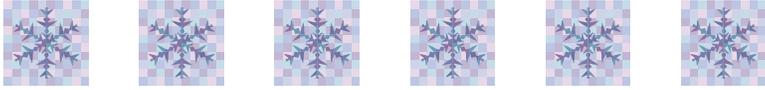


CHRISTIAN LIFE NOTES

OREGON DISTRICT LWML VOLUME 2 –DECEMBER 2016



At this time of the year, memories of previous Christmas celebrations fill my mind and heart. One favorite memory is of a Christmas Eve when I was in grade school. We had finished our Christmas Eve Sunday School program, received our bags of peanuts, candy, and oranges, and were headed outside.

There we stopped. Large, fluffy snowflakes were softly drifting down, sparkling in the lights. We were experiencing “all is calm, all is bright”. “Peace on earth to all men” was very real in that moment. The picture of that evening and the feelings of calm and peace become very real whenever the memory returns. There are other memories of past holidays; but none that are so peaceful. You probably have a variety of Christmas memories as well. I hope you also have a favorite one that adds to the joy of the season each year. Be sure to share that special memory with someone close to you.

 I still miss the snow we had in my childhood. But at least I don't need it to find peace and calm in my life. We are so blessed that through God's grace, we have received the Holy Spirit who fills us with faith and hope in a future of eternal life in heaven.

My memories remind me to enjoy all the decorations, food, gifts, and “hubbub” of the holidays; because I know true and lasting joy, peace, love, and calm are mine every day of my life. (Pat Wetzel)

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You. Is. 26:3 TNIV

Things to ponder this Advent season:

Are you looking forward to celebrating a Christmas filled with hope?

See Ps. 147.11

The people who walk in darkness have seen a great light. Is.9:2

Is that Light flooding your life?

Is God's wonderful counselor, Jesus, directing and guiding your life?

See Is 9:6

There is nothing passing or temporary about Jesus love and faithfulness.

Is this the basis for your Christmas joy?

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

Ps. 117:12



Peace, Joy and lasting Hope be yours this **Advent/Christmas** time.

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“What is It?”

by Kim

A child of six on Christmas Eve,

My toes curled warm beside the fire.

I watch through panes of frosted ice.

Snowflakes twirling, dancing down.

What is it that they tell me?

What is this hope of joy I feel?

I've never seen a church's door,

Nor heard the Savior's message.

But in my ears ring songs of carolers,

Chiming bells in chilly air;

I sense there's something I should know!

What is it that I'm waiting for?

A year has passed,

And Santa's fables faded fast.

Yet, still I wait on Christmas Eve

'Neath glittering boughs of yuletide tree

With hope of wonder yet to come.

What is it? Do you know?

Oh, please tell me if you do!

I yearn so much to know.