



Faith Community UMC

Poinsettias are dedicated to the glory of God, and:

In memory of Dorothy Dodson, and in honor of Mr. & Mrs. Willie Faulk by Pastor Ron and Donna Dodson

In memory of Mark and Ann Benbow by Kate and Joseph Ehrenberger

In memory of Norene Long, Millie Ganges and Blanche Steed by Tui Ganges

In memory of Herman & Mary Hanssen, by their daughter Elsie Hanssen

In memory of my son, Burnett McKnight, by Hattie Martin

In memory of my parents, Thomas and Sarah Lowery by Rev. J. L. McLellan

In memory of Ada Jordan and Willie McCoy by Beverly Nance

In memory of Malbert R. Brown Jr., and Leon & Dorothy Bailey, by Cheryl Simmons-Brown

In memory of Jane Haslup, Betty Streat and Max Wiand, by Dave and Judy Slide

In honor of Nancy Evans and Helen Washington, and in memory of Minna and Rudy Eder by Cathy, Gregory and Brenna

In honor of Lou Collins, and in memory of Minna and Rudy Eder; *[anonymous]*

The Story of the Poinsettia

The Mexicans were the first to celebrate the poinsettia's Christian meaning. They saw the poinsettia's deep red leaves as symbols of a deep love for Jesus.

The legend says that one Christmas a young brother and sister had nothing to offer to the baby Jesus. They took the long way to church hoping to find something along the way. Desperate, they picked up some green leafy weeds, brought them into the church and laid them at the feet of the baby Jesus. The children rejoiced as the weeds suddenly erupted into sparkling red blooms that overshadowed all of the other gifts.

The poinsettia first came to the United States in 1826. Joel Roberts Poinsett, while serving as the first US Ambassador to Mexico, noticed the plant by the side of a road in southern Mexico. Fascinated by the leaves, Poinsett brought it back to his greenhouse in South Carolina. The plant's original scientific name (*euphorbia pulcherrima*) was changed to *poinsetta pulcherrima* or "poinsettia" in honor of Ambassador Poinsett.