

**CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER**  
*Saturday, December 24, 2011*  
*New York City, New York*

*Brent J. and Lorinda G. Belnap and their children*  
*David, Caroline, Christopher, Spencer, Rebecca, and Nathan;*  
*Elder Covell and Elder Mathews;*  
*Mitch and Jessie Holder and their daughter Missy*

**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*

*Bread Bowl with Spinach and Water Chestnut Dip*

**Salads and Bread**

*Spring Mix Salad with Slivered Almonds, Dried Cranberries, Strawberries,  
Pomegranates, Mandarin Orange Wedges and Poppyseed Vinaigrette*

*Holiday Cranberry Jello Salad with Whole Cranberries, Chopped Pecans,  
Celery, and Golden Delicious Apples*

*Crescent Rolls*

**Main Dishes**

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

*Swedish Meatballs with Cardamom Cream Sauce and Carmelized Onions*

**Vegetable Dishes**

*Au Gratin Potatoes*

*Steamed Broccoli Spears and Buttery Cooked Carrots*

**Beverages**

*Chilled Cranberry Juice with Sparkling Water*

*Steaming Mulled Wassail*

**Desserts**

*Homemade Pumpkin Pie topped with Whipped Cream*

*Risgryngröt (Rice Pudding) with Hidden Almond*



**CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM**  
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1. Light Christmas candles;  
Turn off all lights except Christmas Tree lights
2. Sing several favorite Christmas carols
3. Brent and Lorinda: Share a favorite Christmas memory
4. Children: Share a favorite Christmas memory
5. Exchange "Gifts From the Manger"  
(The 21<sup>st</sup> year of this Belnap Family tradition, begun Christmas 1991)
6. Children: Open one present  
(Belnap Family tradition since early 1960s; gift: new pajamas)
7. Christmas Program:  
David – Guitar Solo  
Caroline – Testimony  
Christopher – Testimony  
Spencer – A Christmas Report  
Rebecca – "Silent Night"  
Nathan – Christmas Carol Medley
8. Re-enactment of the Nativity Story:  
David – Wiseman  
Caroline – Angel  
Christopher – Shepherd/Innkeeper  
Spencer – Joseph  
Rebecca – Mary  
Nathan – Baby Jesus
9. Place Baby Jesus in Jerusalem olive wood manger  
(The 16<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</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!**