

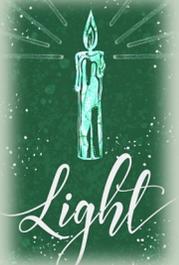


December 2022

Open Hearts * Open Minds * Open Doors

Foundry

United Methodist Church



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12/2	Bible Study	12:00 pm
12/3	UMM Meeting - Cancelled UMW Meeting - Cancelled	
12/4	2 nd Sunday Advent After Church Coffee & Fellowship	11:00 am
12/6	Mommy & Me Music	10:00 am
12/7	Bible Study Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	12:00 pm
12/10	UMW Hosts a Baby Shower for Golda Norman ~ RSVP	1:00 pm
12/11	3 rd Sunday Advent After Church Coffee & Fellowship	11:00 am
12/13	Mommy & Me Music Operation Blessings Worship Committee SPPRC Meeting	10:00 am 11:00 am 11:00 am 5:30 pm
12/14	Bible Study	12:00 pm
12/18	4 th Sunday Advent with Holiday Cantata - Guest Musician After Church Coffee & Fellowship	11:00 am
12/20	JCOC Dinner	3:00 pm
12/21	Blue Christmas ~ <i>The Longest Night</i> A service of comfort and hope	7:00 pm
12/23	Holiday Recitals (2)	3:00 pm & 5:00 pm
12/24	Christmas Eve Service	5:00 pm
12/25	Christmas Day Service After Church Coffee & Fellowship	11:00 am
12/31	New Year's Eve	

A Message from the Pastor



Sacred Journey to Meet Jesus

Advent! Advent in Latin means the coming of something or someone that is important. There are two Greek words to indicate time: *kairos* and *chronos*. *kairos* means divine time which weaves present and

eternity. On the other hand, *chronos* is the chronological time which moves in a linear and quantitative way such as past, present, and future. During Advent, we Christians wait for the coming of Christ the Child who came to us two thousand years ago in divine time/*kairos*.

Who is Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ is Incarnated God who is both divine and human. He came to the world as a baby, a most vulnerable human form. How and where was He born? He was born through the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit when she was engaged with Joseph but was not married, yet. She and Joseph went to Bethlehem to participate in a census ordered by King Caesar Augustus. They arrived in the town in a cold winter night. Mary was about to deliver a baby. No hotel room was available. No one was compassionate enough to give up their room to this vulnerable pregnant woman.

In the midst of fear and frustration, someone offered his barn for Mary and Joseph. She delivered Baby Jesus in a cold barn and laid him in a stable rather than in a crib. Incarnated God whose name is Jesus came into the world where love and compassion were badly needed. He was born in a weakest human form through a most vulnerable woman, Virgin Mary. The way He came to us from heaven to earth shows that God is with us in our weakest time, and He stands in solidarity with the poor and the weakest in the world. He demonstrated that salvation comes from sacrificial love and care for the weakest.

During this holy season, let us reflect on God's love toward us in our weakest times and toward our neighbors who struggle with human basic needs and suffer from loneliness, illness, and many forms of pain. Let us shine a little light of Jesus' Love into those who are sitting in fear and darkness. Let us welcome and care for vulnerable neighbors in our midst as we prepare a room for our Lord Jesus in the world.

Grace and Peace



From Your Foundry Lay Leader

Foundry Family and Friends,

Wow, Thanksgiving is now behind us and Christmas is fast arriving. Hard to believe another year is almost over. Well, in our pastor's recent letter mailed to us, she asked how we've been blessed through our church. If you've been to participate in any of our ministries, I'm sure God has blessed you in some manner. Even if you haven't been able to participate, I'm sure you've read about the good news of our various activities in the newsletters and weekly devotionals.

Christmas is the most special celebration for Christians – the gift and birth of God's Son – our Lord and Savior, Jesus. The gift we all know and need. However, like most Christmas seasons, many of us will be asked, "What do you want for Christmas?". Frankly, I encourage you to think just as much (or maybe more) about what we can give to others or for others during this special time. Just as God did with his son for each and every one of us!

As always, stay in prayer for our church, our church family and the various ministries we support. And have a wonderful Christmas holiday!

In Christ,

Watkins Bracey

757-408-9533 (cell)

watkins.bracey@gmail.com



From Your Foundry Finance Chairperson

Special Holiday Christ Child Offering

Dear Foundry Family and Friends,

It's hard to believe that Thanksgiving is now past and Christmas is right around the corner. Hopefully the holidays are a bright spot for each of you. Although I'm sure you've experienced challenges and possibly heartache this past year, I'm very sure you experienced many blessings, both small and large. I pray you gave thanks for such blessings this past week.

Christmas is the most special celebration for Christians – the gift and birth of God's Son – our Lord and Savior, Jesus – the gift we all know and need. However, many of us will be asked, "What do you want for Christmas". Frankly, we should be thinking just as much (or maybe more) about what we're giving to others and for others during this special time. Just as God did with his son for each and every one of us!

Back in October, Pastor Jae Haeng spoke about '**Finding Joy**' and specifically Finding Joy in Good Stewardship, in Simple Things, in Sharing, and in Faith. My prayer is you will find this joy in one (or all) of these ways. As a church, we have the special opportunity this December to give "to and for" the benefit of others – through our special **Christ Child** offering.

Our goal is **\$25,000**. As part of the United Methodist Church, Foundry is asked to support various organizations in mission, evangelism and education beyond our church – both locally and worldwide. Efforts such as Campus Ministry, Chaplains, Disaster Relief, Church Planting, Methodist Colleges/Universities, Missionaries, Virginia Conference and Clergy Healthcare. Our goal would bring us close to our annual commitments.

This is a special opportunity for giving – beyond our normal giving. Take time in prayer, meditation and solitude – just as Jesus did at times – and give what your heart feels called to do. Remember to use "**Christ Child**" as a notation on any donation.

As always, stay in prayer for our church, our church family and the various ministries we support. And have a wonderful Christmas holiday!

In Christ,
Mary Leeds, Watkins Bracey



**Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day
December 7th 1941**

Today we remember with
gratitude the bravery and
selflessness of our
service members who
were injured and killed
during the attack on
Pearl Harbor.



Pastor JaeHaeng Choi

*Tuesdays-Thursdays
10:00am -1:00pm*

*Fridays
Visiting Members & College Campuses*

Need a different time?

Call and schedule an appointment to see her!

Call 757-340-0595 Or

Email: Pastor@Foundrymcvb.org

In the Hospital or Home Recuperating

Burgess Allison

3210 Dunnbury Ct, Virginia Beach, VA 23453

Adrian Townsend & her mother

3010 Kings Row Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Lil Thomas

2824 Queen Anne Road, Virginia Beach VA 23452

Betty McCraw

332 River Forest Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Mary Key

1344 Whisper Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

June Leach

243 N. Lynnhaven Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Linda Way

322 Tomahawk Tr, Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Fran & Roger Clarke

633 W Lynn Shores Cir, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Teddy & Barbara Harris

6128 Wythe Place, Norfolk, VA 23508

Anne Meehan (Sandy Grover's mother)

437 Catalina Ave. Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Maryann Maslanik

(Elaine Carty's daughter)

5729 Earnhardt St. Virginia Beach, VA 23464

Evelyn Mountford

845 First Colonial Rd, Apt 366, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

JaeWoon Choi

Pastor JaeHaeng's Sister

c/o 2801 Virginia Beach Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23452

In Our Military or Away

Joe & Shirley Richardson

6410 Nassau Tr, Colorado Springs, CO 80925

Foundry Holiday Services



December 18th at 11 AM

Hear our amazing choir bring us the season in song

We will have special guest musicians

It will be memorable!

The Longest Night

A Blue Christmas Service

A service of remembrance and hope

Wednesday, December 21st
7:00 pm



Come for comfort and solace

Please contact Nancy Norman
if you need a ride to the service



One family friendly service at 5pm.

Please contact Nancy Norman
if you need a ride to the service

11AM

Celebrate the birth of our Savior!



Foundry Celebrates



It's a Boy!

The Ladies of the church are invited to a baby shower for

Golda Norman

Saturday, December 10th
1:00PM
Youth Building
Hosted by The United Methodist Women

Golda is registered at Amazon and Target

Contact Mary Leeds at 757-573-4111

advent CALENDAR

Perform a random act of kindness	Decorate a house ornament	Make or buy a Christmas ornament	Read your favorite Christmas story
Donate food to a local food bank	Help wrap a Christmas present	Leave a happy Christmas card to someone to find	Take a car tour of your local light displays
Have a coloring contest	Clean out and donate outgrown toys	Build a snowman	Deliver Christmas cards to your neighbors
Buy socks for a shelter	Have a game night in your pjs	Take a family photo in your pajamas	Drink hot cocoa
Watch a favorite holiday movie	Take cupcakes out for delivery to snowflakes	Make paper snowflakes	Decorate a gingerbread house
			Make Christmas cards
			Make Christmas cookies
			Sing Christmas carols
			Watch or attend a Christmas Eve service
			Take a family photo in your pajamas
			Read the Christmas story

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- 6 Patrick Eberhardt
- 11 Livio Gabriel
- 14 Liam Cahill
- 15 Mark Leach
Reid Peterson
- 24 Evelyn Mountford
Sean Work
- 29 Nancy Keel
Cara Manaugh

Flower Calendar

December & January

Dates Available!

Flowers are \$45.00

Placing flowers on the altar for our worship service is a wonderful way to honor someone you love and appreciate, or to remember a departed loved one.

Unable to make it to church? Call or email the church office. We will help you pick a date and you tell us what information you would like printed in the bulletin.

We make sponsoring flowers easy!



November 2022 Food Pantry Distribution			
Date	# Families	# New Families	Representing Individual Members of the Family
11/3	32	3	101
11/10	26	-	111
11/17	38	5	147
11/23	13	-	50

Please consider providing the following desirable grocery items.

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| Stove Top Stuffing
Tea bags
Coffee
Cake mix and frosting | Vegetable oil
Sugar
Flour
Salt Pepper | Dish detergent
Laundry detergent
Feminine hygiene products |
| Cash Donations Also Welcomed | | |

Save the Date! JCOC Dinner
 Tuesday | December 20th | 5:00 pm
 Contact Chris Work



Operation Blessing Volunteers Needed
 Tuesday | December 13th
 Shipment 11:00 am | Repackaging 12:00pm | Delivery 4:00pm
 Contact Chris Work

7 WAYS TO GIVE FINANCIALLY TO FOUNDRY	<p>WORSHIP: Bring your offering in person on Sundays or to the church office Monday– Friday 9 am-1 pm</p> <p>MAIL: Send your offering to the church.</p> <p>ONLINE: Use the church’s website (www.foundryumcvb.org) to e-send your offering via PayPal</p> <p>AUTOMATED: Use your bank’s online “Bill Pay” system</p> <p>RMD: Use your Required Minimum Distribution of retirement accounts as a donation to the church.</p> <p>STOCKS: Donate shares of stocks or mutual funds to the church.</p> <p>ESTATE PLANNING: Remember the church in your estate or will planning.</p>
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Merry Christmas

It's that time of year again for the Angel Tree!!

This time of year it is difficult for many families and this is our little part to help out our community.

This year we have 78 angels representing 10 families!

All you have to do is pick an angel from the tree and write your name and phone number on the sign-up list next to the tree.

Then go shopping, wrap the gift, and put the angel on it with the words facing out.

If you are unable to buy a gift, we can do the shopping for you! You can put your cash or check contribution in the collection plate.

Just note "angel tree" on your check,

All Angel Tree gifts are due December 18th "Church Time"

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Campos at 757-967-1204



Foundry Christmas Wishes



~A CHRISTMAS TRADITION~

Foundry has adopted 10 families to feed this Christmas.

Bring food donations to church until December 18th.

Baskets will be put together on Tuesday, December 20th Time: TBA

***Monetary donations are also appreciated
please designate it for "Food Baskets".***

Items Needed

Frozen Turkey	Spiral Ham
Potatoes	Cranbury Sauce
Onions	Canned Sweet Potatoes
Stuffing Mix	Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruit	Gravy
Jell-O Mix	Cake or Brownie Mix
Pancake Mix/Syrup	Applesauce
Peanut Butter/Jelly	Cereal (Any)
Soup	Oatmeal
Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles	Mac N Cheese
Cookies	Healthy Snack Items
Fruit Cups	Snack Bars

Foundry Music Events



Sunday December 18th | 11:00 am

Join us For the Joyous Sounds of the Season

A Christmas Cantata

with guest musician



JOIN US FOR A HOLIDAY TREAT!

*Claudia is hosting two music recitals
featuring her students*

Friday December 23rd

3:00 pm and 5:00 pm

Foundry Music Memories



**SPOOKTACULAR
COSTUME PIANO RECITAL**

A decorative banner for a Halloween event. It features a row of six carved jack-o'-lanterns with various faces, a full moon, and a silhouette of a bat flying across it. The background is purple with a pattern of white dots.



Foundry United Methodist Women

Come join us for fellowship, devotion, and discussion on future mission projects.

Every 1st Saturday, @ 9:30 am in Ebert Hall.

Come bring ideas to share. Contact Judy Mitchell with any questions.

December 3rd Meeting Cancelled

The Methodist Men's Meeting
 Every 1st Saturday | 8:30am | Youth Building
 All men are welcome!



December 3rd
Meeting Cancelled



Choir Practice
 Every Thursday at 7:00 pm



Worship Committee

Now Meets Monthly on the 3rd Tuesday
 Next Meeting | December 15th | 11AM | Room 15
 Please Contact Nancy Norman for More Information



Pastor's Bible Study Group
 December Schedule
 Every Wednesday | 12:00 pm
 Youth Bldg.
 12/7
 12/14
 We will resume on 1/11

Thank You & Please

United Methodist Women - a BIG THANK YOU!!!

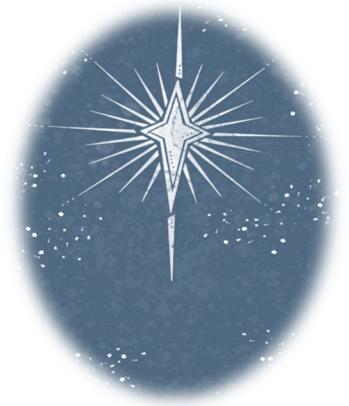
A big thanks to everyone who participated in our recent pie sale. To the bakers, buyers and other "lookers".



We had far more pies baked and sold than we originally thought would be provided.

We raised \$755 towards the plans for our women's group.

THANKS AGAIN!



The family of George Moore send their thanks to the Foundry family and friends for their love, support and prayers during this difficult time. A special thank you to the Foundry UMC Choir for their beautiful Cantata performance.

A message from Dough Hudson

PEOPLE WHO CAN STAND UP AND WALK A BIT!! LISTEN UP!

Foundry needs you to help usher. Every week, you see the same tired old faces holding the collection plate at the end of your pew! We could use your help. The rest of our services are headed back to normal. It would be good if we could have enough volunteers to actually generate a wholesome schedule once again. Normality is good! Also, the same burden being put on the same helpers is not growth. These people are the best, the salt of the earth, and we head ushers are so proud of their service and hope it continues, but we would love to have some others to help take the pressure off the few. Please help us! Contact me, Bill Crosby or Terry Huling if you are willing to help one Sunday a month so we can set up a viable schedule. Thanks, Doug Hudson P.S. We also would like to have one more head usher to be in charge of one Sunday each month! Pray about it!

The Gathering Preschool is currently hiring for teachers. If you know someone who may be interested please have them contact Brittani at gatheringacademicpreschool@gmail.com



Thank You & Please

GREAT JOB! - FLOOD BUCKETS

Our Conference has been requesting Flood Buckets for UMCOR. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) sent out an urgent call for cleaning buckets.

Coastal Virginia District collected a total of 327 buckets

Monumental/50, Hickory/40, St. Andrews/25, Charity/21,
Mt. Pleasant/18,

Courthouse/18, Virginia Beach/18, Haygood/17, **Foundry/12**,
Christ/9,

Beach Grove/8, Wesley Grace/8, Community/7, Tabernacle/6,
Frances Asbury/6, Resurrection/5, Good Hope/4, Lynnhaven/4,
Portlock/4

St. Andrews (Port)/1, Memorial -\$300.00 contribution

From the Conference Office - We have successfully and safely wrapped and loaded all the kits for UMCOR.

Churches of VAUMC assembled 3,724 kits (estimated value of \$297,300) and additional donations of \$42,737.99.



Foundry UMC
"The Christmas Tree Church"
Another Successful Year!



A Big Thank You! We appreciate the support of our Food Basket Ministry. We provided 10 families with complete dinners. The baskets included a turkey, stuffing, gravy, green beans, corn, peas, rolls, fresh apples, a bag of potatoes and a roasting pan. In addition, we provided a pie and cake mix & frosting for each family. We also sent them home with staples (flour, sugar, brown sugar, etc.) for holiday baking. We topped off by including a bottle of laundry detergent and dishwashing liquid. The families were thrilled! Thank you for showing the love of Christ to our community!



Virginia Conference to welcome new bishop in January



Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson was assigned to the Virginia Conference at the 2022 Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference (SEJ) on November 4 at Lake Junaluska, NC. Bishop Hauptert-Johnson was elected to the episcopacy at the 2016 SEJ and has been serving over the North Georgia Conference. She will begin on January 1, 2023.

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis, current episcopal leader of the Virginia Conference, was assigned to the Mississippi Conference at the 2022 SEJ.

Virginia Conference episcopal nominee the Rev. Tom Berlin was elected to the episcopacy on November 2 on the fourth ballot. Bishop Berlin was assigned to the Florida Conference .

Find Bishop Hauptert-Johnson's initial communication to the Virginia Conference as well as a recap of all the jurisdictional business sessions on the [conference website](#)

The Southeastern Jurisdiction of United Methodist Church is a regional body comprised of 14 conferences, including the Virginia Conference. This meeting, which was attended by more than 350 voting delegates, elected new bishops and determined assignments for all SEJ bishops from January 1, 2023-June 30, 2024.



Church Charge Conference
Held at Great Bridge UMC
Saturday, December 3, 2022
10-12 noon

To prepare for Charge Conference:

Instead of a sermon, **we will have an open discussion** on chapter 5, of *The New Being*, a book by Paul Tillich. Please read this ahead of the conference. It can

be found using this link: [https://mcusercontent.com/72d030fd810aa84884c311f29/files/de01c411-f22d-228e-f854-f69cf7d8a5c9/Tillich_Chapter5_2 .pdf](https://mcusercontent.com/72d030fd810aa84884c311f29/files/de01c411-f22d-228e-f854-f69cf7d8a5c9/Tillich_Chapter5_2.pdf)

United Methodist Day



At the General Assembly

January 26, 2023



DISTRICT CONFERENCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022, 4:00

pm

This is a date change from an earlier notice

United Methodists to Meet in Charlotte for Worldwide Conference

Nashville, Tenn.: The Commission on the General Conference announced today that the 2024 United Methodist General Conference will be held April 23 – May 3, 2024, at [Charlotte Convention Center](#) in Charlotte, North Carolina.

“The Commission selected Charlotte as the site that best met our varied needs. We believe that delegates and attendees will be pleased with all the city has to offer,” said Kim Simpson, Chair of the Commission on the General Conference. “Charlotte is a part of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference – but due to the shorter timeframe for planning, both the Western North Carolina Conference and the North Carolina Annual Conference will co-host the event.”

In making the selection, Simpson said that the Commission looked at the suitability and capacity of meeting facilities, availability of adequate space, the proximity of hotel rooms, accessibility and convenience of travel and costs of meeting space, lodging, meals and airfare. Proposals from three cities were considered, but ultimately Charlotte was determined to be the best fit.

Charlotte, known as the [Queen City](#), is the [16th most populous city](#) in the U.S. and a major airline hub for American Airlines. The 600,000-square-foot convention center recently completed a \$126.9 million expansion and is only 7 miles from the Charlotte International Airport and within walking distance of 200 restaurants.

“We are honored to host the 2024 General Conference of The United Methodist Church,” said Bishop Kenneth H. Carter, Jr. of the Western North Carolina Conference. “Our people are hospitable and welcoming, and we trust that the delegates who gather for what promises to be an historic gathering will be blessed by the city of Charlotte and the state of North Carolina and its warmth and beauty.”

“We bathe this gathering in deep prayer while also praying for each delegate who will seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we spend time in Holy Conferencing. It is my prayer that the same spirit will empower and encourage us to see the possibilities and live the promise,” said Bishop Leonard Fairley of the North Carolina Conference. “May you experience the beautiful natural setting of North Carolina, and the amazing hospitality of its people as you do the work of the Kingdom always remembering you are Beloved of God.”

The last General Conference was set to happen in Minneapolis, Minnesota, until the pandemic made it necessary to postpone the quadrennial legislative event until 2024. At the upcoming conference, the Commission will follow appropriate protocols related to COVID-19 to safeguard attendees’ health.

Delegates from Africa, Europe, Asia and the U.S. will attend the 11-day gathering, which is expected to attract about 5,500-7,500 people.

“It is such an honor to be able to host the 2024 General Conference of The United Methodist Church,” said Mike Butts, Executive Director of Visit Charlotte. “I’m excited that delegates and attendees will get to experience the region’s warm hospitality and enjoy all the offerings that make Charlotte such a dynamic city.”

Just for Fun!

Puzzle!

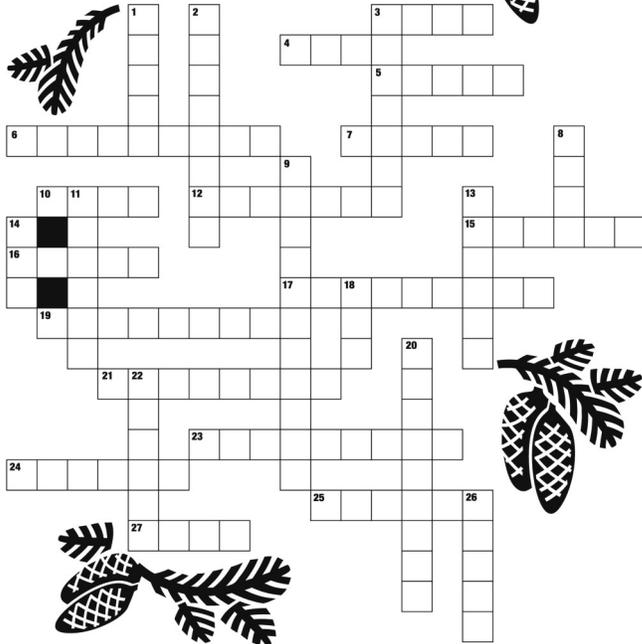
Take a break from Christmas preparations to complete this seasonal crossword.

DOWN

1. song
2. keeper of sheep
3. Anointed One
8. a gift of the magi
9. red plants
11. coming
13. Jesus _____
14. 12th month (abbrev.)
18. B&B
20. a form of holly
22. heavenly messengers
26. he ordered the slaughter of the innocents

ACROSS

3. wise men
4. author of the most famous Christmas account
5. red-suited gift-giver
6. of Ephrathah
7. presents
10. Gabriel came to her
12. has a red nose
15. "Messiah" composer
16. northern little helpers
17. patron saint of children
19. made flesh
21. home for Mary
23. tree decorations
24. crib
25. he was a carpenter
27. a nova



Answer: DOWN 1. carol, 2. shepherd, 3. Messiah, 8. gold, 9. poinsettias, 11. Advent, 13. Christ, 14. dec, 18. inn, 20. mistletoe, 22. angels, 26. Herod; ACROSS 3. magi, 4. Luke, 5. Santa, 6. Bethlehem, 7. gifts, 10. Mary, 12. Rudolph, 15. Handel, 16. elves, 17. Saint Nick, 19. incarnate, 21. Nazareth, 23. ornaments, 24. manger, 25. Joseph, 27. star



"Hey, isn't this the exact same one I got and returned last year?"



Seeking the story
Angels joyfully announced a special arrival in Bethlehem at Christmas.

Directions: Find the words listed below. Then unscramble the intersecting letters to complete Luke 2:11, NIV.



WORD BANK

- Shepherds
- Child
- Nazareth
- Census
- Baby
- David
- Mary
- Travel
- Town
- Register
- Born
- Night

T	B	W	Y	A	Z	K	E	S	H	N	G	D	J	K
Q	O	Y	A	P	R	A	L	B	F	P	I	C	Q	L
N	R	W	X	B	E	Y	R	M	B	D	M	O	E	E
S	N	O	N	W	G	A	I	B	A	C	D	O	T	D
R	G	X	J	F	I	W	M	V	B	R	R	C	E	O
P	S	C	E	N	S	U	S	H	Y	U	Y	F	P	N
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A	T	B	A	U	R	W	H	G	F	V	A	B	U	M
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R	U	V	Y	K	N	I	R	T	K	G	E	Y	I	R
K	V	A	Z	X	L	S	H	Y	T	P	T	J	S	K
L	L	E	S	M	J	Z	L	Q	R	U	H	V	W	X

"Today in the town of David a _____ has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

LUKE 2:11, NIV