

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER

Monday, December 24, 2007

New York City, New York

*Brent and Lorinda Belnap and their children
David, Caroline, Christopher, Spencer, Rebecca, and Nathan
and Rod Olson*

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, Celery, and Golden Delicious Apples*

Crescent Rolls

Main Dish

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

Vegetable Dishes

Scalloped Potatoes

Steamed Broccoli Spears, Carrots, and Cauliflower

Beverages

Chilled Cranberry Juice with Sparkling Water

Steaming Mulled Wassail

Desserts

Homemade Pumpkin Pie topped with Whipped Cream

Rice Pudding with Almond



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1. Light Christmas candles
Turn off all lights except Christmas Tree lights
2. Sing favorite Christmas carols
3. Brent and Lorinda: Share favorite Christmas memories
4. Children: Share favorite Christmas memories
5. Exchange "Gifts From the Manger"/Secret Santa
(The 18th year of this Belnap Family tradition, begun Christmas 1991)
6. Children: Open one present
(Belnap Family tradition since early 1960s; gift: new pajamas)
7. Talent Show:
David – vocal solo
Caroline & Christopher – flute/piano piece
Spencer – artwork unveiling
Rebecca – vocal solo
8. Re-enactment of the Nativity Story:
David – Joseph
Caroline – Angel
Christopher – Shepherd/Innkeeper
Spencer – Wiseman
Rebecca – Mary
Nathan – Jesus
9. Place Baby Jesus in Jerusalem olive wood manger
(The 13th 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 24th 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!**