

CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER
Tuesday, December 24, 2013
Moscow, Russia

Brent J. and Lorinda G. Belnap;
their children
Caroline, Christopher, Spencer, Rebecca, and Nathan

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

Blessing on the Food and Family Prayer



MENU

Appetizers and Hors d'oeuvres

Chocolate Candy; Dried Fruits; Russian Tea Cakes;
Elisen Lebkuchen; Marzipan; Cranberry Nut Bread;
Specialty Cheeses and Crackers; Bread Bowl with Spinach Dip

Salads and Bread

Spring Salad with Slivered Almonds, Dried Cranberries, Pomegranates,
Mandarin Orange Wedges, and Vinaigrette

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

Grandma Goff's Orange Dinner Rolls

Main Dishes

Honey-glazed Pork Roast

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 Cherry Juice with Sparkling Water

Steaming Mulled Wassail

Desserts

Pumpkin Pie; Pecan Pie



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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 23rd year of this Belnap Family tradition, begun Christmas 1991)
6. Children: Open one present
(Belnap Family tradition since early 1960s; gift: new pajamas)
7. Family Talent Program
8. Re-enactment of the Nativity Story:
Caroline – Angel
Christopher – Shepherd/Innkeeper
Spencer – Wiseman
Rebecca – Mary
Nathan – Joseph
9. Place Baby Jesus in Jerusalem olive wood manger
(The 18th year of this Belnap Family tradition, begun Christmas 1996; assigned to the youngest child; Steven's Nativity Set purchased in 1984)
Sing "Away In A Manger" (Hymn #206)
10. Light "Shepherds' Field" candle; pass light to family members
(The 30th 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!