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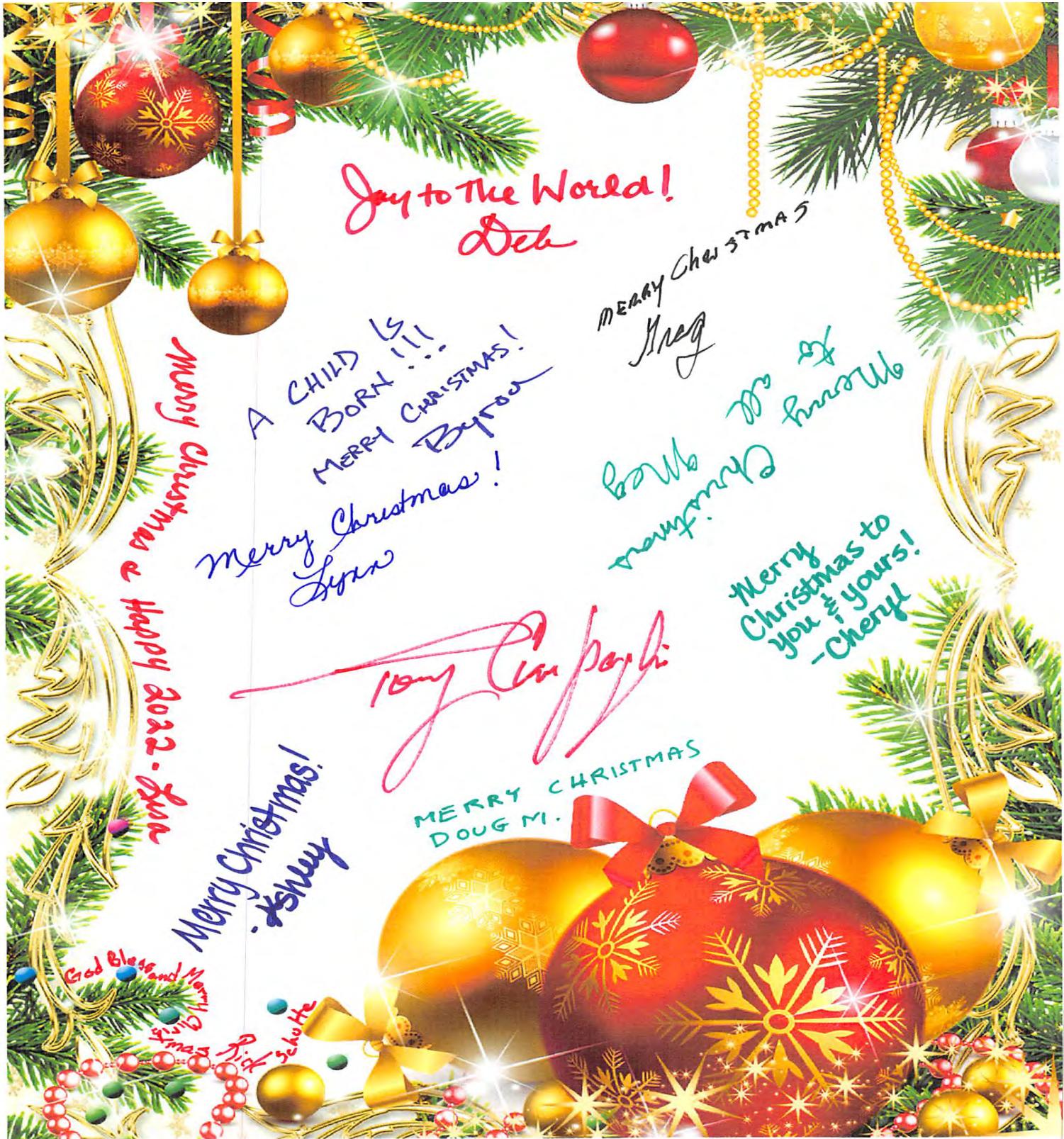


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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE CONGREGATION AND FRIENDS OF BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH





Christmas Eve Services

BEL AIR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Candlelight Services in the Sanctuary

11 am Morning Service

4 pm Family Service

7 pm & 9 pm

11 pm (Candlelight & Communion)

MT CARMEL CHAPEL

Route 924 & Wheel Road

8 pm (Candlelight & Communion)

**CHURCH CLOSED
MONDAY, DECEMBER 27
IN OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS**

Signing up for worship helps us keep attendance records. We invite our new guests to register for the in-person worship services:

You may go to <http://bit.ly/BAUMCSunday9-15amWorship> for 9:15am Traditional Service

You may go to <https://bit.ly/BAUMCSunday10-15Worship> for 10:15am Contemporary Service

OR

You may text Worship to 410-210-4363, then choose the service you plan to attend.

In order for Bel Air UMC to continue contact tracing, we ask that you sign in at the Narthex for the 9:15am service or upon entering McComas Hall for the 10:15am service.



Sermon By Phone 410-800-4472

We are happy to announce that we now have a way for those of our congregation who are not electronically-connected to hear Sunday sermons. "Sermon By Phone" allows people to call in and hear the scripture reading and sermon. The information will be updated on a weekly basis.

If you know of someone who could benefit from this, please pass along the information.

Helping you stay connected while we are apart.



Join Anne Goodman and the Prayer Team Wednesdays for group prayer at 3:30 pm.

Join Through the ZOOM App
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/905302493?pwd=U3J4WU5tZHhvNytHV1J4Ym5FNjJIQT09>

Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: BAUMC
To Dial In: 253 215 8782 or 301 715 8592
Meeting ID: 905 302 493 Password: 242531

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES



Evensong Returns

Thursdays 7 p.m. on Facebook Live

Every Thursday evening in December we will gather on Facebook Live from my home to “wait” together during this Advent season. Music, prayer and a short devotional gathered around the fireplace to truly pause for a bit of time together as family.

Pastor Deb

the Twelve Days Of Christmas Sunday, December 26

I've waited all year to celebrate the twelve days of Christmas. There is a story (every story and life can be redeemed) that the song the Twelve Days of Christmas has Spiritual meaning in remembering a certain information in correlation to the characters of the song.



The Twelve days start on Christmas Day, so don't wait another day to celebrate this season.

Join Pastor Deb for a unique service at 9:15.

Come as you are and bring the family.

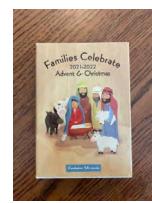
C4 Kids QR Codes



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Advent Event

Be with me on Saturday, December 4th for a casual time to make wreaths, eat pizza and watch the movie "The Star". We start at 5 p.m. in Room 101.



We will be using this fun Deck of Cards that celebrate the Advent Season. We will demonstrate ways in which to use the cards in your home. Above is a sample of the card for Nov 29th front and back, the advent wreath we will be duplicating and the full deck. Questions contact Pastor Deb lamptond@baumc.com

'Round the Table Carol Sing

*Good Christian friends rejoice, with heart and soul and voice!
Join us in McComas Hall on Sunday, December 12, for a 'Round the
Table Carol Sing
as we gather 'round the table for Christmas caroling and fellowship.
The fun begins at 11:30 am.
Soloists and groups are invited to perform holiday music and all are
invited to sing Christmas carols together.
Cooks and bakers are invited to bring a soup, bread, or a sweet treat.
Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.*

YOUTH MINISTRIES

WEEKLY EVENTS

Middle School Sunday School

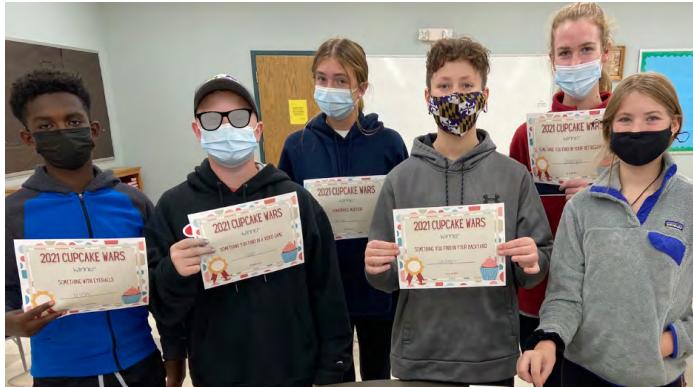
Sundays, 9:15 am - Youth Center

Youth Bible Study

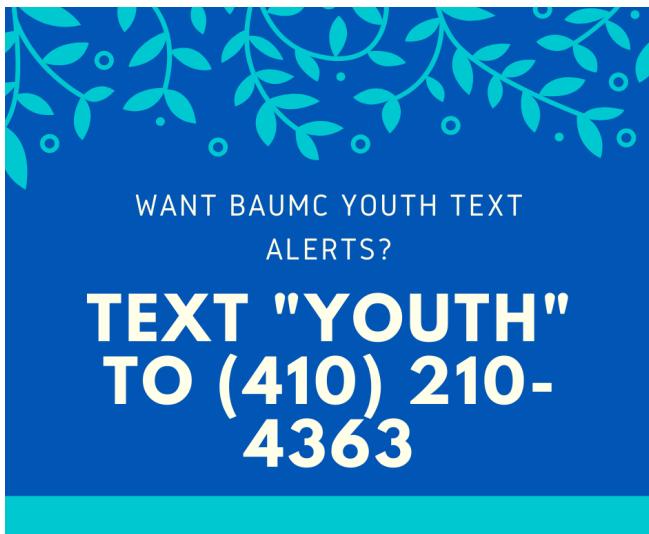
Sundays, 10:15 am - Youth Center

Youth Group

Sundays, 4:30 pm - McComas Hall, Youth Center Room 202 and Gaga Pit



2021 Cupcake War Winners



SAVE THE DATE

Wave Retreat (formally known as ROCK)



January 7 - 9, 2022 in Ocean City, MD!
Registration opened on September 12.
Registration ends on December 23
<https://bit.ly/BelAirWave2022>
or text WAVE2022 to 410-210-4363



WEEKLY EVENTS
Sundays 9:15am Middle School Sunday School
Sundays 10:15am Bible Study
Sundays 4:30-6pm Youth Group (no meeting Dec. 26, Jan. 2 or Jan. 9)

SPECIAL EVENTS
Sunday, December 19 4:30-6pm
Youth Christmas Party (Youth Center)
Sunday, January 16 4:30-6pm
World Record Night (McComas Hall)
Sunday, February 13 4:30-6pm
Youth Group Winter Olympics (McComas Hall)

SAVE THE DATE
Wave Retreat in Ocean City, MD
January 7-9, 2022
Summer Mission Trip to Romney, WV
July 10-16, 2022

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Follow us on Instagram @baumc_youth
Text "YOUTH" to 410-210-4363 for updates
Email sandersa@baumc.com

DECEMBER MILESTONES

Celia Anne Narizzano
Daughter of Brian & Alison Narizzano



Happy Birthday

12/03 - Jean McLane
12/04 - Carol McCormack
12/09 - Judy Hatfield
12/12 - Mary Ann Keele
12/14 - Dick Reitz
12/14 - Mary Schruefer



12/19 - Maxine Jenkins
12/21 - Cora Cole
12/24 - John Hieber
12/26 - Ken Armstrong
12/28 - Gloria Benson

We are pleased to celebrate the birthdates of those who are at least 80 years young!

Happy Anniversary

Jack & Sarah Bowman - 69th anniversary on 12/5
Gregory & Jane Indyke - 40th anniversary on 12/5
Ron & Robin Keith, Jr. - 36th anniversary on 12/7
Steve & Lauren Moseley - 25th anniversary on 12/7
Bill & Jeanne Smith - 15th anniversary on 12/9
Gail & Judy Hatfield - 58th anniversary on 12/14
Russ Nelson & Sarah Gardner-Cox - 15th anniversary on 12/15
Herb & Kathy Hughes, Jr. - 41st anniversary on 12/17
Steve & Robbie Alexander - 39th anniversary on 12/18
Brian & Tiarra Thomas - 10th anniversary on 12/18
Eric & Vicki Jankowiak - 13th anniversary on 12/20
JP & Megean Garvin - 25th anniversary on 12/22
Ross & Jacqueline Fisher - 13th anniversary on 12/26
Les Goodwin - 66th anniversary on 12/26
Ron & Wendy Parish - 46th anniversary on 12/27
Allen & Elaine Morgan - 8th anniversary on 12/28
Scott & Allison Panowitz - 20th anniversary on 12/28
Jim & Susan Hudson - 31st anniversary on 12/29
Paul & Beth Lusky - 42nd anniversary on 12/29
Tony & Sue Ciampaglio - 44th anniversary on 12/30



Happy Anniversary! May you continue to love, cherish and honor one another for years to come.



**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR DECEMBER
WELCOME ONE HOMELESS SHELTER**

To donate please go to

<http://bit.ly/BelAirUMCWelcome1HomelessShelter>

Family Food

The Maryland Food bank has implemented a new schedule for deliveries to our Neighbors in Need Ministry (Food Ministry). These changes will affect when we distribute food to the community. As of October 2021, we changed our day of serving from the 3rd Saturday to the 1st Saturday of each month.

Our next scheduled family food will be December 4th. Since New Year's Day is on the first Saturday Neighbor's in Need (family food) will not be open for business.

Please help us get the word out to the people affected by these changes. Any questions contact me at food. services@baumc.com.

Manna House

Volunteers needed to help serve guests a meal from 9am-1pm
If you can help, contact Greg - food.services@baumc.com

Manna House is happy to announce that we are now serving meals.

Doors open at 10:30 am. Meals served from 11:30 am - 12:45 pm.
Manna House is in need of plastic grocery bags.

Furniture donations/requests are no longer accepted at the church. Please call Found in Faith at 443-519-2464.

The Pass It On (Financial Assistance) Ministry volunteers are working remotely on Mondays from 9am to 12 noon. Volunteers will be available by phone during that time; voicemail messages are responded to on Monday mornings and e-mails are checked on a regular basis. To apply, please go to the church website: www.belairumc.org. The Pass It On phone number is 410-838-0235.

The Lightner Library volunteers are available on Wednesday from 12 noon - 3 pm and Thursdays from 9am - 12 noon. We look forward to seeing our library patrons.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING

Chabadza – Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe

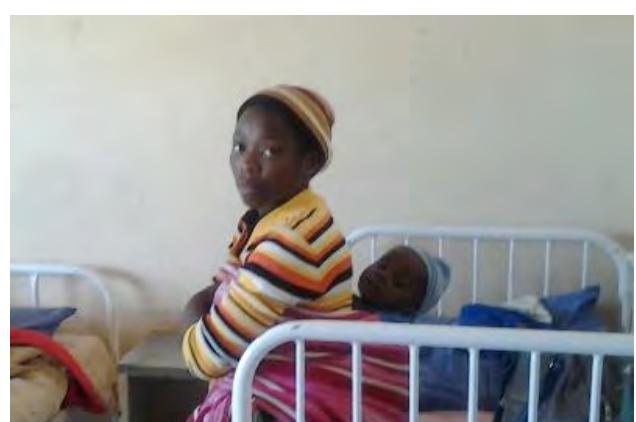
PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

"Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." 1 Corin.15:58

The Chabadza-Healing Hands Across Zimbabwe Mission Team will be taking orders for its' Alternative Christmas Giving during Advent.

Our medical clinic in Munyarari, Zimbabwe provides care and respite to many of God's people who are in the greatest need. Over 1,000 people per month are helped through vaccination, pre-natal care, and basic medical treatment. In 2018, we broke ground on a new medical clinic to replace the existing make-shift structure. Phase 1 of the new clinic has been completed with phase 2, very near completion. The finished complex will have clean running water, a power source with back-up power, a patient waiting area, a lecture hall, separate in-patient wards for men, women, and children, an expanded 12-bed mother-to-be shelter, birthing facilities and a maternity ward. There will also be staff housing, a clinic kitchen, laundry facilities, and indoor washrooms. Construction has been slightly interrupted by Covid19, but with the Lord's guidance and your generosity, we pray that the third and final phase can be completed by mid-2022.

During Advent, as we prepare for the celebration of the coming of our Lord, consider being his hands, feet, and voice as we complete this medical clinic. Your gift of love assists Chabadza HHAZ to help people in need. For your donation, our mission team will provide a certificate that can be gifted to a recipient on your Christmas gift list. **Order forms are available in the Spire, E-Spire, church office, and at a Chabadza display table in the church lobby during Sundays in December after worship services.** Please contact Bev Talbot with questions, at 410-836-8412 or via email at bev.talbot@verizon.net. The final deadline for ordering is December 19, 2021. To ensure certificate delivery by 12/24, please order as soon as possible. Thank you!



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What is Alternative Giving? Alternative Giving is a form of gift giving in which you, the donor, makes a donation to Chabadza on behalf of your gift recipient rather than giving them an item.

How does this work?

You, the donor, decide to give a truly, meaningful gift that shows the love of Jesus instead of giving something that may not be used by a friend or loved one. By making a life-saving donation to our mission work, you are helping meet the needs of our Christian brothers and sisters. The mission team will provide you with a certificate acknowledging this donation. You can give that certificate to the recipient as a Christmas gift in their honor. If you desire, we will be happy to mail the certificate to your recipient. Simply make a donation to the mission is welcomed, as well.

ORDER FORM Complete this form & return with donation to:

Chabadza Healing Hands, 21 Linwood Avenue, Bel Air, MD, 21014

Payment method - Make check payable to Chabadza Healing Hands Order deadline- December 19, 2021

1. Choose the amount for your gift:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 Other _____

2. Donor Information: (Please PRINT)

Name _____ Address _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Contact info (email or phone) _____

3. I would like the names on the Certificate to appear as follows:

Donor's Name: _____

(example - Mom, Dave, Grandma, Mr. John Smith)

Honoree's Name: _____

(as you wish to have it appear on the Certificate- for example: Mom, Billy, Mr. John Smith)

4. I would like the Certificate sent to:

Me (Donor). The mission team (this year during Covid19) will mail the certificate(s) to your address above.
 Gift Recipient. The mission team will mail the certificate(s) directly to the recipient at the address below

Name: _____

Address: _____

City / State / Zip: _____

THANK YOU! Questions? Contact Bev, bev.talbot@verizon.net, 410-836-8412



INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

The intent of this policy is to ensure the safety of BAUMC's guests, visitors, members, volunteers and staff and to provide for effective communications regarding programs and activities during severe or hazardous weather.

Monday – Friday Weekdays:

If Harford County Public Schools are closed all day due to inclement weather, all church programs and activities will be canceled.

If there is a school opening delay, all church programs and activities scheduled during the delay will be canceled. Any programs scheduled after the delay will be held as planned.

Evenings and Weekends:

In the event schools close early or cancel weekday evening activities, please check the BAUMC website, FaceBook page or call the office for the latest information.

For weekend activities, please check the BAUMC website or FaceBook page for the latest information.

Sunday Worship Services:

Sunday worship services are generally not cancelled, however, in the event of severe weather, please check the BAUMC website or FaceBook page for the latest information.

Ways to Stay informed:

The fastest way to get weather closing information is through social media sites and by opting in our texting service. **Text weather to 410-210-4363 to opt in to our texting service.**

Check Bel Air UMC social media sites, Facebook or www.belairumc.org for the most current updates on church. (If you have Facebook, “like” us and “follow” us to get the most up-to-date information.)

In some cases, emergency messages such as weather closings will be broadcast through phone texts. Because of high volume of traffic through phone carriers, these messages are often delayed. Therefore, we encourage you to check social media sites and websites for the most updated information.

You can also go to <http://www.wbaltv.com/weather/closings>.



IT'S OK TO ASK FOR HELP

- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-(TALK) 8255
- Transgender Suicide Hotline: Trans Lifeline 877-565-8860



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SUBMISSIONS FOR DECEMBER'S NEWSLETTER

Do you have an event or article you'd like to see in **JANUARY/FEBRUARY'S** edition of the SPIRE? Send them to wolf@baumc.com and carmenc@baumc.com by **12 noon, Tuesday, DECEMBER 14TH.**

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Looking for a great Christmas tree this season?

Look no further than Linwood Avenue!

The scent of a fresh cut Christmas tree will make your home come alive when entertaining your family and friends this Christmas season.

Boy Scout Troop 777 will continue the tradition of selling fresh cut Christmas trees. Stop by and see the fantastic selection of Douglas Fir and Fraser Fir trees from 5 feet to 10 feet tall.

SALES STARTS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Hours are: Mon - Fri 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm,
Saturday 9:00 am to 9:00 pm and
Sunday 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Proceeds are used for troop camping trips and equipment. The scouts appreciate your support.