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December 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Advent 1</p>		<p>1</p>  <p>Say a prayer for those living with HIV/AIDS.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Give two genuine compliments today.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Make a Christmas decoration for your room.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>Give an extra special 'thank you' to the person who brings your meal.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Remember the excitement of children on Christmas morning. Say a prayer for children.</p>
<p>Advent 2</p> <p>6</p> <p>Find a manger scene on your floor. Say a special prayer for new parents.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Today is Pearl Harbor Day. Say a prayer for peace.</p> 	<p>8</p> <p>Animals are part of the Christmas story. Pray that animals in shelters will find new homes.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>As you eat your meal in your room, say a prayer for those who live alone.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Send at least one Christmas card to anyone you choose.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Hanukkah starts today. Pray for those of other faiths.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Listen to some Christmas music!</p> 
<p>Advent 3</p> <p>13</p>  <p>Say a prayer for the trees and forests of the world.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Make only positive statements.</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>Write a note to someone on another unit on a UMH Campus.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Remember the star of Bethlehem. Find ways to get more light.</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Give someone a word of hope.</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>Remember a manger scene from your childhood. Say a prayer for refugees.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Make a phone call to someone you are not related to.</p> 
<p>Advent 4</p> <p>20</p> <p>"Jesus is the Reason for the Season" Say a prayer for church leaders.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Watch a Christmas special on television.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>"Wise men still seek him." Pray for the wisdom of our leaders.</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>Sing your favorite Christmas carol (don't worry about who's listening).</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Read the Christmas story: Luke 2:1-20</p>	<p>25</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p> 	<p>26</p>

The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!'

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.