



News From Holland

Holland First United Methodist Church

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FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

The good news is that the war in Iraq is over, and our servicemen/women are returning home even as I write. None of the men and women who have served us and our freedoms are to be faulted for the war! They were serving in support of our nation. Their families' joy reminded me of a Christmas song I heard many years ago...

I Saw Three Ships

I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
I saw three ships come sailing in
On Christmas day in the morning.
And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?
And what was in those ships all three,
On Christmas day in the morning?
Our Savior Christ and his lady,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
Our Savior Christ and his lady,
On Christmas day in the morning.
Pray whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day?
Pray whither sailed those ships all three,
On Christmas day in the morning?
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
O they sailed into Bethlehem,
On Christmas day in the morning.
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the bells on earth shall ring,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the Angels in Heaven shall [sing](#),
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the Angels in Heaven shall sing,
On Christmas day in the morning.

And all the Souls on Earth shall sing,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
And all the Souls on Earth shall sing,
On Christmas day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice amen,
On Christmas day, on Christmas day;
Then let us all rejoice amen,

May this Christmas spirit of joy and thanksgiving during this season be with us throughout the entire year, 2012! O Lord, let your peace reign!

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Community Breakfast

The January 1st, 2012 Free Pancake Breakfast will be held at the Kuhlmann Center 7:30-9:00am. We will have our regular church service at 9:00 am. Come and enjoy the food and fellowship!

Judy's News

Granger Community Food Pantry

Sixty eight families came through on [December 15th](#) and received their groceries, including a choice of a ham or turkey. A few more families, who could not make it at that time, will be coming on [Saturday](#) the 24th. We had three volunteers who had never helped before come. They were needed as two of our regulars were sick. Their comment was: "One never realizes the impact of a Community Food Pantry and the outreach it has until you are there to witness it yourself." Yes, it is truly "God in action!"! Once again we want to thank you for all your help with food, money, and service to this mission. We look forward to 2012 to see what God has planned for us and how many families He sends. Every family has to reregister on [January 19th](#) so all our information is up-to-date.

Community Candlelight Service

Wow! What a night! To have three of our community churches gather together to celebrate the birth of our Christ child is wonderful! It makes no difference we don't worship the same every [Sunday](#) – we all worship the same, one and only, Living God! We had approximately 165 there. So good to see the church overflowing! The special music, the Christmas scripture with hymns, Holy Communion, and the lighting of the candles (Light of the World), really brought the meaning of Christmas to us all. The church was so beautifully decorated and the fellowship hall was filled with delicious food so lavishly displayed. It is such a blessing to have this service at our church.

UMM

The United Methodist Men will meet on Jan 14th at 8:00 am at the Church. Come join the fellowship and worship.

UMW

The January meeting will be held in the fellowship hall on the 18th at 1:00 pm. We will plan our programs for 2012. All ladies are welcome to come and join our group!

Cowboy Church

Cowboy Christmas

Brrr...it may have been cold but the fellowship warmed everyone up. Brandon did a great job leading us in song. You could see many drinking a cup of hot chocolate or coffee to keep warm during the service. Just is special to have a service at Christmas time in such a setting with the baby in a manger. Brings home the reality of the birth of our Christ child. The hot soups and dumplings along with the delicious cornbread warmed everyone's spirits. We cannot thank the Hegars enough for opening up their place and their hearts for us to have a Cowboy service there once a month. We know it is a lot of work but you never hear a complaint only a voice of "Welcome". We are so blessed to have them in our church and our lives. Since it is the end of the year, we do want to thank all of you for making this service every month possible. It takes time, money, and dedication to do God's work. It is appreciated and a blessing to not only us but to all who come.

2012 – Cowboy Service: This will be held on [January 15th](#) at the usual time of 5:00 P.M. Our own hometown Noel Lovelette will be providing the music. Pastor Shuler will bring the message.