## CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER Sunday, December 24, 2006 New York City, New York

Brent and Lorinda Belnap and their children

David, Caroline, Christopher, Spencer, and Rebecca

and Carmen Nieves

Hymn #203, "Angels We Have Heard On High"

Blessing on the Food and Family Prayer



**MENU** 



Appetizers and Hors d'oeuvres

Assortment of Fresh and Dried Fruits and Nuts

Holiday Cookies, Chocolates, Candies, and Quick Breads

Specialty Cheeses, Crackers, and Dips

Swedish Meatballs

Bread Bowl with Spinach and Water Chestnut Dip

#### Salads and Bread

Fresh Spinach Salad with Slivered Almonds, Dried Cranberries, Mandarin Oranges and Poppyseed Vinaigrette

Traditional Cranberry Jello Salad with Whole Cranberries, Chopped Pecans, and Golden Delicious Apples

Crescent Rolls

#### Main Dish

Spiral-cut Smoked Ham with Honey-Maple-Mustard Glaze, Whole Cloves, and Other Spices

### Vegetable Dishes

Funeral Potatoes

Steamed Broccoli Spears with Cheese Sauce

Glazed Diced Beets

### Beverages

Chilled Cranberry Juice with Sparkling Water

Steaming Mulled Wassail

#### Desserts

Homemade Pumpkin Pie topped with Whipped Cream

Rice Pudding with Almond



# CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM Sunday, December 24, 2006 New York City, New York

- 1. Light Christmas candles
  Turn off all lights except Christmas Tree lights
- 2. Sing favorite Christmas carols
- 3. Brent and Lorinda: Share favorite Christmas memory Read Christmas memory from Grandpa Belnap
- 4. Children: Share favorite Christmas memory
- 5. Exchange "Gifts From the Manger"
  (The 16th year of this Belnap Family tradition, begun Christmas 1991)
- 6. Children: Open <u>one</u> present (Belnap Family tradition since early 1960s; gift: new pajamas)
- 7. Talent Show:

David – vocal solo
Caroline – various pieces on flute
Christopher – vocal solo
Spencer – artwork unveiling
Rebecca – vocal solo



8. Re-enactment of the Nativity Story:

David – Joseph Caroline – Mary Christopher – Shepherd/Innkeeper Spencer – Wiseman Rebecca -- Angel

- 9. Place Baby Jesus in Jerusalem olive wood manger (The 11th year of this Belnap Family tradition, begun Christmas 1996; assigned to the youngest capable child; Nativity Set purchased in 1984) Sing "Away In A Manger" (Hymn #206)
- 10. Light "Shepherds' Field" candle Pass light to family members

(The 23<sup>rd</sup> year of this Belnap Family tradition, begun Christmas 1984; begun at "Mormon Shepherds' Field" near Bethlehem on April 5, 1984; candle should be lit on Christmas Eve at 11:00 p.m. Utah time where feasible;)

- 11. Sing "Silent Night" (Hymn #204) and "I Wonder When He Comes Again" (Children's Songbook p. 82)
- 12. Listen to Christmas carols around Christmas Tree Watch "Polar Express" Tuck children into bed and say prayers

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOODNIGHT!