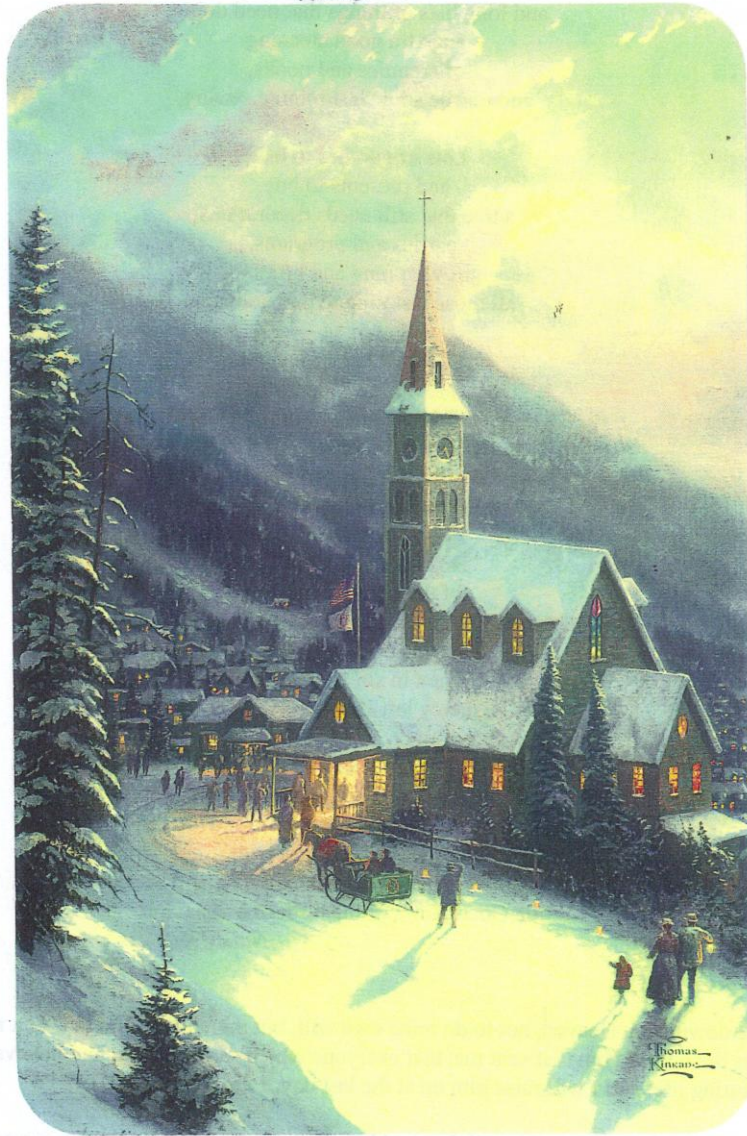


# NEW HOPE HERALD

DECEMBER

2013



COME AND WORSHIP; WORSHIP CHRIST, THE NEWBORN KING!

## THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Hustling and bustling,  
lots of deadlines to meet,  
and long lists of things that need doing;  
an extra good cleaning  
of crannies and nooks,  
and maybe some last minute sewing.

Lots of goodies to bake  
and presents to buy,  
a tree that still needs decorations;  
parties and programs,  
gift wrapping and bows —  
all those last minute preparations.

But what of a baby  
of such humble birth?  
Though God's Son, He was born in a manger.  
Is it nothing to us  
that He left Heaven's throne?  
Do we treat Him as if He's a stranger?

Do we take time to think  
of the peace and the joy  
that the birth of this Christ child has brought us?  
That while far from the fold,  
when in sin we did roam,  
He in mercy left Heaven and sought us?

He was born here to die  
on the cross for our sins;  
thus He merited for us God's favor.  
So let's gladly proclaim,  
with hearts full of joy,  
the Good News of the birth of our Savior!

*Nancy Moelker*

"For I came down from Heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent me.  
"And this is the will of Him that sent me, that everyone which seeth the Son and believeth on Him, may  
have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day. John 6:38,40

"And He said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

DECEMBER CALENDAR

- December 1—Mel Mejeur (birthday)
- 4—Bible Study on Daniel; Dan and Ann Mejeur's home
- 5—Zeeland Messiah; Zeeland 1st CRC; 7: 30 p.m.
- 6—Thanksgiving/Christmas Hymnsing; Dorr CRC; 7: 00 p.m.
- 10—Zeeland Messiah; Central Ave. CRC, Holland; 7: 30 p.m.
- 15—Dan Mejeur (birthday)
- 18—Bible Study
- 25—Christmas Day
- 30—John and Ann Ybcma (anniversary)
- 31—Eric Mejeur (birthday)

The reason for the season is not found in the mall.

“Christmas Bells”

I heard the bells on  
Christmas Day


Their old, familiar  
carols play,

And wild and sweet  
The words repeat

Of peace on earth, goodwill to men!

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow






## cheerful giver

Jesus came to serve and give to others. This Christmas season, consider how you can follow Jesus' example by giving your time, love and kindness.

Directions: Cross out every *my*, *me* and *mine*. Then write the remaining words on the blanks below to read 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.



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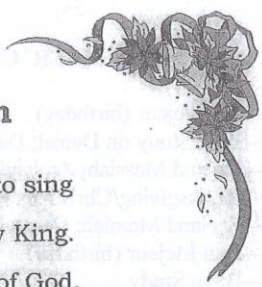
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2 \_\_\_\_\_ 9:7, NIV

Answer: Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV

## Christmas Hymn

Thelma Westra



Christmas is the time to sing  
Praises to our heavenly King.  
Jesus Christ, the Son of God,  
Whom the saints and angels laud,  
He was born in human frame;  
At the time appointed came.  
Shepherds in the fields that night,  
Were assured by angel bright  
That no fearful time was this,  
But a moment of great bliss.

Hist'ry's focal time was here,  
God in flesh did now appear;  
He -- that babe in manger bed --  
Was in truth the church's Head;  
He the sacrifice would be  
On the cross of Calvary.  
So we celebrate this day:  
May we sing and may we pray,  
With uplifted hearts may raise  
To our God a hymn of praise.

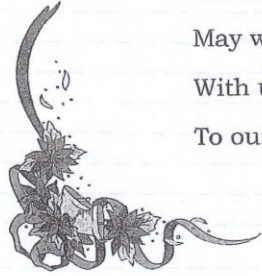


Figure out the secret code to discover what the wise men brought to Baby Jesus. Solve the math problems and then find the letters and write them on top of the lines to spell out the words.

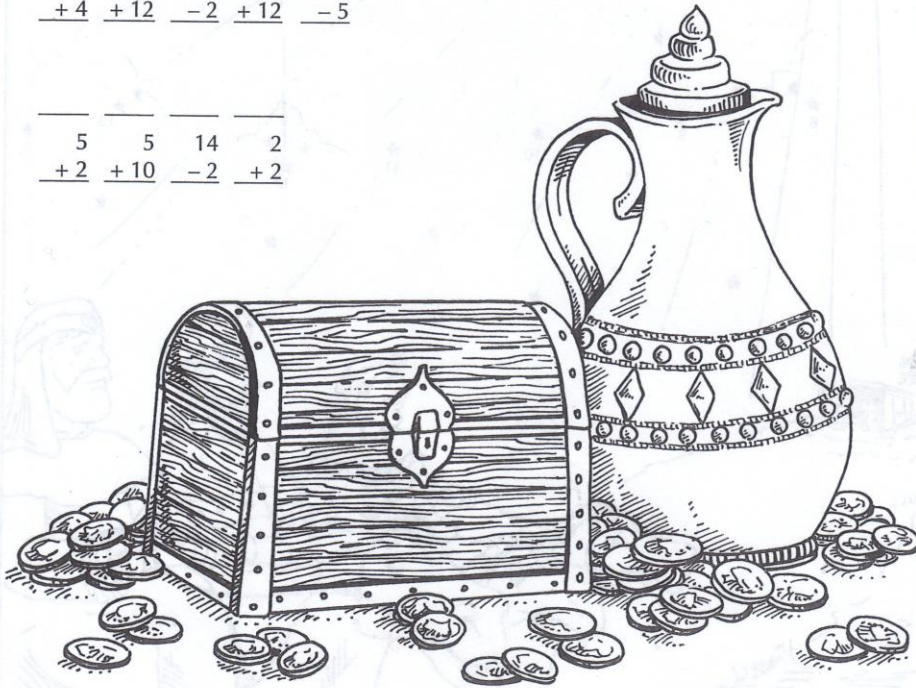
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The wise men are following the star. Connect the dots to see what they are bringing.

