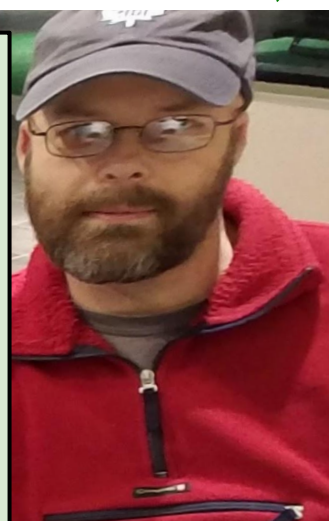


# Petite Family Newsletter 2016

## Happy Holidays!



Darren is in his sixteenth year of working for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and is thankful to still be working at home most of the time, so he doesn't miss too much of the craziness of our homeschooling life!



This picture above characterizes 2016 for us; crazy, busy, exhausting, expensive, enlightening, silly and fun! We have had a hard time even getting our holiday pictures done this year, so here we are, at the Toyota dealership in early December, buying a new minivan! Flo got her license this year, and our old truck is on its last leg, so, we needed another set of wheels to keep this family rolling through the busy years ahead!



The year behind us was filled with many adventures, including trips to Canada, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and New York! We made new friends, reconnected with old ones, and learned many new lessons along the way. We are thankful for the opportunities we have had, and feel the greatest gifts we will receive this season are family, friendship and faith in the possibilities of this amazing life! **We wish you all the most joyous, heartfelt, fun-filled, love-infused holiday season and year to come!** Keep in touch!

**Flo** is finishing up her last year of homeschool/high school and attending classes at the local community college, figuring out what she wants to study. She's still active in music and you can find many of her creations on our YouTube or Facebook pages!

**Joe** just turned 14 and is still active in hockey, which keeps us running all over the region for games and tournaments. He's also playing basketball on a local team. Most noteworthy, Joe's feet have grown three sizes this year! That's **THREE** pairs of ice skates, so far, this season!

**Zofia** is nine years-old now, and is polishing up her reading skills, enjoys creating all sorts of art projects, playing Minecraft with her friends, and keeping us busy with lots of questions!

**Tara...** I am doing my best to keep everything in balance, on schedule, and on budget, as well as, staying inspired and keeping a positive attitude as I tackle the challenges of each day!!

Sadly, this Fall, we lost our longtime buddy, Bruno. His health had been declining for a while, and we were looking for a new puppy to keep him company in his old age. But, unfortunately, he didn't make it long enough to meet our new canine family member.. We miss him a lot. Shortly before the new puppy, Pax, arrived, we, also, got a new kitty, named Polly! She's great! So, stay tuned for lots of cute pet pictures!

