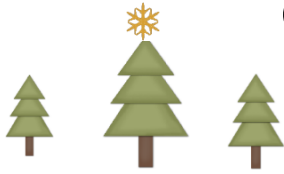


# Grace Senior Community

## December 2018

9995 W. State Street



Once again the Gift Box is wrapped and ready to be filled with Coffee, Hot Coca and other food items which well be givin to the Boise Rescue Mission. The mission tries to keep fresh hot coffee available all day, so that is a great need in cold weather. They also pack about 50 lunches a day for women who have jobs or attend school.

In addition to coffee we will also be collecting snack items that are served in the evening to the women and children before bed. Non-perishable item such as pudding snacks, granola bars, fruit cups, individually wrapped crackers & raisins are appropriate. If you would like to contribute items for this cause you can put them in the box near the front desk. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to give back to the community

Well, in Whoville they say that the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day. And then the true meaning of Christmas came through and the Grinch found the strength of 10 Grinches, plus two!



## December Birthdays

Patricia Snyder	12/8
Maria Rodriguez	12/9
Betty Bowen	12/17
Margaret Patten	12/20
Darlene Frost	12/22

## Family

## Christmas Party



Invite your family, friends and loved ones to join us on **Thursday December 20<sup>th</sup>** at 2:00 p.m. for our Family Christmas Party. There will be all types of finger foods, singing and music by The Heartfelt Country Band, and a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Claus. Family and staff will have the chance to visit and enjoy the holiday spirit.

## THAT'S BAZAAR!


There will be a Christmas Bazaar on Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> in the activities room. Stop by between 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. and buy a gift for a friend, family member or yourself. There will be Items from local vendors and residence.



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### Entertainment Lineup

Tuesday Dec 4<sup>th</sup> At 3:00 p.m.


 Rolando Ortego  
On the piano

Monday Dec 10 at 6:00 p.m.  
Piano Recital from local students

Tuesday Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Singing Duo   
Jennie Squared

Tuesday Dec 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

 Music & Memories  
With Bruce Briggs

Friday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Terri & Jim

## Home Sweet Home



Come join in the fun of building a ginger bread house on Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.

The sweet and spicy smell of gingerbread is a clear indicator that the holiday season is in full swing. By the time Gingerbread House Day arrives on December 12, you may have already indulged in eating this seasonal treat.

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## 12 Days of Christmas

There is one Christmas Carol that has always baffled me. What in the world do leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas? Today I found out at a ladies luncheon its origin. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics.

It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit-Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

Gingerbread, made with ginger root, is believed to have originated in East Asia, where ginger was originally cultivated. It is believed that ginger and gingerbread were introduced to Europe after the Crusades of the 11th century. Gingerbread was adopted most heartily in Germany, where monks perfected their heart-shaped *lebkuchen* cookies. These cookies were first made as unleavened honey cakes, made in the same fashion as communion wafers. With the introduction of ginger, German bakers transformed *lebkuchen* into

their beloved gingerbread. In 1487, Emperor Friedrich III presented the 4,000 children of the city of Nuremberg with gingerbread cookies shaped to his likeness.

The shape of gingerbread was not limited to hearts, faces, and people; miniature houses made of the cookie were also common. This is why a gingerbread house figured so prominently in the tale *Hansel and Gretel*, first published by German folklorists and brothers Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm in the 19th century. What better way for

a witch to lure two children into her home than to build a home out of Germany's favorite cookie? Through this tale, the Brothers Grimm spread the popularity of making gingerbread houses beyond Germany.

## The Christmas Crossing

It was nearly midnight on Christmas of 1776 when Revolutionary War General George Washington daringly crossed the freezing Delaware River to turn the tide in favor of the colonists. Washington had suffered numerous defeats, resulting in the loss of many strategic locations, including New York City in the north. Washington's plan included three crossings of the Delaware. He led a division of 2,400 men to surprise a group of German Hessian soldiers gathered at Trenton. When Washington's force descended the next morning, the Hessians were caught unawares after a night of Christmas revels and were easily overwhelmed. When Washington's other two divisions of 3,000 men failed to make the rendezvous, he was forced to withdraw. While the victory was not particularly strategic, Washington's renown and the morale of the Continental Army grew.

