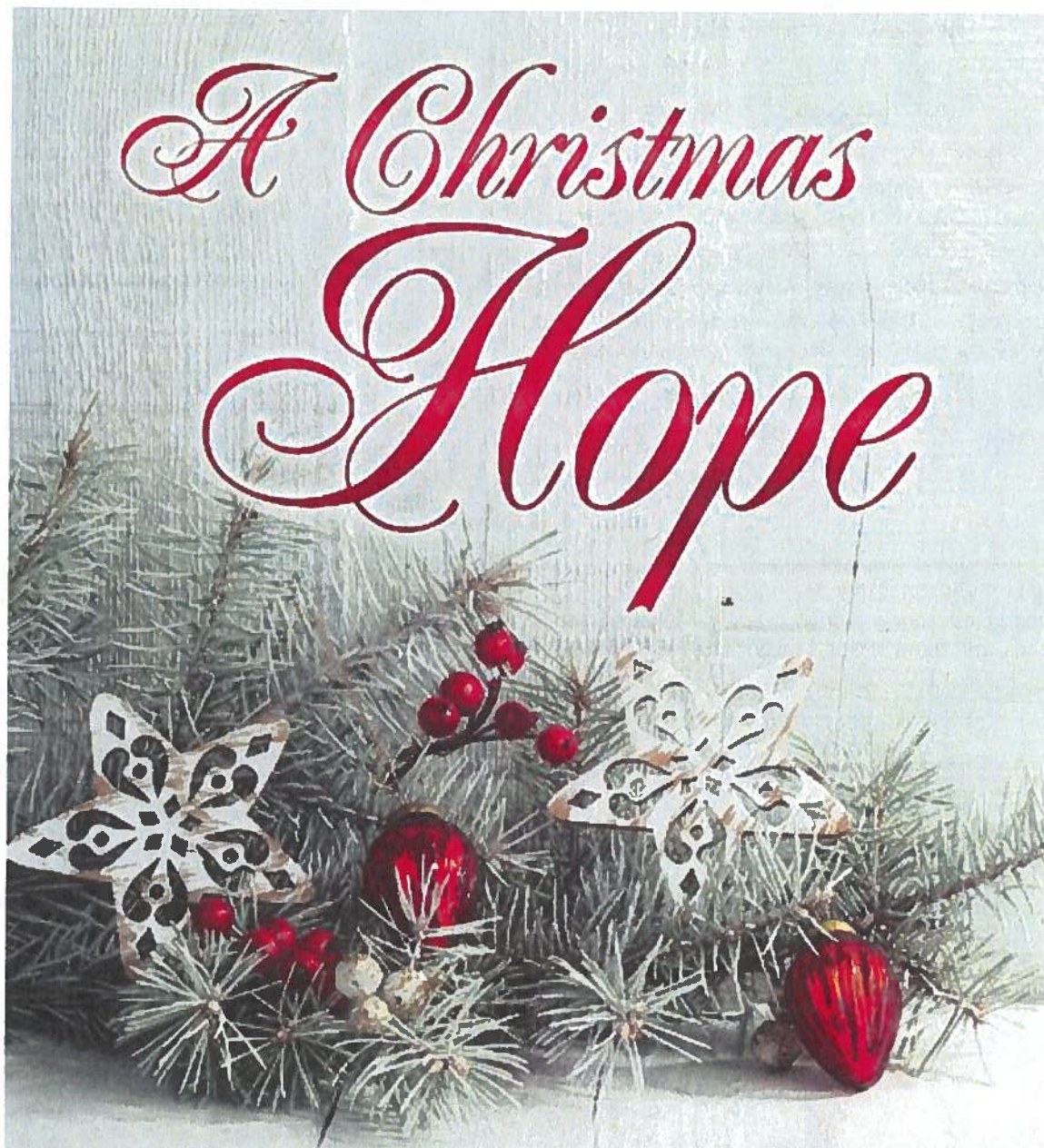


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A Christmas Hope



*Behold, a virgin shall be with child,
and shall bring forth a son,
and they shall call his name Emmanuel...God with us.*

MATTHEW 1:23


Loving Father,
 help us remember
 the **birth of Jesus**
 that we may share in
 the *song of the angels,*
 the gladness of the shepherds
 and the **worship of the wise men.**
 Close the door of hate and
open the door of love all over the
 world. Let kindness come with every gift and
 good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from
 evil by the *blessing which Christ brings,* and teach us
 to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning
 make us happy to be *Thy children,* and the Christmas
 evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
 for Jesus' sake.
 Amen.

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*Wishing
 you and your family
 a very joyous Christmas
 and a Blessed 2025!*

*Fr. Ron, Deacon Ron, and
 the office and religious education staff*



Question for Christmas Day

Is my heart expectant and open, ready to seek, find, and share the Good News of God's reconciling love in **Christ**?



Steve and Donna Jacob delivering gifts for seniors from members of St. Margaret Mary CCW.



*Christ our Savior
 is born to us
 in the city of Bethlehem*

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