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# The Dunes News

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## December Refreshment Schedule

Sunday, Dec. 2	P,Q,R,S,T
Sunday, Dec. 9	U,V,W,X,Y,Z
Sunday, Dec. 16	A,B,C,D,E
Sunday, Dec. 23	F,G,H,I,J
Sunday, Dec. 30	K,L,M,N,O

If your last name begins with the letters of the day, please consider bringing something to share for about 8-10 people.



### God's Love in Three Dimensions

**The Breadth**

"God so loved the world"

**The Length**

"that He gave His only begotten Son"

**The Height**

"But shall have everlasting life"

*"This is What Christmas Is All About"*

COME EXPERIENCE A

# Journey to Bethlehem

Join a Free Walking Tour  
Friday and Saturday, December 7 and 8  
6:00pm – 8:30pm

Enjoy the story performed through drama, songs, live animals, and a bustling marketplace.

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Indoor/outdoor experience | Wheelchair accessible  
For more information, call 219.762.1184



## Poinsettia Donations

Again this year, the Sanctuary will be decorated with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas Eve.

Poinsettias 6 ½" (red or marble) will be \$ 9.00 each

Poinsettias 7 ½" (red or marble) will be \$20.00 each

Please indicate size and color, include a check for the correct amount and leave in the church office. **The deadline for ordering is Thursday, December 13th.**



## Nobel Prize On The Love Of God

John M. Templeton, A united Presbyterian elder, announced creation of a "Nobel Prize" for religion initially worth \$88,400.00 annually (a lot more now) to a person of any faith who is deemed significantly "instrumental in widening humanity's knowledge of the love of God." But while this is a magnanimous gesture, how can one explain "God became Man"? God divested Himself of Divinity and put on Humanity through the Christ Child." There

### Epigram

John 3:16 tells us two things:

1. When God loves, He loves the world.
2. When God gives, He gives His Son.

Such is the boundless love of Almighty God.  
That is the revelation of Christmas!

## PRIMETIMERS NEWS

Brad Miller of the Indiana Landmarks Northwest Field Office in Miller will be the speaker at the December 18th meeting of the Prime Timers. His organization offers preservation and revitalization help in Porter and adjoining counties. The meeting will be held in the Ogden Dunes Community Church fellowship hall at noon. A luncheon will be served for \$9 and carols will be sung. Bring your holiday spirit and best voice. Be prepared for a surprise! To ensure your seat, call Jayne Mann at 219-218-3670 or Judy Petrou at 763-2186 no later than the Sunday before the meeting. Everyone is welcome.



## HEAVEN'S CHRISTMAS PRESS RELEASE

Whenever an organization of the White House wants to announce some news worth knowing, they do so through "Press Releases." Likewise, on the very first Christmas, God sent His angel with a "Press Release" to all humanity on earth. Here it is:

- "I bring you good "tidings" .....it is **Good News!**
- ". . .news of great joy" .....it is **Joyful News!**
- ". . .which shall be to all people" .....it is **Global news!**
- ". . .there is born" ..... it is **Nativity News!**
- ". . .to you" .....it is **Personal News!**
- ". . .this day" .....it is **Breaking News!**
- ". . .a Savior" .....it is **Saving News!**
- ". . .who is Christ" .....it is **Messianic News!**
- ". . .the Lord" .....it is **Life-Changing News!**



## The Incarnation (Pastor's Pen)

The word "incarnation" means "invested with flesh or bodily nature or form." For an angel to become a worm, or a man to be invested with the form of an ant, or the brilliant sun to leave its orbit and be debased into a wandering atom cannot compare with the self debasing act of God in assuming human nature and form. God assumed flesh, took on a body, limited Himself by human nature, was revealed in humanity and bridged the gulf from infinitude to finitude. There is no analogy of this in Nature, History or Experience. This cannot be explained by categories of Logic. It is given to us by revelation.

The incarnation means that God whom we can never know by searching, made Himself known through Jesus Christ. It is this Christ Who can be incarnate in us (Galatians 4:19; John 17:21). He can change our character, disposition, volitions and nature. What He did historically in the incarnation (the first Christmas), He can do personally in us: He offers forgiveness and the gift of eternal life FREE OF CHARGE!!

The Christ Child is no longer in a state of humiliation but He is the Exalted One. This was accomplished through His resurrection, His ascension and His exaltation to God's right hand. There He assumed the position of sovereignty, influence and power. His Name (Jesus) is above every name and He receives worship from all categories of being. THE