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# Labyrinth

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## We wish you a blessed Advent and Christmas Season.

### The challenge of celebrating in a year of pandemic restrictions.

There isn't anyone who hasn't been touched with the restrictions, shortages, and losses in the year 2020. Thankfully, our immediate family hasn't suffered any deaths to COVID19, but we have lost friends and extended family members. Now we are making the hard decisions about not having our whole family together to celebrate the Christmas

holiday. Such times force us to consider how we are blessed and what the important parts of the holiday are. I was thrilled that I was able to have our two youngest granddaughters for an evening of the traditional candy-making, complete with the wearing of their great-grandmother's Christmas aprons and their Opa joining with them to eat the left-over melted chocolate!

I am also very grateful for YOU—your prayers, interest, and financial support of my ministry. You are truly a special gift this Christmas season. Wishing you a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Dietrich Bonhoeffer, in a Nazi prison, wrote to his fiancé on December 1,

# 1943

*"I think we're going to have an exceptionally good Christmas. The very fact that every outward circumstance precludes our making provisions for it will show whether we can be content with what is truly essential. . . The poorer our quarters, the more clearly we perceive that our hearts should be Christ's home on earth."*