



# December



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## This Month

### December Birthdays

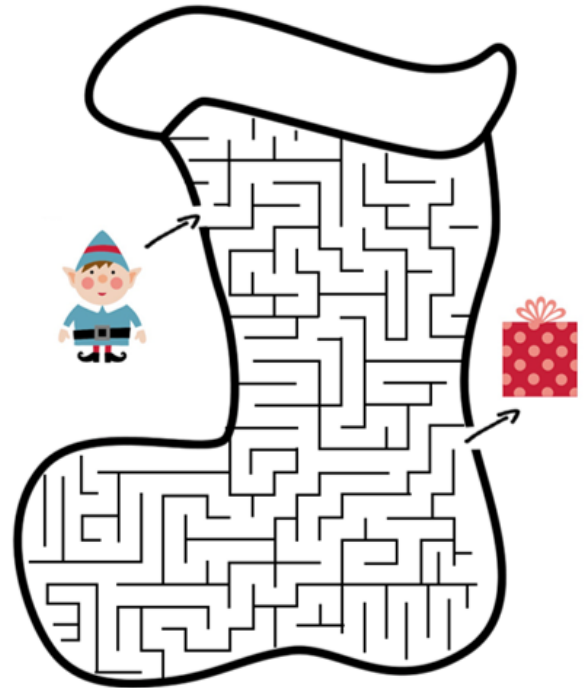
- 1 Ann Hinckley
- 7 Delores Runningbear
- 12 Paul Sawyer
- 25 Carol Ferris
- 25 Bertha Hoover



Worthy Matron Donna Pope  
 Worthy Patron Charles Hanes



An Advent calendar is a special calendar used to count the days of Advent in anticipation of Christmas. Since the date of the First Sunday of Advent varies, falling between November 27 and December 3 inclusive, many Advent calendars, especially those that are reusable, often begin on December 1, although those that are produced for a specific year often include the last few days of November that are part of the liturgical season. The Advent calendar was first used by German Lutherans in the century.



Grab a pencil and piece of paper. How many words can you make using the letters in "Candy Canes"? We found 27!!

### FUN FOODS

FARCEIKUT   

RDBENRAEGIG   

GAUSR COKSEIO   

TEMNIACME IEP   

SUAGEAS LASBL   

HACETILOCO DEUGF   

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.





### 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

E	D	E	F	N	R	S	N	S	N	N	R	A	G
S	S	R	E	R	S	T	R	U	D	D	P	E	L
E	D	P	U	T	E	D	W	E	I	I	P	D	A
V	R	I	P	M	O	N	N	E	M	D	A	A	D
O	I	P	C	D	M	A	C	M	L	M	R	M	I
D	B	E	T	A	M	I	D	H	S	V	U	M	E
E	G	R	E	E	A	W	N	E	H	L	E	R	S
L	N	S	N	N	I	S	N	G	S	E	S	D	D
T	I	P	E	A	R	T	R	E	E	N	T	A	
R	L	I	S	Y	A	D	S	R	O	P	E	S	N
U	L	P	S	W	A	N	S	T	D	E	S	G	C
T	A	I	N	I	L	O	R	D	S	H	N	T	I
R	C	N	B	C	H	R	I	S	T	M	A	S	N
R	M	G	P	A	R	T	R	I	D	G	E	I	G

- CALLING BIRDS
- PEAR TREE
- DAYS
- MAIDS
- PARTRIDGE
- LADIES DANCING
- LORDS
- TURTLE DOVES
- DRUMMING
- FRENCH HENS
- DRUMMERS
- PIPERS PIPING
- TWELVE
- GEESE
- SWANS
- CHRISTMAS

**Hanukkah** (Chanukah or Ḥanukah) is a Jewish festival commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem. It is also known as the Festival of Lights.

Hanukkah is observed for eight nights and days, starting on the 25th day of Kislev according to the Hebrew calendar, which may occur at any time from late November to late December in the Gregorian calendar. The festival is observed by lighting the candles of a candelabrum with nine branches, called a menorah (or hanukkiyah). One branch is typically placed above or below the others and its candle is used to light the other eight candles.

A relatively minor holiday in strictly religious terms, Hanukkah has attained major cultural significance in North America and elsewhere, especially among secular Jews, due to its occurring around the same time as Christmas, and coming to be treated as a Jewish counterpart to Christmas.

When Judas Maccabeus entered the Second Temple of Jerusalem, he found only a small jar of oil that had not been defiled by Antiochus IV Epiphanes. The jar contained only enough oil to burn for one day, but miraculously the oil burned for eight days until new consecrated oil could be found, establishing the precedent that the festival should last eight days.

This year it is observed from Sunset, 10 December –nightfall, 18 December.



You don't have to wear the same old mask forever ... Barbara or Lavelle would be happy to give you a new one !!!



#### Free Masks

Lavelle Ford and Barbara Spencer are still making masks. Masks are free to all members and to all TMRC resident and staff.

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~ May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent, from one another ~

