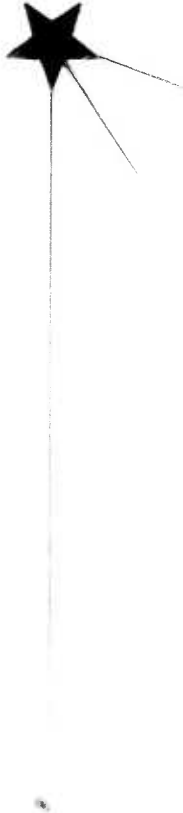


THANKSGIVING '78
CHRISTMAS '78
NEW YEAR'S '79

Dear friends--

"The Season" being upon us, we have decided to send you this all-Season note, to greet you at mid-Season with what we wrote when our family was together at Thanksgivingtide. May gratitude to our God fill your hearts with the power and joy of the One who came, is here, and is the Coming One.



Besides her work in home and community and church, LOREE has been doing hospital calling in connection with her studies at the Institutes of Religion and Health, from which she hopes to receive a certificate at the same time--this coming May--she hopes also to receive the Master in Professional Studies degree from New York Theological Seminary. Atop this, her mother, in decreasing health, lived with us two-thirds of the year--blessing us with a model of Christian peace and joy in declining and dying.

WILLIS sends you herewith his "Readings and Intentions" for possible daily use throughout the coming year, and is happy to have it serve also as an ad for Kirkridge! This semester he's teaching eight courses in three schools and Chappaqua, where he has a graduate-credit, early-Sunday "BVR" (basic visceral response) group reading through the Bible (October-June), an innovation now on solid ground. His Harper & Row book, *THE SENSE THE BIBLE MAKES*, is almost due, and so is the main project he's having to scowl at.

BILL finished Andover-Newton seminary in May, and LINDA will finish the pastoral course there this coming May and is church-hunting. Bill's current work is with older retardates, a program which originated through the seminary. They hope to settle in the Northwest.

MARK continues his projects of study and meditation, and action in peace work.

As last weekend Willis was working in Maryland with clergy involved in ministry with those in midlife--in connection with his seminary program called "Midlife Exploration"--he found this quotation from Emerson a source of strength and admonition: "Speak not unless thou speakest as one aware of the cares and calamities of thy fellows on the earth." God grant us all, in the year ahead, yet more mature awareness of this, and also of the Joy and Grace of Life.