

THE NIGHT BEFORE THE YULETIDE FAIRE





'Twas the night before the Yuletide Faire at Peace Dale
Congregational Church,
and not a creature was stirring, not even the church
mouse, who was asleep on his perch.



All of a sudden, from under the white elephant tables our friends
Mr. Bear and Hazard did drive,
to make sure everything was ready for the guests to arrive.



They helped an elf hang Christmas lights
and had a lot of fun.
The elf climbed up and down and up and down;
it seemed like he would never get done.



They stopped at the Angel Tree to listen to the singing mice.
At the end of the song, they said, "Oh, that was nice!"



Then it was onto the baked goods table, where everything was yummy and such a delight. The bakers must have been baking all day and into the night.



The wreaths made by the Greens Team
were all ready to go
home for the holidays, dressed in a bow.



Mr. Bear and Hazard wanted to make just one more for someone to take home and hang on their door.



They had watched the Greens Team,
so they knew exactly what to do.
They placed a pawful of greens on a frame
and then pulled the wire through.



Then it was time to choose a ribbon from a large ribbon bin.



Hazard was so excited that he decided to jump right in.



Mr. Bear and Hazard carefully tied the ribbon into a bow.
Hazard checked it twice to make sure it was just so.



Our two friends thought painting Christmas candy sounded like fun, so they added some red paint and then some green until Hazard said, "I think we are done."



It was time for some cocoa in a pretty Christmas mug.
Wrapped with love, it was like a warm winter hug.



The snowman, who was looking at home in the hall, played Would You Rather with Hazard and had a ball.



They stopped to admire the snowflakes
that the youth volunteers had hung,
and then they tried to sing the Christmas carol
that the choir had sung.



Mr. Bear and Hazard then said good night to the elves,



who reported that everyone had been nice
before climbing back onto their shelves.



“Where did Hazard go?” asked a concerned Mr. Bear.



Can you help find him in time for the faire?



Finally, they said good night to their new friends
in the white elephant room.



Then back to bed they did zoom.



Good night, church mouse. Good night, Hazard.
Good night, Mr. Bear.
Thank you for helping us get ready for the Yuletide Faire.

Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who make all of our church fairs and paloozas possible.

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Everyone!