

In him was life, and the  
life was the light of men.  
The light shines in the  
darkness, and the darkness  
has not overcome it.

—John 1:4-5

## Home.

There is something deeply comforting about going home. I especially love going home for Christmas. The smell of pumpkin pie baking; the wreath on the front door; the Christmas ornaments from my childhood. But most of all my Mom waits inside, ready to envelope me in a warm embrace full of unconditional love.

### **Home is where we remember who we are. And where we remember that we are loved.**

The first thing you see this time of year at my home is a Moravian star. As you drive up at dusk, the star brightly lights the carport. It has been this way since my childhood. And it was this way at my Mamaw and Papaw's home as well. We have roots back into Moravian traditions including made from scratch Moravian cookies, and a Bible that has been in our family for generations. The thing that I love about the Moravian Star is that it seems like light is bursting out in every direction. It cannot be held back. And it lights the way home.

Jesus was born into darkness. Into the sin and depravity of this earth. Born in a place off the radar. In a



manger. And yet, the light of the Star of Bethlehem burst forth from the sky to guide those seeking him. And the Christ-child bore light radiantly in the darkness.

My deepest hope is that Tekoa would be a place where Christ-light would burst forth. Where children hear God's voice. Where youth and families find their spiritual home. Where we all experience the Light of Christ each moment.

A recent staff applicant share that for her, ***"Everything about Camp Tekoa lessens the barrier between Heaven and Earth."***

As you visit Tekoa Foothills and see the new playground, explore the bamboo forest or ride across the lake on the zip-line, may you feel God's presence. As you come to Camp Tekoa and sit in a rocking chair, splash in the lake or walk across our

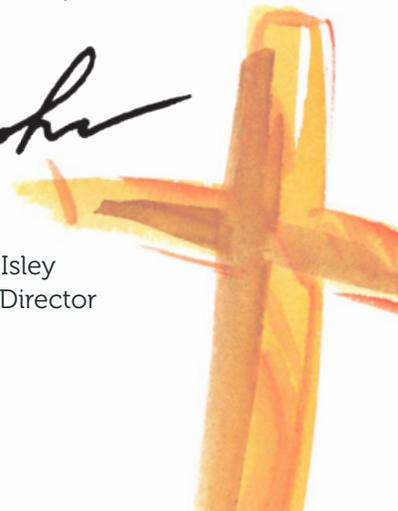
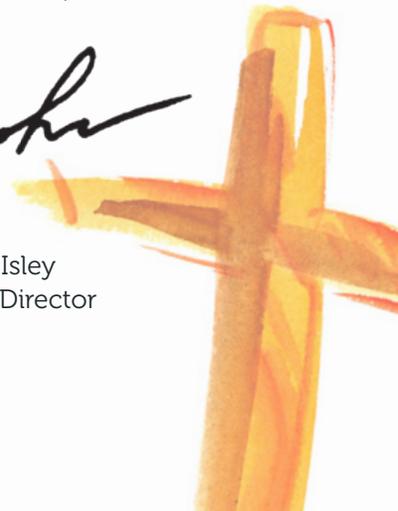
new chapel bridges, may you feel at home. As you hold a candle at candlelight, may you experience the light of Christ bursting forth out into the world!

As you consider your end of year giving, we hope you will entrust us to continue to share the Light of Christ as we have done for 72 years. Make a gift that will impact the lives of others this Christmas season. And if you haven't recently, come home. Remember that God loves you and we love you.

Excitedly Anticipating  
the Christ-child,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Rev. John Isley  
Executive Director  
Tekoa





## How to Give:

**Online:** [www.camptekoa.org/giving](http://www.camptekoa.org/giving)

**Call Us:** 828.692.6516

### Send a Check:

Camp Tekoa  
PO Box 1793  
Flat Rock, NC 28731

## Where to Give:

### Send a Child to Tekoa:

**\$650- Camp Tekoa / \$400- Tekoa Foothills**

This covers the cost of food, program, staff, lodging, equipment and our year-round expenses. We have a goal of scholarship 240 children each year (10% of campers). Could you sponsor one?

### Become a Monthly Donor: Any Amount

The growing cost of camp as we re-emerge from the pandemic is challenging. Support camp and help us to have a greater impact on campers in the coming years! You can choose which fund you would like to support monthly.

### Give to the Endowment: Suggested gift of \$1000

Make a gift that will live long after you. Gifts to the **Brian Scholarship Endowment** Fund will build our potential to offer scholarships for years to come.

### Donate a Disc Golf Hole: \$500

We are hoping to finish the back 9 of our disc golf course in Hendersonville. We need at least 5 more donors to sponsor a hole. Your name or business will be displayed on the Hole permanently.

