

Winning first place in the Christmas Lighting contest in Jennings were Stan and Ramona Shaw. Second place went to Eugene and Dona Mrstik, and third place to Imogene Keenan.

A New Year's Eve party was held at the Senior Center with a soup supper and finger food. Cards, pool, games, quilting, etc., followed. Winning at cards on Saturday evening, Dec. 9, was Eleanor Morel. Vendla Tacha and Arch Harman tied for low. On Dec. 11, Louise Cressler won high and Arch was low. On Dec. 18, Louise won high and Mary Votapka low. We need more card players. Come join us.

A farewell party for David and Linda New was held at the Bar and Grill Sunday evening, Dec. 26. They will be moving to Florida.

The annual meeting of the Heritage Associates of Jennings/Czech Museum will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday along with the January meeting of the Czech Museum board, at the museum. The public is invited to attend. An annual report will be given along with projected plans for the coming year. Election of directors and officers will be held at this time.

Christmas weekend guests of Mildred Tacha, and Doyle and Kay Brown, were John R. Tacha, Hays; David Tacha and Diana Bienkowski, Denver; Sarah Tacha, Tacoma, Wash.; Leah Tacha, Cleveland, Ohio; John and Deane Tacha, Lawrence; Kent and Robin Brown, Jordan and McKenzie, Estes Park, Colo.; Kara Kuntz, Katherine and Zachary, Hays; Chad and Kim Kuntz and Madison, Junction City; Kurt and Valerie Brown and Millicent, Quinter; Mildred Kleidosty, Herndon; and Phil and Keli Kleidosty, Wichita.

Christmas dinner guests at the Lawrence Jennings home on Sunday were Dale and Tammy Musgrave, Eric, Erin and Ryan, Ong, Neb.; Brian and Westley Jennings, Solomon; Brent and Brendan Jennings, Junction City; Brett Jennings; and Frances Bader.

Pre-Christmas Sunday dinner guests of Doyle and Kay Brown were Jeff and Jan Jenkins and Beth, and Jesse Prince, Olathe; Jesse and Megan Carter, Clayton and Anna, Oberlin; Ken and Julie Carter; and Mike and Vickie Bailey. The Jenkins family spent the night at the Brown home.

Guests at the farm home of Mary and Tom Votapka over the Christmas holidays were Ann and Rex Rowh, Cimarron; Jodi Inguanza, Samantha, Meagan and Christopher, Kalvesta; Kip and Steph Rowh, Tim and Luke, Hastings, Minn.; Jean and Rollie Hallagin and Ashley, Goodland; Angie and Jay Dee Brumhaugh and Brenann, Owasso, Okla.; Josh and Michele Ivans, Great Bend; Byron and Lori Schiefin and Katlyn, Overland Park; Jason Rowh, Drake and Brecken; and Sue Long (and three dogs).

Vendla Tacha was a Christmas weekend houseguest of her daughter, Cheryl Roberts, Norton. Additional Christmas dinner guests were Trevor Roberts and children, Auburn, Neb.; Ryan Roberts, Gardner; Aaron Roberts, Hays; Warren and Lynn Tacha, Jennings, and Don McClelland, Norton.

Christmas celebration for the William Carter family began with Christmas Eve services at the church followed by supper at the Ken and Julie Carter home. It was great fun watching the little ones, Clayton and Anna Carter, and Abby and Madi DuBois, open their gifts. Their parents, Jess and Megan Carter, and Wes and Ann DuBois, were also present.

On Christmas Day the above group was joined by Max and Norma Ward, Dave Ward and Terry, and Lori and Kelly Wycoff for brunch at the Ken and Julie Carter home. In the afternoon, William and Rachel joined Naomi Carter's family for their celebration. On Monday Dick and Ann Graner of Missouri and Jane Wahlmeier and Amanda, Phillipsburg, came to the William Carters and the family got together

for supper.

Doyle and Kay Brown and Bill and Janice Dowell of Colby traveled to Denver and had a pre-Christmas celebration with Jim and Dorothy Stealy.

Christmas weekend guests at the home of Stan and Ramona Shaw included Chris Gillespie, Elliott and Aaron; Tom Neff, Marion; Kevin and Colleen Wagoner and Lisa, Sharon Springs; Brandon Wagoner, Joplin, Mo.; Nikki Brown, Salina; Mark and Shelley Shaw, Ethan and Erin, Logan; Cindy Black, Logan and Bowen; Katie Wahlmeier and Zach Golemboski, Colby; Jeff and Mary Wahlmeier, Nick and Adam, Clayton.

Enjoying New Year's Eve soup and other goodies at the Senior Center were William and Rachel Carter, Larry and Alice Mizer, Arch Harman, Vendla Tacha, Bob and Neoma Tacha, June Vavroch, Jay Kump, Mary Votapka, Agnes Wahlmeier, Kenny Krizek, Dorothy Doescher and Louise Cressler. Some played cards and some visited afterwards.

The Jennings Alumni Directory has been posted on the school web page by Elise Kinser. Those interested may go to the web page (<http://www.usd295.k12.ks.us>), which lists each graduating class. Any alumni member who would like their e-mail address linked to their name so they can be contacted by former classmates may contact the school at (785) 678-2414, or by e-mail

Anyone having news they would like in the paper may call Louise Cressler at (785) 678-2233, or e-mail WCanLC@webtv.net.

John and Edith Tate returned home Tuesday evening after spending a few days visiting Jaron and Tara Tate, Hot Springs, Ark., during the Christmas holidays. Jay and Becky Tate, Dakota, Mollie, and Jessie Grace were additional Christmas guests at the Jaron Tate home and returned home early Monday morning.

Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah, visited at the home of her brother and family, Tim and Teresa Jorns, Gavin and Tabor, Overland Park, Dec. 24-26. Also there enjoying Christmas Day dinner were Pam's father, Ben Jorns, Preston, and brothers Kim Jorns, Osawatomie, and Phil and Lisa Jorns, Julia and Logan, Norman, Okla.

Wilma May, Lois Eckhart, and Mildred Fortin were Thursday evening guests of Darlene Fisher. They enjoyed cake and ice cream and celebrated Lois's 90th birthday and also Wilma's birthday.

Stuart Euhus returned home Wednesday after an extended visit with his daughters and families during the Christmas holidays. He spent a few days before Christmas with Robert and Dana Morton, Sheena and Shad, Garden Plain, later driving on to Lamar, Colo., where he enjoyed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with Mike and Gail Harvey and Zeb. After spending a few days there, he returned to Garden Plain for a short visit before returning home.

Robert and Dana Morton, Sheena and Shad, Steve and Janna (Morton) Landgraf, Grand Island,

Neb., Terry and Tamara (Morton) Hilker and the Jerrod Hilker family, both of McCook, were among those present at the Morton family reunion held Dec. 24-26 in Scott City.

Zach Shaw, Brooklyn, N.Y., visited at the Richard Shaw home Dec. 26-28.

Members of St. John's Lutheran Church enjoyed attending an open house hosted by Pastor Rick and Kim Langness and family at their home following church services New Year's Eve.

A belated Christmas dinner and gift exchange was held New Year's Day at the home of Roland and Pam May, Zach and Hannah. Guests included Walter and Betty May, Dr. Richard and Delayne May, Danica and Nolan, Cole May, Rhonda May and Dan Nedland, Cameron, Hunter, and Elizabeth, and Roger and Susan May, Ryan and Erin.

New Year's guests at the home of Craig and Karen Larson were Todd and Ginger Lubbers and Rebecca, Laramie, Wyo. Their friends ar-

rived on Thursday and returned home on Sunday.

Karolyn Muirhead was a New Year's Eve and New Year's Day guest at the Robert Muirhead home, Colby. Robert and Diane Muirhead and Karolyn drove to Hays on New Year's Day, and were morning visitors of John and Ruth Peters and Amber Saliba, returning home that afternoon.

New Year's Day dinner guests at the Norman Wendelin home were Wayne and Lois Larson, Brad Larson, Kathy Almquist, and Jay and Suzanne Cooper, Wichita, who were also weekend guests at the Wendelin home.

John and Dianne Bremer and Jessica entertained on New Year's Day with a mid-afternoon coffee serving snacks, desserts, and Pond Butter Pudding, a Rezner family tradition for at least five generations. Guests were Arthur and Alice May, Lois Carlson, Edith Tate, Warren and Jan Bainter, Fern Jording, and Ingo and Doris Roedig.

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Midway News

By Mary Lou Olson

Covenant Week of Prayer is being held at 7 p.m. this week. It will be held Wednesday at the Kyle Grafel home; Thursday will be at the Chris Schmidt home; Friday at the Roger Carlson home, and Saturday at the Gerald Benda home.

The annual business meeting of the Herndon Covenant Church will be held following a sack lunch at noon on Sunday. Members are asked to bring snacks for the afternoon.

Dale and Debbie Withington, Hana, Ellie and Chloe of Chetopa were holiday guests of her parents, Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, and also spent time with his relatives in Atwood. Additional Christmas Day dinner guests at the Gary Erickson home were Jeff and Tama Unger and Jacob, Genevieve Erickson, Phil Erickson, Neva Campbell, and June Saum.

Christmas Eve guests for supper and a gift exchange at the home of J.R. and Carrol Ginther were Blaine and Erin Ginther and family, Atwood. On Christmas Day they were all among dinner guests of Brent and Carolyn Ginther and family at Menlo.

Bessie Peterson has returned to her home in Atwood after visiting several months with her daughter and family, Tonya and Terry Hill, in Florida.

Scott and Rhonda Richardson and Heather, Longmont, Colo., came Friday and were weekend guests of Richard and Maureen Anderson and family. Additional New Year's Eve guests at their home were Helen Jaderborg and great-grandson, Mason Lee, Longmont, Colo.; Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa; and Elden and Detta Anderson, and Dick and Donna Kelley.

Rex Olson, Sam, Seth and Abbie, and Dr. Beth Kinneavy, Boulder, Colo., were weekend guests of Keith and Mary Lou Olson. Additional supper guests on Saturday for their family Christmas get-together were Mark and Barbara Olson, Sarah, Kurt and Mary, and James and Kimberly Witt, Keely, Ashley and Whitney, Oberlin; Chris Wilson, Norton; and Kate Powell, McCook. Frank and Margaret McEvoy entertained to a pre-Christmas supper on Thursday, Renee and Alex McEvoy, Colby; Brian and Dawn McEvoy and Ethan, Grinnell; and Lonnie and Mary McEvoy, Ryan and Shane, and Stan McEvoy, Oberlin.

On Saturday, Frank and Margaret McEvoy joined Curtis McEvoy and the Vincent Turpin family of

Benkelman, Neb., the Robert Turpin family of Stratton, Neb., and the Tonya Ernesti family of McDonald, for supper at the home of Jay and Shelly Richardson and family in Stratton, Colo.

Holiday guests of Verol and Rosemary Bergling were Stu and Barbara Lindell and Brooke, Overland Park; Roger and Bonnie Leitner, Michael, Jennifer, Mollie and Megan, St. Augustine, Fla.; and Mark and Gail Bergling, Ryan, Jill and Blake.

Amanda Dodd and Colton of Oakley spent Sunday with Pastor Keith and Sandy Reuther and family.

New Year's Day dinner guests of Elden and Detta Anderson were Scott and Rhonda Richardson and Heather; Helen Jaderborg and Mason Lee, Longmont, Colo.; Kirk Kelley, Davenport, Iowa; the Richard and Maureen Anderson family; Gary Anderson; and Schulyer Hullet.

Christmas Eve supper guests at the Genevieve Erickson home were Phil Erickson, and Gary and Mary Ann Erickson, Oberlin; Ken and Rita Erickson and family, Los Bonos, Calif.; Ron and Kristi Reneberg and girls, Kensington; Greg and Mary Long and family, and friend, Bill, all of Norcat; Ron and Marlene Erickson, Rexford; and Max and Renell Bell and family, Colby.

J.R. and Carrol Ginther were Christmas Day supper guests of Harlan and Naida Ginther of Atwood. Others present were Bill and Jane Foster, Longmont, Colo., and Mrs. Marc Pearce and sons, WaKeeney. Kerrie Olson of Hays called at the Ginther home on Wednesday. Thursday evening guests for a gift exchange were Jeff and Michelle Carlstead, Brooke and Josh, Lawrence; and Tom Adams and friend, Jessie, Las Vegas, Nev. Weekend guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dave Rust of Superior, Neb., and Brent and Brady Ginther.

'The Mystery of God's Grace in our Lives'

By Pastor Doug Hasty of Oberlin and Prairie Chapel

United Methodist churches

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 3:2-6

As we begin a new year, it might be helpful to ponder a mystery. People are often reflective at this time of year, wanting to be hopeful that the year ahead will be filled with promise, a bright future, full of hope. Why not give some thought to a mystery and how that mystery might change your life?

The mystery the apostle Paul spoke about is the mystery of God's grace. Grace, in a basic definition, is receiving something that we don't deserve. We have no storehouse of merit that says we should deserve 10 units of grace, or even enough grace to come before God. And yet part of the mystery is that God's grace touches my life, and yours, every

day. God's love for us and God's grace almost become entwined together — touching our lives and giving us a better sense of who we are and how to live.

There is a proverb I want to share that deals with facing death, although it is really about life. The proverb goes like this: A spiritual master spoke at a public meeting. All questions at the public meeting that day were about life beyond the grave. The Master only laughed and did not give a single answer.

Later, when his disciples demanded to know the reason for his evasiveness, he said, "Have you observed that it is precisely those who do not know what to do with this life who want another that will last forever?" "But is there life after death or is there not?" persisted one disciple.

"Is there life before death? That is the question!" said the Master.

Living before death will require of us an acceptance of our neighbors. Living before death will require of us an awareness of our links with all living things. Living before death will require of us an appreciation for each moment and for all the wonders of creation that conspired together to give this moment to us. The mystery Paul writes about is that when we are all one body, then we are freed to live now, before death.

By the mystery of God's grace, let us live now!



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The Rev. Doug Hasty
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Pastor: Rev. Rick Langness
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Oberlin, Kansas
Pastor Charlotte Strecker-Baseler
Church Office Phone: 785-475-2053
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