

# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

December 14, 2014

✚✚✚ Welcome to our Worship Service! ✚✚✚

**Devotional:**----- Ralph Yoder  
**Message:**----- Ervin Yoder  
**Offering:**----- General  
**SS Lesson:**----- Phillipians 1:1-11

**Adult and Youth Verse:** And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; Phil. 1:9

**Intermediate Verse:** Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Phil. 4:4

**Junior Verse:** Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight. Prov. 12:22

**Primary Verse:** For he shall give his angels

charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Ps. 91:11

**Preschool Verse:** "The Lord God will help me" Is. 50:7

**SS Lesson for next week:** Luke 1:26-38

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. Luke 1:38a

**Today's Host:** James & Elsie Yoder

**Next Sunday Host:** Ervin & Louise Yoder

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## Stingray Created on Day 5

**Design** The eyes of the stingray are on the top of its body, while its mouth is on the underside of its body. This makes it impossible for a stingray to see what it is eating. Therefore, the stingray relies on its keen sense of smell and the electroreceptors that help it identify its food.

**Features** The stingray is most recognized for its large, wing-like pectoral fins that make this creature look like it is flying through the water. A stingray's coloring often reflects the shading of the seafloor. Some species are spotted or shaded. The stinger of the stingray is actually an extension of its spine. The entire spine is covered with a layer of skin where venom is concentrated. The stingray has a greatly depressed disc (roundish, flat body).

**Fun Facts** Ancient Greek dentists used the venom in the stingray's spine as an anesthetic. If the stingray loses its stinger, it can grow another one in its place. This species lacks dorsal fins. The stingray respire ("breathes") by drawing water through a small hole, or spiracle, behind each eye and expelling it through gill slits located under the disc.

CLASS: Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous fish—sharks, skates, and rays) ORDER: Myliobatidiformes (rays)  
FAMILY: Dasyatidae (stingrays and whips) GENUS/SPECIES: 70 species in 6 genera Size: Up to 6.5 ft (2 m), without the tail Weight: Up to 790 lbs (350 kg) Diet: Worms, carrion, squid, crustaceans Habitat: Common in tropical coastal waters worldwide; freshwater species in Asia, Africa, and North America  
Kids Answers/ Animals

## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free evening
- ✓ Youth will be singing at Morningside this afternoon at 2:00.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Annex) 4:15 PM.
- ✓ School devotions this week by Robert Martin.
- ✓ Church Social Thursday Evening at 6:30.

## ~BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(today!) Dec. 14, Happy Anniversary! Jay ♥ Luann, 2012

Dec. 15, Happy Birthday! Iva Martin, 1997

Dec. 19, Happy Birthday! Andrea Martin, 2010

## Peace on Earth - Good Will to Men

by RuthAnn Raycroft

Seeking and Celebrating the Real Meaning of Christmas

Entering a large grocery store a couple of months ago, I was startled by several large displays near the checkouts and exits.

There, nestled in between the bins of fresh Halloween treats, were stacks of boxed Christmas chocolates and stocking stuffers.

The Christmas season had begun and it wasn't even October.

Sometimes it seems that the gap between Christmas and the rest of the year is getting shorter. This eagerness to get a jump on holiday cheer is purely practical from a retailer's point of view: Stores typically make more than half of their yearly sales during these few short weeks. Shopping has become a pretty substantial part of the North American Christmas tradition.

Yet Christmas is and should be so much more than what we buy. Gifts are fun, both to give and receive, but they are only symbolic of a much greater gift:

"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

The love of God came down to earth - now that is something to celebrate!

It's easy to become overwhelmed by the busyness of Christmas. That doesn't mean we have to lose track of the significance of this time of year, or miss out on the opportunities it can present. [http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/christmas/rr\\_peace.htm](http://www.thoughts-about-god.com/christmas/rr_peace.htm)

"Right is right, even if everyone is against it, and wrong is wrong, even if everyone is for it."

– Quaker leader William Penn,