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December 2016

Dear Members and Friends of First UCC,

It's been a challenging season for the Green Bay Packers. They started strong early but then fizzled, losing 5 of 6 games. Coach McCarthy says the team isn't doing well enough with turnover differential, where the team ranks 27th in the NFL. He also lists taking too long to get going on offense, too many big plays given up by the defense and inconsistent performance from the special teams.

Injuries are another big reason for the disappointing season. Players have been out multiple games because of ankle injuries (Cook, Ryan, Lacy), torn hamstrings (Matthews), bum knees (Tretter, Jackson, Starks) and lingering concussion symptoms (Shields). No matter how big or strong these football players may be, they cannot fully perform when a part of their body is injured.

You don't need to be a member of the Green Bay Packers to understand this. Each part of our body is important – Ears (hearing), Eyes (sight), Nose (smell, breathing), Mouth (talking, eating, breathing), Brain (computer system for the body), Heart (engine for the body), Arms & Legs (locomotion). We need all these parts of our body to work together in order to fully function.

We are also members of a larger body, the Church. Paul tells us in Romans 12:5, ***“...so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.”*** We have our individual bodies, but we are also members of the body of Christ. Paul suggests we all have different gifts according to how God made us. Some of us have the gift of encouragement, and we use it to help folks along on their faith journey. Others have the gift of leadership, and they use it to govern diligently. It takes each of us, using our gifts together, to become the body of Christ.

Paul encouraged the Church at Rome to be devoted to one another and to honor other members above themselves. No gift, no part of the body of Christ, was more important than the other. He suggested they should never lack in zeal, be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer. Paul encouraged the Romans to share with God's people in need and to practice hospitality.

We are encouraged today to apply Paul's lessons in the life of First UCC. Every member of our faith community is important and contributes in wonderful and unique ways. We rely on one another and we support one another. You complete this body of Christ by bringing your gifts, using your talents, and giving your time.

With the Greatest of Hope!
Pastor Bill



Communion Servers

*Rick Breininger
Rose Kleinert
Tom Litscher*

*Emily Fuchs
Rita Larsen
Deb Tschudy*

January 2017 Communion Schedule

8:00 _____ *January* _____ *10:30*

*Galen & Pam Alwin
Herman & Debbie Tschudy*

*Amanda McFarlane
Tom McFarlane
Tim Homar
Bill Steckelberg*



"No Room! No Room!" the innkeeper cried, only a stable for the holy Christ Child. I ponder this thought as Christmas draws near, "Is there room in my heart for this Savior so dear?" Oh, I send bulging boxes to people in need, bake cookies for shut-ins and do other good deeds. I sing Christmas carols as I decorate the tree and wrap pretty presents for friends and family. But deep in MY heart where no one can see, I hear Jesus whisper, "Is there room for me?" Louise Tucker Jones

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DECEMBER 2016 SCOOP



"She brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn." Luke 2:7

- 2 *H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 4 *2nd Sunday in Advent
 - *Sunday School Caroling
- 5 * Sunday School Teachers' Staff Meeting ~ 6:30 p.m.
- 6 *H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 9 *H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 10 *Sunday School Christmas Program Practice ~ 9:30 a.m.
- 11 *3rd Sunday in Advent
 - *Christmas Music Festival ~ both worship services
 - *Christmas Bake & Craft Sale
 - *Sunday School White Gifts ~ at the 10:30 worship service
 - *Birthday Party for Jesus ~ during Sunday School hour
- 13 *H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 6:30-8:30 p.m. Christian Fellowship will be helping wash toys for H.E.L.P. this evening.
- 15 *H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 16 *H.E.L.P. Toy Washing ~ 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- 17 *H.E.L.P. Toy Distribution ~ 8:00-9:30 a.m.
 - *Sunday School Christmas Program Practice ~ 9:30 a.m.
- 18 *4th Sunday in Advent
 - *Coffee Fellowship between Worship Services
 - *Sunday School Christmas Program ~ 10:30 worship service
- 24 *Candlelight Christmas Eve Service ~ 7:00 p.m.
- 25 *Christmas Day Worship Services ~ 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

October Memorials

Memorials were received in October.

Russlyn Haselwander



Radio Broadcasts

We thank the November sponsors of our 8:00 a.m. Sunday worship service radio broadcasts:

Herm & Debbie Tschudy, In loving memory of their fathers, Emil Tschudy & Dale Dennis; their mothers, Martha Tschudy & Anna Mae Dennis, and their brother-in-law and nephew, Peter & Dominic Giacomino. (October 30th radio broadcast)

Harland & Lorraine Hartmann, In honor and celebration of their 62nd Wedding Anniversary.

Jamie & Karen Wittwer, In loving memory of Jamie's grandparents', Ernest & Alice Wittwer, wedding anniversary.

Fritz & Ginny Wyttenbach, In honor and celebration of John & Ardis Trueb's 70th Wedding Anniversary on November 27.

♥ December Anniversaries In Our Church Family ♥

Gary & Lori Dickerson, 30 years on December 6

Frank & Georgia Selden, 54 years on December 8

Bev & Herb Feierabend, 63 years on December 19

Edward & Marlene Larsen, Sr., 64 years on December 20

Dave & Jane Litscher, 54 years on December 22

Dorothy & Lyle Kuhnau, 55 years on December 28

Ron & Roberta Lipka, 53 years on December 28

Greetings to all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in December!

We acknowledge 1st anniversaries; anniversaries ending in 5 or 0; and all over 50.

Please let us know if we missed you on the December birthday calendar!!

Ushers

<u>8:00</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>10:30</u>	<u>8:00</u>	<u>January 2017</u>	<u>10:30</u>
David & Gloria Ramsey		Tim & Sue Herbrand	Nadene Litscher		Bill Steckelberg
Tina Wilkinson			Mark & Rhonda Pierick		Jamie & Karen Wittwer

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Sunday School News

By Margaret McFarlane



Thanks to all who sang on November 20. It was a great Sunday!



We raised \$310 for UNICEF. Thank you for helping with this worthy project! We beat our past collections!



Students will be scheduled to light candles before worship from now until the end of the Sunday School year. Please let me know if your child would like to do this but has not signed up.



We will be Christmas caroling at Maplewood Village and The Pines on Sunday, December 4, during the Sunday School hour. Everyone in the family is welcome to join in! We will have a short class period before our departure. Meet in the hall on the 2nd floor at 9:30.



The Sunday School choir will sing on December 11 for the Christmas Music Festival at the 10:30 service.



The Sunday School hour has been extended until 10:20 through December 18. This will allow extra practice time for the Christmas program.



We will have program practice on Saturday, December 10 and 17, at 9:30 a.m. All students taking part in the Christmas Program need to be present. Please let me know if your child/children aren't participating in the program. Pre-K, K, 1st grade, and choir only students; will be dismissed immediately after they practice, at approximately 10:15. Practice will run until 11:30 for grades 2-6.



White Gift Sunday will be December 11. Students are asked to bring a gift (new or gently-used item) wrapped in white tissue for our H.E.L.P. project. They can bring the gift to the 10:30 service or to their Sunday School classroom.



The Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 18, at the 10:30 service.



There will be no Sunday School on December 25 and January 1. Classes resume on January 8th.

Help Excite Little People
This Holiday Season!

The H.E.L.P. project will be collecting good, used toys and items for teens through December 12. Donated items may be placed in the red sleigh, located inside the Washington Avenue entrance. If you have time to wash your donations, please mark your bags/boxes "clean" toys. Monetary donations are, also, welcome. We need "elves" to wash, repair, and organize the toys for distribution. **Please** consider helping with this all-church project on one or more of the following days:

- Friday, December 2, 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- Tuesday, December 6, 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- Friday, December 9, 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- Tuesday, December 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- Friday, December 16, 10:00 a.m.-Noon



"Made With Love" Campaign

The Sunday School will be selling homemade Christmas tree ornaments on the day of their Christmas Program, Sunday, December 18, as a fundraiser for the Sunday School program. There will be a variety of ornaments to make your tree look magical and beautiful. Christmas ornaments are a wonderful keepsake to cherish for years to come, and they, also, make wonderful gifts to those dear to you.

*The Sauk Prairie Community
Presents*

A Christmas Cantata



***Sunday, December 4, 2016
4:00 p.m.***

River Arts Center

*105 9th Street
Prairie du Sac*

NO ENTRANCE FEE

*Red buckets will be at theatre doors
to take donations for our
local Salvation Army*

Directed by Dennis Kahn

*Sponsored by:
Black Hawk-Bethlehem UMC*



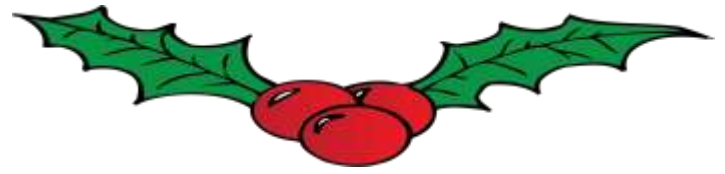
BLESSINGS & THANKS

FROM THE HEART!

From Nadene, Todd, Austin & Sydney Litscher: Thank you for all the wonderful cards, visits, phone calls, and messages in memory of my mom, Nancy DeWitt. Your kind words, thoughts and prayers are very much appreciated during this difficult time for our family.

From Rod Hehenberger: I extend my gratitude for your well-wishes, warm thoughts, prayers, visits, and words of encouragement on the day of my stroke and the following days. I was very fortunate to have people around me that really cared about my well-being and, because of them, was able to receive successful care. Recovering from a stroke is a lengthy endeavor, and I am still on that road. Thank you to my UCC Family and everyone else that had a role in my recovery. I am very grateful and thankful.

From Marilyn & Tom Arnold, Donald & Gloria Hehenberger, Rod & Carol Hehenberger, Sandy & Steve Gullickson, and Sally & Mark Mellenberger: Thank you for the outpouring of sympathy during the days surrounding our mother's, Ruth Hehenberger, passing. The countless cards, prayers, talks, and overall concerns were most consoling. Pastor Bill and you, the UCC Family, are truly amazing.



With Appreciation

- ★ A special thank you to the **McCaulley/Kapp Family** for all the delicious goodies and hosting our Coffee Fellowship on Sunday, November 20. Blessings to you!
- ★ Thank you to **Donna Cruse, Jan Pierce,** and **Steve & Marcy Thurwachter** for helping at Ruth Hehenberger's funeral luncheon.
- ★ Thank you to **Liz Bongard** and **Robin Meier** for helping at Lucile Coenen's funeral luncheon.
- ★ Thank you to **Tom & Margaret McFarlane** for delivering the pies to St. Al's for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner.
- ★ Thank you to those who made pies for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner: **Shirlee Lendved, Marcy Thurwachter, Dianna Woerpel, Dorene Stoffels, Pat Boehmer, Fritz Wyttenbach, Sherry Pieper, Carol Hehenberger, Donna Kaufman,** and **Jenny Brickl.**
- ★ Thank you to our members who delivered Mobile Meals: **Steve & Marcy Thurwachter, Donna & Micki Cruse, Cliff & Jan Lawton, Lyle & Dorothy Kuhnau, Debbie Tschudy, Dianna Woerpel, Liz Bongard, Peggy Ganser, Dave & Shirlee Lendved,** and **Rita & Don Larsen.**
- ★ Thank you to all **our elves** who helped decorate the Church for Advent & Christmas on Saturday, November 26.

★Thank you to all **our elves** who helped with the toys for our Help Excite Little People project.

★Thank you to **Dana Gee** for painting the outlines for the windows we decorate for Advent. Thanks to the **students and parents** who painted them on November 27.



And, as 2016 comes to a close, thank-you's, also, go out to:

★**Tammie Huerth** for sharing her time and talents decorating the Church bulletin board.

★**Tammie Huerth and Kathy Johnson** for their time and artistry in decorating the Sanctuary and entrance through the year.

★**All of our members** who served as Liturgists, Ushers, Communion Servers, and on Church Committees in 2016.

★**Our Radio Broadcast family** for sharing their time and talent with us while sitting in the Sound Room on Sunday mornings: **Tom Litscher and Herm Tschudy**.

★**Our Radio Broadcast sponsors** who make it possible for us to reach our many shut-ins in the community on Sunday morning.

★**Our Christian Education Superintendent Margaret McFarlane & our Sunday School & Confirmation staff** who create a fun and loving atmosphere for our children to learn about Jesus.

★**Laura Kapp** who hosted the First U.C.C. web site, once again, in 2016. Great job, Laura!

★**Chris Garcia**, our Custodian, who keeps our Church and Education Building spic 'n span.

★**Donna & Micki Cruse and Cathy Brewer** for helping with the *SCOOP* each month.

★**Our members who shared their "gifts of music"** with us throughout the year: **Dennis Kahn, First Choir, Kristy Litscher, Sherri Roberts, Theresa Grimes, Larry Johnson, our Sunday School Choir, and the First Choir Women!**

★**Everyone who served as a hostess** for the funeral luncheons - helping meet and greet the family/friends, serving food, and cleaning up.

★**Tim, Sue, & Carrissa Herbrand** for mowing the church properties this summer.



This Christmas ...

Let's Give a Little Jesus
to everyone, large or small,
For Jesus, the Messiah,
is the Greatest Gift of all!



CONSISTORY MEETING
First United Church of Christ
November 17, 2016
6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

Present: *Pastor Bill, Don Larson, Shirlee Lendved, Tom Litscher, Chris Logterman, Mark Pierick, Debbie Tschudy*

Opening Prayer: Pastor Bill

Pastor Bill's Report: (1) Stewardship Sunday: (a) November 20 with the theme "Go and Do the Same" from the parable of the Good Samaritan. (b) A program around Stewardship Sunday is a good idea going forward. (c) Stewardship Committee to be formed again. (2) OCWM 2017 suggested goal for First UCC is \$19,500; agreed to maintain budget amount at \$18,000. Motion by Mark, second by Don, passed. (3) Local papers have advertising space to announce Christmas services, cost \$50; Pastor Bill will publish our service schedule. (4) Harley Breunig cleaning up leaves in the park; agreed to give him a \$50 gift certificate to a local business as a thank you for being a good neighbor and our appreciation for his work. (5) Baptism on November 26 for Frank Kirchstein's great-grandchild. (6) Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service is Wednesday, November 23, at 7:00 pm at Graceway Church.

Approval of financial statements and any invoices: Motion by Don, second by Chris, passed.

Committee Reports and Updates:

Building & Maintenance (1) \$13,477.14 paid to Sauk Prairie Remodeling for bathroom remodel, as well as \$2,266.07 to Prairie Plumbing & Heating, \$582.79 to Mayberry Electric, and \$150.00 to Sauk Prairie Glass, for

a total of \$16,376.00. (2) Hallway is primed and baseboard and carpet for elevator received and will be installed. (3) Brick missing from wall outside of church - needs to be replaced. (4) Mark suggests limestone cap to protect wall. (5) Mark suggests power washing brick of church in spring. (6) Mark getting bids for basement wall and window. (7) Extra doors in furnace room should be removed, Mark will talk to Tim Herbrand about possibly donating. (8) Tim Herbrand had a bid from McFarlane's on a leaf/snow blower for \$370. Motion to approve purchase by Debbie, second by Don, passed. (9) Downspout at back of church needs repair. (10) Maintenance Committee to meet quarterly and have an annual walk-through of church, parsonage, and park for repairs/upkeep/etc.

Christian Fellowship: (1) Coffee Fellowship: November 20. (2) Working on Advent Candle-lighting schedule. (3) 2017 Church Picnic in Park, Fritz Wyttenbach to chair. (4) Christmas Bake & Craft Sale: December 11. (5) No meeting in December due to H.E.L.P. toy cleaning. (6) Voted to pay for ½ the cost of rooms for Youth Retreat in 2017.

Finance (no meeting scheduled) – They should meet before Annual Meeting. Committee will meet in January. Members will meet more frequently if Consistory requests out of need.

Members in Ministry: 5-7 members make visits and bring communion.

Sunday School/Church Youth Program:

(1) November 20: UNICEF money due. (2) Collected toilet paper for the food pantry in October and have the Harvest Home Table for food donations in November. (3) November 27: Window painting for Advent and Christmas. (4) December 4: Caroling at Pines and Maplewood. (5) December 11: White gifts and birthday party for Jesus. (6) Christmas Program: December 18. (7) Break: December 25 and January 1. Resumes January 8. (8) Confirmation: Stewardship is current lesson. (9) Youth Retreat: February 10-12 – 4 rooms at

\$180/night and registration is \$99/youth. Christian Fellowship will pay half of lodging, fundraising for balance; youth can earn points for sermon notes toward confirmation requirements

Ongoing Business Update:

(1) Church kitchen water leaking (update): Kitchen wall and possibly cupboards need work and Mark working on obtaining bids for annual meeting review, may need sump pump. Mark will caulk cracks before snow comes to try to help with some leaking. (2) Outlets still causing problems, water heater and breakers updated, purchased new coffee maker for coffee fellowships to see if that helps issue with the outlet at usher stand. (3) Carolyn Kennedy Ordination – form a new sub-committee – 3 from consistory. Tuesday, December 6 or 13, meeting with Associate Conference Minister Joanne Thompson. Pastor Bill looking for members to serve on this sub-committee. (4) Snow removal: Prairie Plumbing & Heating and McFarlane's plow, but volunteers to shovel needed, train volunteers on how to use snow blower, Chris to get calendar for volunteer sign-up. (5) Church new phone system: Phones/computer system not working quite the same since carpet replaced: 3rd line does not work, dropped calls, etc. Pastor Bill will get current information to Debbie to check into possible update to the system or a repair to the system. (6) Campital Campaign – fundraising sign. Tabled for now – the \$5,000 has been paid for 2017. (7) Stands for balcony for bulletins and attendance sheets. Deb purchased stands for bulletins and sign-in sheets for balcony. Motion to reimburse Deb from Memorial Fund by Mark, second by Chris, passed. Deb will have stands in place for Sunday's service

New Business Issues: (1) Church kitchen door: ongoing. (2) Annual Meeting: March 5, 2017: (a) Finance Committee needs to meet for budget. (b) Building projects for 2017? (c) Nominations for new consistory members? It will come quick. (3) Consistory will discuss

membership at the December meeting for Consistory and other committees. (4) Any other new business? None

Communion Schedule and Prepping for

December: (1) New schedule starting in February and Deb will update with Cindy – instructions to be sent out with schedule. (2) Communion servers asked to help with clean up after services

Ushers' Schedule –Mark will work on 8:00 schedule, and Rita Larsen on 10:30 schedule.

Motion to adjourn by Don, second by Mark, passed.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Bill

Next Consistory Meeting: Thursday, December 15, at 6:30 p.m.



2016 Charitable Giving Deadline

Please remember that gifts to the Church must be received by Noon on Friday, December 30th, in order to get credit for that donation in 2016.

Christian Fellowship Committee

November 8th Minutes

From Dianna Woerpel

Meeting opened with prayer and welcome back to Pastor Bill

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Church cleaning** was done on October 14th and 15th. Thanks to Sherry Pieper, Deb Tschudy, Dorothy Kundert, Carol Hehenberger and Dianna Woerpel.
2. Planning on having **Annual Sunday School & Church Picnic** in September in Church Park. Hopefully, more families can be involved. Fritz Wytenbach will organize.
3. **Finances** as of the end of July: \$8,492.
4. Consider doing **more calling** to involve more members and youth in helping with fellowship activities.
5. **Repaired stain glass windows** were washed before installing.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Advent Candle Lighting:** Rita Larsen and Sandy Schlender will do calling for the schedule.
2. **Church Decorating:** November 26 at 9 a.m. Everyone invited. Chili lunch afterwards.
3. **Christmas Bake & Craft Sale:** Sunday, December 11th.
4. **Toy Washing for HELP:** December 13th at 6:30 p.m. Volunteers needed on other dates.
5. **Coffee Fellowships:** Pastor Bill & Laura and family will do November 20th, in honor of their anniversary. December coffee will be December 18th. Put out sign-up sheet. Donation jar will be put out for donations for coffee and supplies for those who are unable to host a coffee event.
6. **Donations to a local organization.** Decision to give to Youth Retreat since their costs will be much higher this year. Amount to be decided when more information.

7. **Christmas Cantata:** On December 4th at River Arts. Donations to Salvation Army.

Next Meeting: December 13th at 6.30 p.m.
HELP wash toys. No formal meeting.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Footprints In The Snow

One white and wintry Christmas Eve in a village long ago, a young child took a journey, leaving footprints in the snow. Clutched within her tiny hand, she carried a small tattered heart, fashioned from some scraps of cloth, wrapped in the charm of childlike art. A manger scene of wood and straw was the child's destination. Her only Christmas wish, to join Christ's birthday celebration. She placed her precious handmade gift upon the straw with care; and before she turned to leave, whispered a simple prayer. The villagers who stood nearby recall that night with awe, retelling every detail of the miracle they saw. A second set of footprints appeared next to the girl's own. They seemed to walk right by her side, to see her safely home. But there's no mystery in the presence of this unseen Friend ~ *for once God's touched your heart, you'll never walk alone again.*



Advent & Christmas 2016

Worship and Celebration Opportunities



"Sweet Baby Jesus in his manger lies, as joyous anthems fill the nighttime skies. Sweet Baby Jesus, how he loves the world! He lives for us as a Shepherd, King of Kings, and Lord!"

Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

- * Lighting of Advent Candle
- * Grades 4, 5, and 6 paint windows for Christmas ~ 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

- * Lighting of Advent Candles
- * Caroling during the Sunday School hour

Saturday, December 10

- * Sunday School Christmas Program Practice ~ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

- * Lighting of Advent Candles
- * Christmas Music Festival
- * Christmas Bake & Craft Sale
- * Birthday Party for Jesus ~ during Sunday School hour
- * Sunday School White Gifts for

H.E.L.P. ~ 10:30 Worship Service Saturday, December 17

- * H.E.L.P. Toy Distribution ~ 8:00-9:30 a.m.
- * Sunday School Christmas Program Practice ~ 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- * Lighting of Advent Candles
- * Coffee Fellowship
- * Sunday School Christmas Program: 10:30 worship service

Saturday, December 24 Christmas Eve

- * Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion ~ 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 25 Christmas Day

- * Worship Services: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Merry
Christmas



Christmas Bake & Craft Sale

*Sunday, December 11, at First U.C.C.
(Before and after Church Services)*

We will hold our Annual Christmas Bake & Craft Sale on Sunday, December 11, before and after the worship services. What a joy that we have so much talent in our church – those that are excellent bakers and crafters and so willing to donate their time and talent to help our church! Please pre-price your crafts and baked goods and put your name on them. Please make sure your baked goods and crafts are here before the 8:00 a.m. worship service. The proceeds from this sale will go toward church weekly/monthly expenses.



Joyful cooking, baking, and crafting!

*In loving memory of our beloved family & friends
who we are thinking about this holiday season.*



*I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below;
With tiny lights like heaven's stars reflecting in the snow.*

*The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear;
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear;
But the sound of music can't compare with the
Christmas choir up here.*

*I have no words to tell you of the joy their voices bring;
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.*

*I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart;
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.*

*I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place;
Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior face to face.*

*I'll ask him to lift your spirit as I tell him of your love;
So then pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.*

*Please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing;
For I'm spending Christmas in Heaven
and I'm walking with The King!*