



*Behold, the virgin shall be  
with child, and bear a Son,  
and they shall call His name*

*Immanuel*

*which is translated*

***God with us***

*Mt 1:23*





*Vern  
Madeline Gale Roy Ruth  
Rachel Casey*

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has  
created us anew in Christ Jesus,  
so we can do the good things  
he planned for us long ago.*

*Eph 2:10 NLT*

**God with us!** What great news for the world!  
**But it gets better!**

As part of His creation, He knows us intimately  
and **He wants us to know Him intimately!**

God wants us to trust Christ Jesus, our Lord,  
and His work, (His death, burial, resurrection),  
which has paid for our sins  
and set us free from our sin nature,  
and made us as "new in kind" creations,  
alive in His eternal life.

God wants us to walk in the good works  
He has planned for us,  
rejoicing with Him as His children, in His family,  
sharing His own intimate love  
as He lives His life in us,  
showing to all creation the Glory of His nature.

May this good news fill your Christmas and all  
the days ahead with **God's** fullness of joy!

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Milky Way photo from Hubble Telescope  
displayed in Kennedy Space Center, FL  
[skyimagelab.com/hubphot.html](http://skyimagelab.com/hubphot.html)  
Drawings of Christ by Jean Keaton 1997  
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Merry Christmas to you!

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The news from our house is mainly that we have had a good year and are so grateful for that!

Our son Vernon and his two children, Casey and Rachel, moved out to an apartment. He still brings the children to us daily and they can attend our neighborhood school. Roy gets such a bang out of walking to the school with them each day, a thing he has been doing since he retired in April. I have had the pleasure of doing it for two years and am glad to share it with him now.

As of June, I also retired. Somehow each day the items on my list of Things To Do remain largely still there to do the next day.

Our daughter Ruth has been living with us for some time, which sure is nice! She loves teaching third grade and has quite an ethnic mix of children. Quite a few do not speak English at home, which presents challenges for them at school.

With a lot of help from Roy, this year I was able to meet one long-term goal, that of completing my autobiography. It is not a perfect work; there are things in it that could be said better. If you are interested in looking at it, you can see it on our website at: [www.rgsmiths.com](http://www.rgsmiths.com)

It is a pleasure each year at this time to receive your cards and letters! Thank you for remembering us by them.

Happy New Year too,

Roy and Gale Smith