



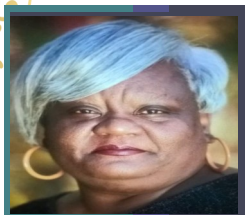
# Happy Holidays



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## Letter from the President



Renee' White

We are just about near the end of another year. Fall is here and the seasons are changing. The leaves are colorful and filling up yards. Soon it will be Halloween, next Thanksgiving and Christmas. I hope that the year has been prosperous and somewhat productive for everyone. I will say that our Neighborhood is still thriving and rising! I am taking this opportunity to be grateful and thankful for all of the many successes we have achieved.

To the Executive Committee of this Association, I would like to thank each and everyone of you for being dedicated and caring about this neighborhood enough to give freely of your time to help me in all of the many endeavors and tasks that we face from month to month. Thank you for your letters when needed, your signatures when needed, your comments when needed, your presence when needed and your commitment. We have a great team and I am proud to walk beside or with each one of you. Thank you for believing in me and your support.

To all of the neighbors I would like to say thank you for any support you have rendered to help each other, help our children, help our churches, help our City and County Governments realize that where we live is a number one priority. I hope in the future we will get more participation and helping hands. Everyone is welcome to participate and we would like to know that all hands are on deck.

Enjoy your families this holiday season and tell people that you love them as often as you can. Love makes the world go round and brings joy to you and others. If you see a person down help them up, if you see a person hungry, feed them, if you see a person with no shoes, give them a pair and if you see a person with hate in their heart, tell them that LOVE is so much easier and its not cruel. Do good deeds, be of good courage and know that LOVE never fails. Once the day ends and you reflect back you realize that we are all significant and your life is your message.

I HOPE YOUR HOLIDAYS ARE WONDERFUL,  
HAPPY AND FULL OF JOY!!!!

Renee' White, President



## Calvary Presbyterian Church Celebrates 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Calvary Presbyterian Church has a rich history beginning at its founding in 1891 by Dr. Charles B. Dusenbury who was sent by the Home Mission of the Presbyterian Church for the purpose of establishing a church for black people of the city of Asheville and surrounding counties.

From the first spiritual leader of Calvary Presbyterian Church, Dr. Charles B. Dusenbury to the present leader, Rev. Patricia Bacon, the church has experienced immeasurable blessings. Because of God's grace and mercy the theme of the 130<sup>th</sup> celebration is "We've Come This Far by Faith."

Reverend Patricia Bacon and the attendees of Calvary Presbyterian Church invite the Asheville Community and others to help in celebrating this momentous occasion with them. This celebration will take place each Sunday during the month of October. Among the musicians who will provide music throughout the month are Mr. Stephen Blount, Ms. Mary Dawkins, Rev. William Hamilton, Mrs. Peggy Hester, and Mr. Anthony Turner. The events are the following:

### Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 9:30 am

Rev. Byron Wade, General Presbyter, Presbytery of Western North Carolina – bringing the message

**Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 9:30 am** Homecoming: presentation on Calvary's history, including information on the East End neighborhood and Calvary's contribution to the neighborhood

### Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 9:30 am

Rev. Dr. Patrick Johnson, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Asheville – bringing the message

### Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 3:00 pm

Ms. Becky Stone, storyteller, actor, singer, portraying Harriet Tubman, abolitionist



Becky Stone portraying Harriet Tubman

Masks required and social distancing will be observed.

No admission charge for this performance.

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## EEVS Neighborhood Association Meeting Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 6pm via Zoom

This meeting is for East End/Valley Street residents only. If you are not a resident and would like to present something to the neighborhood, please contact us so that we can see about fitting you into the agenda. To Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85387825445?pwd=S2p1OQ25mT21wU0x0eXVlWC9tTGxkdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 8782 5445 Passcode: 546869

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**Calvary Presbyterian** (from page 1)

**Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 9:30 am**

Worship in music and scripture at Calvary then motorcade for potluck at Sabbath Rest Farm – 152 Edna Roberts Dr. Alexander, NC. For more information call 828-279-9900.

**Sunday, October 31, 2021 at 9:30 am**

Rev. Dr. Camerson Murchison, Jr. State Clerk, Presbytery of Western North Carolina – bringing the message

Dr. Dusenbury and his small flock prayerfully and faithfully went to work. In 1892 a site on Eagle Street was purchased on which was erected a fine sanctuary and later a manse.

He was a graduate of the College and Seminary School of Lincoln University in Chester, Pennsylvania. He passed away August 27, 1920. To this day the church stands as a testimony to God’s graciousness.

Calvary’s present pastor is Rev. Patricia Ann Bacon who began her journey here in 1990. A short history of her service includes reorganization of the choir, the church school, and the women’s organization. She involved herself in community outreach by ministering to Hospitality House, a shelter for homeless persons, which was housed in the basement of the church. Rev. Bacon also invited Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous to meet in the parish house.

In 2011, nearby Berry Temple United Methodist Church was invited to join with Calvary in worship and outreach. A new choir was formed under the direction of Mr. Anthony Turner. Community service has included clothing drives, contributions to Asheville Buncombe Christian Community Ministry (ABCCM), and hosting Room in the Inn, a service that offers shelter to homeless women. **The Church is located at 44 Circle Street in Asheville.**

*Sarah Williams*

*“An attitude of gratitude brings great things.”*

*Author Unknown*



Join us for our upcoming work days at the Dr. George Washington Carver Edible Park on **Friday, October 22 and Friday, November 19 from 2:30pm to 5:30pm. There will be no work day in December.**

The park is located at 30 George Washington Carver Avenue. There is parking in the Stephens Lee Recreation Center parking lot. Alex Bergdahl, from Bountiful Cities, will be guiding us. Please bring a mask to this event and expect to maintain social distancing. We will have some extra tools for folks to use as well as hand sanitizer, but any gloves, loppers, pruners or weeding tools you can bring are much appreciated.

This month we’ll be focusing on mulching, light tree pruning, and as always, clearing invasives. There will be a hands on demo of each technique as well as a tour of the park. Come give your time and support to Asheville’s first edible forest ecosystem! We look forward to seeing you!

The community workdays being presented for the residents of the City of Asheville are in partnership with the City of Asheville.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit the Dr. George Washington Carver Edible Park Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Dr-George-Washington-Carver-Edible-Park-620672487948577>

*Helen Lindberg*

**COVID HOUSING RELIEF PROGRAM**  
**for Buncombe County Residents**



The COVID Housing Relief Program provides financial assistance for housing and utilities to Buncombe residents who have lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible individuals may qualify for past due rent, mortgage, and utility payments as well as assistance with current payments. Most payments are made directly to vendors (landlords/mortgage companies/utility providers) and not to the individual. Individuals may apply more than once if additional support is needed. This program does not cover payments for phone, cable, credit card, hotel, insurance, or anything duplicating other federal assistance programs.

For any household over 5 members, contact COVID Housing Leadership for Assistance. To apply, call 828-250-5500.

What You’ll Need: Proof of income (2020 taxes, check stubs, or official letter from employer)

**INCOME GUIDELINES:**

FY 2021 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) Survey  
# in Household | Yearly Income Limit | Monthly Income Limit

1	\$42,100	\$3,508
2	\$48,100	\$4,008
3	\$54,100	\$4,508
4	\$60,100	\$5,008
5	\$64,950	\$5,413

A caseworker will contact you to complete your application. Due to the high volume of inquiries, it may take several days for your caseworker to make contact.

## Stephens-Lee Recreation Center

### Community Choice Nights—FREE

Tuesdays 6-8pm (will expand to 9pm mid-October)  
September - November

An unprogrammed time for the community to use the facility to shoot hoops or play a board game. Youth 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

### Zumba Gold—FREE

(instructor donations accepted)

Wednesdays noon-12:50pm Groove on in for this fun drop-in class. Try it once and you will be hooked.

### Old School Line Dance—FREE

Thursdays 6:15-7:15pm

This intermediate level class helps you get your groove on.

### Fitness Center

Ages 16 and over can enjoy FREE access to the newly renovated fitness center. Cardio equipment, free weights and more.

### Super Saturdays—FREE

Saturday, October 23 and Saturday, November 27  
10am-noon Ages 6-12

A STEM based Saturday morning out. Each Saturday explores a different theme like the World of Water and will have loads of family friendly activities.

### Haunted Castle on the Hill \$2 per person

Friday and Saturday, October 29 and 30 7-10pm

Looking for a spooky fright this Halloween? There will be plenty of ghosts and ghouls and visions of things that go bump in the night at our indoor-outdoor haunted house.

### Chili Cook off

Saturday, December 4 6-8pm

Chili lovers, pull out your recipe and get ready to compete in the inaugural Stephens-Lee chili cook off. Taste testing, competition and entertainment are included. Entry fee to the event is waived with 2 pop-top canned food items for the EEVS food pantry. Tickets are limited so sign up soon.

### Jingle Bell Toddler Celebration \$5/child

Wednesday, December 15 for ages 5 and under

Jingle bells, reindeer magic and a snowball toss are part of our Jingle Bell Celebration. The gym is packed with inflatables, toys, activity tables and light refreshments. There might even be a special visitor for those who need to double check their lists.

Kimberly Kennedy, Facility Manager  
Stephens-Lee Recreation Center  
30 George Washington Carver Avenue  
Asheville, NC 28801

828-350-2058

[kkennedy@ashevillenc.gov](mailto:kkennedy@ashevillenc.gov)

She/Her/Hers

828-552-1888 city cell

[www.ashevillenc.gov](http://www.ashevillenc.gov)

## Asheville's African American Heritage Trail

is expected to be completed late next year, and organizers are seeking public input on the specific sites and stories that will be showcased. The goal of the walkable trail, which has been initiated by River Front Development Group, is to highlight the unsung heroes and underrecognized achievements of Asheville's Black community.

In development since 2019, the trail will grow to include 19 physical markers in spots that include The Block,

East End/Valley Street neighborhood, Southside and South Slope areas, Depot Street, and the River Arts District areas. The project will also have a digital component that includes a map of the trail and additional photos, videos, and oral history recordings.

For folks who want to offer feedback, there's an online survey to share input and make suggestions on the local figures, stories and sites they think should be included on the trail. Some of the ideas already suggested include: Black student activism and desegregation, convict labor, and the Asheville Royal Giants baseball team. Once this round of feedback closes, there will be another round of community input in the early or mid-2022.

Survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScELga9JwlZXPFDdmFqk2rk4uXTCXLCQnM61WX9CIRpY3RAyA/viewform>



Source: AVL Today



### 3 Ways to Apply for Disaster Aid



ONLINE

[DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov)



FEMA APP

Download the  
FEMA APP



CALL

800-621-FEMA (3362)  
or TTY 800-462-7585

On Sept. 8, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden Jr., granted a Major Disaster Declaration for the state of North Carolina triggering the release of federal funds to help people and communities recover from the remnants of Tropical Storm Fred that occurred Aug. 16-18, 2021.

“This federal disaster declaration will help provide assistance for our Buncombe communities that were hit hard by the storm,” said Emergency Services Director Taylor Jones. The remnants of Tropical Storm Fred moved through Buncombe County on Aug. 17. The area experienced the heaviest rainfall in 50 years resulting in devastating flooding and damage to multiple businesses, homes, farmland, and public structures.

**Residents and businesses who sustained losses can begin applying for assistance by registering online at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov>, or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing or speech impaired. Individuals may also access assistance via the [FEMA app](#).**

Please note that damages previously reported through the Buncombe County Storm Damage Hotline were for damage assessment purposes only, to determine if we met the criteria for a declaration. Anyone seeking FEMA assistance must now apply directly to FEMA. We are still waiting to see if the North Carolina Legislature will appropriate funding to assist with repairs to private culverts and bridges.

### ***The City of Asheville, in partnership with Buncombe County and the Natural Resources Defense Council,***

is offering a FREE Food Scrap Drop-Off pilot program. Drop off food scraps and other compostable items at Stephens-Lee Food Scrap Drop-Off. This organic matter will be collected and turned into good clean compost, keeping it OUT of our landfill and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The drop-off shed is located near the community garden Stephens-Lee Recreation Center, 30 George Washington Carver Avenue, Asheville.



Sign up here to get the code for the padlock on the compost shed:  
[www.ashevilenc.gov/compost](http://www.ashevilenc.gov/compost)

### ***Collection of Bulky Items & Illegal Dumping***



Thank You EEVS Neighbors!

A big thank you to the EEVS Neighbors who have been reporting bulky items and illegal dumping to the City of Asheville! Our neighborhood is looking good!

Just a reminder that the City of Asheville will collect chairs, beds, mattresses and springs, sofas and some other bulky items without a charge on request. Once you schedule collection, place the item(s) at your curb by 7 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. The City of Asheville collects appliances such as stoves, ovens, refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, washers, dryers, air conditioners, trash compactors and hot water heaters for a fee of \$5.00 per item, which is assessed on a residents combined utility bill. Call 828-251-1122 to schedule a pickup.

Beaucatcher Mountain which includes East End/Valley Street has a problem with illegal dumping. You can help by reporting any illegal dumping you notice to the City of Asheville's Sanitation Department by using the Asheville App or by calling 828-251-1122. The illegal piles usually have items such as TV's and tires in them and are dumped illegally because residents are required to pay to have those items removed.

*Helen Lindberg*

### ***Leaf Collection***



The City of Asheville began encouraging the use of brown paper bags for leaf collection after a local vendor confirmed for the City that they are compostable, and therefore using them is a more environmentally sustainable practice. Collecting leaves in paper bags is also a big time saver for Sanitation staff. This helps the Sanitation Department save money and provide more efficient service for our taxpayers. An estimated 10,000 tons of brush and leaves are collected annually within the city limits. The use of biodegradable materials is a better waste management practice. Numerous cities across the U.S. require paper bags for collection. So far, the City of Asheville is encouraging (not requiring) their use.

Paper leaf collection bags are available at local home and hardware stores as well as many grocery stores. You can also buy them online. Please be sure to buy bags without plastic liners. They are comparable in price to other options. For example, you can find an eight-count package of 30-gallon bags for as low as 39 cents each. Though these bags are heavy duty, rain can affect them. If that happens, Sanitation workers will still collect your leaves, using a shovel to scoop them up. Leaves and small twigs only should go in the paper bags. Garden and yard waste such as vines and tree or shrub limbs should go to the curb for brush collection. No grass clippings please. Please label your container “leaves” so that our Sanitation workers clearly understand they have leaves in them.

*Helen Lindberg*



*Be BearWise  
AT HOME*

## Six At-Home BearWise Basics

### Never Feed or Approach Bears

Intentionally feeding bears or allowing them to find anything that smells or tastes like food teaches bears to approach homes and people looking for more. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so don't risk your safety and theirs!

### Secure Food, Garbage and Recycling

Food and food odors attract bears, so don't reward them with easily available food, liquids or garbage.

### Remove Bird Feeders When Bears Are Active

Birdseed and grains have lots of calories, so they're very attractive to bears. Removing feeders is the best way to avoid creating conflicts with bears.

### Never Leave Pet Food Outdoors

Feed pets indoors when possible. If you must feed pets outside, feed in single portions and remove food and bowls after feeding. Store pet food where bears can't see or smell it.

### Clean & Store Grills

Clean grills after each use and make sure that all grease, fat and food particles are removed. Store clean grills and smokers in a secure area that keeps bears out.

### Alert Neighbors to Bear Activity

See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and share information on how to avoid bear conflicts. Bears have adapted to living near people; now it's up to us to adapt to living near bears

Learn More: [BearWise.org](http://BearWise.org)



We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown.  
*Abraham Lincoln*

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.  
*John Fitzgerald Kennedy*

Gratitude turns what we have into enough.  
*Unknown*

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy, and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.  
*William Arthur Ward*

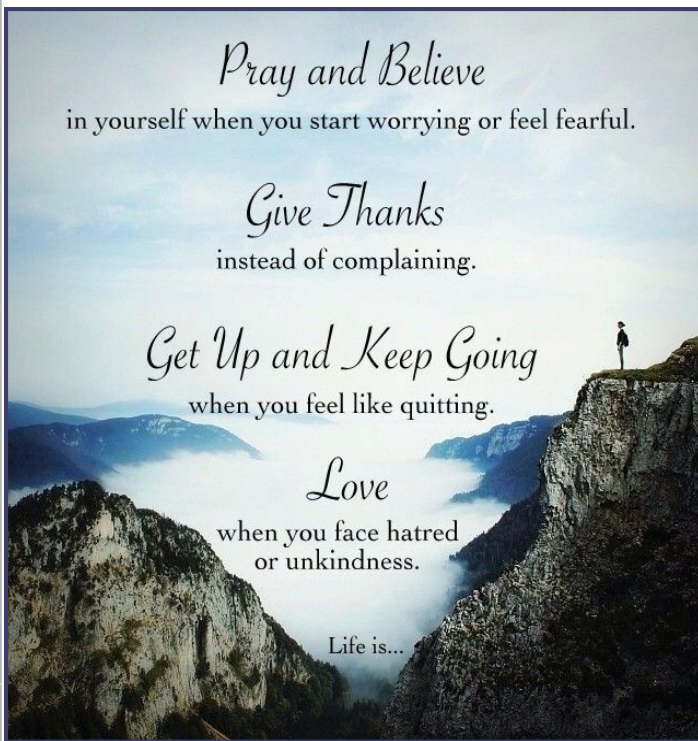
Let gratitude be the pillow upon which you kneel to say your nightly prayer. And let faith be the bridge you build to overcome evil and welcome good.  
*Maya Angelou*

I started out giving thanks for small things, and the more thankful I became, the more my bounty increased.  
*Oprah Winfrey*

*Gratitude* is the inward feeling of kindness received.  
*Thankfulness* is the natural impulse to express that feeling.  
*Thanksgiving* is the following of that impulse.

[www.MomsNCharge.com](http://www.MomsNCharge.com)

Source: Internet



Mix one 15oz can pure pumpkin with one box yellow or spice cake.

Add 2 Tbs butter. Mix well.

Pour into a bundt pan.

Bake cake according to cake box directions.

Sprinkle with a light dusting of powdered sugar just before serving.

**ENJOY!**

Source: Internet



## Information and Resources

**Health and Human Services News and Information** [www.buncombecounty.org/Governing/Depts/HHS](http://www.buncombecounty.org/Governing/Depts/HHS)

**Asheville Parks and Recreation**  
[www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/parks](http://www.ashevillenc.gov/departments/parks)


**Buncombe Rx Card**  
[www.coast2coastrx.com/buncombe-nc](http://www.coast2coastrx.com/buncombe-nc)

**United Way NC 2-1-1 Information Referral**  
Free and low-cost services and programs to assist you, but they can also connect your call and follow-up to ensure your needs were met. Help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year.

### Phone Numbers:

- APD Non-Emergency ..... 828-252-1110
- Animal Services ..... 828-250-6670
- Justice Resource Center ..... 828-250-6401
- Parks & Recreation ..... 828-250-4260
- Public Health ..... 828-250-5000
- Voter Registration ..... 828-250-4209

**AVL! ALERT** is an emergency and non-emergency notification system that enables the City of Asheville to provide you with the information that you want to receive via the communication methods that you choose. Sign up to receive alerts at: [www.ashevillenc.gov](http://www.ashevillenc.gov)

**BC ALERTS**  Sign up for BC ALERTS by texting BCALERT (not case sensitive) to 99411 or VISIT: [BUNCOMBECOUNTY.ORG/CODERED](http://BUNCOMBECOUNTY.ORG/CODERED) to sign up for the new system.

## Do you suspect abuse?

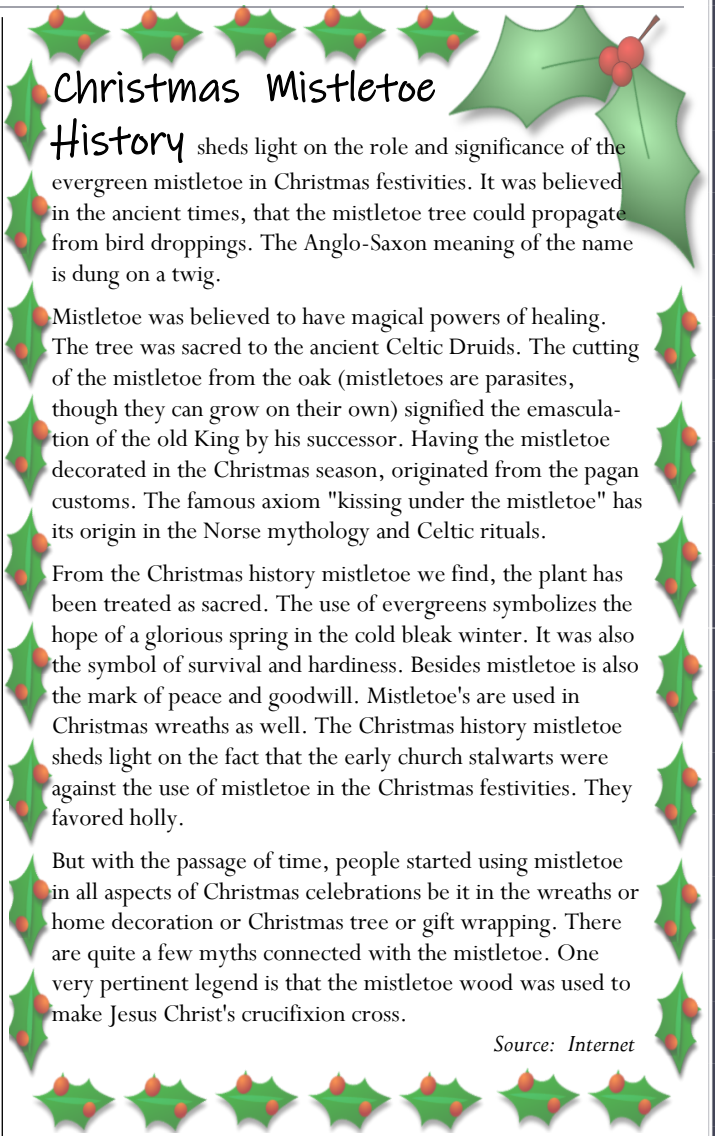
To make an adult or child protective services report any time, day or night, call the numbers below:

- Adult Abuse (828) 250-5800
- Child Abuse (828) 250-5900

# See crime, text it anonymously.



Tip2APD is for non-emergencies. For emergencies, dial 911.

## Christmas Mistletoe History

sheds light on the role and significance of the evergreen mistletoe in Christmas festivities. It was believed in the ancient times, that the mistletoe tree could propagate from bird droppings. The Anglo-Saxon meaning of the name is dung on a twig.

Mistletoe was believed to have magical powers of healing. The tree was sacred to the ancient Celtic Druids. The cutting of the mistletoe from the oak (mistletoes are parasites, though they can grow on their own) signified the emasculation of the old King by his successor. Having the mistletoe decorated in the Christmas season, originated from the pagan customs. The famous axiom "kissing under the mistletoe" has its origin in the Norse mythology and Celtic rituals.

From the Christmas history mistletoe we find, the plant has been treated as sacred. The use of evergreens symbolizes the hope of a glorious spring in the cold bleak winter. It was also the symbol of survival and hardiness. Besides mistletoe is also the mark of peace and goodwill. Mistletoe's are used in Christmas wreaths as well. The Christmas history mistletoe sheds light on the fact that the early church stalwarts were against the use of mistletoe in the Christmas festivities. They favored holly.

But with the passage of time, people started using mistletoe in all aspects of Christmas celebrations be it in the wreaths or home decoration or Christmas tree or gift wrapping. There are quite a few myths connected with the mistletoe. One very pertinent legend is that the mistletoe wood was used to make Jesus Christ's crucifixion cross.

*Source: Internet*

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