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The Season of Advent -- Anticipation and Hope

The word **Advent** means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent.



The Christmas season is upon us - there will be shopping, baking, parties, cards, photos, mall Santas and presents - all kinds of opportunities to get so caught up in the busy-ness and the details, that we forget what that "first" Christmas was all about - Jesus.

Take an opportunity to relax and catch your breath, to reflect on Christmas and all that it offers. Make your ADVENTure full of feelings of peace, love, joy and hope. God Bless!

*Your advent activities are only limited by your imagination and the time you have available.
Happy ADVENTure to You & Your Families!*

¹ "Brothers and sisters, be patient until the Lord comes. See how the farmer waits for the land to produce its rich crop. See how patient he is for the fall and spring rains. ⁸ You too must be patient. You must stand firm. The Lord will soon come back." James 5:7-8 NIRV



FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS MOTHER ALONE!
(No matter what age your kids are)



BETTER MOMS MAKE A BETTER WORLD

Dec. 13th -

Christmas
Brunch

Snack Schedule

Jan. 10th -
Perfection

God doesn't want us to be shy with His gifts,
but Bold and Loving and Sensible.
2 Timothy 1:7

Traditions... Traditions... Traditions!

Christy Casale - Chutes & Ladders Table

"For Thanksgiving, we get together with my extended family who live close by. We all bring food & have a huge meal, watch some football, then we exchange white elephant gifts."

Beth Peanosky - Twister Table

"A tradition we have is to all go together and cut down the Christmas tree, even now that the kids are grown, they still love to do it."

Karen Porter - Twister Table

"Ringing the bell for the Salvation Army - a tradition we do each year with the Baril Family."

Delight Murphy - Jenga Table

"Three gifts for the kids (from us). They represent the 3 gifts given to Jesus - Gold, Frankincense & Mir."

Tammy Pattison - Clue Table

"We re-read the Christmas story and when we are done, we set out a manger and await the arrival of sweet baby Jesus."

Thank you for sharing your holiday traditions with us today!
If you don't already have your own tradition, we hope you take away something new to start this holiday season with your family.

Our next meeting, Dec. 13th, will be our Christmas Brunch

Bring a dish to share if you can... We look forward to sharing our special holiday meeting with you!

WE WILL NOT BE MEETING DEC. 27TH

After a holiday break, be sure to join us January 10th for our "Battleship" meeting about relationships

Mom Moment

Roxann Baril ~ Perfection Table

Children ~ Ryan & Jordan (twin boys, age 8)

Occupation ~ SAHM & (part-time)
Clerical Assistant

Hobby ~ Scrapbooking

Fav. Food ~ Chips & Chocolate!

Favorite Game ~ Clue

What MOPS means to you ~

"A much needed, well deserved, break". . .
"knowing *I AM NOT ALONE* because that Mom over there has thought/done the same thing as me". . .
& realizing *NO MOM IS PERFECT!*"

Family Tree Decorating prayer

Jesus, Lord of light, we stand in awe as we take our own parts in bringing light to this tree.

We know the meaning of you as the Light of the world, but we can never fully understand just how far that light can reach and into how many corners it needs to be brought.

Help us this Christmas season not to hide our own lights, but to shine them before all - to be radiant, happy, and loving people - showing forth your light in our very faces. **Amen.**

Baril Family tradition

Our Nativity

When we put out our Nativity Scene, we leave the manger empty.
First thing on Christmas Morning, the day Jesus was born, we place baby Jesus in the manger.

We do take part in the "Santa tradition", but, first & foremost - before any Santa gifts, Christmas is a celebration of the most precious gift of all!



MOPS also encourages and supports moms through resources such as books, www.mops.org, and the MOPS International Membership.

Membership is \$28 for a year and includes:



All Local meetings, 1 year subscription to MOMSense Magazine, weekly Mom e-mails, reusable shopping bag, iron-on appliques, Stickers featuring VeggieTales (scholarships are available)

Moppets Corner

Remember to **THANK** the MOPPET volunteers- without them, we wouldn't be here!

Know someone who would be a great MOPPET volunteer? Let us know!