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Holiday

Greetings



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God Bless us All

Yes this is the time it is close to the end of the calendar year and the beginning of the new church year.

We have different colors during our church year to serve as a reminder that keeps

us focused on the season. One may think this time of year would be White you know Snow and all the fun and excitement of the winter activities. Snowmobiling, sledding, snow balls, and yes the Shov-

ing. Well not so - the color for Advent is Blue. It used to be Purple but that was the color for Lent and ever so slowly the color is becoming Blue. Why you ask? Well it represents An-

tipication. The Anticipation of the Birth of a Child, the Anticipation of the Return of this Child. We need to remember the Birth and what it means to you as an individual and to our world collectively.

So I ask one and all to enjoy the season enjoy your family gatherings, enjoy your outdoor activities, and try your hardest

to attend a Christmas Service at one of our local churches. The music is uplifting and the message is inspiring and sometimes there are cookies. God Bless us All Merry Christmas, Happy New Year:

Don McConachie,
Lay Reader
St. Philips Episcopal Church



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Santa at City Market

Santa Claus (left) visited City Market to say hello to Wrangell children. Here he is pictured with Jonathan Powell (right.)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



We'd like to take a moment to express our gratitude to each and every one of you along with our best wishes for a joyous, fun-filled holiday season.

*We Wish You A Merry Christmas
...And A Happy New Year!*

*As we toast to a very good year,
we know we couldn't have
done it without the support
of you, our friends.*

**TOTEM
BAR**



Wrangell Preschoolers wish list 2018

We are learning about sharing, caring and kindness for others. Here is how the children answered if they were granted one wish.

Caroline Allen: I wish my grandma Jill would come for Christmas.

Kyler Angerman: I wish my grandma could buy a new car.

Zac Cartwright: I'm wishing for snow!

Titan Churchill: I wish that Ella Jean gets lots of presents.

Aya Daugherty: I wish for my Dad to come home.

Hailey Gablehouse: I wish for my dog Charlie to be tamed.

Ella Guggenbickler: I wish my dad never went fishing again.

Abi Howell: I wish all of my friends can come over to my house.

Jude Johnson: I want my baby sister to

come before Christmas.

Dontay Lyons: I wish dinosaurs were real, like Thomas Rex.

Chase Meissner: I wish for money.

Kelowna Morelli: I wish my mom would come sing with us.

Larain Oglend: I wish my mom had new clothes, not pajamas.

Fiona Scambler: I wish that Duncan can just stay home.

Jessica Schlotzhauer: I wish unicorns were real ponies.

Gunner Smith: I wish my puppy had a friend.

Peyton Stolley: I wish one more megatron wasn't extinct.

Sylas Stutz: I wish my dad will come home.

Wyatt Thomassen: I wish to help my dad work on our property.

Emma Welch: I wish for another baby.

***Wishing Everyone
a Safe, Healthy
and Happy Holiday
Season***



**Wrangell
Firefighters
Association**



Mrs. Wilson’s 1st Grade student’s letters to Santa

DEAR SANTA,
How do you make toys? I have been good this year. I cleaned my bedroom. I wish for a Reborn Toddler Doll for Christmas.
Thank you,
Lily Stearns

DEAR SANTA,
I promise to be good. I hope I am good. I hope, I hope you can jump from roof to roof to deliver your presents! I would like a tablet for Christmas. I hope I can see you Christmas Eve!
Brayden Cartwright

DEAR SANTA,
I love Christmas! I try hard to do what I am told and be good! Sometimes I share my toys with everybody who comes over (usually...actually every time!) I really wish for LOLs. I’ve never seen them before, but I want them please.
Thank you for Christmas,
Jocelyn Smith

DEAR SANTA,
I have tried to be kind on the playground. I let Emily play with me and Derek. We had fun together. I want a toy Mosasaurus for Christmas. If you can’t, I would be happy to have an endo raptor toy.
Merry Christmas.
From Ethan Whitaker

DEAR SANTA,
Where do you really live? Is it really at the North Pole? How many teeth do you have? I have 24. Five are missing. Where do the elves go? I have been trying hard to help people, like my little sister. I’m helping her with cheerleading. You can bring me whatever you want! I will be happy, even

with Slime!
Love,
Baylee Daugherty

DEAR SANTA,
Thank you for the toothless Coloring Book you gave me last year. I didn’t forget! What did you have before you used reindeer to pull your sleigh? I have actually been helping my mom fill up the wood box. I’ve been trying to be good. Can I have a Freo Flying Toothless Dragon this year for Christmas?
Merry Christmas,
From Tommy Rohr-Wickman

DEAR SANTA,
Thank you for all you do! What did have before you had reindeer? This year I help my sister at math. I try to not say bad words when I’m in my house and I try and be nice. I thought you might like to know that I’d like an X Box II Player and I’d like a Playmobil. Thank you.
Love,
Derek Heller

DEAR SANTA,
What is your favorite color? I’m thinking it’s reddish or greenish. This year I brought firewood into the house. Sometimes I help my dog when it’s sick. Mommy says get the dog it’s medicine, and I go get it for Beu. Can I have a Tablet for Christmas?
From Madison Robinson

DEAR SANTA,
Thank you for getting my sister a big giant doll house. She really likes it! I was wondering, what is your REAL NAME? I have been trying to share with others. I gave cans of peaches to the Senior Center. It made me feel happy! All I want for Christmas is MY TWO FRONT TEETH! Can you really bring my new teeth? It would help me to eat better!
From Kayleigh Doak

DEAR SANTA,
How many reindeer do you have? I’m thinking you have 8. I help Carter clean his room. I wish I had a LOL toy Thank you for the present.
Love,
Emily Cummings

DEAR SANTA,
Thank you for being so happy. Is it cold up there in the sled? I want to celebrate Christmas with my family. I would really like to have some Slime for Christmas.
From Saylor Welch

DEAR SANTA CLAUS,
I love you! Thank you for the bike last year. I’m still growing into it. It’s a little big still. Do you have a lot of hair on your chin? How many reindeer do you really have? I think it’s 20, but Emily thought 10 and Kayleigh thought 8. I’m trying to be good to the cleaners. I cleaned my room eight days ago. Could I have a Hatchimal for Christmas this year?
From Claire Rooney

DEAR SANTA,
Thank you for the toys. How many elves do you have? I want to make you cookies, Santa. Please may I have some dinosaur toys:
Love,
Michael Barns

DEAR SANTA,
I am thankful for God. What is your favorite color. Mine is green. What are your reindeer names? I don’t remember them. I forgot! I want a Jet Cart for Christmas. I love them.
From Carsyn Christian

DEAR SANTA,
Thank you for being happy. Where did your sled come from? I will make the cookies for you Santa. I would like a toy robot Santa.
Love,
Waylin Grey

DEAR SANTA,
I would like to thank you for the Spinosaurus you gave me last year. I had a question. I want to know how old you are. Did Rudolph guide your sleigh? I want you to know that I helped my mom this year. I want three things: a Mosasaurus that’s 25 inches long, a Thrash and Throw T-rex, and a Pokemon set for Christmas. That’s all I want!
Love, Torin.



Ms. Davies 2nd/3rd Grade

DEAR SANTA,
I wish my friends had hair ties.
I wish I had plushies.
I wish the world had food.
From Susan .A. Neff
DEAR SANTA,
I want a hover board. Then I want a Nintendo.
For my brother I want to get him a Nerf gun.
For the world I want to get it peace.

From Peter Houser
DEAR SANTA,
Santa are you doing good?
I'm hoping that the world will have a great Christmas like us.
I wish for an ipad all to myseif so my sister wont get to it.
I will make a password so she wont get in to it.
And for my best friend also

called Bff forever, because her and me haven't seen eachother in one whole year and I have a present for her.
Love Stella buness!
DEAR SANTA,
I wish my sister was my full sister.
My wish is to have a pet seal.
My world wish is to have world peace.
From Braden hope you fly safely.



DEAR SANTA,
I wis I had a Junior Dragster.
I wish I had a Bike tire. The size needs to be 16. I wish you have a good flight. I wish for every-one to have a great Christmas. I know one thing about reindeer. They have magical carrots and grains to help them fly. I saw it on YouTube.
Frome Rylan Shilts
DEAR SANTA;
I want a Barbie Dream House and Vampirina's Scare B&B. I wish Delilah's dad would let her go to cheer camp. I wish kids with no toys would get Lego sets.
Love, Akira
DEAR SANTA,
I don't know how to get back on your good list. What can I do?! Can giving a present help

get back onto your good list? What can I give? Can I give anything I want? How about a nice portrait of your reindeer? Would that be a good idea? How about a ncie comic book of FROGMAN CHRISTMAS? Do you like that? Well, there's 2 choices: A portrait of your reindeer, or a comic book of FROGMAN CHRISTMAS. And guess what? If I get baptized and it washes away sins (a bad choice) that means I'll get presents!!!!!! I've gotten an idea (after you choose what you want.)

Love, Angus
p.s. How is your reindeer?
DEAR SANTA
I wish my best friend has the best Christmas. I wish for a Jurassic world LEGO set with

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Letters to Santa

Tawney Flores and her mailbox for Santa Claus. The mailbox was set up at Evergreen Elementary School for students to send off their letters to Santa

Follow the Geese

My wife and I enjoy visiting City Park. The other day we saw some Canada geese swimming off shore. These geese know when to fly south for the winter. They know where to stop over at night. They carry no food with them. They fly in a "V" shape to break a sky trail for the following geese. They take turns leading so no one goose is exhausted.
Especially, during the holiday season we stress over not being able to buy all the gifts we want to give. We act like Christmas has snuck up on us. We stress over preparing and sharing a large meal. We stress about being late to supper.
We should remember the geese. They don't stress. They are aware of the right time to go. Geese know they need to take a rest stop to revive themselves. They trust God to provide simple nutritious meals. They support each other in their journey.
Maybe we should slow down and remember what we are celebrating. We are celebrating the best Christmas gift of all. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever should believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16.
Remember the geese, trust in the Lord. Merry Christmas
Pastor Charlie Meigs
Seventh-day Adventist Church



Christmas Greetings

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Ms. Davies 2nd/3rd Grade

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the indo rapter and the Lockart mansion. I wish the world loses the pollution in the oceans.

From
MARCUS OSTRANDER
DEAR SANTA,
Its me Mckenzie I haven't wrote to you since I was five. One thing I want Chysalis is a Nintendo switch. One thing I want for myself is for my family to have a merry Christmas. One

thing I want the world is a Rudolph toy that walks and talks. Thats it Santa Merry Christmas.

From Mckenzie Smalley.
DEAR SANTA
I wish my mom was here. How are you? I think we are giving a carrot to Rudolph. We are going to get presents. I want a bunny for Christmas please. One wish for the world is people have a Christmas. Merry Christmas.

Love Jadyn Weatherman.
DEAR SANTA,
One wish I want for another person is for my little brtother Daniel to git batman toy for Christmas. One wish I want is a ccomfortable and soft shoes and a robodog. One wish I want for the worls is snow. How are you and your elfs and rander and wife. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

<3 love Tiana McColloch
DEAR SANTA,
Are you doing good? I hope are. I wish that my mom can be happy all the time. I wish I can have everything I want for Christmas. I wish the world would not be so violent.

From Lynnea
DEAR SANTA,
How are you today? I'm good. Anyways... Merry Christmas!!! And I want to tell you what I want for Christmas! 1. I wish you can give Mckenzie a skateboard for Christmas! 2. I wish you can give me a big fluffy wolf stuffie for Christmas! 3. I wish you can give us world peace and friendship for Christmas!

XOXO Chrysalis
DEAR SANTA,
My name is Clara. My little sister wants a skateboard. I wish

for a mini sewing machine. I want the world to be a better place. Have a great Christmas!!!

From Clara Carney
DEAR SANTA,
How is Rudolph doing? There is three thing I want for Christmas. A boom box from the 90;s and the Wings of Fire comic book series. All the books except the books except The Dragonet Prophecy. Also my very own Fire Bolt from Harry Potter. I also wish that everyone has at least 15 chickens. I also want my BFF Mckenzie to get every thing she wants.

SINCERELY,
ARABELLA NORE
DEAR SANTA
Merry Christmas! How is Rudoloh? I want a Barbie Dream house . For the world I like world peace. I want to give my friend a toy cat.

To Santa from DJ

DEAR SANTA,
I really want my brother to get a r/c plane for Christmas. What I really want for Christmas is a nerf gun. What I want for the world is for the poor to have lots of food. Also, I want to have presents for every one.

From Sawyer Larrabee
DEAR SANTA,
Hello, its Jimmy, I'm goint to want presents that I need right now. First, I need a present for another person. It is my muma. I want to get her a number of googleplex flowers. The next present is for me. I want as well googleplex flowers as my muma. This present is for the whole world! I will give every poor or not, but I'll give out food. That stuff doesn't really matter really. What matters is that were all together and being happy. P.S: THANK YOU!!!

Jimmy J.

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As we gear up for Christmas, we'd like to share our thanks and best wishes with you, our valued customers and friends here in the community. Your support and goodwill have really made our year special, and we sincerely appreciate your patronage.

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Thank You!
~ The Stikine Drug Family: Stephen, Donna,
Nicholas & Josie

Stikine Drug

Ms. Jenkins 2nd Grade

Dear Santa,
Gavin wants a blade and a launcher for it and I want it to both of them qles santa and a lego set and a lego snake and I also want a real snake.

Sincerely, Jacoby

Dear Santa,
I whattd get Kai sum new shoes because he plays outside with me all the time. thats why he deserues to have shoes. I what a xbox 360 I what a tela scope and I what an elechric scooter.

Sincerely, Jayden

Dear Santa,
I am writing about my dog Bear Bear. He needs a new toy so we can play fetch. I would also like a Benten action figre. Please and thank you!

Love, Zander

Dear Santa,
just to let you know that my name is Cheryl and my sisters name is Cynthia. My, Kaiya, and Cynthia want the same p.j. clothes that has the same cothers. Santa I love you because you give us presents every year. In the whole tirde world every body loves Christmas Eve and Christ-mas day. I bet you work hard with the elfs at the North pole. My families name is Peter, Erica, Cynthia and you know my name

is Cheryl. I love you.

Love, Cheryl!

Dear Santa,
I'm writing because my sister wants a new lego set. Please get it for her. And I want a new Nin-jago lego set a big one. Please get it for me.

Sincerely, Carter

Dear Santa,
Can you get my mom a gift card and gloves? And can you get me a ipad please.

Love, Kai

Dear Santa,
I am writing because me and Cheryl need new twin pj's. She's a great friend and she cares. That's why her last name is kar-ras. That's why she deserves soemthign new. I would like a cake baking kit, and a sewing machine.

Love, Kaiya

Dear Santa,
My big brother needs a new xbox 360. Why I need this gift is because that when I was little I destroyed it. Oh! I want a 3ds for Christmas. Bye!

Sincerely, Brogan

Dear Santa,
My sister needs slippers to keep her feet warm. She deserves them. What I want for Christa-mas is some books.

Love, Peyton

Dear Santa,
I want a rodoit t-rex because I love dinosours. My dog Fede needs a new rope.

Sincerely, Everett

Dear Santa,
I want to get my mom some shoes because she has like no shoes. I want to get a book please.

Love, Charlie

Dear Santa,
I am writing because my mom needs new socks to keep her feet worm. She is nice. I want a toy horse please.

Sincerely, Jenna

Dear Santa,
I want to get my mom a flower vase because all of the vases are broken we are saving it for a trip to Disney world! I what is for Christmas is a camera for Christmas.

Love, Akenna

Dear Santa,
I wanta toy for my Grama and Granpoe dogs the toy is go to be a rubber ducky. I want a toy horse please.

Love, Vanessa

Dear Santa,
My brother Chandler Roane should get sunglasses because he lost his. please! I want a l.o.l doll house.

Love, Delilah

Dear Santa,
I am writing about my mom. I want to get her a pair of unacorn earrings, they have to be raguler. I want unacorn earrings to but they have to be golden so they don't hurt my ears.

Love, Alyssia

Dear Santa,
I'm writing because my sister Hannah needs new headphones. She deserves them because the pair we already have you can only hear out of one ear and be-cause it is a little quiet.

Love, Marlo

Dear Santa,
My sister needs a new pair of headphones because she turns it up to load I want a laptop please.

Sincerely, Orin

Warm Wishes for a
Healthy Happy New Year

Dr. Todd & Dawn Smith Chiropractor
Dr. Mike Martin Arctic Chiropractor
and Massage Therapist

Susan Allen

From Our
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The birth of Christ, gives hope

WOW! Can you believe it? Another year gone, what have you accomplished this past year? Seeing, that the New Year is around the corner and, people start thinking of how maybe a New Year, will bring a better change. (That's if you didn't have a good year). If you watch the news, you will see that the news is not always bright and joyful. The other morning, I was coming down the stairs to start my morning ritual. Coffee, more coffee, news, more coffee, then feed the dogs. As I was coming down, I thought to myself, wonder what bad thing happened in the world over night. Almost hate to turn it on, for fear of what might be on television.

As we look to Christmas, I am reminded that we really don't have to think about that stuff anymore, really. The birth of Christ, gives hope. I am glad I believe in Christ and that there are opportunities for others to have that same hope! I pray you accept Jesus in your life so that you can say you did accomplish something really big this year!

Merry Christmas to all.

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Elementary School Concert

Fifth graders performing during Evergreen Elementary School’s annual Christmas concert. During the concert, students performed a wide variety of holiday music, singing and playing instruments. There was even a performance of “Mary Did You Know” in Tlingit.

Mrs. Angerman’s Kindergarten

Dear Santa,
My name is Ava Lawrence. I am six years old and I live in Wrangell Alaska. I have been really good this year. Some of the things I have done are I have been learning well and be nice to my friends. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need like food. Something I really want is that big hatchimals that pops up. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is a blow up whale that you can jump on in the ocean

for Teagan.
Love, Ava
Dear Santa,
My name is Griffey Angerman. I am five years old and live in Wrangell. I have been really good this year. Some of the things I have done are getting a award for being proud of ourselves and I was being good with Bub when he watched me. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need a new bed for grandma Deedee and me. Something I

really want is 99 hundred thousand quarters. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is a Spiderman costume for my cousin KyKy.
Love, Griffey
Dear Santa,
My name is Natalie Beale. I am five years old and live in Wrangell. I have been really good this year. Some things I have done are I’ve been good at school, on purple lots of times and me and my mommy

went to hunt for fairies. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need I lost my mermaid hat so I want a pink one and the mermaid will be blue. Something I really want is a real stuffed giraffe. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is a toy telescope which is pink and has mermaids and stars for Alexa.
Love, Natalie
Dear Santa,
My name is Rian Guggen-

bickler. I am six years old and live in Wrangell. I have been really good this year. Some of the things I have done are working on decorations and candy canes and I helped Duncan with his math. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need milk because it keeps you alive. Something I really want is a train. I want the tracks to it and the control. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is I want to give decorations to Annika.
Love, Rian



Help Yourself - to our Thanks!

This holiday season we’re serving up some heartfelt thanks to all our good neighbors, for it’s people like you who make it all worthwhile for us. Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season, from all of us at Wrangell IGA.



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Dear Santa,
My name is Sophie Andrews. I am five years old and live in Wrangell. I have been really good this year. Some of the things I have done are help Addie with her homework and help my mom with dishes. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need golden gloves. Something I really want is a lego friend hotel. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is a horse for Kara.
Love, Sophie

Dear Santa,
My name is Jonah Hurst. I am five years old and live in Wrangell Alaska. I have been really good this year. Some of the things I have done are I’ve done really good in class and when my friends feel sad, I try to cheer them up again. Something I really , really, really want is a jar of cookies. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is a big stuffed teddy bear because the only thing she has is a stuffed car that I gave her for her birthday.
Love, Jonah

Mrs. Angerman’s Kindergarten

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Dear Santa,
My name is Duncan Scambler. I am five and a half years old almost six and live in Wrangell Alaska. I have been really good this year. Some of the things I have done are I earned my journal in school and I taught my sister how to jump off the bed and land on the dresser. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need some new purple socks because I already have black ones. Something I really want is a slime kit. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is a Moana doll because she really loves the movie!

Love, Duncan

Dear Santa,
My name is Verity Waddington. I am six years old and live in Wrangell. I have been really good this year. Some of the things I have done are one day I gave my sister Clara a horse. I also let my older sister Kyla sleep with me when she came home. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need a warm purple winter hat. Something I really want is a bead set. It’s where you get to make bracelets and necklaces. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is Sophie, my other piggy bank.

Love, Verity

Dear Santa,
My name is Brooke Ostrander. I am six years old and live in six mile. I have been really good this

year. Some of the things I have done are I picked up the trash in the gym. I helped Maria make her Christmas tree in class. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need red socks that are warm. Something I really want is a pup surprise. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is Marcus- I don’t really need to get him anything but I do need to be nice to him.

Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,
My name is Clay Howe. I am five years old and live in Wrangell. I have been really good this year. Some of the things I have done are I helped Jonah walk when he hurt himself and I hate all my food one time. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need chair that I can sit on to do stuff that’s cool. Soemthing I really want is Grizzly Bears and Forest Action figures. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is a toy robot that can do anything you say to big Quin my friend.

Love, Clay

Dear Santa,
My name is Maria Holder. I am five years old and live in Wrangell. I have been really good this year. Some of the things I have done are being helpful and giving presents to my friends. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need a fancy sparkle dress. Something I really want is a ring that is silver. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is a tablet for Sophie.

Love, Maria

Dear Santa,
My name is Kara Heller. I am six years old and live in Wrangell. I have been really good this year. Some of the things I have done are give my sister a necklace and gave my necklaces that I made to Sophie. I’m hoping that you could bring me something I need I need my own bedroom. Something I really want is a bracelet maker and a house for my dolls. And last something that I’d really like someone else to get this year is a bike for Sophie.

Love, Kara




While we’re singing His praises, we’d like to throw in a note of gratitude for good folks like you! Noel!

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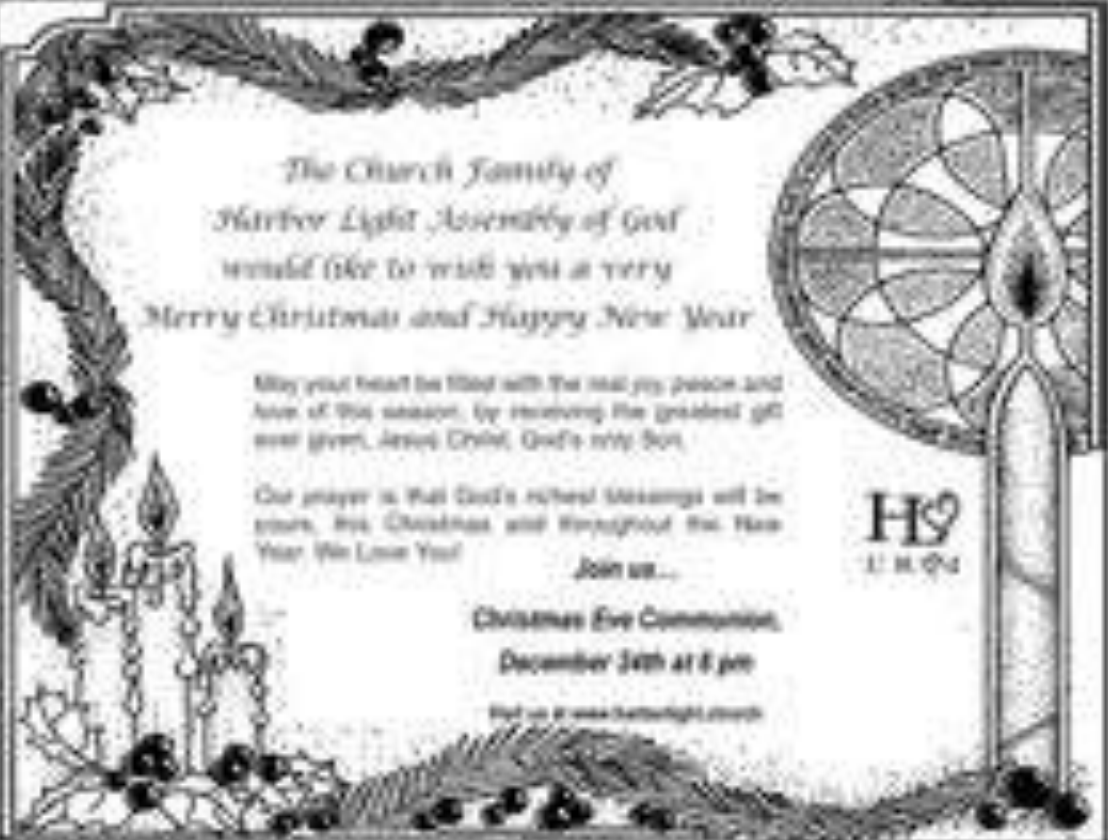
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2018 Holiday Writings Mrs. Miller’s 3rd Grade

DEAR SANTA,
How have your reindeer been doing? How have the elves been doing? Working on toys? I knew it! How have you and Mrs. Claus been doing? Probably busy, I’m sure.

What I want for Christmas is a slip on mermaid tail. My mom would probably want a TV for her room. I am going to get my dad a chainsaw (I want it to be a surprise). My sister wants a makeup set and my brother wants some knives. I am getting my dog a bone!

I hope you have a safe trip. Don’t wear out the reindeer, and let them go potty. I hope one of your elves doesn’t eat candy next to the book. I hope everybody gets presents!

Love, Ellee Voltz
DEAR SANTA,
What is it like at the North Pole? Safe travels! I hope you get to every house!

All I want for Christmas is for all the homeless to have a home. I want my brother Parker to get a toy firetruck for Christmas. Don’t lose your reindeer. What do your reindeer look like? What’s your favorite Christmas Song?

Who is your head elf? What is your favorite type of cookie? Am I on the nice list? Do you like fruit? Who is your favorite elf? I would like to see my dad for Christmas.

Love, Mariah Mork
DEAR SANTA,
I hope you are fine. What I want for Christmas is a kitten....a real kitten... and I want the movie Hotel Transylvania 3.

I would like a Robot Bird. It makes chirping sounds. It moves its wings and copies your voice. It would also be nice to have a dictionary so I can look up words.

I want a bean bag. It would be nice to have a pink camo color! Those are cool. I would like a real violin, and even a little piano. I like music. I want a new cotton candy maker and a Yelly. It’s a little robot spider and it makes you YELL!

I hope you are fine. How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus?

Love, Alea Meissner
DEAR SANTA,
I hope you have a good trip around the world. May you give my little sister a new computer? Also, give my big sister a drawing tablet?

Now I will tell you what I’d like for Christmas, if that’s ok! What I want for Christmases a Vector Robot. Vector is a robot that recognizes your face when you look at it.

Is it ok if I ask you a few questions? How does flying around the world feel? Are your reindeer ok?

Anyway, Merry Christmas!
Love, Haden Bunness

DEAR SANTA,
Hi! My name is Kailyn. I hope you have a safe time traveling around the world!

Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a surprise!!!! But, I have been dying for a puppy. So, if you have puppies, or dogs, in the North Pole, I’d love to have one!

Have you ever gotten filmed on a camera? I hope I am on the nice list! You are amazing and I appreciate you!

Love, Kailyn McCutcheon
DEAR SANTA,
I hope you have a safe trip around the world. Can you say Hi to the elves and to the reindeer? I hope the reindeer are doing well too. Are you getting all the toys done? Is Mrs. Claus doing well? I hope you are doing well too.

What I want for Christmas is a Robot Dog. My dog might want t a ball or toy rope. My Mom might want a new bike. Another think I’d like is a mermaid tail. I would want a piano too!

I hope you get to have a potty break! I hope the elves are good this year, and I hope you can get to everyone’s house. What is everyone doing?I I hope the elves are not eating out half of the candy canes

Love, Breann Boon



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Newspapers elves

Wrangell Sentinel dogs Sky and Willow getting festive with an elf hat.

DEAR SANTA,
I hope you have a good Christmas! Santa, on April 12 I am going to Maui. I want a nice Christmas to you!

I want a RC Boat, a nice plane, and a bike. It would be nice to have a new helmet for keeping me safe when I 4 wheel.

I could also use some new bedding. Aspen could use a new squeaky toy.

Love, Michael Cook
DEAR SANTA,
I hope you have a safe travel around the world on Christmas Eve! I think that you can make it. I read a lot of books on Christmas!

How are the reindeer, and how do they fly? In the movie Rudolph, you have magic sleigh bells. Is it true that you have magic sleigh bells?

For Christmas, I do not want much. All I really want is art supplies, like paint and stuff. Mine doesn’t come with paint. I would also like my family to have a really nice Christmas.

Love, Silje Morse
DEAR SANTA,
I hope you have a good Christmas! Have YOU been good all year? Has Mrs. Claus been baking cookies all year?

What I would love for Christmas is a sleep mask because I LOVE the dark! Another thing I’d like for Christmas is a desk, not white, but black. You can surprise us all with other gifts.

Thank you for making presents! Hopefully you do not crash from the wind. It’s been very stormy here in Wrangell.

Love, Jenna Eastaugh
DEAR SANTA,
My mom has helped me out with a lot of stuff. My mom really wants native jewelry. Can you try to get that?

Love, Bradley Eklund
DEAR SANTA,
I hope you have a great Christmas! How are the reindeer doing? The reindeer will have a heavy sleigh to tow! Are the elves working hard.

My mom might want a treadmill. My dad might want a set of fixing stuff. I was going to ask for a chocolate fountain. Some squishies

might be nice!

When we wake up for Christmas, my brother wakes up first. We wake up mom and dad. We yell, “It’s Christmas.” Mom and Dad say wait in there. We wait. Once years when we went upstairs we saw Santa’s footsteps. Thank you, Santa, for bringing us presents. My brother said, I love Santa.

Love, Kourtney Johnson
DEAR SANTA,
As you know, my name is Miah Houston. It’s almost Christmas! But before I get into that, I hope you had a good year and that you are doing well. I hope you will have safe traveling when you deliver gifts.

I wanted to ask some stuff about gifts for my family. So, this is a gift I wanted my brother to have, but we wouldn’t be able to get it on our own. Maybe you can help. I would like my brother to get better and stop having his cancer. I would also like my mom to be better. I would like my dad to be able to live here again.

That’s all that I wish for for Christmas. Thank you, Santa.

Love, Miah Houston
DEAR SANTA,
I hope you had a nice year. I’m going to give you a lot of cookies! This is my list of what i would like for Christmas.

May I please have a couple games for my Xbox? May I please have an RC Car? May I please have a RC Boat?

I hope you don’t hit a roof. I hope your stomach doesn’t hurt after all those cookies, but have fun eating all those cookies! Don’t let yourself get caught by anyone.

Love, Lucas Stearns
DEAR SANTA,
How was your day? Merry Christmas! How are your rein-

deer doing? Well, maybe my aunt will say I can give you some carrots like last year. Safe travels around the world soon!

For Christmas I really want my sister to have a cake kit. For my family, I want them to have a new car. For Christmas, I’d like my own elf. I really want it to be a girl with long, blond hair and blue eyes.

Love, Amura Brevick
DEAR SANTA,
I will put cookies and milk on the table or the counter for you. I think that your sleigh is cool. Boy, it sure would be fun to have a ride sometime.

How is Mrs. Claus doing? You bring joy when you bring presents to everybody. I would like toys and other goodies for Christmas.

Love, Delaney Decker
DEAR SANTA,
Merry Christmas! Good job delivering presents all over the world to each child. Have a great Christmas.

I would like some new toys for Christmas. I am not picky. It would be fun to have some new Pokemon cards.

I hope you have safe travels around the world on Christmas Eve. I will leave you cookies and milk. Hope you are hungry, I really, really, really love Christmas!

Love, Triston Schneider
DEAR SANTA,
Thank you, Santa for bringing joy and presents to everyone! Candy too! Thank you for making a holiday called Christmas!

I will leave brownies, cookies, and milk for you on the kitchen counter or on the table. Usually I leave carrots and apples for the reindeer. I hope they like it.

Love, Nathan Robinson

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Dear Santa, I love you. How are you? I hope you have fun and bring lots of presents. I want a puppy for Christmas but I already have a old dog to love. She is fat. I love Christmas cause I get presents and there is snow! And it is a birthday for Jesus! I am going to get presents for everyone I love and I’m going to make them cookies. I will give a present to Grandma Bonnie because I miss her. And Grandma Flora too. And if someone needs some presents I will get them some too. And I will feed the birds a present.

Love Ayla Daugherty
Age 4

Ms. Browns 1st Grade Class Christmas wish list

GABE HOWELL- “I hope santa brings Ms. Brown some Legos in a tub because she doesn’t have any.”

MADDILYN GILLEN- “I hope Santa brings a dump truck for my brothers.”

QUINTON DAVIES- “I hope Santa brings my Dad a fishing pole. He likes to fish.”

ERIKA JABUSCH- “I hope Santa brings my baby brother some clothes, that are really cute.”

HAILEY BARTLETT – “I hope Santa brings my Mom some apples because she likes them.”

DANIEL MCCOLLOCH- “I hope Santa brings Jonathan 2,000 Pokemon tins.”

JAMISON HOUSTON- “I hope Santa brings Miah some make up because

Miah is good at makeup.”

CYNTHIA KARRAS- “I hope Santa brings my friend Erika a surprise LOL because she likes them.

CONNOR BLAKE- “I hope Santa brings my cousins transformers.”

LOGAN JANSSEN- “I hoipe Santa brings a fishing pole to my Dad because he likes to fish.”

KAILEE ROUNDREE- “I hope Santa brings my Mom and Dad a TV for their bedroom because they really want one.”

JONATHAN POWELL- “I hope Santa brings Daniel Optimus Prime, 100 Trans-formers, and new shoes.”

AYDYN LOSINSKI- “I hope Santa will bring my Mom a video game so that we can play together and some money.”

“What, for Who, When?”

Each year, about this time, or maybe a little earlier if you are truly efficient, the daunting task begins... “What do I get them for Christmas?” Of course, the equally important questions, for those of us in Southeast Alaska, can be, “Will it get here in time?” and “Will that even ship to Alaska?”

Planning ahead is the name of the game here. Don’t wait until it is too late. Of course, if you are just now reading this, it could very well be too late! Whether you shop local, or try your hand at Prime, go ahead and order it, print a picture of it, wrap the picture, and be ready for the slight let-down on the receivers end. In fact, you might want to spend a little more and even start your campaign slogan, “it’s really the thought that counts!”

Thankfully, the Ultimate Gift-giver (God) began His planning from the very beginning of creation. He knew you before you were born and had already planned His gift for you. Shipping is not of any concern. He delivers personally, and at no additional cost. It is the perfect gift of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy! It’s everything you will ever need or want. It will always fit and there is no need for returns. He has EVERYTHING you need for life and godliness (1 Peter 1:3). This year, receive the gift of God’s one and only Son, the forgiveness of sin, and the new life He has for you! URLOved!

Pastor Kem Haggard, Harbor Light Church

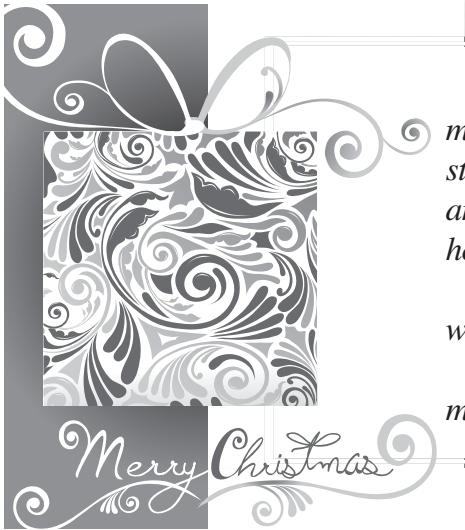


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Snowman

An inflatable snowman outside of 56 Degrees North.

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Christmas is a time to not only give but to receive

Christmas is a story about the helplessness of God. All of us are aware of the power of God to create. He created the world, he created the depths of the ocean, he created the dark recesses of space and he created you and me.

But there was a moment in time when this omnipotent God of creation deliberately made himself helpless. That moment began in Bethlehem on Christmas when Jesus Christ, who is

both human and divine, was born an infant in less than ideal circumstances.

This helpless, tiny baby had nothing and he was completely dependent on his mother for everything, just like we were when we were helpless and dependent.

God allowed himself to be born as a helpless child to show us that Christmas is a time to not only give but to receive. Anyone who has can give and

give gracefully. To whom much is given – much is expected.

Our Lord once said, after he had grown up: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven . . . the child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 18:2-4).

When we “conform our lives to the pattern of this world” we lose our

“childhood innocence.” We are called to be “childlike,” not “childish.”

The souls of children are pure and unspoiled, let us strive to be helpless, to be young again. May our prayer always be: “Jesus meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto Thine.”

A Holy Christmas to all.

Fr. Steve Gallagher
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pruning. We talk about the things that all people have in common and that if we truly believe we are one human family, we would not bear to hurt one of our own. How do we change thoughts of war into thoughts of peace? A thought of hatred to a more powerful thought of love? In everyday situations,

how do we translate anger and annoyance into problem solving? We're learning that we need to ask God for help, because this isn't easy. We also work at developing our personal skills as Peacemakers - in the way we think and behave toward each other. The way we handle difficulties. The ways

we plan for use of our time. In small things and large, by slowly coming to recognize that everyone is created noble and in behaving this way, we can all become recipients of another kind of “Noble Peace Prize”.

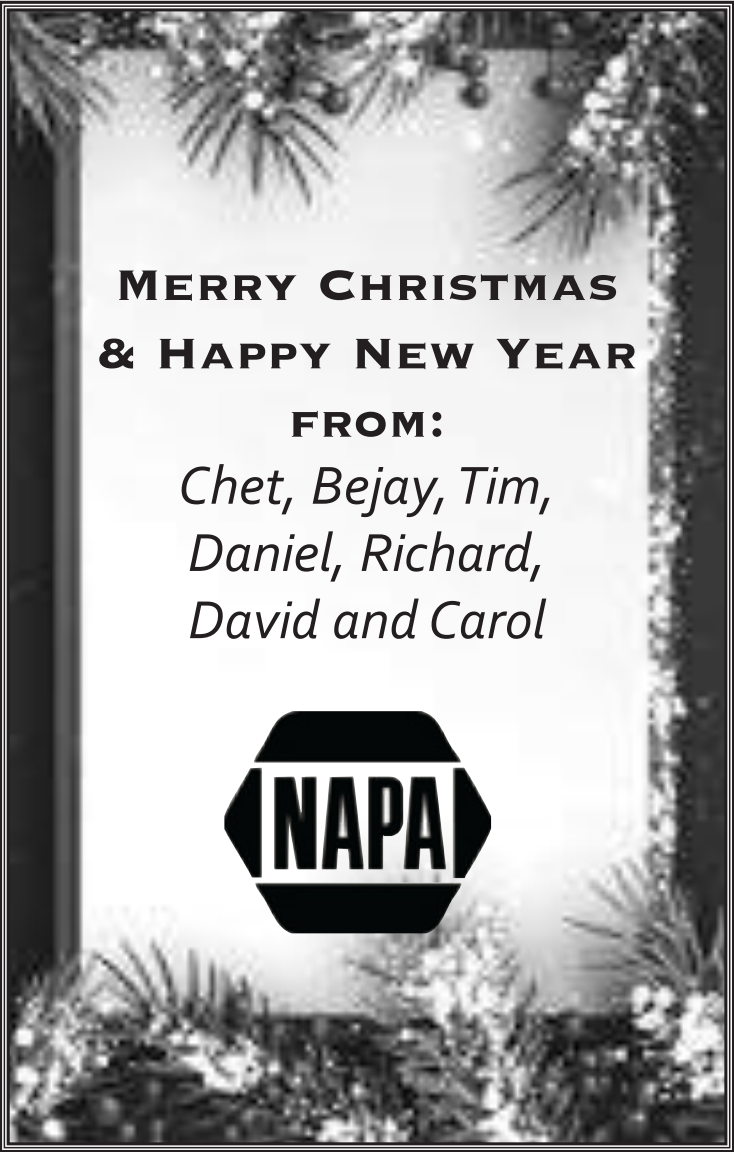
Kay Larson, member of the Bahá'í Faith and children's class teacher.



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