## CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER Monday, December 24, 2012 Ogden, Utah

Brent J. and Lorinda G. Belnap and their children Caroline, Christopher, Spencer, Rebecca, and Nathan; Harvey Douglas and Margene S. Goff; Lisa S. Goff; Ronald F. Belnap; Steven A Belnap; Brian L. And Karen P. Belnap and their children Michael, Melissa, Ryan, and Rachael; Gordon L. and Sharon Belnap

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

> > Homemade Dinner Rolls

#### Main Dishes

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

Svenska Köttbullar med Gräddsås (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

Pumpkin, Razzleberry, Pecan Pies; Risgryngröt (Rice Pudding) with Hidden Almond



# CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAM Monday, December 24, 2012 Ogden, Utah

- 1. Light Christmas candles; turn off all lights except Christmas Tree lights
- 2. Sing several favorite Christmas carols
- 3. Adults: Share a favorite Christmas memory
- 4. Children: Share a favorite Christmas memory
- 5. Exchange "Gifts From the Manger"
  (The 22<sup>nd</sup> 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. Christmas Talent Program



8. Re-enactment of the Nativity Story:

Caroline – Angel

Christopher – Shepherd/Innkeeper

Spencer – Joseph

Rebecca - Mary

Nathan - Wiseman

- 9. Place Baby Jesus in Jerusalem olive wood manger (The 17th 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 29th 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!