rev. Camp shared the news of the late-arriving postcard with the church board, Elder Brown remarked, "I am glad it does not take you this long to deliver a sermon."

— via Rev. Russell K. Camp
RCA Pastor, retired
Kalamazoo, MI

God's kids say & do the funniest things

"Mommy, what is Christmas?" asked the three-year-old girl. Her mother carefully explained that Christmas is Jesus' birthday. "Then why do we not give gifts to Jesus if it's His birthday?" The mother explained the tradition of exchanging Christmas gifts as expressions of our love for each other, and that seemed to end the matter.

It did not come up again until Christmas Eve when a sleepy little girl placed a package under the Christmas tree on her way to bed and explained that it was a birthday gift for Jesus which she was sure He would open during the night while she slept. After she was asleep, the mother, not wanting her daughter to be disappointed, opened the clumsily wrapped package and found the box empty.

On Christmas morning the little

"Laughter is God's soothing touch on a fevered world."
— Kenneth Hildebrand



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girl was thrilled to find the package had been opened and her gift was gone. "What was in it?" asked the confused mother. "It was a box full of love," came the answer.

How childlike! How Christlike!

— via *The Chimes*
First Presbyterian Church
Witt, IL

Bloopers that gnash the teeth

"While on a mission trip to Slovenia, I was asked to do one of my children's stories to the whole congregation. So I chose to do the story of the Ugly Duckling. When I got to the part where I said the young ducks liked to go swimming, everyone started laughing. I wondered what I had said that was so funny. I found out that the word 'swimming' is similar to the word for 'spitting'. So the missionary interpreting for me by mistake had said: '...and the ducks went spitting.'"

— Deacon David Holder
Council Road Baptist Church
Bethany, OK

Headline in a Michigan newspaper:
"Federal Agents Raid Gun Shop,
Find Weapons"

— via Paul Kurlowicz
St. Michael Lutheran Church
Portage, MI

Headline in a Florida newspaper:
"Homicide Victims Rarely Talk to
Police"

— via Risa Samra
Hallandale Beach, FL

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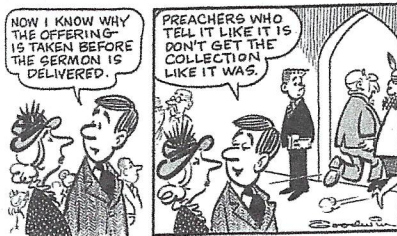
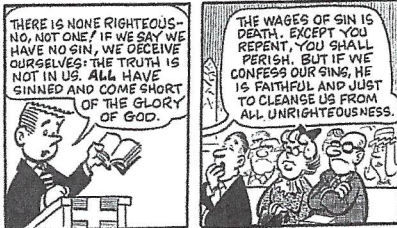
"The Joyful Noiseletter is packed with funny religious stories, plus a page of cartoons, that offer some of the choicest pickings for the pulpit, church bulletins, or dinner table fare."

— George W. Cornell
Religion Editor, The Associated Press

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By Doc Goodwin



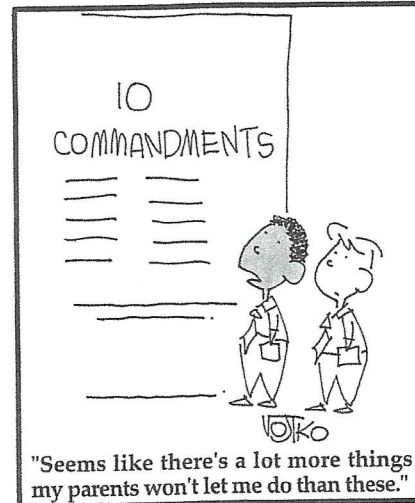
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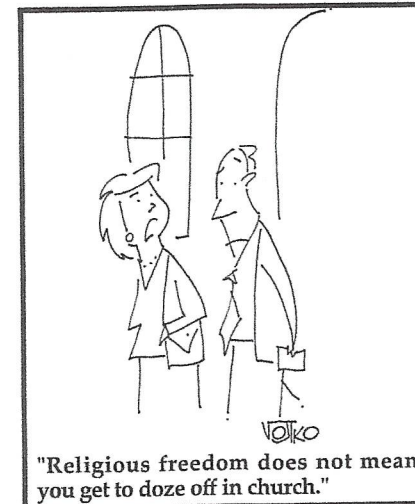
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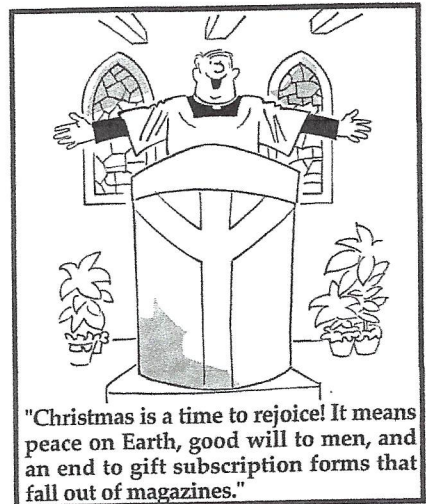
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil and Jeff Keane



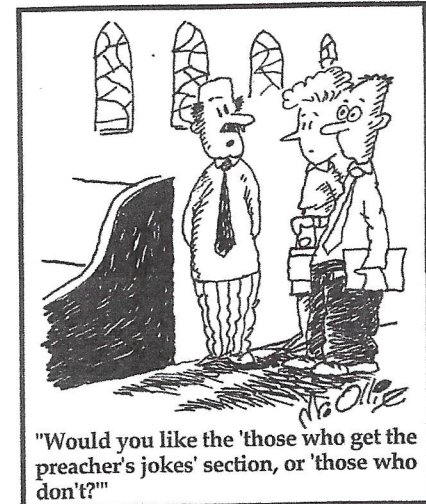
"We forgot to put baby Jesus in the manger on Christmas Eve, Mommy. He's still in the drawer."

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"Christmas is a time to rejoice! It means peace on Earth, good will to men, and an end to gift subscription forms that fall out of magazines."

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"Would you like the 'those who get the preacher's jokes' section, or 'those who don't?'"

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Thanksgiving Potpourri

Joy is the simplest form of gratitude."

– Karl Barth
via Rev. Dr. Edward A. Black, Jr.
Corona Church
Denver, CO

"Are you humbly grateful or grumbly hateful?"

– Kristy Hergett
Ontario, OH
via Rev. Paul Lintern
Mansfield, OH

"Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world."

– John Milton (1674 A.D.)

"Gratitude is the heart's memory."

– French proverb

"Thank God for sleep. And when you cannot sleep, thank God that you live to lie awake."

– Author unknown

"The greatest honor you can give to Almighty God is to live gladly, joyfully because of the knowledge of His love."

– Julian of Norwich (1343 A.D.)
English mystic
via Joseph Basehart
Aurora, CO

"According to P.J. Steincrohn, 85% of sick people need: prayer more than pills, aspiration more than aspirin, meditation more than medication."

–Joygerm Joan's Good Newsletter
Syracuse, NY

Signs and wonders

Billboard seen on a highway in Niles, OH:

"Why have you stopped saying 'Merry Christmas?'"

Sign outside Palatka Church of God:
"The Christmas story isn't over yet."
– via Bill Reynolds
Palatka FL

Sign posted in a French church:

"It is possible that on entering this church, you may hear the call of God. On the other hand, it is not likely that He will contact you by phone. Thank you for turning off your cell-phone. If you would like to talk to God, come in, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him. If you would like to see Him, send him a text while driving."

– via Bob White
Owego, NY

Sign outside Emmitsburg (MD) Veterinary Hospital:
"Don't make snow angels in the dog park."

– via Lorene Irving
Lutherville Timonium, MD

Sign seen in Florida restaurant:

"To succeed in life you need three things:
a wishbone,
a backbone,
and a funny bone."

– via George Goldtrap
Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL

Message on a poster in Raleigh, NC:

"You wouldn't be alive if God didn't have a purpose for you. It doesn't matter if you are 30, 50, or 95, God still has something for you to do."

– via Rev. Jack F. Coffey
Raleigh, NC

"The cheerful person will do more in the same time, will do it better, will persevere in it longer, than the sad or sullen person."

– Thomas Carlyle (1881)
British writer

First Christmas

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Newt's new podcast on your I-heart App."

- "New on the Astrology network: Following a star, to near from far, these Magi follow ancient sky rituals across the hot lands of the Middle East in the latest installment of 'Superstars of the Stars.'"
- "Honey, is the donkey packed? Get the kids and let's go. Reservations? No one goes to Bethlehem; we'll find a place easily." (Cue: Captain Obvious.)
- "The situation is getting tense here in Jerusalem. Premier Herod suspects a political coup, involving a baby no less. It raises speculation of bloodshed. Embedded with the Roman Army, this is Joe Scarborough."
- "A video of an innkeeper turning away a homeless family has gone viral after he is heard saying, 'No room for your kind here.' A bystander tweeting the scene shows the couple quietly leaving and the innkeeper sneering at them. See it now on NewsViews on-line."
- "It looks as though all lanes leading into the City of David are backed up for miles. Take your time folks; this will be a long Christmas Eve commute. This is Priscilla Aquilla with your traffic one update."
- "She said she couldn't have children, but now in her old age, Elizabeth, wife of Zechariah, is pregnant. Women who conceive in their old age and men who are left speechless because of it, next on Good Morning Jerusalem."
- "Travel accommodations for the holy family provided by Egyptian Airlines and Holiday Inn. Take a flight into Egypt; there's always room in the Inn."

"Good news from Heaven the angels bring,
Glad tidings to the earth they sing –
To us this day a child is given,
To crown us with the joy of Heaven."

– Martin Luther

Gordon Church Birthdays & Anniversaries

November 2021

Flower - Chrysanthemum

- 1 Alan Henderson
- 4 Barbara Grant
- 12 Jim & Lindy McQueen
- 15 Landon & Deanna Lew
- 18 Marilyn Leathley
- 27 Rudy Karlowee
- 29 Jim McQueen
- 29 Sharleen Gorman

Take time this month, or on their special day, to lift them in prayer.



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December 2021

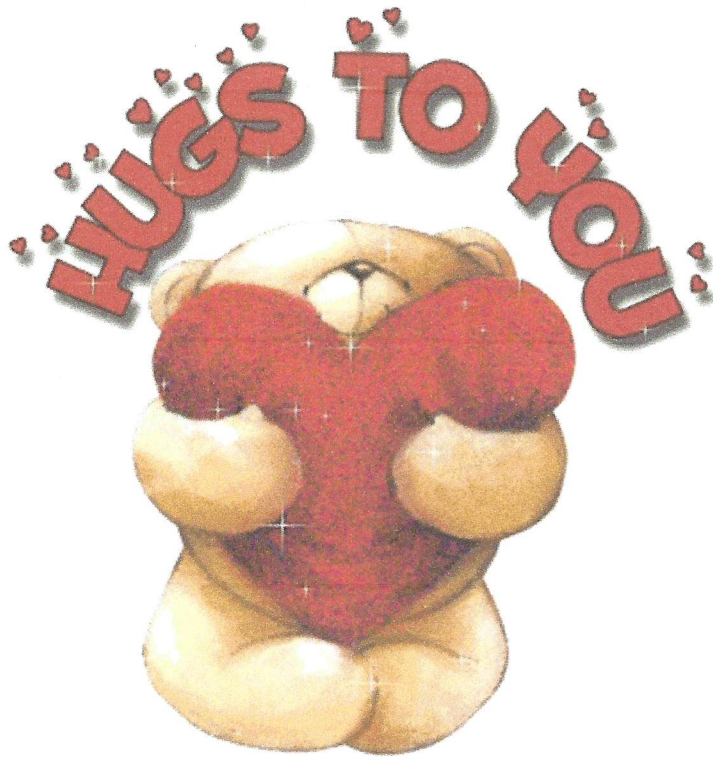
Flower - Poinsettia

3	Bob & Kay Matula
4	Ray Murphy
4	Ray & Joan Murphy
12	Sam Rokeby
24	Meilene Chia-Bois

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Planning Ahead
Mark you calendar:



Missing ♥
♥♥ you needing you ♥♥
Loving ♥
♥ you ♥♥
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