



## Christmas -2009

*It hardly seems possible that this is the seventh Christmas we have celebrated together. These years have been a time in which I have experienced much personal growth in my faith. This has been the result of your witness to me. In some way or another, I hope that I have given to you also.*

*We enter a new year together in order to continue to share our witness with each other and with the world in which we live. Our challenge is to continue to reach out in service to our community with the Good News of the Incarnation. As a part of this challenge, we must find avenues of ministering to children, young people, and young families.*

*Again this year you have responded with compassion and love to those less fortunate through the St. John's Pantry, the World Hunger Appeal (the Angel Tree), and the Habitat for Humanity. As Christians we must never forget that we are called to feed the hungry, visit the sick, cloth the poor, and comfort those in crisis.*

*The Christmas Eve service is very special for many of us so I hope you will be able to share it with us. This year we will be blessed since the choir will share their witness with three Christmas anthems. Of course, we will also fill the night with the singing of many of your favorite Christmas Carols as well as hear the Good News of the Christmas story.*

*I close by saying thank you for allowing me to share my life with you. A blessed and joyous Christmas to you and a New Year filled with dreams come true.*

*Love,  
Joy,  
Peace,  
Power,*

*Jack*