



Knox News

December 2022 Edition

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A SAVIOUR

There were shepherds camping in the neighborhood. They had set night watches over their sheep.

Suddenly, God's angel stood among them and God's glory blazed around them. They were terrified.

The angel said, "Don't be afraid. I'm here to announce a great and joyful event that is meant for everybody, worldwide: A Savior has just been born in David's town, a Saviour who is Messiah and Master. This is what you're to look for: a baby wrapped in a blanket and lying in a manger."

At once the angel was joined by a huge angelic choir singing God's praises:

Glory to God in the heavenly heights,
Peace to all men and women on earth who please him.

Luke 2:8-14



FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

"OUR DEEPEST GIFTS"



"Happy New Year!"

Well, sort of. What I mean is that, now that we are in the Season of ADVENT, we really are speaking about a new season in the church year. Life in the church begins anew once again.

All that happens and will happen anticipates the 'newness' that took place in the coming of Jesus long ago in time, as well as what God is doing in our midst today. This, I believe, is an important point for all of us, before the allures and worries of our current times briskly sweep away our spiritual focus.

In other words, it's a time of preparation as well as time of enjoying the gifts of Advent. The gifts granted to us that we may share them with the world are the familiar themes – ways of living – *Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy*.

As these gifts are best encountered through prayer, meditation, and affirmation in life lived to the fullest, our hope at Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, is that you will join us in the many communal activities unfolding especially during these days.

It is most fitting that the Advent Season begins with the theme of 'hope'; for hope inspires us to make positive changes in life, and motivates us to adopt new ways of thinking and living.

For Christians, God is the author of hope as expressed in and through the life of His Son, Jesus. It is for this reason that Apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in the Letter to Hebrews, *"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful"* (Hebrews 10:23).

If I or others seem uplifted, it surely isn't because of our inherent nature to be optimistic about matters.

Rather, we really are buoyed by the historical promise of God to be with us and to return one day. And in the meanwhile, we have been blessed with special gifts, of hope, peace, love and joy to enjoy and share.

May God bless each of you today and always.

Rev. Kím



SESSION NOTES

By Steve McInnis

The Session met on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 @ 7pm. Eight elders attended, including the moderator, Rev. Dr. Kim. The meeting opened with prayer and a reflection from 1 Peter 5. Discussion continued regarding those who are ill in the congregation.

Correspondence: We received information from Evangel Hall and a job description for a General Presbyter from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Updates: Plans are continuing for a community Christmas Carol Concert at Knox on December 5th. We debriefed from the Reformation Sunday Service. The session decided to add one elder every six months, starting in January.

Ministry Reports:

Christian Education Committee – The Kids Camp went over budget by \$7773, which was covered by trustee funds. The committee is also working on Sunday School curriculum. There is a vibrant KAOS club on Friday evenings.

Mission - Along with the CE committee, the mission committee is looking to reduce the annual deficit from Kids' Camp. The committee is also keeping in touch with the Adelaide Soup Bowl. The committee is working toward the new Kids' music program in 2023. Knox continues to collect loose change for local hunger relief.

Board of Stewards – The outside post lighting is now planned for the spring. The Cheyne room will be equipped with brighter lighting.

Restoration Committee - Restoration work is complete and the bills paid. The project is over budget by \$51,000 due mostly to rotting window frames needing repair. The scaffolding, which disrupted our parking lot through the summer, was needed to affect those additional repairs.

Worship – The hospital will begin again holding Sunday services.

Ministers' Report – Rev. Kim commented on his one-year anniversary at Knox. We are looking forward to new challenges in the future.

New Business:

- A Congregational Photo Directory will be arranged in the near future. A committee will be formed at the next session meeting
- Nora Martin has a friend in Malawi who is studying to become a minister. We discussed the possibility of supporting her friend financially.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 2022 @ 7pm



MISSION COMMITTEE



Thank you!

On behalf of all the recipients at Operation Sharing for the gifts donated for The Christmas Place and for the warm winter clothing, a big "THANK YOU". You have made their lives a little brighter this Christmas season.



MUSIC MOMENT

By Janet vanderSpek

Blessings to you and yours at Advent and Christmas. May you experience much hope, joy, peace, and love as you reflect on our Saviour's birth.

One of my favourite Christmas carols is "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly" and it is found in the Book of Praise, #143.

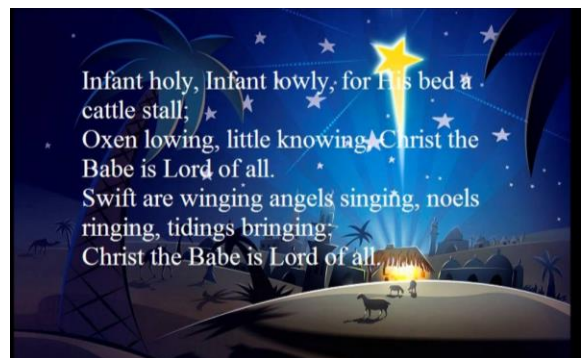
Evoking the atmosphere at the manger and among the shepherds, this traditional Polish carol tells the Christmas story in short phrases.

The beautiful tune and text may date back to the thirteenth or fourteenth century. However, it was not published until the early twentieth century. Edith M. Gellibrand Reed (1885- 1935), translated the text into English and published it in a journal that she edited. Reed was educated at the Guildhall School of Music in London, England and devoted her life to the musical education of children.

Thinking of our Ukrainian sisters and brothers in Christ, I wish to make mention of a favourite Christmas carol of many: Carol of the Bells was composed in 1914 by Mykola Leontovych. The words were written by Peter J. Wilhousky and they are based on a Ukrainian folk chant.

Leontovych lived from 1877-1921 and his compositions and arrangements became popular across Ukrainian region of the Russian empire. Performances of his works in western Europe and North America earned him the nickname "the Ukrainian Bach"!

My thoughts and prayers continue to be with the citizens of Ukraine as the conflict continues.





WMS CAMPBELL AUXILIARY

Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially Marybell Brenneman and Anne Matheson from Knox in Embro and Marg Douglas. Elaine read a poem and meditation on the theme of Peacemaking. The hymn *Make me a channel of your peace* was sung, led by Jay Schlotzhauer on the piano.



For the program today Susan shared information and stories about the **Healing and Reconciliation** trip that she and Marybell experienced a few years ago. The trip was organized by the Presbyterian Church in Canada and was open to anyone across the country. During the trip they met people at the Kenora Fellowship Centre and both sites of the Cecilia Jeffrey Residential School, Shoal Lake Band #40 (Kenora), Winnipeg Inner City Mission and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (Winnipeg), Birdtail Sioux First Nation in

Birtle Manitoba, Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry and Mistawasis First Nation (SK). Susan and Marybell enjoyed sharing the memories of this moving and educational experience.

Business.

Minutes: The minutes of the September meeting were approved. Motion Susan/June.

Roll Call – 5 members and three guests were present.

Treasurer – Elaine Stevens presented her report. Bank balance September 30th was \$1,012.45. Receipts \$160 Disbursements \$160 leaving a balance of \$1,012.45. Report accepted on motion of Elaine/June. As the Kenora Fellowship Centre is one of the national WMS projects for this year it was moved by Marie Gregor/June that we send \$400. Motion carried.

Friendship & Service – No report.

Correspondence – None received

Business Arising / New Business

- The Paris Presbyterial held at Knox Embro on October 22nd was a delightful day. Our thanks were personally expressed to Marybell and Anne for organizing it.
- The Kitchen Crew will cater a light lunch for our Christmas meeting to be held Monday December 12th at noon.
- It was agreed that we not hold a meeting for the months of January and February.

We closed with the singing of the hymn *May the God of hope go with us every day*.

With the business and program concluded a lovely social time was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted, Susan McLennan Secretary



KITCHEN CREW

We would like to thank all that participated in the bazaar, whether you worked, donated or just attended, we were blessed. For the first Bazaar since COVID it was amazing. THANK YOU

In November the Craft Crew celebrated with a potluck lunch, there was great food and most of all great fun and fellowship.

It was decided that we would again restart the crafting days on Wednesday January 11th at 9:00 am. All are welcome.

The Kitchen Crew wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



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COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

2022 ANNUAL

**COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**

Monday, December 5th - 7:30 pm
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Local Performers
Church Choir

Guest Organist: Angus Sinclair

Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock
Corner of Hunter & Riddell Streets

**Freewill Offering for
Operation Sharing**

Silent Night! Holy Night
And they... found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying
in a manger.

1. Si - lent night! to - ly night!
2. Si - lent night! to - ly night!
3. Si - lent night! to - ly night!



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Woodstock Choralaires presents

We Need a Little Christmas

Saturday
December 10
2022

Adults \$25
Children FREE
(12 & under)


3 pm
Knox
Presbyterian
Church



ticketSCOPE
519-456-5270
Wilson & Markle Jewelers

Christmas Concerts

Libertas Male Choir in Concert:
"Hope and Reflections"
Sing-A-Long with your favourite Christmas Songs
Martin Mans, Conductor
Martin Zonnenberg, Organist/pianist
Amber Kakiishway, Vocalist



Libertas Male Choir

December 1, 2022 at 7.30 PM
Central Presbyterian Church Cambridge
7 Queen's Square, Cambridge ON N1S 1H4

December 2, 2022 at 7.30 PM
Central Presbyterian Church, Hamilton
165 Charlton Avenue West, Hamilton ON L8P 2C8
(Parking Exemption for streets around church, by City of Hamilton)

December 3, 2022 at 7.30 PM
Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock
59 Riddell St, Woodstock ON N4S 6M2

Tickets \$25.00 p.p.
(Concert for children 10 yrs and younger FREE.
Youth 11-14 yrs old \$10. p.p.)
Reserve your tickets by calling: 905 745 5609 or 905 522 0001
E-mail: tjitske@rogers.com. Information about payment:
www.libertasvoices.com



Ingersoll Choral Society

Directed by Holly Langohr

Sounds of the Season

December 3 at 7:00pm
INGERSOLL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
429 King St W, Ingersoll

Free Will Offering



OUR CHURCH FAMILY



Jennifer Truman	15-Dec
Warren Brown	16-Dec
Gale Pollock	18-Dec
Kate Wilford	20-Dec
Rose Izzard	21-Dec
Michelle McCoy	24-Dec
Rev. Mark McLennan	25-Dec
Joan Willsie	3-Jan
Margaret Gregor	5-Jan
Sean McCoy	5-Jan
Marjorie Gunn	18-Jan
Kim Kenny	18-Jan
John Szasz	18-Jan
Nancy Sieber	26-Jan
Marg McCurdy	26-Jan

Cliffe and Anne Jewlal 30-Jan



Congratulations to Janet vanderSpek on the birth of another great nephew, Henk David, born November 1st and weighing in at 8lbs 10 oz!



Thank you to our Knox Church family for the prayers and concerns for our grandson Maddex. We are beyond grateful and blessed since he has completely recovered from bacterial meningitis. Many thanks again...we are very appreciative.
Dan & Wilma Molinaro



We wish to express our deepest sympathies to the Conte family on the passing of Michael's dad, Adamo, on October 25th; to the Sutherland families on the passing of Florence on November 9th; to the Soward family on the passing of Courtney's mom, Esther Wilson, on November 10th; to the Wilson families on the passing of Norine on November 11th, and to the Miller family on the passing of Bob on November 27th. Our love and prayers are with you. May the Lord bring you peace and comfort.



CHURCH DECORATING



Thank you to our volunteers - Brenda Currah, Susan McLennan, Joyce Hunter, Esther Johnston, Marie Yungblut, Carol Yungblut, Laura Turvey and Nick Hardeman - for beautifully decorating the sanctuary for Christmas. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Also, thank you to Michael for the lovely fireplace display in the Friendship Centre!



REFORMATION SUNDAY



October 30th was our first in-person Reformation Sunday since 2019.

We were pleased to once again be joined by Covenant Christian Reformed Church, Emmanuel Reformed Church and Maranatha Christian Reformed Church, with over 600 people in attendance.

OPERATION SHARING

A note from Operation Sharing -



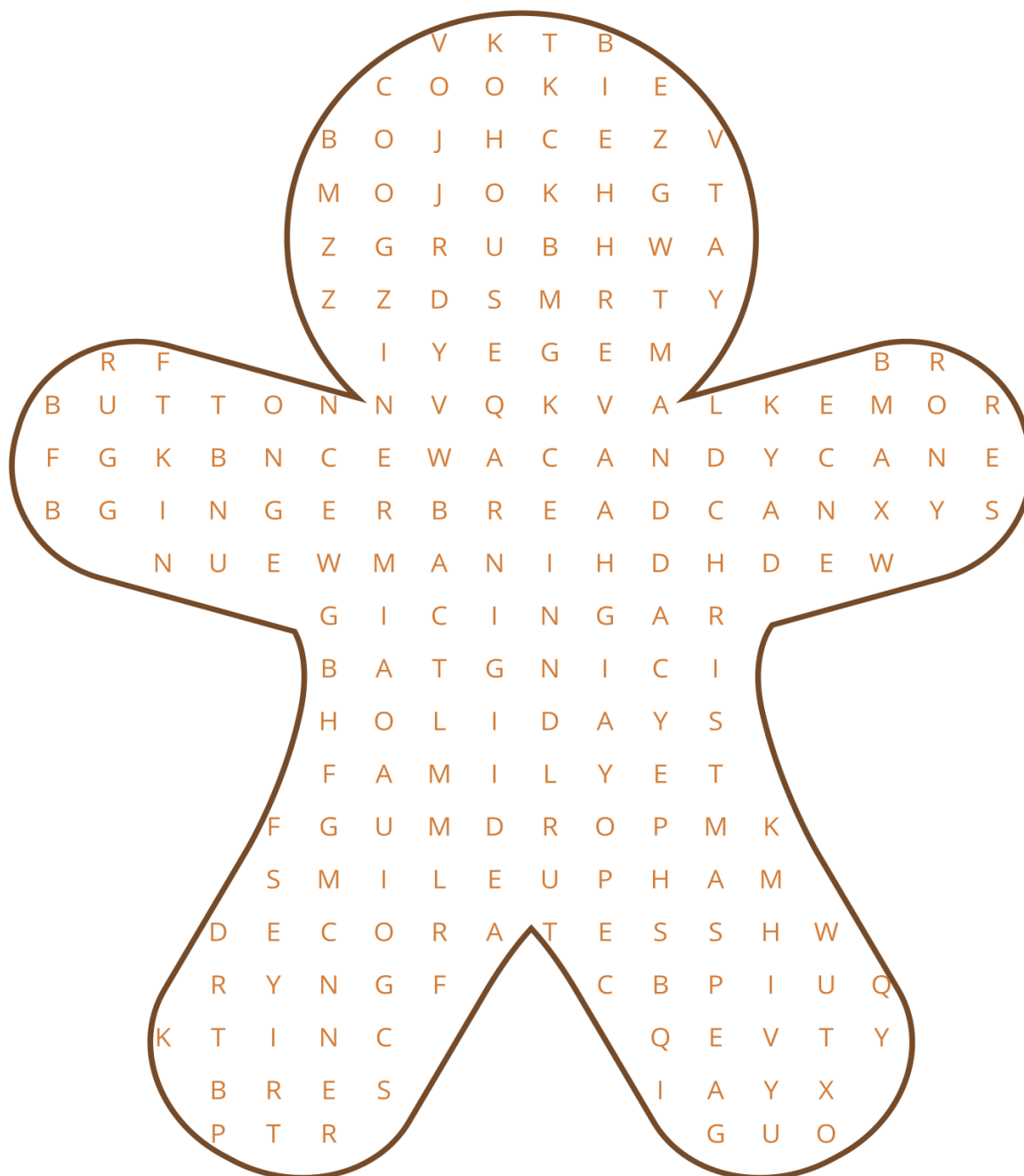
“We have truly been blessed by Reverend Dr. Dong-Ha Kim and Treasurer Nick who presented to Operation Sharing a donation of over \$1,800.00 collected at the Combined Reformation Day Service this past Sunday [October 30th]. Four church congregations combined included Knox Presbyterian Church, Emmanuel Reformed Church, Covenant CRC and Maranatha CRC.”

With Rev. Kim and Nick in the picture is Marilyn Schmiedl, President of Operation Sharing.”



WORD SEARCH

Gingerbread Word Search



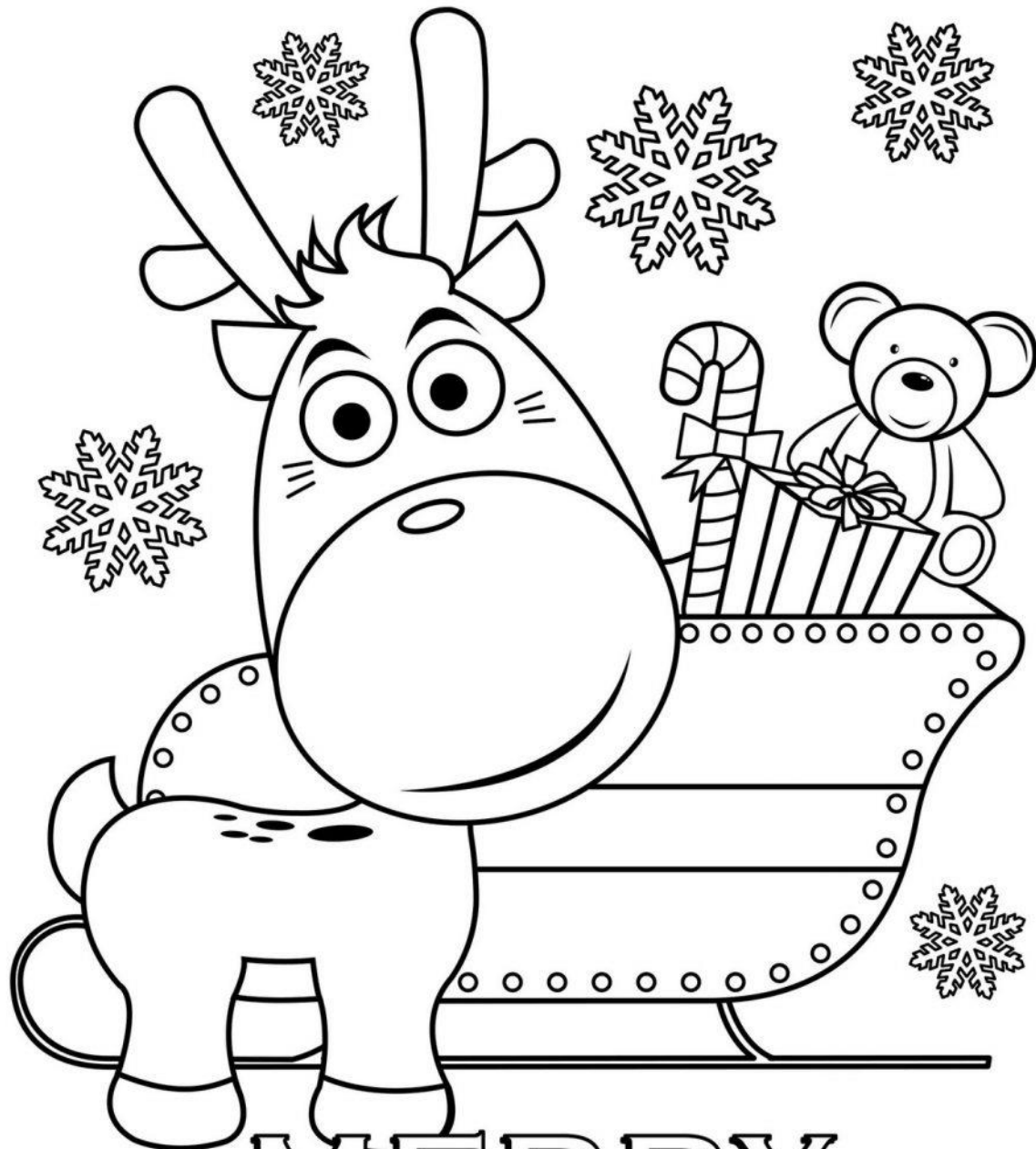
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

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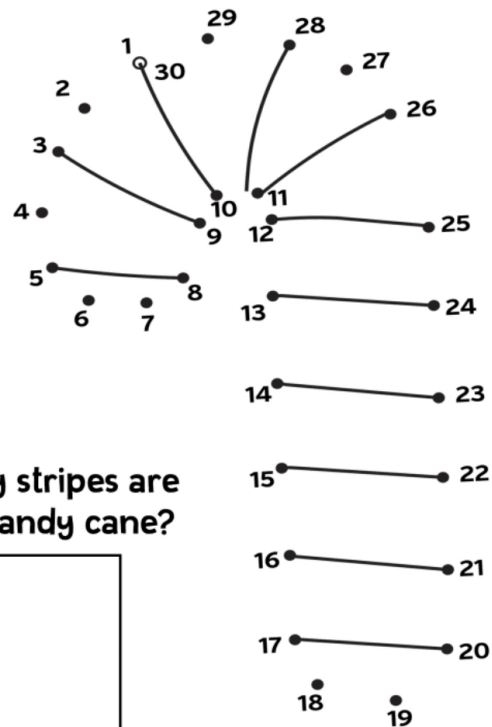


A-MAZE-ING FUN

Christmas Candy Maze



Christmas
Candy



Draw your
own candy
cane here!

How many stripes are
on your candy cane?

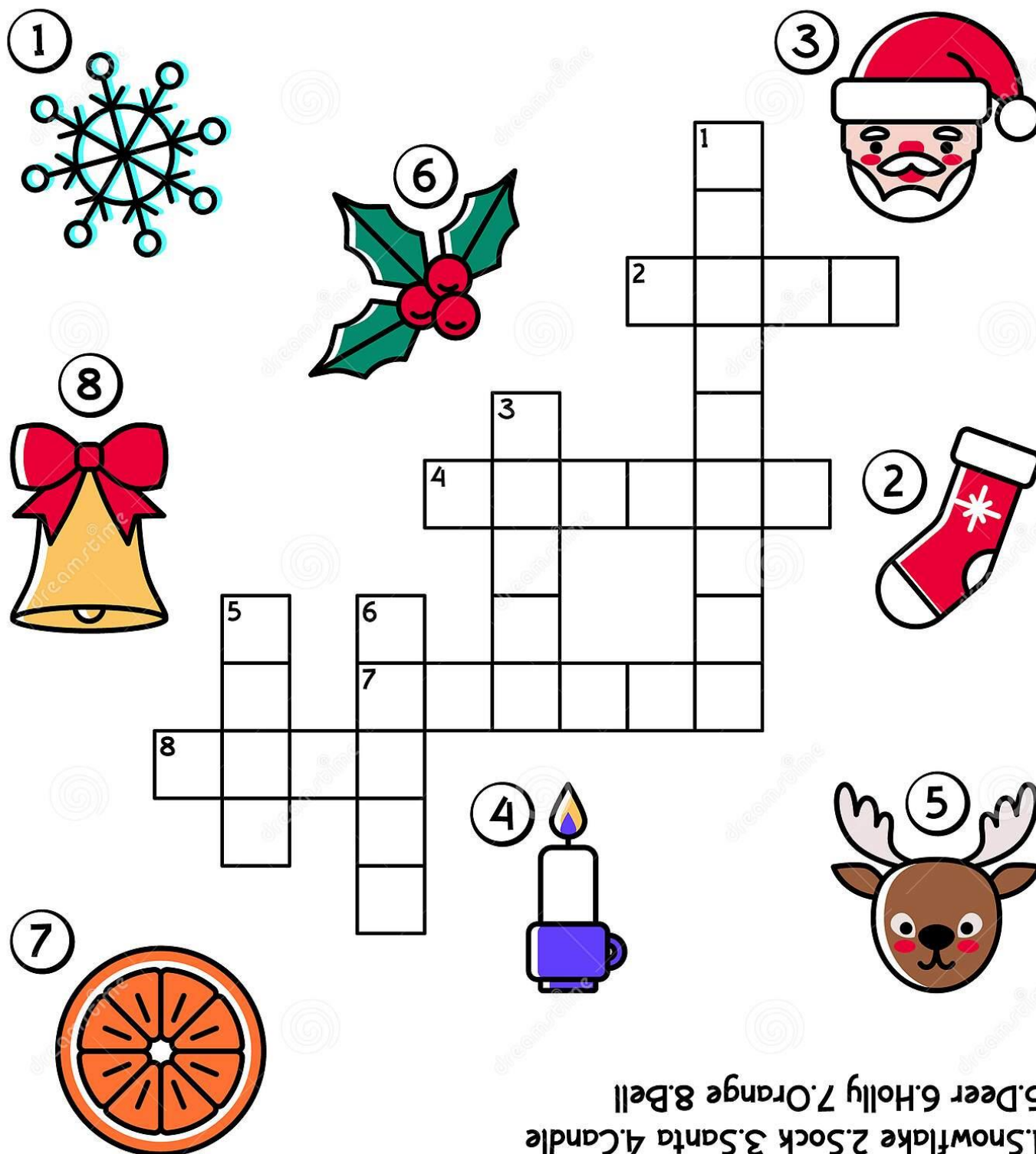


www.BrainyMaze.com

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CROSSWORD



1.Snowflake 2.Sock 3.Santa 4.Candle
5.Deer 6.Holly 7.Orange 8.Bell



FUNNIES



Q: What does the gingerbread man put on his bed?

A: Cookie sheets!

Q: Where does a snowman keep his money?

A: In a snowbank!

Q: What happens if you eat Christmas decorations?

A: You get tinselitus!

Q: Who hides in a bakery at Christmas?

A: A mince-spy!

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: Frosted Flakes!

Q: What carol is heard in the desert?

A: Camel Ye Faithfull!

Q: How does Good King Wenceslas like his pizzas?

A: Deep pan, crisp and even!

Q: How many presents can Santa fit in an empty sack?

A: Only one...after that it's not empty anymore!

Q: What do you get if Santa comes down the chimney while the fire is still burning?

A: Crisp Kringle!





DECEMBER 2022 CALENDAR



December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Breakfast 8:30am Worship 10:30am Advent Afternoon 2pm Guides 6pm	5 Meditation 10:30am Rangers/Pathfinders 7pm Community Christmas Concert 7:30pm	6 TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm Session 7:00pm	7 Mom's Support Group 9am Cubs/Scouts 6pm Bible Study 7pm (Zoom)	1 Choir 7:15pm	2 KAOS 7pm	3 Libertas Male Choir 7:30pm
11 Worship 10:30am Guides 6-8:30pm	12 Meditation 10:30am Campbell Afternoon WMS Potluck Lunch - 12pm Men's Discing - 7pm Rangers/Pathfinders 7pm Foodgrains 7pm Meditation (Zoom) 7:30pm	13 TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm	14 Mom's Support Group 9am Worship Committee 2pm Cubs/Scouts 6pm Prayer Shawl 7pm	15 Choir 7:15pm	16 KAOS 7pm	17
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25 CHRISTMAS DAY Worship 10:30am Coffee Hour after service	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 OFFICE CLOSED TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm	28 Mom's Support Group 9am Cubs/Scouts 6pm Board of Stewards 7pm	29 Choir 7:15pm	30 KAOS 7pm	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

