

WORSHIP FULLY

It starts with Jesus. It ends with Jesus. It's a season where we are called to put down our burdens and lift up a song to our God.

SPEND LESS

Spending less isn't a call to stop giving gifts; it's a call to stop spending money on gifts we won't remember in less than a year.

GIVE MORE

The most powerful, memorable gift you can give to someone else is yourself. And nobody modeled this more than Jesus.

LOVE ALL

By spending just a little less on gifts, we free up our resource to love as Jesus loves by giving to those who really need help.



"MAYBE CHRISTMAS DOESN'T COME FROM A STORE, MAYBE CHRISTMAS PERHAPS MEANS A LITTLE BIT MORE." --THE GRINCH

FAREWELL

Help us say goodbye to Dana, Linda, Mia, and Andrew on December 28 as they make a move to a new congregation. We appreciate their valued contributions to JCC the past few years!

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies you will want to mark your calendars—
Sunday, January 18—
Ladies' Brunch
following the morning service at Phylis' home!

Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to **"MEASURE"** our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.



SURGERY FOR EMMA

Pray for Emma Grebenick who will be undergoing a "gastric sleeve" procedure on December 12 at St. Alexius Hospital. Pray that her team would be used by God to bring about wholeness and healing in Emma's life.

CONNECTION CARD

UPSIDE DOWN CHRISTMAS

★ Rediscovering the Wonder of Christmas ★



- NOV 30 *Upside Down Birth*
- DEC 07 *Upside Down Traditions*
- DEC 14 *Upside Down Gifts*
- DEC 21 *Upside Down Happiness*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Emma Grebenick	▶ Health Issues
Lily Metcalf	▶ Dementia
Anabelle Galik	▶ Lung Cancer
John Schreiber	▶ Healing
Andrew Haywood	▶ Health Issues
Noe Figueroa	▶ Health Issues
Linda Loukota	▶ Breast Cancer
Elizabeth Stein	▶ Health Issues
David	▶ Heart Transplant
Abby London	▶ Mersat
Pat Crampton	▶ Healing in Her Back
Ashley Fagerson	▶ Mental Health Issues
Sharon Dost	▶ Colon Cancer
Maria Ashcraft	▶ Complete Healing
Robin Loveless	▶ Lung Cancer
Art Bush	▶ Post-Surgery Healing
Barb Smith	▶ Lower Back Pain
Bobbie Nash	▶ Inner Healing
Kenny Dutro	▶ Skull Fracture
Trevor Walls	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
Jim Walls	▶ Back Surgery
Keith Knoepfle	▶ Back Surgery
Peggy Knoepfle	▶ Shoulder Sprain
Kevin Knoepfle	▶ Back Issues
Teresa Jean	▶ Newborn: Heart Defects
Paul Sharp III	▶ Health Issues

11/30/14



32 ATTENDANCE \$2,124.25 GIVING
 5 GUESTS 12 VOLUNTEERS
 0 DECISIONS FOR CHRIST



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Upside Down Traditions

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS



Italy: Befana is an old woman who visits all the children of Italy to fill their socks with presents.

Germany: Bad Santa (Krampus); half-goat, half-demon who beats people into being nice.

Japan: KFC is the dish of choice on Christmas Day. People come in droves to take their special meal home.

Louisiana: In southern Louisiana, it's customary to light gigantic fires along the levees to guide Papa Noel home.

New Mexico: Luminaries consisting of votive candles are set in paper bags and placed along sidewalks and on stucco or rock fences.




¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi^[a] from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Matthew 2:1-2



UPSIDE DOWN DECISION

To go from Happy Holidays
to Merry Christmas!

- We are not waging a culture war on Christmas.
 - We are saying, “Let’s examine what the “true” Christmas is about.
 - We are not against celebration—God festooned the birth of Christ!
 - We are not against gift-giving, parties, or sharing with others.
 - We are for making Christmas Christ-centered.
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HOW DO WE TURN CHRISTMAS RIGHT SIDE UP?

1

REMEMBER THE NAMESAKE OF CHRISTMAS

Jesus is more than a name—he is a description of what God is able to do for you!



» Immanuel *Matthew 1:22–23*

» Prince of Peace *Isaiah 9:6*

» Savior *Luke 2:11*

» Wonderful Counselor *Isaiah 9:6*

» Son of God *Matthew 16:16*

» Son of Man *Matthew 16:27*

» Mighty God *Isaiah 9:6*

» Messiah *Matthew 1:1*

» King *Matthew 2:2*

» Savior *Luke 2:11*

2

RECOGNIZE THE MEANING IN THE SYMBOLS



Candy cane



Star



Evergreen tree



Gifts



Angels



Candles

3

READ THE CHRISTMAS STORY

» **Luke 2** The global perspective

» **Matthew 2** The historical perspective

» **John** The theological perspective

4

RECOMMIT TO A CHRIST-CENTERED LIFE

Jesus is God with us! This king asks your allegiance. Are you ready to make this child your king? That is what Christmas is about!



IT'S TIME TO TURN CHRISTMAS, RIGHT SIDE UP!

