

## Christmas 2022

Dear friends,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We trust that the hope and joy of this season are fully yours.



If we had to choose a theme verse, an appropriate one would be Eccl. 5:20: “For he will not often call to mind the years of his life, because God keeps him busy with the joy of his heart.” We enjoy the busyness of kids’ school and sports and parties, time with grandkids, time teaching, time outdoors, time with friends. We enjoyed three family trips, a week at Hickory Run with my brother Bill and Amy’s family and some close friends, a week along the Shenandoah River near Luray Caverns, and a few days at Tuscarora State Park. Springtime in the Poconos means lots of flowers and waterfalls and perfect hiking and fishing weather. August in Virginia means swimming and kayaking and cool caverns (in both senses of cool), though

most exciting for the kids was driving a golf cart around the campgrounds. October in upstate PA means gorgeous foliage, and just warm enough to enjoy more kayaking. (My website has some pix from this year [http://www41.homepage.villanova.edu/robert.styer/Kids/some\\_photos\\_2022.html](http://www41.homepage.villanova.edu/robert.styer/Kids/some_photos_2022.html).) Other notable events: Ben and Holly had twins on Peggy’s birthday (our twins are excited to have more twins in the family), the 50<sup>th</sup> Hill family reunion, the girls spent a week at horse camp, Daniel had a week at Boy Scout camp, David turned 18 and for his birthday wanted to get his driver’s license, and David applied to 7 colleges for fall 2023.



We also spent a lot of time with the medical establishment. We had a dozen doctor’s appointments preparing for David’s (hopefully) last major surgery; they realigned his jaws (top jaw adjusted 5 mm, 11 mm adjustment of his lower jaw, and 3 mm adjustment of his chin). David healed perfectly and looks very handsome. We had multiple visits with a chiropractor to see if a nontraditional approach might help Mariah with her Graves’ disease though his treatment plan did not yield much success. We had many meetings with school district personnel to qualify Daniel for extended time for tests (getting him ready for the PSAT and SAT).



Our guest room was not used a lot this past year, we hope you will visit us in 2023!

Love, Bob, Peggy, David (18), Daniel (16), Sahari and Mariah (11).