

Dearly Beloved

This is going to be one BIG THANK YOU email, so here goes;

THANK YOU for the very kind words our Sr. Warden Ted Kirchharr spoke to Fr. David and me last Sunday and for the very generous gifts you gave to each of us. We have known, and this confirmed, how much you love and appreciate both of us. Surely you must know that that feeling and appreciation is mutual.

THANK YOU for your generosity in other ways too;

1. The children's Christmas gift through the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund of a goat and 2 shares of a cow

2. Our alternative Christmas gift through ERD of a Well. Somewhere in the world a remote village without water will soon have relief. This is the 5th year we've done this remarkable and wonderful thing of providing a well at the cost of \$5000 each

3. All tags on the Angel Tree were taken and there are three children who must be feeling very happy and loved by friends they have never seen

4. For the beauty of our Christmas decorated church and for the beauty and Grace of our worship together Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, our singing especially

5. For those who went Christmas caroling

6. For those who shared Christmas love and joy with residents of Southern Oaks

7. For the many ways each of you reach out to others with compassion and kindness day by day

We are a small Church Family, but we are a Church Family with a big heart. That is why I feel a great joy and gratitude to be able to serve our loving God with you. And I wonder what opportunities He is even now preparing for us to join Him in seeking and loving those who are scared, forgotten, lonely, hurting, hungry for someone to care, the same kinds of responses you and I need from time to time.

In Christ's Love, Fr. Bob