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Start a holiday tradition: Anything that makes memories is a good idea, experts say

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From cookie baking to game night, read-aloud storytimes to chopping down your own Christmas tree, family traditions create memories, teach values and bring a sense of belonging and connectedness.

Think of them as the glue that keeps families together from when children are small and as they grow, leave home and start their own families.

“A tradition can be something simple that happens frequently, such as going to get a hot chocolate after a sports practice or a game. Other traditions may only take place once a year and are more elaborate, like the large family dinner at the holidays that is always at a certain grandparent’s house,” said Mary Dell Harrington and Lisa Heffernan, co-founders of Grown and Flown, an online community for parents of teens and

young adults.

“Traditions evoke memories that are multi-sensory, such as how the turkey smells at Thanksgiving or how hot the sand feels at a favorite summer beach vacation. These memories of family traditions may represent some of the very happiest times in a family’s life and serve as reminders of family closeness,” said Harrington and Heffernan, co-authors of “Grown & Flown: How to Support Your Teen, Stay Close as a Family and Raise Independent Adults.”

Starting a tradition may be easier when children are small, when parents are more in control of the family calendar, Harrington and Heffernan said. As they grow kids and teens can take part in planning new traditions.

“For example, board games are very popular with teens and young adults now and, if they want to begin a tradition of playing a game with you after Thanksgiving



dinner, give it a try to learn the game and carve out time to play it with them. Nurture the tradition of time together,” Harrington and Heffernan said.

Many family traditions revolve around food.

“Food feels like family. It’s what we first know. It’s what surrounds us: family, love, comfort, security, home,” said Jorj Morgan, author of cooking, entertaining and lifestyle books including “Fresh Traditions: Classic

Dishes for a Contemporary Lifestyle.”

“We pass down family traditions because we want to surround our children and grandchildren with the feelings of love and security those traditions gave us,” Morgan said.

If your family wants to create a new family tradition include a bit of humor, said Morgan, who shared a bit of family lore.

Many Thanksgivings ago, Morgan’s family walked into her mother’s home and

instantly knew something was off.

“There was no turkey smell. It was the year grandma forgot to cook the turkey. She had trimmed it and put it in the oven but forgot to turn it on. Then she was busy getting ready for all of us to show up and never noticed. So instead we ate ham sandwiches for Thanksgiving dinner with all the sides. Now years later we have a baked ham in addition to turkey as a tribute to grandma and as a laugh,” Morgan said.

To keep traditions alive families need to be flexible, especially as children grow up and apart as kids leave home.

“If traditions begin to feel restrictive rather than celebratory, it may be time to examine how to continue to embrace the spirit of the tradition while making small adjustments to the practice,” Harrington and Heffernan said.

Parents magazine

suggests trying these traditions if you aren’t already:

1. Use an Advent calendar or DIY calendar to count down to Christmas.
2. Write letters to Santa.
3. Visit a Christmas tree farm.
4. Trim the tree as a family.
5. Start an ornament collection.
6. Have the kids make a decoration each year.
7. Set up a hot cocoa bar on Christmas Eve.
8. See holiday lights in different neighborhoods.
9. Bake cookies with the kids.
10. Wear matching holiday pajamas.
11. Take a holiday photo at the same time each year.
12. Research other cultures’ holiday traditions and try one.
13. Volunteer.
14. Ask everyone to contribute to a holiday playlist.

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This project is called "The Heart of Christmas Dinner." The growing list of sponsors includes Randolph County Senior Adults Association, First Baptist Church, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, First Christian Church of Ramseur; and Brightside Gallery, Chriscoe and Associates, Food Lion, PIP Printing, Cheryl Surratt Design, Mistletoe Meadows, and The Table Farmhouse Bakery.

Attendees can be anyone without family nearby, empty nesters, stranded college students, seniors, or people who have suffered a loss and are having trouble getting through the holidays. There is no necessity to belong to any of the sponsoring organizations.

WHEN: Christmas Day – December 25, 2019 – 3:00-5:00pm
WHERE: Randolph County Senior Adults Association, 347 West Salisbury Street, Asheboro, North Carolina
WHAT: Ham Dinner with all the fixings, carol singing, games, a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus, and a jolly time for all!
WHO: All friends and neighbors are most welcome.

Volunteers are requested to help set up and decorate on December 23 or to serve the meal on Christmas Day, or by dropping off a side dish or dessert. Monetary donations are also most welcome.

For the past four years, more than 125 guests and 50 volunteers have shared the joy at The Heart of Christmas Dinner – as churches, merchants, and townsfolk pool their time and talents so that no one is alone on the most wonderful day of the year.

According to its organizer, The Heart of Christmas Dinner was inspired by her late husband, Howard Kilburn: "That boy loved Christmas more than anyone I've ever known. And



it had troubled him deeply that people who especially enjoy companionship are deprived of it on the very day it's most cherished. Even with thoughtful festivities provided throughout the holiday season – on Christmas Day itself, most folks are home celebrating with family, while some are left alone. It finally dawned on me that I was in a position to do something about that."



Spaces are limited!

Dinner is FREE, but reservations are required by December 21.

To reserve a space, please call the Asheboro Senior Center Receptionist at 336-625-3389 x221.

To volunteer, contact organizer Peggy Kilburn: 336-521-4157, or email peggy@theheartofchristmas.org or text Peggy at 516-302-7587.

For more detail, please visit our website at www.theheartofchristmas.org

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Learn the meaning behind the menorah

The menorah is perhaps the most recognizable symbol of Chanukah. Displayed in homes, and often in windows, each year, the menorah is a nine-branched candelabrum that symbolizes Chanukah and much more.

Menorahs have been part of the Jewish faith since ancient times. Isaiah 42:6 indicates that the menorah is a symbol of the nation of Israel, and its mission is to be a "light unto nations." After being liberated from slavery in Egypt, the Jews were commanded by God to make the original menorah, which at the time featured seven branches. The seven arms were believed to refer to



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the seven days of creation. The menorah was lit every evening and cleaned every morning. The wicks were replaced and fresh, consecrated olive oil was put into the cups to keep the flame alive.

After the Second Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed and desecrated by the Romans, there remained only enough sealed, consecrated olive oil left to light the menorah for one day. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight

days, giving the Jews enough time to make new consecrated oil. This became known as the Chanukah miracle.

While the original menorahs were seven-branched, the Chanukah menorah, or Chanukiah (Hanukkah), became a nine-branched version lit only during the holiday. According to the Jewish holiday site Breaking Matzo, celebrants light a new candle or wick on each night of Chanukah. The ninth night, called the Shamash ("helper" or "servant"), is used to light all the other candles or oil lamps. To be kosher, the Shamash must be placed on a different level than the eight other candles.

Wrapping gifts is a very old tradition

The holiday season is rife with tradition. One of the most recognizable traditions involves wrapping gifts. While the wrapping paper many gift givers use today is a relatively recent phenomenon, the tradition of wrapping gifts is centuries old, with some historians even suggesting it dates back to ancient times. The Children's Museum of Indianapolis notes that many ancient cultures celebrated various holidays that included exchanging gifts, adding that it's very likely that, even in ancient times, gifts were wrapped to surprise their eventual recipients. Bojagi is a traditional Korean wrapping cloth that might have begun being used some time during the Three

Kingdoms of Korea period, which began in 57 BC and ended in AD 668. The Japanese tradition of furoshiki, which can be traced back to the 17th century and possibly as far back as AD 710, involves using a traditional wrapping cloth to transport certain items, including gifts. As for the gift wrap familiar to today's holiday celebrants, that traces its origins to the early 1900s. The Children's Museum of Indianapolis notes that Eli Hyman and Morris Silverman founded the first gift wrap company in the United States in 1903. Unfortunately for gift givers back then, adhesive tape had not yet been invented in 1903, and wouldn't be for another 27 years.

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Connect with faith this season

Reading scripture can be an integral part of participating in one's religion and bringing a faithful community together. Scripture is an essential component of weekly faith services, but the Bible can be embraced any day of the week.

Many may be surprised to discover that President Franklin Delano Roosevelt first declared the week of Thanksgiving as National Bible Week in 1941. National Bible Week encourages people to read the Bible or listen to its verses.



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The event is sponsored by the National Bible Association and the US Catholic Council of Bishops. National Bible Week 2019 marks the 78th commemoration of the event.

The timing of National Bible Week was perhaps intentional. The end of November marks the beginning of

the season of thanks, faith and family. It's a time of year full of community- and family-centric holidays. Incorporating faith into the mix can make the celebrations even more complete.

Even though National Bible Week may have a decidedly Christian slant, people of all religions can choose to rekindle or fully embrace their respective faiths and make them a priority this time of year. The following are just a few ways to be more faithful in honor of this event.

■ Pair youth with older adults and encourage them to read religious passages together.

■ Attend a religious service one or more times during National Bible Week and throughout the holiday season.

■ Choose a favorite piece of scripture and share with others why it is so meaningful to you.

■ Get a head start on the Christmas season by rediscovering Biblical passages that refer to the birth of Jesus Christ.

Join us at First United Methodist Church

This Christmas season, we invite you to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ here at First United Methodist Church.

On Sunday, December 22nd at 11:00, our Chancel Choir will bless us with a cantata "Christmas Around the World", directed by Sarah Downey, and accompanied by orchestra and handbells. Songs from different cultures and countries will sing glory to the infant King, born in a manger. Don't miss out on this beautiful blessing.

On Christmas Eve, come for a candlelight service at 5:00 PM for traditional service and at 8:00 PM for our modern candlelight service. Come and join us as we give glory to God, and give praise for Jesus born in a manger to save us all! It's Christmas here at First, we hope you can join us in the celebration!

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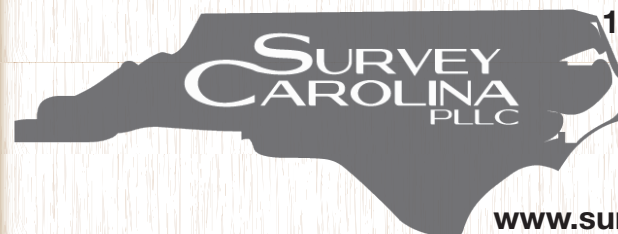


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■ The Episcopal Church of Good Shepherd

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Join us at First Presbyterian Church

At First Presbyterian Church we are a community of believers seeking to love Jesus and love our neighbors at the corner of W. Walker Ave. and Park St. in Asheboro. Whatever your background, wherever you are in your journey, you are welcome here!

We gather for worship, study, and fellowship every Sunday morning with both traditional and contemporary worship services; and for a mid-week meal and praise and worship service on Wednesdays

(Dinner at 6, worship at 6:30).

With active ministries for children, youth, adults, and seniors, we're involved in a variety of ministries and missions in our community and beyond.

Our December worship schedule is listed in our ad. We will return to our regular Sunday worship schedule on January 5, with our traditional service at 9:00 a.m. and contemporary worship at 11:00 a.m. Check out our website for more information: www.FPCAsheboro.org

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■ Unity Wesleyan Church

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Sunday, December 8

9:00 a.m. — Traditional Service with Handbells
11:00 a.m. — Combined Worship at Kingdom Life
Community Church

Sunday, December 15

10:00 a.m. — Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 22

10:00 a.m. — Sunday Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24

10:00 a.m. — Children's Christmas Eve Service
5:00 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
with Communion

Sunday, December 29

10:00 a.m. — Sunday Worship Service

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Christmas Good Tidings – Christ our Lord Born For You

Christmas is a favorite time of the year for many. There are decorations, lights, beautiful music, delicious food, and presents. These things are nice but there is so much more to Christmas.

In a Dennis the Menace comic strip, Dennis has opened every present and the room is a mess. With disappointment in his voice he proclaims, "Is this all there is?" Again, there is much more to Christmas – it's a time we celebrate not presents but the Presence of God in Christ among us to embrace us in love, mercy, grace, and salvation.

In A Charlie Brown Christmas, Charlie Brown feels like a failure and has lost the Christmas spirit. He cries out, "Isn't there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?"

If you are grieving the death of a loved one or going through a time of personal, relational or financial stress, Christmas can be a difficult time and perhaps your heart is crying out for a fresh understanding of what Christ is all about.

To answer Charlie Brown's question, Linus steps up and reads the good news from Luke 2: "For behold, I bring unto you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." That's what Christmas is all about.

God loves us so much that God came to be with us, that's why Jesus is called Emmanuel, God with us. We are not alone; God is with us even in the valleys

of life to bring us peace and hope. Jesus came to be our Savior; He died for us so that we could experience forgiveness, new life, and a right relationship with God and one another. Jesus rose on Easter, defeating sin and death to give us victory and the hope of eternal life.

This good news is for you no matter what you are going through this time of year. St. John's will be lifting up the Story of Jesus and His love this Advent and Christmas. We would love for you to join us for worship, Bible study, fellowship, and service to others as we experience what Christmas is all about—Jesus and His love.

A Joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year to you from St. John's Lutheran Church and Pastor Doug Hefner.

Salvation



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And the angel said ..., Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy.... For unto you is born this day ... a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11 (KJV)

Christ came to earth so that we might be saved. What a glorious gift. Reject it not. Repent of your sins, believe in God, live for Him always and one day you will reside with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven. What better gift is there? This Christmas, remember the birth of the Christ Child and rejoice in the miracle from above. For there is no greater gift.

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I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

You are invited to celebrate the birth of

Christ our Lord and the Good News of love and grace He brings to all!

Sundays of Advent - Sunday Worship – Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22

8:45am Coffee Fellowship, 9am Sun School all ages, 10am Worship / Holy Communion

Wednesdays during Advent, Dec. 4, 11, and 18

5:30pm Dinner 6:15 pm Advent Midweek Service of Light (30min)

includes the Three-Part Drama "One Night in Bethlehem" A tourist group's bus breaks down in Bethlehem and they experience a new the joy and love of Christmas.

Sunday, Dec. 8 – 10am Worship Service will include the Cantata

"*Were You There That Christmas Night*" an Advent/Christmas Cantata with Joint choirs of St. John's & Central UMC and orchestra. Hear the Christmas story of God's love in Christ in dramatic readings and beautiful music!

4pm Children/Youth/Family Christmas Celebration – "The Gift of Christmas"

Youth and families are invited to share gifts of music or other talents as we worship and give thanks to God for the ultimate gift of Christ our Lord. Refreshments with Christmas Cookies and Hot Drinks to follow – Families are invited to bring their favorite cookies to share!

Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7pm, Christmas Eve Candlelight and Holy Communion

Join us for joyful celebration of Christ's birth as we sing carols of praise, hear the Christmas story from Luke 2, Sing Silent Night Holy Night by Candle Light, and receive the gift of Christ's love and presence in Holy Communion!

Sunday, Dec 29, Christmas Service with Holy Communion 10am

Lessons and Carols Service with Holy Communion 10am

Sunday, Jan 5, Christmas/Epiphany Service with Holy Communion 10am

The Magi are led to Christ, the light of the world, who guides us into the new year ahead where we experience His presence, worship Him, and present ourselves as a gift in praise and thanksgiving.

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"Wishing all a Safe and Merry Christmas!"

The 12 days of Christmas

“On the first day of Christmas, my true love gave to me, a partridge in a pear tree.”

The familiar lyrics of this tune are sung as part of Christmas caroling and holiday celebrations, reaching a crescendo each time singers belt out “five golden rings.” The song is an English Christmas carol that was written in 1720. While it references plenty of gift-giving, it’s easy to assume the song is about giving Christmas gifts. However, the 12 days in the song actually refer to the birth of Jesus Christ.

The 12 days of Christmas, also known as the Twelvetide, refers to the festive Christian season that celebrates the Nativity of Jesus. In fact, the start of these days occurs on December 25 and extends until the evening of January 5th, the day before the Epiphany, known as Twelfth Night. Each day corresponds to a remembrance of different religious events or people.

Christmas celebrants can celebrate well into the new year. Commemorating the 12 days of Christmas can include

small festivities from December 25 to January 5. On Twelfth Night, historically known for parties, modern-day fanfare can mark the culmination of the Christmas season - with the last of gift-giving occurring on the Epiphany.

Gift-giving, hosting friends and family, attending religious services, participating in charitable events, or opening one’s home to neighbors and those who can use some companionship are all ways to make the 12 days of Christmas more special.



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Christmas at Good Shepherd:

December 15: Advent Lessons & Carols
(6:00 pm, Sanctuary)

December 21: Blue Christmas
(5:00pm Sanctuary)

December 22: The Fourth Sunday of Advent
(8:00 am, Chapel; 10:30 am, Sanctuary)

December 24: The Eve of the Nativity
(5:00 pm Children’s Service; 11:00 pm Solemn High Mass)

December 25: The Feast of the Nativity
(10:30 am, Chapel)

January 12: The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ
(10:30 am Children’s Pageant)