



December 2017
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!!
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May the blessings that surround the birth of the Christ Child be with you and your family this holiday season. Join us as we pray for peace on earth.

We are once again at our North Georgia cabin for Thanksgiving. The “crowd” this year was small: Phil and Barb, our daughter Gwyneth Butera, her husband Rob and their daughter Chloe who is enjoying attending a new school. Our oldest grandchild, Camille, a freshman at Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts was with Rob’s brother’s family up there. Next year promises to be as sparse as our younger daughter, Susannah Rivera, her husband Luis, and 15 month old twins Miles and Leo are moving to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Luis has taken a new assignment as a Latin America specialist with WeWork, a shared office space company. The babies began walking within five minutes of each other and demand all of Susannah’s energy and more!

Barbara has maintained a busy travel schedule with her professional volunteer activities and Phil has worked hard keeping up hearth and home and his native plant yard. Both have spent a lot of time at the cabin and in San Francisco visiting Gwyneth and Suze and their families. They still sing in their church choir. The big event of the year was when the whole family got together in Decatur, Georgia to celebrate Camille’s high school graduation in May.

Barbara was able to go to Wyoming in March to help celebrate her brother Jim’s birthday. Barb and Phil visited Phil’s sister Belle in Carver, Massachusetts in April and again in July. Gwyneth and Chloe were able to share a Cape Cod cottage with us for a week in July. Phil had a big birthday this year and Barb gave him ringside seats to a Red Sox game in Fenway Park where the Red Sox won in extra innings!



Left to right: Luis, Susannah, Phil, Barb holding Miles. Gwyneth, Chloe holding Leo, Camille and Rob

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas season and a blessed new year.

