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Dear Friends of CIS,

"Nurturing the Christ!" by Rev. Christine Emmerling D.D.

The humbleness of the nativity scene brings back the wonderment of that sacred night of Jesus' birth. Christians celebrating his birth began in Rome 336 A.D. Since then, people have been carrying on this tradition with a feast, prayer, and worship. The idea of Santa Claus and gifts became popular around the 1800s. In today's world many people celebrate the tradition of Santa Claus and gifts even when they are not Christian.

This Advent season begins on November 29th. Advent is a preparatory time of spiritual practices that concludes on Christmas Eve Dec. 24th. During Advent season we are reminded of the story of Mary conceiving, the journey Joseph and Mary took to Bethlehem and giving birth to Jesus.

As we prepare this year for Christmas, let us take our own inward journey to Bethlehem. Metaphysically Bethlehem means House of Bread; a place where we are fed, nurtured and give birth. Within us we have a sacred place that we turn inward too during our prayer or mediation time; this is our inner Bethlehem. There is no room at the inn for our complaints, anger and fears. We silence are thoughts and raise our consciousness to connect with our source, God or Christ within us. Diving deeper into the silence we have entered our manger where the Christ within spiritually feeds and nurtures us. This is a place of our communion in Oneness; the Holy Spirit fills our soul and gives wisdom and ideas that we may birth and share with the world.

Throughout the year we make this meditative journey a daily spiritual practice. Then each year as we go through Advent our faith is even stronger. The Christ Consciousness is first a babe in the manger, and each year grows and matures within us until we too become a great beacon of light in the world. Then whatever unfolds within us is demonstrated in the manifested world. Affirm: I am a bright and shining light in the world.

"To Give is a Blessing" by Rev. Teresa Stuefloten, M.Div.

One of the things I love about the holiday season is the spirit of giving. People seem to open their hearts wider at the holiday season, becoming more receptive to giving to those in need of assistance. There are many opportunities to give during the holiday season. We see the red buckets and the bell ringers for the Salvation Army in front of many stores. The Salvation Army does so much good for others that it is a blessing to give to help them serve more people.

My granddaughter works for Community Solutions in Gilroy. They have a program called Adopt a Family Holiday Giving Program for the Holidays where you can choose a family and buy gifts for each family member so that no one is left out. You can find out more at communitysolutions.org if you would like to help. You can also volunteer to wrap gifts, donate toys or gifts, donate gift cards, or donate online and they will purchase the gifts.

The CRC where I exercise has barrels to collect toys to give to children in need. And they have a tree with ornaments that list gifts for elderly people in need. Many organizations have special holiday drives to make sure everyone gets gifts and food at the holidays.

The Bible speaks of the necessity of helping others:

“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

“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

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed.” Proverbs 19:17

"Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ.” Galatians 6:2

My holiday wish is that people will open their hearts all year around to give to others, not just at the holidays. Giving to others helps create peace on earth, goodwill to all.

Ways to Feed Your Soul

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Spiritual Support

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