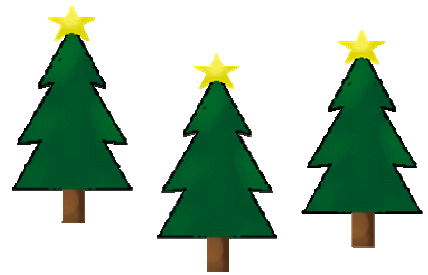


Dear Friends and Family



We have much to be thankful for this year.



In June our grandson Heath was born to Devon and her husband, Jeremy Toomey. Heath is a happy, healthy little guy with an amazingly cheerful disposition. He wakes up each day with a big smile and then laughs his way through each new adventure that the day brings. He and his family live in Reno/Sparks where Jeremy is in his third year of medical school so we are excited that they will be spending Christmas with us this year.

Aden and his wife Kim are expecting another baby in late May to join our granddaughter Ellery who turned two in November. Ellery insists that the baby will be a boy and his name will be Bill. Why Bill? Well, Bill is the name of our dog who Ellery just adores. They are great buddies.



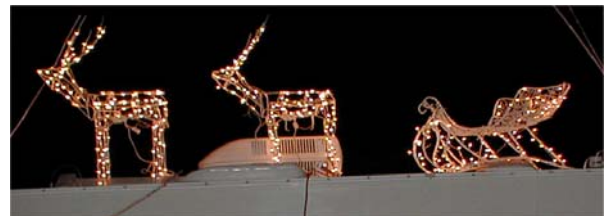
Needless to say we totally enjoy our role as grandparents. Dennis said it is so much fun we should have been grandparents before we were parents!

On a more sober note, Colin was hit by a drunk driver in September while driving his car on Barber Blvd in Portland. He suffered multiple fractures of his leg and had to have a rod inserted into his tibia. He recuperated with us in Salem for six weeks but is now back home in Portland continuing his recovery. We are all truly grateful that his injuries were not more serious and that he is expected to make a full recovery.

The rest of the family is healthy and well. Joshua is working at Winco and has gone back to school to get an electronic degree. Joanna and companion Joe are living in Eugene and working at a friend's herbal business. Joel lives in Portland with his wife Angela and son Brandon and continues in the construction business. Jeremy is also in Portland and a bartender at McMenamins Edgefield.

In addition to our family, we continue to be thankful for our health and each other. Dennis is still working as a chaplain for hospice three days a week and Stephany continues her hard work as a professional retiree. We did not travel as much this year as we would have liked due to family and professional obligations but Stephany is already getting that restless gleam in her eye and planning for next year.

Maybe that's why she succumbed to the temptation she has resisted for several years and put reindeer and a sleigh on our RV!



Our best wishes to each of you for a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2007.