

## A Christmas Gift By Tom Trujillo

A significant gift that I have received since coming to FUMC/Waters Edge has been the gift of singing with the Chancel choir (for 10 years in the past), the Jubilee Singers and the Waters Edge Band.

The experience has experience has helped to expand my knowledge and understanding of the Bible & Scripture.

I think of this as a Christmas gift given to me because I joined the music ministry in late November.

The Chancel Choir was rehearsing for and performed in the following month, "The Many Moods of Christmas" arranged by Robert Shaw & Robert Russell Bennett.

Little did I know at the time, just how significant a beginning this would be for me.

## *Matthew 1:19-24*

Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.