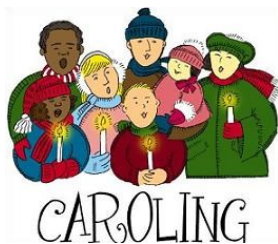


Celebrating Mind Body Spirit

You are invited join the EdenHill singers at the Pinnacle. The Singers will be leading a Christmas sing-along during the Pinnacle and Village Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at 3:45 pm in the Gathering Place



"The Twelve Days of Christmas"

Did you know the Bible is represented in the lyrics of "The Twelve Days of Christmas"? The song has an interesting background. It was originally published in 1780 in England as a rhyme with no music. The standard tune now associated with it was composed by Frederic Austin in 1909. It is thought that the rhyme was written to symbolically represent different parts of the Bible and teach to children.

Jesus Christ is symbolized by the Partridge in a Pear Tree.

Two Turtle Doves stand for the Old and New Testaments.

Three French Hens are Faith, Hope, and Love.

The Four Calling Birds are the four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Five Golden Rings recall the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.

The Six Geese a-Laying represent the six days of creation.

Seven Swans a-Swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

The Eight Maids a-Milking are the eight Beatitudes.

Nine Ladies Dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control.

The Ten Lords a-Leaping represent the Ten Commandments.

Eleven Pipers Piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples.

The Twelve Drummers Drumming symbolize the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

Now, you know the history and meaning of this special Christmas song.



Merry Christmas to You and Those You Love!



Wurst Party It's All About The Hats!



1st Annual Beer Holding Competition!!

Winner
Ralph Ludwig



We honored our Veterans with a flag raising ceremony



Residents
enjoying a
day in
Boerne.



The garden club sowed
10lbs of bluebonnet
seeds. Our hill will be
beautiful come spring.





AS WE CELEBRATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON WE WISH YOU, YOUR FRIENDS, AND YOUR FAMILY A VERY WONDERFUL AND JOYOUS CHRISTMAS.

FROM THE PINNACLE/VILLAGE TEAM!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

From your Arts@EdenHill council who wish to thank you for your continued support and participation throughout 2017. In 2018, we will bring you Yesenia McNetts, the TSU Mariachis, Bret Graham and a Christmas in November program by Two Dudes and a Diva. We hope that you will enjoy these entertainers.



Lou Thompson, Norma Staats, Helga Knode, Sara Sanderson, Sue Dittman, Nita Peace, Margaret Brown, Rachel Waples and Loree Pembleton.



Chaplain's Corner - "Making our Hearts Ready"

One of the aspects of the seasons of Advent and Christmastide that we hold most dear is that of childlike wonder and anticipation of joys to come. We turn to the children in our lives and to our own childhood memories to connect once more to the magic that open-hearted hopefulness brings. Wars and rumors of wars, hunger and hopelessness, divisiveness and dissention occupy the airwaves and preoccupy our attention. We need the month of December and this time in the Christian year, to provide us with a reminder to recalibrate our attention, refocus our energy, and renew our faith.

I hope you'll find a copy of our seasonal reflections, that you'll join us in our chapel adorned for the season during worship and for your own time of prayer--that you'll find times of beauty, delight, respite and inspiration

that will feed your soul, and nourish your spirit. This prayer by Evan Drake Howard reminds us of the Source of our sustenance, the ground of our hope, the reason for the season:

Loving God, during these days we meditate upon the meaning of your coming. We approach you in wonder and awe as we prepare to welcome the Christ, whom you have so sacrificially sent. How thankful we are for his assurance that you do not leave us alone - into our highest joys and satisfactions, you send light and warmth. Into our experiences of worship, you bring insight and renewal. Into our times of stress and uncertainty, you infuse strength and faith. We rejoice in your transforming work going on in us and in the world, your work that nothing can stop. We come to you as seekers, as curious children wanting to explore the mysteries of your grace and love. Give us sensitive spirits, attentive minds, and

receptive hearts, we pray. Begin your work in us anew, that we might reflect your light and life in every environment in which we find ourselves. In all things and in all ways, make us people who think and act in peace that the world may know of your saving love. Amen.

I look forward to awakening, to hoping, to loving, and believing with you this month, and all our days to come.

Shalom, Sarah+



'tis the Season to be Jolly

- Harry Foster, Dec 2017

Break forth the bright lights,
Decorate trees and add holly.
Calendars all now dictate -
It's time indeed to be jolly!

But, what if I am not "there"
this year? And feel little hope?
Unlikely to smile or even joke.
Far more prone to just mope.

Must I also deck those halls,
... and put up those lights?
Can I not just "shut down,"
And accept more long nights?

Still, God blesses with new days,
New visions refreshed attitudes.
My hope is that we (yes: YOU) may
sing along with the joyful multitudes!!

Merry Christmas!

Birthday Poem

- Nita Peace, Oct 2017

August 28, 2013 I moved to the Pinnacle. Since my husband died 3 months before and I was sad the move was like a miracle.

This place signified a new life with new friends, lots of love and very little strife.

Never lacking for something to do, classes, exercise and healthy food, arts and crafts and dancing too.

This is the fourth time I have stood here in Town Hall not knowing quite what to say except I love my Pinnacle family and thank you for bringing joy and happiness back into my life.

Telling our age in Town Hall is what we all must do before we go to Heaven. On October 31st I'll be out with the spooks celebrating 87.



| Date | Time | Activity | Location |
|----------|----------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 12/03/17 | 3:00 pm | Christmas Vespers | TLU |
| 12/05/17 | 4:00 pm | Happy Hour | Buffalo Wild Wings |
| 12/06/17 | 11:00 am | Lunch and Shopping | Pasha & SAS |
| 12/07/17 | 5:45 pm | Wassalifest | New Braunfels |
| 12/08/17 | 12:45 pm | Shopping—Burlington Coat | Creekside |
| 12/10/17 | 3:15 pm | Mid-Texas Symphony | TLU |
| 12/11/17 | 4:30 pm | Dinner and Boat Tour | Riverwalk |
| 12/12/17 | 9:30 am | Shopping | Barton Creek Mall |
| 12/15/17 | 11:15 am | Catalano's Pizzer & Comal Pecan Farm | Cibolo |
| 12/17/17 | 2:00 pm | Heart of Texas Concert Band | Trinity Baptist Church |
| 12/19/17 | 4:00 pm | Happy Hour | Krause's |
| 12/20/17 | 2:30 pm | Tour of Homes | Pinnacle |
| 12/20/17 | 3:45 pm | Christmas Party | Town Hall |
| 12/23/17 | 9:30 am | Farmer's Market | New Braunfels |



A Family Christmas Tradition is...

Jerrie Cilea – Sets up the Dickens Village every year. You can enjoy her display in the Pinnacle lobby by the front door.

Loraine Roberson – We enjoyed inviting people in the service or exchange teachers to have Christmas with our family.

Chris and Rachel Waples – Play board games on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with family.

Letty (1st Floor housekeeper) – We like to go to the movies on Christmas Day.

Sue Harmer – We always have a white elephant Christmas exchange

Amy Rogers – Every year she puts together a stocking and wraps presents for her dogs so they have something to open on Christmas Day as well.

Betty Jenkins - They follow a German tradition of hiding a pickle ornament in the tree and whoever finds it receives a special gift. They would hide a large pickle ornament in the tree but as the children got older the pickle would start getting smaller and smaller until it was the size of a gherkin.

Sandy Ludwig - Watching the children put on the Christmas Pageant at church.

Bev Pollard - They spend Christmas Eve with family and then in the morning enjoy Christmas breakfast and exchange gifts.

Ken Pollard - Enjoys building a fire in the fireplace and then decorating the tree in front of the roaring fire.

Helen Edge - She enjoys good food while spending time with her family.

JoAnn Loe - She sets out an 86 year old santa sleigh and reindeer that her husband was given to him the day he was born in 1930.

5 lessons about the way we treat people - Lesson 3

Continued from November's Newsletter

3 - Third Important Lesson - Always remember those who serve.

In the days when an ice cream sundae cost much less, a 10-year-old boy entered a hotel coffee shop and sat at a table. A waitress put a glass of water in front of him. "How much is an ice cream sundae?" he asked. "Fifty cents," replied the waitress. The little boy pulled his hand out of his pocket and studied the coins in it. "Well, how much is a plain dish of ice cream?" he inquired.

By now more people were waiting for a table and the waitress was growing impatient... "Thirty-five cents," she brusquely replied. The little boy again counted his coins. "I'll have the plain ice cream," he said. The waitress brought the ice cream, put the bill on the table and walked away the boy finished the ice cream, paid the cashier and left.. When the waitress came back, she began to cry as she wiped down the table. There, placed neatly beside the empty dish, were two nickels and five pennies.....

You see, he couldn't have the sundae, because he had to have enough left to leave her a tip.

Look for Lessons 4 and 5 in next months newsletter.

Volunteer Auxiliary
Monday, January 15,
2018
11:30 am
FootHills Lounge
Bring a salad or dessert!

"In addition to the usual 10 a.m. chapel service, everyone is invited to attend our Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols in the EH chapel at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 24. Both services will be televised on Channel 49." Sarah

To my EdenHill Friends,

Many thanks for your prayers and good wishes while I recovered from my surgery. I am truly blessed to have so many good friends.

Thank you and Love you all!

Virginia Smith

Charitable Tax Presentation

Effective ways to manage taxes during an income event and support your favorite charities at the same time was the topic of a presentation held in The Pinnacle Town Hall on Nov. 29.

The presenter was Nathan Reneau, a local tax and estate attorney who also served on EdenHill's board of directors 2013-2016.

The presentation illustrated how IRS rules help subsidize your charitable giving in general, and strategies that you can put in play specifically during a year when an asset needs to be sold and your personal income spikes.

General topics included cash gifts, asset gifts (stocks, real property), IRA transfers at age 70 ½, the use of donor advised funds and private foundation, and family wealth transfer suggestions.

The presentation was sponsored by EdenHill's Office of Fund Development. If anyone should have questions, please contact Steve Sucher, director, at 830-500-2353 or steves@edenhill.org.

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25% Off any one item*



*except consignment items

Fischer General Store

MUST HAVE COUPON TO RECEIVE DISCOUNT!!!
Limit one per visit! Offer expires December 25, 2017

Check out EdenHill's Volunteer Opportunities

Monday, January 8, 2018
Meet Iris in The Pinnacle
Gathering Place
10 - 11:30 am
Or
3 - 5 pm

Start the new year right
Serving Others!

