

The Hilltops

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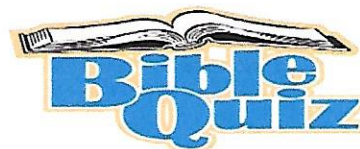
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When the shepherds went looking for Jesus, what was the sign they were to look for?

(November question: Who were the first two apostles to follow Jesus?

Answer is *Peter and Andrew.*)



Judy Bureau, Dec 4th
Bob Newton, Dec 4th
Scott Williams, Dec 4th
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Sharon Goyette, Dec 13th
Leslie Rice, Dec 14th
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Sean Hayward, Dec 19th
Christine Silver, Dec 21st
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Terry Newton, Dec 27th
Al Harris, Dec 30th



John & Sue Siart, Dec 11th



Debbie Alger; Lily Andreasen; Joan Arsenault (Lynne's friend); Kathryn Bruen (Louise's sister, stroke); Judy Bureau; Patrick and Collette Burns; June Carr (Louise's lifelong friend); Betty Conley; The family of Craig Connors (Lynne's son); Ralph Cusano (cancer); Mary Ann DiStefano (The Poehler's dear friend, ovarian cancer); Philip Durno (cancer); Keith Edmonds (cancer & heart problems); Emma Ermel; Marcus Ermel; Delaney Fallon; Bill and Gail Felton (homebound); Sandy Freeman; Donna Gallagher (brain injury); Andrew Garbino; Shirley Gibson & family; Steven (Ann Goebel's brother, cancer); Jimmy Harnish (cancer); Kathy Harris; Lucky & Penny Howie; Michele Kelley; Jean Krikorian; Dondi LaRue; Tommy Maciorowski; Joan McCorquodale; Chloe Miner; Dick & Judie Moore; Bob & Terry Newton; Linda Oakley; Lance Osborne; Debby Parker; Wallace Powers (cancer); Terry Quinn; Leslie Rice; Gloria Roddy (multiple myeloma); Peter Sheldon; Sue & John Siart; Richard Simmons; Al St. Croix (cancer); Louise Thorpe; Patty Thorpe (MS and graves disease); Jimmy Tompkinson; Christine & Roy Walker; Don Waye (cancer); Rev. Joan-Anne Westfall; Emma Whitman; Sheila Wick; Nevaeh Wilder (cancer); Edward (Margie Wilson's brother, cancer); Robert Withee; Bonnie Wozniak; the victims of natural disasters all over the world; all those unemployed.



CommUnity Supper

December 11th is the next Community Supper! Our great cooks will be back in the

kitchen for *The 2nd Wednesday Community Supper* from 4-6pm serving a meatloaf dinner. Please join us for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship!



Worship Service 7:00pm, December 24, 2019

Did you know this?

*The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.
The two turtle doves are the Old and New Testaments.*

The three French hens stand for faith, hope, & love.

The four calling birds are the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John.

The five golden rings recalled the Torah or law, which are the first five books of the Old Testament.

The six geese a-laying represent the Six Days of Creation.

The seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit – prophecy, serving, teaching, exhortation, contributions, leadership, and mercy.

The eight maids a-milking are the Eight Beatitudes.

The nine ladies dancing are the 9 fruits of the Holy Spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.


The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.

The eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples.

The twelve drummers drumming symbolize the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:30am Choir practice 10:15am Hymn sing 11:30am Church Council 4:30pm Tree lighting on common	2 10am-12pm Wesley Group	3	4 12:30pm Women's Bible Study at Elaine Aho's	5	6	7
8 9:30am Choir practice 10:15am Hymn sing	9 10am-12pm Wesley Group	10	11 4-6:00pm Free Community Supper	12	13	14
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22 9:30am Choir practice 10:15am Hymn sing	23 10am-12pm Wesley Group	24 7:00pm Christmas Eve Service	25 	26	27	28
29 9:30am Choir practice 11:30am Positive Pot Luck	30 10am-12pm Wesley Group	31				



Worship Times:

9:00am Casual Service
 10:30am Traditional Service

Meetings and Social Events:

11:30am Church Council (1st and 3rd Sunday)
 11:30am Positive Pot Luck (Last Sunday)

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