



Dear friends,

With the uncertainty of the new COVID variant, the storms throughout the Midwest and the general stressors that seem to come with the holidays, Nazareth and our mission and ministries have been an oasis of hope and light, at least for me. Welcoming our Confirmands last Sunday and then having over 30 participants at our intergenerational caroling event was wonderful. Christmas BINGO is always fun with Mr. BINGO (Jeff) and his sidekick-in-training, Sheryl. There are more opportunities for Nazareth Disciples to experience the joy of Christmas so please read all the information below.

This Sunday will feature our Handbell Choir. We will also be welcoming new disciples. Please read Matthew 1:18-25 to prepare for the 4th Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of LOVE. Blessings,

Julie

Things to Remember

This Sunday, Dec. 19, we will take up the “Christmas Joy Offering” which addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

The Youth have assembled Homeless Helper Kits which are available in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Please take one to keep in your car and give out as needed.

We will worship together on Christmas Eve with a Candlelight Communion Service at 5:00 in the sanctuary. In lieu of “Pennies for Hunger”, which would normally take place on the 26th, there will be a special offering taken during the Christmas Eve Service for the Soup Kitchen. A nurse will be available during worship.

Worship on December 26 will be VIRTUAL ONLY. The congregation can worship with the service prepared by the Presbytery, as we did last year. The Nazareth Choir is one of the featured choirs. Use the link below to connect with the service.

<https://youtu.be/GRzSjM6dbOg>

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Bob and Abby Hatchette
- Dallas Schaaf
- Frances and Tommy Lynch
- Hayden Jackson
- Jeff Hayes’ friend, Pete Vanderkam
- Cassie Yarborough’s friend
- The Duerksen family
- Baby Hendric
- Katy Morgenstern
- Pam Hames
- James Cantrell’s mother, Peggy Eash



The Mission of Nazareth Presbyterian Church is to worship and glorify God and make disciples for Christ.

