"The Homeplace"

Land Between the Lakes, KY

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ***Advent begins*** *Rosa Parks & World Aids Day* Create an Advent wreath	**2** ***American Education Week*** *Pan American Health Day* Commit to health care reform	**3** Everything has changed except our essential ways of thinking	**4** Create personalized cards this year for friends & relatives	**5** *Tinsel Day* Decorate the season with recycled materials	**6** *St. Nicholas Day* ***Hanukkah*** Don't forget the blessed lure of firelight; build a bonfire with loved ones	**7** *Fire Safety Day* Keep Christmas trees moist, or better yet, buy a live tree
8 *Feast of the Immaculate Conception* Does your church have an environmental statement?	**9** Make excess packaging an issue this Christmas	**10** *Nobel Prize Awards* *Emily Dickinson b. 1830* "We never know how high we are Till we are asked to rise And then if we are true to plan Our statures touch the skies" -E.D.	**11** ***Human Rights Week*** Refuse to pass on fear, mistrust & suspicion	**12** *World Peace Celebration 12 Noon GMT* Rediscover the unity & oneness of which our universe is fashioned	**13** *Geminid Meteor showers* Watch for showers & enjoy a night of star-gazing	**14** ***Halcyon Days*** Find a time for calm stillness
15 *Bill Of Rights Day* Eat fresh, wholesome foods in place of refined or processed foods	**16** *Holiday Bird Census* *Ludwig Beethoven b. 1770* Improvise a music jam with kitchen instruments	**17** ***Saturnalia begins*** *Wright Brothers' Day* Wassail with care	**18** Use your favorite herbs in cooking	**19** Protect shrubs & plants from heavy snow - tie stems together	**20** *Sacagawea & Underdog Day* Sing unsung heroes	**21** *Forefathers' Day* ***Winter Solstice*** Research Christmas / Solstice customs of your ancestral homeland
22 Give your favorite baked goods as gifts	**23** Energy conservation devices make good Christmas gifts	**24** Pick a berry for each kiss until mistletoe's gone; then improvise	**25** *Christmas* "O Thou who has given us so much, mercifully grant us one thing more - a grateful heart." -George Herbert	**26** ***Kwanzaa begins*** *St. Stephen's & Boxing Day* Slow down & consider alternatives	**27** *Johannes Kepler b. 1571* "Nature uses as little as possible of anything." -Kepler	**28** *Childermas* True hibernation among mammals is found only in woodchucks, jumping mice, ground squirrels, & bats
29 How much water did you drink this year (8 glasses a day?)	**30** *Rudyard Kipling b. 1865* Recall the good books you read this year	**31** Share your cooking talent with someone in transition	December zodiac signs: **Sagittarius**, the Archer (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) and **Capricorn**, the Goat (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) "I hold it true with him who sings, To one clear note in divers tones, That men may rise on stepping-stones, Of their dead selves to higher things." -Tennyson Universal Human Rights Month **Flower:** holly or narcissus **Birthstone:** turquoise or zircon		*November 1996*	*January 1997*

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