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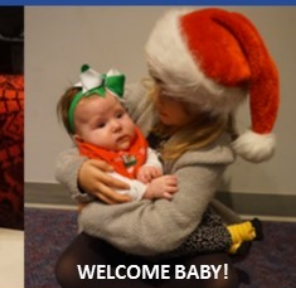
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CHRISTMAS PARTY



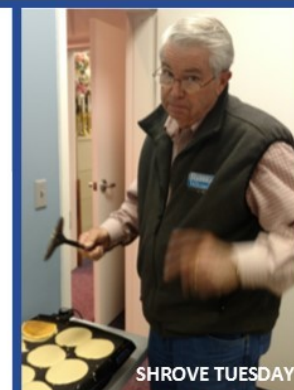
CANDY CANE FISHING



WELCOME BABY!



HUMAN CHRISTMAS TREE



SHROVE TUESDAY



MAUNDY THURSDAY



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THE YEAR OF OUR DREAMS

2016

Whether you eat breakfast casserole together, or share a pack of Nabs and a Cheerwine, or dip crusty bread in soup, you should always leave singing.

We built a picnic shelter. And we dedicated it. The stories that place will tell!

We blessed our animals. And we took their pictures, lest we forget they need prayers, too.

We saw a beautiful cat on a leash, and now we know that a bark can also be an Amen or Hallelujah.

We put our soles to the pavement and walked for hunger. We made jack-o-lanterns.

We remembered the saints of old. We learned about the Electoral College.

We made a Mad-Lib prayer. We worshiped with other houses of faith. We collected canned goods and school supplies, too.

We caroled in funny hats.

We saw real-live figgy pudding. (Thanks, William!).

We watched the letters as P-E-A-C-E, H-O-P-E, J-O-Y, and L-O-V-E process in. At Room in the Inn, we learned how to go candy cane fishing, and now we know what a human Christmas tree looks like.

We welcomed babies.

And buried friends and loved ones.

We celebrated a wedding.

We endured hospital stays and surgeries and procedures.

We read scriptures and debated what they meant.

We prayed. We laughed. A lot. And we cried. A lot.

And we ate. Too much!

And at the end of it all,

we welcomed the Christ Child into the world once more. Emanuel, God with us, we proclaimed!

This year, we dream again.

How will God be revealed in our lives?

Come to Sardis and see.

It might be in the whistle of a tea kettle,

or in the smile of a friend,

or in the singing of a silly song.

But one thing's for certain:

God will be present in a memorable way.