



THE WINGED MESSENGER
Knightdale United Methodist Church
 Seeking to SPLINTER THE DARKNESS



December 2011

Dear Friends,

As I ponder the coming of Christmas, I can't help but think about how often God comes to us in the small, ordinary things of life to foster his amazing love and power.

Ponder with me how God chose to come to earth by way of the little town of Bethlehem. Bethlehem means "house of bread," implying that the little village was a fertile place of fruitful ground. The town was not a sprawling market town, but a special place that provided sustenance for the villagers. It was not a grand city, but it was a town with a strong history.

So often we catch ourselves looking for the extraordinary things in life. Christmas reminds us that perhaps if we want to find the extraordinary things we may want to focus on the ordinary things. God breaks in and works out his purposes by the ordinary means of flesh and blood, through a child being born in small, ordinary Bethlehem.

What does this mean for our lives? The miracle of God is that he can make much out of nothing and something out of almost anything. You do not have to be grand or amazing, God will come to you. Make way for him in your heart and in your life.

Blessings,
 Pastor Bryan

JESUS



On **Sunday, December 4th at 6:00 p.m.** you are invited to attend the KUMC Children's Christmas Production: **Sheep, Shepherds, and a Savior**

The program is a delightful mix of songs and skits to tell of the Christmas story. Don't miss this wonderful celebration.

On **Friday, December 16th at 7:30 pm & Sunday December 18th at 7:00 pm**, the combined choirs of Knightdale United Methodist Church will present "We Have Our Savior" a Christmas Praise and Worship Musical.

This exciting worship opportunity will take you on a journey as we experience the anticipation, the birth, the life and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. With music and words by David Moffitt and Cliff Duren and Worship Leaders Laura Story, Jonathan Lee, Carl Cartee and Ronnie Freeman this musical journey will inspire you during this Christmas season. This worship celebration promises to touch your heart and remind us all of the true meaning of Christmas.

We want to invite you, your family and friends to come as we will celebrate together an evening filled with music, inspiring testimony and passionate worship.

We would like to ask all those in attendance to prayerfully consider making a donation. All your gifts will be used to help support our commitment to the Central Conference Pension Initiative. Donation baskets will be available for your generous support to this outreach ministry.

Admission is free but seating will be limited so tickets are required. Please see any member of the KUMC Music Ministry for tickets or you may pick them up from the church office. If you would like more information please contact the church office for details.

In His Service,
 Jim Baker



KUMC Family Life

Wednesday Night Dinners

December 14th is the date for the next Wednesday Night dinner and we will be having a Christmas dinner complete with Ham, Potatoes, Veggies, and Dessert. Sign up on the Welcome Center Table to come and enjoy this fun time of fellowship and fabulous food. If you would like to donate any items for this meal or help out in any way go to www.SignUpGenius.com/go/2wend1/1438561 and sign up or let Bunnie Peterson (bunnee@aol.com) or the church office know. Below is a list of items that are still needed for November's dinner.

Spriral Sliced Hams (4)	White Potatoes (25 lb)
Lima Beans (20 lb.)	Granny Smith Apples (10)
Crescent Roll Dough (refrigerated 100 oz)	Butter (tub)
Sugar (4 cups)	Mountain Dew (5 cans)
Sour Cream (tub)	Scallions (bunch)
Chili	Bacon Bits
Lemonade	Zip Lock Bags (gal)

In January we will have a Soup, Stew, & Chili. If you have a favorite recipe you would like us to try please submit your recipe to Bunnie Peterson no later than December 21st so that we can begin collecting ingredients.

Upcoming Events

- **January 11th ~ 2nd Wednesday Dinner 6:30 p.m.**
- **January 21st ~ Game Night:** Bring your favorite card or board game and a snack to share. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.
- **January 29th ~ 5th Sunday Dinner:** Bring your favorite pot luck meal and share a meal with your church family immediately following the 11:00 service.

In February we will have Faye Prosser come and give a Smart Spending Workshop. For all the details see invitation on next page.

Next meeting – Tuesday, December 27th

O.W.L.S.



(Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors)

On December 8th the O.W.L.S. will meet at the church for a short devotion and then go have lunch together.

If you are interested in learning more about this group and their activities come to one of their meetings held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Girl Scout Troop 210 is collecting new hats, gloves, scarves and Clean - Gently used coats for homeless individuals in our community.



You are invited to help support this Girl Scout project and in mission **GIRL SCOUTS** with Dream Coat Ministries and Church In The Woods. Donations may be dropped off to the blue barrel in the Coffee Corner area of the church.

The Knitters group has donated hats and scarves for purchase. You may keep your purchase or donate the item to the collection. Monies received from purchases will help to buy matching gloves and hats for the scarves we have received.

The collection will continue through December 6th. Donations after that date will be accepted for Dream Coat Ministries to resource through our referrals.

Christmas Parade

The Knightdale Christmas Parade will be held on December 3rd at 2:00 p.m. We will be decorating a float for the church that morning beginning at 10:30. If you are interested in helping to decorate the float stop by the church. All persons, adults and kids alike, are invited to ride and/or walk with the float in the parade. The float will leave the church at 12:30pm. Please note: children (5th grade and under) MUST be accompanied by a responsible adult and NOT dropped off for others to watch.



Smart Spending Workshop

Would you like to cut your grocery bills in half?

Join us for a money saving workshop that will teach you how to save on your grocery expenses each and every week. Our guest speaker is Faye Prosser, WRAL Smart Shopper and author of *The Smart Spending Guide*.



Discover how to:

- Buy free food, bath & body products every week
- Effectively use coupons for items you already buy
- Use weekly sales ads in conjunction with coupons
- Understand store coupon and sale policies for area stores
- Use drug store rebates for fabulous deals
- Develop an easy to follow weekly meal plan your whole family will love
- Purchase food so inexpensively, you will have extras to donate to your local food bank or shelter!

The Smart Spending System has been featured on WRAL, The Raleigh News & Observer, NBC 17, ABC 11, Good Housekeeping Magazine, WYFF-TV in Greenville, SC, FOX 8 WGHP in High Point, www.cleverparents.com, www.FamilyCorner.com and more.

This workshop will change the way you shop and teach you to save more than you ever thought possible. Imagine what you could do with all that extra money!

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

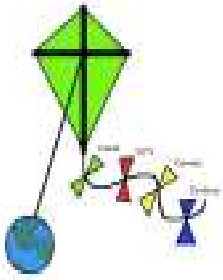
Cost: \$15.00 per person

Location: Knightdale United Methodist Church, 7071 Forestville Rd., Knightdale, NC 27545

Register: Call or e-mail Tracy at 919-266-2373 or kumc1@bellsouth.net

For more information on the Smart Spending System visit www.smartspendingresources.com
The Smart Spending Guide, Workshop DVD and Coupon Organizer Inserts will be available at a discount.

Always remember, it's your money - spend it wisely!



United Methodist Women

*In God's mission
we are sent out ...
to Connect...*

What Is Mission?

Mission is **presence, relationship, witness and sharing.**

Mission is **refusing to turn away when the tears of God are being shed** over the violence and injustice and suffering of God's wayward creation.

-- *United Methodist Women-supported mission intern David Hosey*

Our unit of the United Methodist Women held our annual fundraiser for missions. We sold gifts of homemade baked breads, cakes, cookies, fudge, soup in a jar, knitted gingerbread house and gingerbread men, tooth pillows, afghans/blankets, baby sweaters, scarves and hats, handmade ear warmers, hot mats, jewelry, recycled crayons into new crayons plus many other treasures.

In our creative endeavors, we raised \$800 to serve in ministry areas of KUMC Food Pantry, Bibles for a new birth and high school graduates, Methodist Home For Children, MATCH (Mothers And Their Children) prison ministry, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief), Red Cross and Meals on Wheels. We also support Candle Burning, Penny and A Prayer, Special Recognition and World Thank Offerings which are mission areas in our Seven Avenues of giving through the United Methodist Women.

The Knightdale UMW give thanks for those who donated their gifts, gave of their time, individuals who came, fellowshiped, shopped and purchased to help us be in mission through presence, relationship, witness and sharing with others in our community, in our country and globally.



December Meetings:

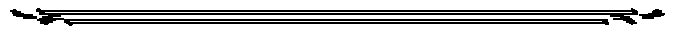
Friendship Circle: December 8, 7:00pm Sherri Davila's
Mission Focus: Toy for the Giving Tree or Gloves for the Coat Drive
Meeting: Bring 3 dozen homemade cookies for Cookie Exchange

Morning Circle: December 13, 10:00am.
Annual Shopping Trip with Lunch at McLean's in Zebulon.

Meet at KUMC to carpool to Zebulon Drug where we will admire and shop the Christmas Store and then enjoy a fellowship luncheon.

Evening Circle: will not meet in December. January 17th will begin our New Year with our mission focus planning.

As we come to the close of this year, we give thanks for the opportunities and resources to grow spiritually, to become more deeply rooted in Christ, and to put faith into action. We are grateful for the mission oriented hearts, hands and feet that have been in service to the lost, least and the loved ones of our God.



Dear Church Family,



We had a wonderful November at Preschool. We celebrated Thanksgiving with a feast for all our families. The children made their families special gifts, and we talked a lot about all the things we are thankful for. The children were thankful for their families, friends, teachers, God, pets, and Dora the Explorer!

Our December will be very busy. We would like to invite all of you to attend our Christmas Program on Monday, December 12th at 6:30 in the Worship Room. Our children will tell the Christmas story and sing a few songs.

We are keeping our focus on the birth of Christ. The children are celebrating with a birthday party for Jesus. They also will have the opportunity to send in gifts for families in need. We hope that our preschoolers are learning that they are never too young to help others.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and donations. We could not do this amazing ministry without you.

Blessings,
Kimberly Siefert, Preschool Director



Dream Coat Ministries

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want ~ Psalm 23:1

God's still, small voice still whispers to me that Dream Coat Ministries store will open in His time and on property that he has for our mission work.

Dream Coat Ministries store has been organized and set up in the Annex property on First Avenue. During the past months, we have been able to provide warm winter clothing and bedding to men in homeless situations. DCM had received and responded to two referrals for assistance of clothing. Now during the month of December, DCM, Knightdale United Methodist Church and Girl Scout Troop 210 is in hand and hand mission to provide winter coats, gloves, hats and scarves to a very poor and an almost homeless community within the Knightdale area.

God will lead those who need help to us that they may not want.

Dream Coat Ministries store has not been able to secure a Business Permit due to the Town of Knightdale request to hire an architect to determine code guideline updates for the building to meet permit requirements. With the sale of the church property, we realized that this would only be temporary housing for the ministry. The original vision for Dream Coat Ministry was to be on another piece of property, so we still wait for direction of where that place will be for Dream Coat Ministries. God knows what is best for his mission. He has brought us this far, allowed us to serve and cover his children with their needs during times to step up and out of disastrous situations that they have encountered.

I, personally, have had my conversations with God in question to where DCM should be located to best serve in this mission field. I still hear God's still, small voice on the vision that was given from the very early stirrings to have a ministry to reach God's children in eastern Wake County that have been devastated by natural or man-made disasters. God has been faithful. He has brought us this

far with a dedicated Board of Directors, organization of By-Laws and Articles and establishment as a Non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Each of you have been faithful in keeping Dream Coat Ministries in your prayers and I pray that you will continue your prayers fervently as we move forward.

The Lord is our shepherd; Dream Coat Ministries shall not want.

~ Sheila Prosser
DCM Chairperson



We would like to express our gratitude for all the efforts of our church family that participated in the making of a new church pictorial directory. ~ Gwen Gray and Sheila Prosser, Pictorial Directory Committee

In November Olan Mills offered six days of portrait appointments to our church family for submissions in our new directory. With excellent sign ups and appointment attendance, a directory is now reserved in your name.

It is our hope to complete photo submissions for all of our church family who were unable to schedule during one of the Olan Mills portrait days. Our plans will be to submit a recent photo or schedule a picture hour at the church with one of our own church member digital photographers.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated in getting your photograph ready for directory submission by contacting Sheila via email (ds_prosser@yahoo.com) or by phone (919-889-9045), that we may decide on one of the two ways to submit a current photograph.





Knight Walkers Relay For Life

Has the "C" word entered into your day? Are you willing to give a ray of HOPE to a family member, friend or neighbor that is enduring cancer?

Knight Walkers RFL shares four small ways that you can offer HOPE

H: Hop on board our Relay Team. Your \$10 registration supports finding Cancer Cures

O: Order your luminary today In Honor or In Memory of your Loved One. Your \$10 donation is tax deductible.

Order on-line at

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?fr_id=40670&pg=entry Or ask one of our team members: Tina Batchelor, Sheila Prosser or Sheree' Klepchick

P: Pray for family and friends who are progressing through treatments to overcome the disease

E: Efforts to educate about early detection will help to eradicate cancer and;

Encourage our legislature to stop budget cutting early detection services. See petitions on the Mission Table in the Coffee Corner.

Breakfast With Santa will be on **December 10th**. This year we will offer **two seating times**. The first one is at **9:00 am** and the second one at **9:45 am**. Following breakfast all children will have the opportunity to sit with Santa and tell him their Christmas wishes!



Admission by ticket only

Cost is \$5.00 for adults and free for children (10 and under) when accompanied by a paying adult (limit 2 children per adult). Breakfast includes eggs, bacon, sausage, biscuits, etc. Get your tickets Sunday morning in the Lobby from the children's ministry rep or by contacting the church office.



Tickets will be limited and will not be available at the door so make your reservations soon!

HOMECOMING KITS NEEDED FOR IRENE SURVIVORS

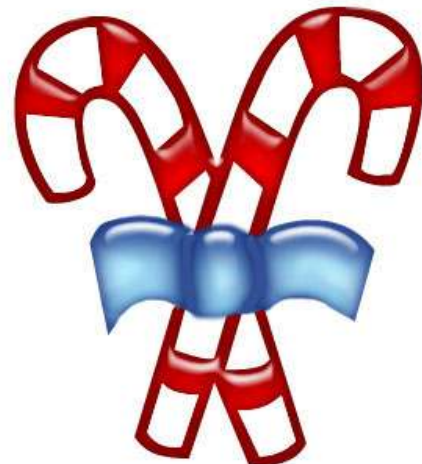
As we celebrate the birth of our Savior our attention is also directed toward our neighbors on the coast who still struggle to regain their lives in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene. In our devotions, prayers and gift-giving it is important to include those who suffer.

Much appreciation is extended to those who have graciously brought in items for Dinner Kits during the month of November. They will be sent to the hurricane survivors to help the overall effort to brighten lives during this special season of hope.

But, our work is not done. In December our church will be collecting items for Kitchen Paks. Donations of all new materials are welcomed:

- Cooking pots – 1 qt. and/or 3 qt. with lids
- Dutch oven with lid
- 12 in. skillet with lid
- Large cooking utensils – spatulas and serving spoons
- Can opener – hand held
- Dish detergent – 16 oz. bottle
- Scouring pads
- Paring knives
- Large knife
- Dish towels, pot holders and sponges
- Paper towels

The list is extensive so the contributions of many are needed. Together, we have the opportunity to join with others and be the Body of Christ to brighten the season and *Splinter the Darkness* for our brothers and sisters on the Carolina coast.



STEPHEN MINISTRY



CAARE

Stephen Ministers...

Create a
Atmosphere of
Acceptance
Reassurance (of God's love) and
Encouragement

Call on someone who cares:

Pastor Bryan: 266-2373

Stephen Leader Bill Switzer: 217-9095

Stephen Leader Judy Brown: 261-8618

Welcome Sherry Anderson to our Ministry of Caring! Sherry was commissioned and anointed to service this past month. On the same day, the rest of the ministers were re-commissioned and Gwenn Gray and Chris Glover were thanked for their past service to the ministry.

This month we also continue moving forward to Splinter the Darkness with an informational meeting on Dec. 11th at 3:00pm. This meeting will provide information about Stephen Ministry, requesting a Stephen Minister, becoming a Stephen Minister and/or Stephen Minister Leader, and our upcoming Stephen Minister Training beginning Wednesday, Jan. 11th. Please attend this meeting to stay informed about this valuable ministry!

Have you ever noticed the logo on the Stephen Ministers Tags? The name *Stephen* comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need (as recorded in Acts 6).

Have you ever wondered what the logo means? The Stephen Ministry logo consists of a cross and a circle together with a broken person and a whole person. The broken person behind the cross symbolizes the brokenness in our lives due to our sin and imperfections. The whole person stands in front of the cross because it is only through the cross of Jesus that we are made whole. The circle symbolizes both the wholeness we receive through Christ and God's unending love for us. The Holiday Season may be a difficult time for

you because of the loss of a loved one or distance. It is a time that sometimes increases stress and loneliness for other reasons. Remember the logo and CAARE, if you are going through a difficult time. Remember we are here for you! You do not need to walk alone! Give Pastor Bryan or one of our Leaders a call!

May the Lord Bless You and Keep You through this Holiday Season!

Christmas Services for 2011

This year is a little unusual because Christmas Day actually falls on a Sunday this year. As a result the following schedule of services has been established:

Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm - a more Child-friendly Service

7:00 pm – Traditional Lessons & Carols



Christmas Day Service

One Sunday Service at 10:00 am
(No Sunday School)

Church Office Holiday Schedule



During the holidays, the church office is expected to operate under normal office hours except for the following days which we

will be closed in observance
of Christmas:

December 23rd & 26th



The Food Pantry Committee would like to give a BIG THANK YOU for your generosity to our Holiday Feed the Pig Fund Raiser. So far we have received over \$180. We purchased 12 turkeys and still have funds available to get a good start on Fruit Baskets for Christmas. We will be running the fund raiser thru March and hope to do Hams for Easter.



We would also like to thank the Iron Knights/UMM for their generous donation of Brunswick Stew. We gave out 122 quarts with the Thanksgiving bags.

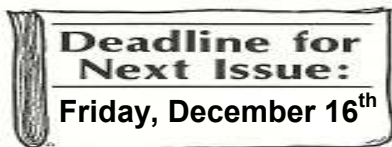
If you have baskets around the house you would like to donate, please drop them off at the church on the back table in the kitchen. Also make sure they are labeled for the Food Pantry.



Those listed below are placing flowers on the altar in December. Please contact Designs by Mike at (365-4818) before your Sunday to arrange for payment.

12/04	Need Arrangement(s)
12/11	Patti Craven & Susan Crowder
12/18	Poinsettias
12/25	Poinsettias

The **2012 Altar Flower Calendar** is on the welcome table in the Lobby. Sign up now to reserve your Sundays in 2012.



Please send newsletter articles and information to the church email kumc1@bellsouth.net – or bring it by.

Ministry Leaders – This is one of the best ways to keep others informed of church activities. The newsletter is available in print and on-line - our main communication with the whole church family!

December Celebrations



Anniversaries

- 12/03 Ben & Sue Garrett
- 12/14 W.A. & Shirley Peoples
- 12/24 Hank & Kathy Horne
- 12/26 Glenn & Pam Davis
- 12/27 Otis & Nancy West



Birthdays

- 12/01 Amber Frazier
- 12/02 Josie Cozart
- 12/02 Susan Russell
- 12/05 Martha Pearce
- 12/06 Reba Pendelton
- 12/08 Ricardo Adrianzen
- 12/08 Ollie Wall, Sr.
- 12/09 Eric Jones
- 12/09 Ray Suggs
- 12/10 Ben Garrett
- 12/11 Rachel Levine
- 12/12 Sneaky Inge
- 12/13 Isabella Heckel
- 12/14 Joe Beane
- 12/15 Matthew Crowder
- 12/15 John Sisk
- 12/16 Meredith Wilson
- 12/17 Becky Howard
- 12/17 Kate Siefert
- 12/18 Brenda Wester
- 12/19 Kendra Sisk
- 12/19 Megan Young
- 12/20 Jennifer Ellis
- 12/20 Mollie Kidder
- 12/20 Susan Spivey
- 12/21 Louise Finch
- 12/22 Martha Thornton
- 12/23 Katie Tobin
- 12/24 Joshua Adrianzen
- 12/24 Lillian Aliff
- 12/25 Jack Conner
- 12/26 Rusty Banner
- 12/27 Danielle Cook
- 12/27 Marie Rashleigh
- 12/28 Steve Bauer
- 12/31 Dean Schwab

(Please be sure to let the church office know if your birthday or anniversary is incorrect or has been omitted.)



We offer our sympathy to Jim & Kellie Baker and their family at the death of Jim's Mother



We offer our sympathy to Rev. Bill Wells and family at the death of his wife Dixie. Rev. Wells is a former Knightdale UMC pastor.

Information Update

Included in this month's newsletter you will find an information update sheet. Please fill it out and return it to the church office at your earliest convenience. We are updating all of our membership and contact information and this sheet is vital to the process of making sure all of our records are complete and correct.

New Members

We would like to welcome to our church family John & Joan Ballard, Brian, Lindsey & Ella Batchelor, Robert & Amanda Gines, and Mike & Jennifer White who joined our church in November. We commend them to your love and care.



A Note of Thanks



Our special thanks to all that have donated cards for our Wednesday Morning

Blessing Ministry and also to the Friendship Circle for their hand made cards. Please feel free to notify me if there is someone that you know who may need special blessings in sickness, times of trouble or just thinking of you. We also welcome praises to. Our recipient's really appreciate each and every card they receive.

Blessings,

Sharon Kidder

Wednesday Morning Blessing Ministry



Sincere thanks to you for your donation of yarn to the Art Therapy program at FMC, Butner. It will be greatly appreciated by the Hospice patients who will receive the afghans. Afghans which are given to hospice patients are eventually passed on to their families.

The In Crowd!"

(Members of our Church Family who are typically no longer able to join us for Worship or other church activities due to situations like transportation or mobility restrictions or health issues.)

Remember our "In Crowd"!

Send a card, visit, or call. Remind them how much they mean to us!



Lillian Aliff

Zebulon House
(Formerly known as Yarborough Oneal Villa)
551 Pony Road ~ Zebulon, NC 27597

Rusty Banner

Esther Bennett
108 Green Street
Knightdale, NC 27545

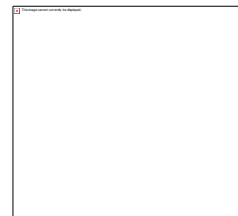
Talmon Finch
Laurels of Forest Glen
1101 Hartwell St. Room 201
Garner, NC 27529

Bibbie Poole
2921 Marks Creek Rd.
Knightdale, NC 27545
266-2719

Edna Earl Smith
Sunnybrook Healthcare
25 Sunnybrook Dr., Rm 66B
Raleigh, NC 27610
250-6388

June Turnipseed
Laurels of Forest Glen
1101 Hartwell St. Room 102
Garner, NC 27529

Rev. Robert Warren
12800 Spruce Tree Way, Apt. 319
Raleigh, NC 27614



Christmas Word Search



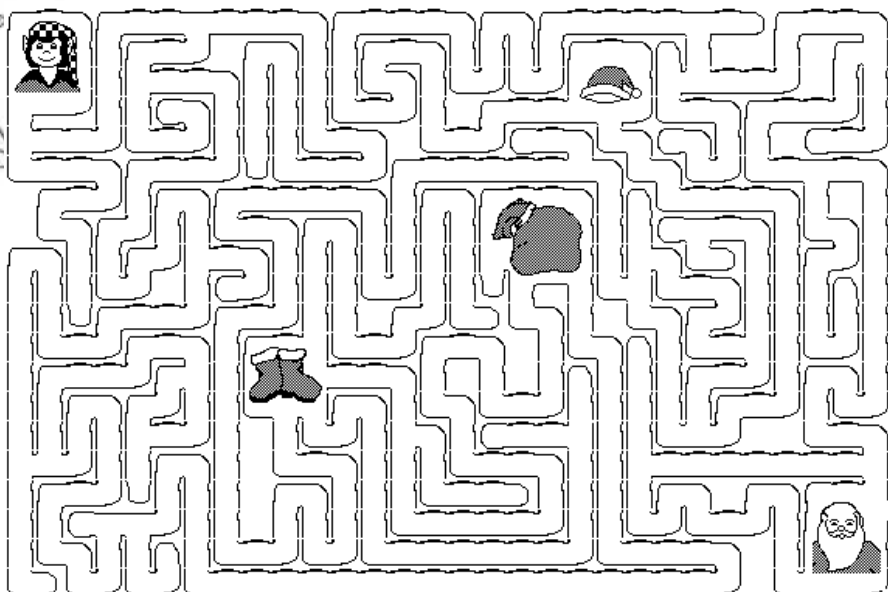
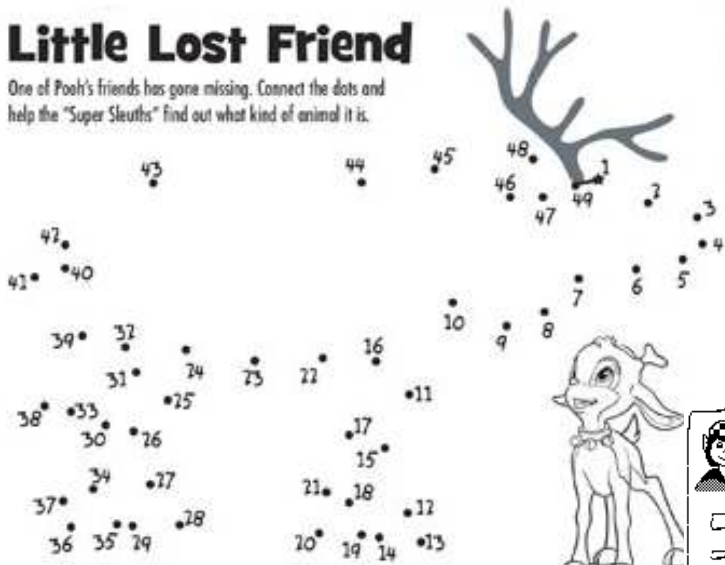
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| 2. Bethlehem | 10. Jesus | 18. Snowman |
| 3. Candy | 11. Manger | 19. Star |
| 4. Carol | 12. Merry | 20. Stocking |
| 5. Christmas | 13. Ornament | 21. Toys |
| 6. Elves | 14. Peace | 22. Tree |
| 7. Gifts | 15. Reindeer | 23. Wisemen |
| 8. Gingerbread | 16. Santa | 24. Yuletide |

Little Lost Friend

One of Pooh's friends has gone missing. Connect the dots and help the "Super Sleuths" find out what kind of animal it is.



Help the Elf get Santa ready