



Christmas 2024

*We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with Health and Joy!*

*The year has flown past. We enjoyed some really wonderful trips and served in and outside of our faith family at our church!*

*Our spring trip took us to Germany, seeing lots of wonderful historic sights. We saw Luther/Reformation sights as well as WW2 and Cold War sights. We really enjoyed Berlin, Wittenberg, and Cologne. We traveled by train with friends from church and packed every moment with tours and great food! Bringing colds home with us, we were exhausted!*

*In the summer, we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to Alaska, cruising south to Vancouver BC. Spectacular views balanced out a few travel hiccups and stormy days. It was a wonderful experience! AND we continued with a great visit to most of our family in Washington and Oregon. We're grateful for the chance to see our siblings, their kids, and other loved ones! If only it was easier to get together!*

*We find a lot of joy in music, learning, teaching, and serving in small and large ways. Paul visits some elderly church members and works at the local food bank along with his Bible study groups. He's enjoying writing his twice monthly blog. You can read it at: <https://heinsite.blog/>*

*I get to take meals when needed, and host meals in our home. I enjoy lots of reading for book clubs, and do a little teaching too.*

*In the coming year we're looking forward to some more travel and whatever adventures come our way!*

*Our first artificial Christmas tree was a tad bit traumatic to put up, and it is lacking in scent. However, I think it will do the job of holding many Christmas memories on its branches quite well! Our cat, Frodo, has made himself comfortable under it, giving his approval. And his approval is very hard to come by! He's a grumpy old guy so he fits right in with Paul and me!*

*May your Christmas also be filled with hope, peace, joy and love, as you celebrate the Savior born for all the world.*

*Gail and Paul*