

# *SUMC NEWSLETTER*

*December 2017*



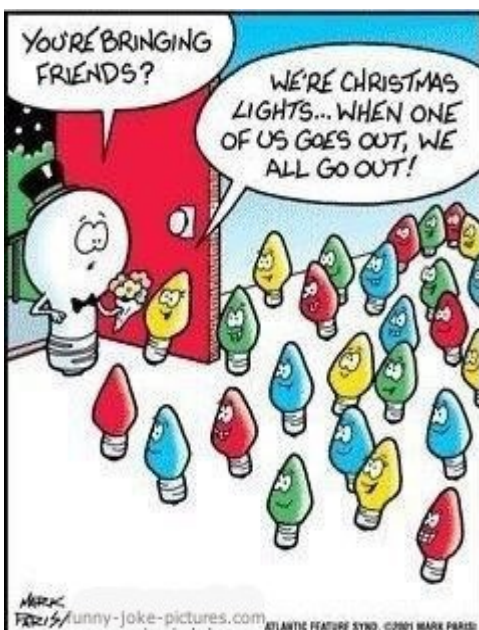
# CHRISTMAS AT SUMC

Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve both fall on Sundays this year—how special! Please see below for the scheduled service times and dates!

- 12/24 Christmas Eve morning  
English service 10:30 AM
- 12/24 Fijian Christmas  
afternoon  
service 2:00 PM
- 12/24 Joint Christmas Eve  
service 7:00 PM
- 12/31 English Service 10:30 AM
- 12/31 Fijian Watch Night  
service 10 PM to 12 AM  
(all are welcome)

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*May the*  
**GOD**  
*OF HOPE*  
*fill*  
*you with all*  
**JOY AND PEACE**  
*as you trust in him*  
*so that you may over*  
*flow with hope by the*  
**POWER OF**  
**THE HOLY**  
**SPIRIT.**  
ROMANS 15:13

## CHURCH DECORATING



Be like a Christmas light and bring your friends!

Tomorrow, Saturday the 9th, beginning at 10 AM, join the church family in decorating the church for the season. This event will coincide with the Ladies 2nd Saturday. Indoor decorating duties will be shared by everyone and the Trustees have offered to prepare the outside of the church! Thanks, Trustees!



# CHRISTMAS POTLUCK

For the month of December, the bi-weekly Ladies Bible Study group will be on a short break. They will however be having their annual Christmas potluck! This event will be held on Monday, December 11th at 6 PM in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite dish! Come one, come all!



## HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE



The newly formed Hospitality Committee is a great example of the welcome and warmth that lies at the heart of Shoreline United Methodist Church. On a recent evening the Praise team was blessed to be the receivers of the Hospitality Committee's well honed hospitality! They were invited to join in a wonderful meal together. There were prayers, stories, delicious food and terrific Christian fellowship. Thank you Hospitality Committee!

Pictured from left to right: Joan Randall (Hospitality Committee Chairperson, Anna Stedman (Praise Team singer/guitarist), Pastor Kevin Lee (Church leader and Hospitality Team member), Jon Hansen (Praise Team percussionist/singer) Janelle Woolsey (Hospitality Team member), Kitty Wilson (Hospitality Team member), Sandre Geyen (Hospitality Team member and Praise Team leader).

# Joint Thanksgiving Service Recap

*On Sunday, November 19th, the members and Pastors of both SUMC and FFUMCF came together to celebrate Thanksgiving. One of the highlights of the service was when the children performed their skit. They were dressed as Natives and Pilgrims, respectively, and had a table set up with a (paper) turkey and trimmings. After enjoying their “feast” the children and their teachers performed a choreographed dance to the tune of “Thank You” by The Katinas. Check out the pic below to see the thankful –hearted dancers!*



## MISSIONS NEWS

- \* **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** The Missions Committee will continue to collect donations for the Christmas season. They will not be accepting food items, but will accept gift cards and monetary donations. The latter will be used to purchase gift cards which will be given to the families at Briarcrest Elementary in order to supplement their Christmas needs.



- \* **SOCK-IT-TO-HOMELESSNESS:** Thank you all for your contributions to NightWatch's, Sock-It-To-Homelessness program. All together SUMC donated 122 pairs of socks!

## SOME CAROLS AND A BIRTHDAY!

This year the annual Caroling/Andy Birthday Celebration will be held on Sunday, December 17th. The festivities will begin at 7 PM when SUMC members (and their friends and family) will sing Christmas Carols for the residents of Fircrest Habilitation Center. Following the caroling, from 8 PM to 9 PM, there will be a special birthday celebration at Andy's house!



## NEW YEAR'S EVE SERVICE

**On Sunday evening, December 31st, from 10 PM until midnight the First Fijian United Methodist Church will**



**hold a New Year's Eve Service — the Watch Night Service. Everyone is invited!**



# Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 9th

**Ladies 2nd Saturday 10 AM**

**Christmas decorating 10 AM**

Wednesday, December 20th

**Hospitality Team Meeting 5:30 PM**

Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve

**English Christmas Service 10:30 AM**

**Joint Christmas Eve Service 7 PM**

Sunday, December 31st New Year's Eve

**English Service 10:30 AM**

**Fijian Watch Night Service 10 PM**

Ongoing

**Fijian Bible Study Saturdays 7 PM**

**English Service Sundays 10:30**

**Fijian Service Sundays 2 PM**

**Praise Team Rehearsal Wed 4:30 PM**

**English Bible Study Wednesdays 7 PM**

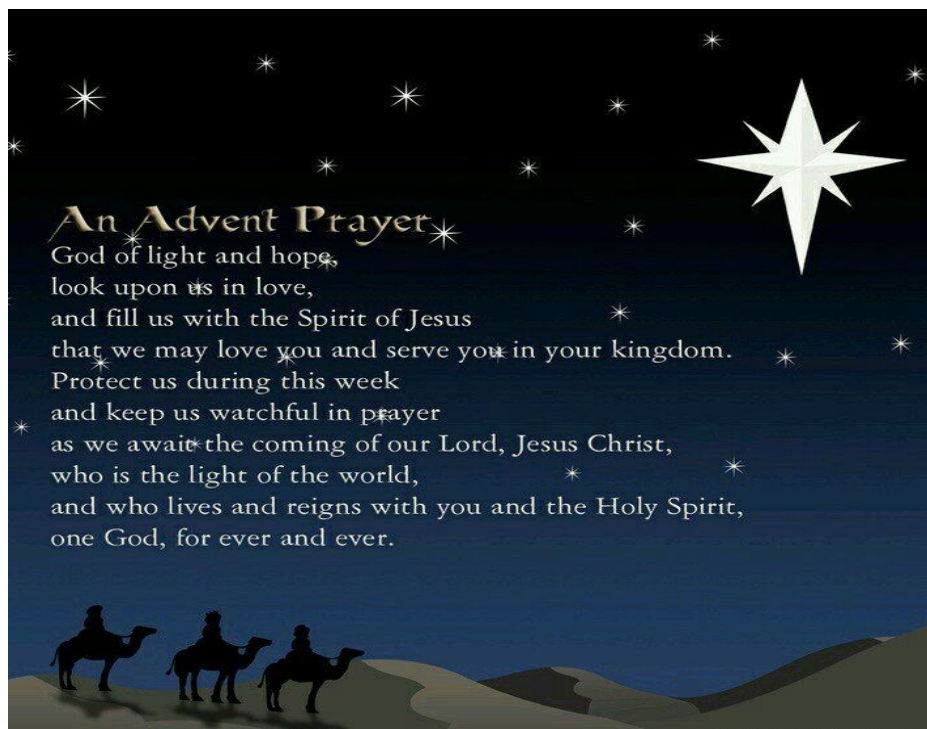
Monday, December 11th

**Ladies Bible Study Potluck 6 PM**

Thursday, December 21th

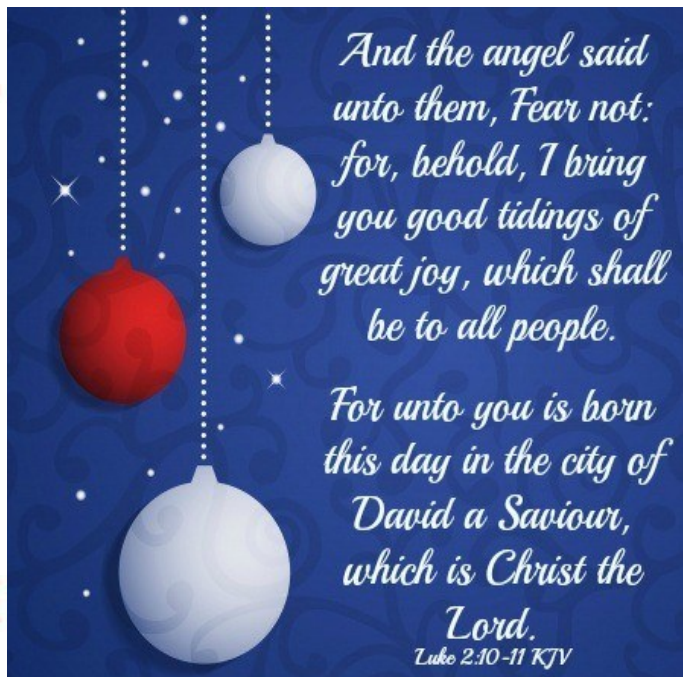
**Church Council Meeting 7 PM**

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day!



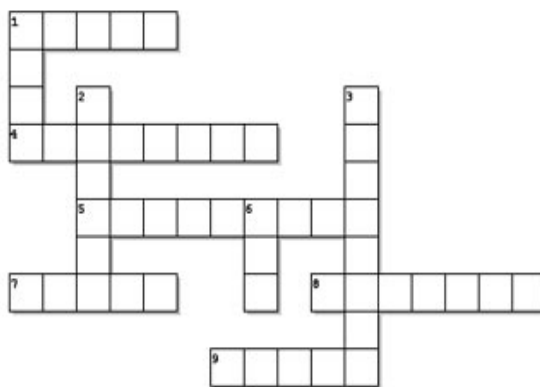
# CHRISTMAS FUN!

## WHAT'S IN A CANDY CANE?



Jesus Daily©

## Christmas Traditions Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 He has a white beard and wears red
- 4 They pull Santa's sleigh
- 5 You hang these by the chimney
- 7 Song: Deck the halls with boughs of \_ \_ \_
- 8 You build these out of snow
- 9 Santa's Helpers

### Down

- 1 You can put this on the top of the Christmas Tree
- 2 Shiny, long tree decoration
- 3 You are given these at Christmas
- 6 Song: "The Holly and the \_ \_ \_"

