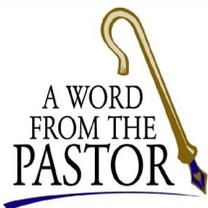


SOMBRA DEL MONTE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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A WORD
FROM THE
PASTOR

Leopards & Shepherds

A mother of a little girl, who had a part in the Christmas program, told of overhearing her daughter reciting the poem she was to give in the Christmas program to her friend.

The little girl came to a line that should have been "If I was a shepherd, I would give him (baby Jesus) a lamb." Instead, she said, "If I was a leopard, I'd give him some ham." (Too much Dr. Seuss, I think.)

The little girl had all the right intentions of giving up something of value for baby Jesus, but she was obviously confused.

Giving gifts to loved ones and friends is such a joy. However, the best gift we can give to those we love and care for is our caring and loving presence throughout the year.

Our gifts will wear out or break; ribbons and packages go into the trash; cards go into a box for review next Christmas; and decorations will be taken down and put away, but the gift of a loving and caring person is a gift that endures the years and generations.

As well intended as we may be, let's not be leopards giving hams. Rather, give lovingly of yourself to family, friends, and those in need that you encounter along the way this next year. Happy New Year!

~Pastor Logan

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Floyd & Pat Braaten, 1-11
Andreas & Mary Maffucci, 1-20

THIS 'N THAT



Thank you for the generous staff love gifts received this Christmas! God bless all of you in the new year!

The Sombra Del Monte Staff

In appreciation: We would like to thank everyone who supported our after worship fellowship times in 2017. Thank you to everyone who contributed refreshments and helped with set-up and clean-up! We enjoyed a wonderful year of great food and fellowship. And our heartfelt thanks to everyone who volunteered their time and talent throughout the past year at Sombra Del Monte.

The Sanctuary flowers for Sunday, December 31, are provided by Jeff & Elizabeth Thomsen in memory of Margaret Harrison.

Christmas Card Racks: Just a reminder to pick up your Christmas greetings after worship service if you haven't already done so!

FYI: In the event of severe weather that may require cancellation of church service on Sundays, the closure will be posted on KOAT TV, channel 7.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 1.

The **Christian Women's Fellowship** will have their monthly potluck lunch and meeting on Wednesday, January 10, at noon.

The **Christian Men's Fellowship** will have their monthly breakfast meeting on Saturday, January 13, at 8:00am at Vic's Daily Café (3600 Osuna).

IN SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences and prayers are extended to the family of **June Johnston**, who passed away peacefully on December 24. There are no services planned in Albuquerque.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR...

George Coleman's (Dorothy Beckner's brother) surgery was successful and he is home and doing well!

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Susan Sawyer & Bill Slough (Charlie Hays' friends), Fred Shoemaker, and Jeff & Elizabeth Thomsen

Our shut-ins are: **Joanne Colvin, Nadine Hughes, and Abigail McVeety**