

**St. James United Methodist Church
Mid Week News
December 5, 2018**

Connecting Points

Here is the poem I shared Sunday at the Early Worship Gathering. I thought some of you might want a copy of it. I'm not sure who wrote it but I shared it at a Christmas Eve Service several years ago and it snowed on Christmas Day.

I'm Dreaming

I'm dreaming of a right Christmas
when every item that I buy will be on sale
and also the ideal gift for persons who have everything already.

I'm dreaming of a bright Christmas
when the tree lights work first time
and flash their brilliant message of success
from every tasteful decorated, artificial, non-allergenic
yet natural look-alike-limb.

I'm dreaming of a lite Christmas
when, no matter how much fruitcake, cookies, egg-nog, champagne,
other goodies I consume
my weight will magically fall to just below the average.

I'm dreaming of a write Christmas
when all my cards bear personal, intimately joyful greetings
and arrange themselves in matching multitudes
on every horizontal dust-free surface.

I'm dreaming,
but I'll bet that what I get will be the usual trite Christmas,
impolite Christmas, damp-with-fog-not-white Christmas,
tight Christmas, goodnight Christmas,
and bank-will-not-underwrite Christmas.

I'm praying
that, despite Christmas, I find myself midnight Christmas
able to invite Christmas and its newborn child to stay and light a way
into my Christmas darkened heart.

Wednesday Fellowship Meals
December 12th
\$6 per person or \$18 Max per family

Menu:
 BBQ
 Baked Beans
 Potato Salad & Salad
 Children: Mac n Cheese and Fruit

Name _____

____ Adults

____ Children

Clean-up Crew: New Horizon Class

Stewardship Report	November 25th	December 2nd
Budget	\$7,244.36	\$16,344.00
Santa Rosa Daycare	\$25.00	\$50.00
Impact		\$934.00
Building Fund		\$100.00
Communion		\$20.00
Youth	\$38.98	
Missions	\$26.00	\$44.00
Paraguay Mission Fund		\$75.00
Total	\$7,334.34	\$17,567.00
Sunday School Attendance	141	155
Sunday Worship	228	231

If you have any Christian Material for example: Upper Room, Sunday School Literature etc. Please bring to the Mission Center & place in the box.

Thank you so much for your support at our Potato Dinner Wednesday night! We appreciate our church family and everything that you do for our Middle School Ministry!
 Love,
 The Impact Department

Prayer Concerns	
Members:	Non Members
Pat Bailey	James & Joann Abbott
Sam Brown	Lois Allen
Gene Call	Louis Broussard
Ben Carpenter	Susan Gargis
Amber & Blaine Delia	Jo McGuire
Andrew Duessel (deployment)	Fred Mitchell Family
Marjorie Glasscock (Rehab)	Katelin Murphy
Karen Grisham	Barbara Pace
Janice Retherford	Louise Patrick
Nancy Roberts	Mike Schaaf
Irene Sanders	Grady Smith
Sarah Triplett	
Vivian Wilson	