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## Happy Mudd Day!

After assassinating Lincoln on April 14, 1865, John Wilkes Booth rode with co-conspirator David Herold to the home of Dr. Samuel Mudd. Mudd performed surgery on Booth's fractured leg and allowed both men to stay the night. At some point, Mudd must have learned of the assassination. However, he did not report Booth's visit to the authorities for another 24 hours. This delay appeared to link him to the crime, as did his various changes of the story under interrogation. On April 26th, authorities arrested Mudd. A military commission found him guilty of aiding & conspiring in a murder & sentenced Mudd to life in prison. He escaped the death penalty by a single vote.

President Andrew Johnson pardoned Mudd, & he was released from prison in 1869. Despite repeated attempts by family members and others, Mudd's conviction has never been overturned, nor has his record been expunged.

Dr. Mudd's name has been dragged through the mud giving the term "your name is mud" a whole new meaning. However, the phrase existed before the events of 1865 & it meant exactly what it means today.

Okay, not exactly Christmas material, but interesting history none the less.

### Now onto important stuff!

#### The Week of Dec. 17-23 is:

- Christmas Bird Counting Week
- Gluten-Free Baking Week
- Cookie Exchange Week

#### Some celebrations only last a day:

- 17th**-A Christmas Carol Day
  - Clean Air Day
  - Wright Brothers Day
  - National Maple Syrup Day
- 18th**-Answer the Phone Like Buddy the Elf Day
  - National Twin Day
  - National Roast Suckling Pig Day
- 19th**-National Re-gifting Day
  - National Oatmeal Muffin Day
  - National Hard Candy Day
- 20th**-Games Day
  - Mudd Day\*
  - National Sangria Day
  - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
  - Underdog Day
- 21st**-Crossword Puzzle Day
  - Celebrate Short Fiction Day
  - Go Caroling Day
  - Humbug Day
  - Make Music Day

# Christmas Giggles

- 21st-National Flashlight Day
- Short Film Day
- Short Girl Appreciation Day
- National Fried Shrimp Day
- 22nd-Be A Lover of Silence Day
- Date Nut Bread Day
- 23rd-Family Roots Day
- Festivus
- Metric Conversion Day

Have a great week & call me if you need a ride to church.

*Serving Him & Loving it!*

*Carol* 🥰

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Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2010  
THIS IS LIKE TOTALLY THE COOLEST THING THAT HAS EVEN HAPPENED IN THIS STABLE!

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Thanks to Stacy Jackson 12-10-2012  
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Do not drink and wrap presents.

Also, if anyone gets a remote control for Christmas, I'm gonna need that back.

Dear Santa,

Before I explain, how much do you know already? 😎