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Many find their way into a church on Christmas Eve, searching for meaning for their life. The love we feel all around us this time of year comes from God. At BCUMC we feel that love every day as part of this Christian community. There is nothing more satisfying or joyous than being part of something larger than ourselves, something that makes a difference in the lives of others and brings fulfillment into our own lives.

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