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December 17th, 2023

Our Vision is:

To be a Church that Grows in God's Love Builds Strong Relationships Serves in the Community.

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the Transformation of the World

Our Opportunities for December 17 - December 24

Sunday – December 17

8:30a Sunday School

9:00a Somethings Brewing

10:00a Worship Service

5:00p Youth Group at FUMC at Peniel UMC

Wednesday - December 20

4:30p Pantry Blessings

5:00p Something's Cooking

6:15p Prayer Service

7:00p Choir Practice

Thursday - December 21

5:30p Emmaus Meeting

Sunday – December 24 *MERRY CHIRSTMAS*

8:30a Sunday School

9:00a Somethings Brewing

10:00a Worship Service

7:00p Christmas Eve Service with Choir Cantata

11:00p Christmas Eve Service with Communion and

Carols

YOUTH GROUP

The youth group will be meeting tonight at 5:00pm at Peniel UMC for their Christmas party. There is a \$10 white elephant gift exchange. Any kids in grades 6th -12th are welcome to come. Bring a friend!

ADVENT

Dec. 24 Morning Worship at the regular time
Dec. 24 Two options for evening worship:
7pm - Choir cantata - 11pm - Communion and
Carols

Dec. 31 The 5th Sunday celebration is at Peniel - Rev. Charlene Allen guest preaching. The worship service will be at 10:30am and there will be breakfast at 9:30am. They will be having biscuits and gravy. Everyone is welcome!

Reminder: We have a list of 20 families to receive our Christmas Food Baskets this year and we will be calling them to pick them up on Saturday, December 16, 2023, between 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM. We are picking up the food from Sav a Lot on Friday, Dec 15 at 3:30 PM. We will take it to the church to organize it for the 20 families. Your help is very much appreciated.

LOVE OFFERING

It is that time of year again where we are taking up a Love Offering for the Pastor and his family and for the church staff. If you would like to give to the Love Offering, please write that on the envelope or if you write a check, please put Love Offering in the memo. We need the Love Offering by Dec. 17th.

Thank you so much, Ad Council

CHILI COOKOFF

Ok Folks. To start off the NewYear, get out your favorite chili recipes. The first Sunday meal on January 7th is going to be a "chili cook off". There will be tasters to judge the best chili and there will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Let's make it good and have fun. Of course, it will be our meal so those not making chili, please bring your favorite side dish to share.

Thank you, Cheryl

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SAVE THE DATE

For: The Brazil First Presbyterian Church Choir & Singers from Nine Area Churches Join In Performing the Cantata "Night of Miracles"

When: Friday, December 22nd, 2023
Time: 7:00pm

Where: First Presbyterian Church 210 N. Walnut Street

All are welcome to The Celebration of the Birth of Christ!

Brazil First United Methodist Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:00 to 4:00

Friday 8:00 to 12:00

Lunch Hour 12:00 to 1:00

Prayer Concerns

Frank Mitchell

Amos Thomas – Hospice

Susan Thomas

Israel

Ukraine

Ashlee Vitz - Cancer

Aaron Parkins - Deployment

Shirley Vanes – broken hip

Steve Mace - Stroke

Silent Prayer Requests

JOYS:

Lutes family - we are Healthy for the holidays.

Please continue to pray for....

Family of Steve Brannan

Marci Hagan

Joanna Conners

Towne Park: Suzanne Howes

Villas of Holly Brook: Harriet Sneddon Room 29 and Marilyn Bowers Room 23,

Amos Thomas

Huston Woods: Betty Palm Room 105

Harrisons Crossing in Terre Haute: Betty French

Francie Stevens

In care of Julie Diederich

916 S. Hamsher St.

Garrett, IN. 4673

Loved Ones with Cancer

Susan Thomas

Ashlee Vitz

Linda Adbas – Thyroid Cancer

Gina Crooks

Carey Cummins

Janet Atkins

Brittany Walden

Ed Modesitt – Colon Cancer

Donna Smith

Lori Durbin - brain

Jennifer Pugh

Kale Galloway

Mike Connors

Lori Smith

Jim Turner

LeRoy Boyer

Mike Burton - lung