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Monthly newsletter of Kanapaha Presbyterian



# Kanapaha Times



## Join Us...

- **Sunday Morning Worship @ 10 am in Sanctuary**
- **Bible Study – Wednesday’s @ 11am starting Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> in Memorial Hall**
- **Annual Congregational Meeting January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 11:15 am**



## Note from Pastor....

As the old song begins, “So this is Christmas and what have you done?” Each year when I hear those words I think back to the beginning of the year and any promises (resolutions) I may have made last New Year. I want to see how far I have come and evaluate both victories and failures alike.

In years past I would often make the same “Big 3” resolutions that most people make each year: to lose weight, be more financially and spiritually responsible, and to spend more time with my family. Have you been there? If we are honest we know we can't do any of that without God's help but few will ask. It seems like something too small to ask of God. And we just set ourselves up to feel guilty if (when) we fail.

I would suggest that, instead of resolutions this year, we let God restore us. Let the New Year be celebrated by forgiveness of old hurts and giving second chances to those who have harmed us. There is no guilt in doing good with a pure heart. Let God restore relationships so we can move forward together. Forgive yourself also for not keeping last year's resolutions. May God's blessings be with you now and throughout the New Year.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Michael*

## Added News...

- **January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day**
- **January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**





## Worship and Nurture >>>

**Committee:** Joanna Long, Mary Moffett, Barbara Rea, Pat Stump, Janet Phipps (Elder chair)

### Happy New Year to all!

Here are some important dates and activities in January, 2024:

- 1-7-24 Communion will be served
- 1-28-24 Congregational Meeting with Potluck to follow

## Christian Education >>>

**Committee:** Carolyn Smith, Janet Phipps (Elder Chair)

Please join us as we resume Bible Study on January 17, 2024 @ 11am in Memorial Hall. Topic TBD.

## Buildings and Grounds >>>

Highway Banner Support Posts Replaced Sometime late on Sunday, December 17th, the supports for our highway banner either blew down or were pulled down. The support structure was beyond repair. On Friday, December 22nd a small group of busy bees, coordinated by B&G Elder Kaley Behl, constructed a new support structure to hold our highway banner. It took many hours and more than one trip to Lowe's. It also involved recharging for lunch in the middle of it all. On the morning of December 23rd, our current highway banner was back in the air on new support posts. Many thanks to Tom Jordan, Tom Jordan Jr., Mike Kirkman and the Queen B(&G), Kaley Behl for getting this unexpected project done before our Christmas Eve services.



## Mission Committee >>>

**Committee:** Joanna Long, Pat Stump, Veronica Ziegler, Joan Russell, and Kim Friend



# Thank you!

Dear Friends at Kanapaha Presbyterian Church,

Thank you so much for the generous Thanksgiving baskets. These past few years have been especially difficult for some of our families, so your support means all that much more. Thanks again and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,  
Theresa Kranzler  
School Counselor  
Wiles Elementary School



## Special Projects & Promotions >>>



### Holiday Auction Results

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to or participated in our Annual Holiday Auction on December 17th!! We raised \$1,095 for KPC in just a little over an hour. Professional auctioneer Lynne Keyes was once again loads of fun. She provides her services to us free of charge simply because she loves KPC! And she almost didn't make it this year as she lost her car keys. To the rescue came Elder Kaley Behl who drove to Keystone Heights to pick her up, and then later, to bring her home. Again, thanks to all of you who made our Holiday Auction a success. We have a wonderful church family!

Thanks and Happy New Year!  
Karen





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- *Al Fritz* January 01
- *Josephine Jamerson* January 05
- *Evelyn Barratt* January 07
- *Cathy Berry* January 11
- *Judy White* January 11
- *Sarah Berry* January 13







## **ONLINE GIVING TO KANAPAHA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Online giving is a safe and secure way to make your donations to KPC. It is one way you can give your Sunday offering when you are not able to attend worship services. You can also set up recurring gifts. There are several ways you can give to KPC online and help support our church!

### **Donating through the Church Website**

You can donate directly to the church from the home page of the church website. At the bottom of our home page [www.kanapaha.net](http://www.kanapaha.net) is a yellow donate button. Upon clicking the button you will be able to enter the amount to be donated. You will then be given the option to donate using a credit or debit card, or using your PayPal account. You will also be offered the option to provide contact information or set up recurring donations.

### **eBay for Charity**

KPC is a registered charity with eBay for Charity. eBay customers can support the church by adding a donation when they buy an item, or donating a percentage when they sell an item. When selling an item simply pick KPC as the charity and the donation percentage (10-100%). eBay waives the same percent in fees. When the item sells, the donation is automatically sent and you get a donation receipt.

In addition, you can also donate at checkout any time you shop. More information on eBay for Charity can be found on their website.

### **PayPal Giving Fund**

KPC is enrolled as a charity with the PayPal Giving Fund. The PayPal Giving Fund is a non-profit that connects donors, businesses & charities in order to help charities raise new funds. Because the PayPal Giving Fund is a nonprofit itself, 100% of the donation amount is tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. You can go to the PayPal Giving Fund web site and choose to donate to KPC from the list of Charities. Supporters can also donate on other online platforms connected with the PayPal Giving Fund.

Thank you for being a  
cheerful giver to KPC!



# SCOUTS



Pack 371 had a busy month with a campout at Camp Shands and a holiday party/awards ceremony. We had a chili cookoff, went fishing, hiked and enjoyed a campfire program by Troop 371. Our pack celebrated all of the achievements of our scouts. The pack earned over 75 belt loops so far this year! We also enjoyed some treats after the awards ceremony.



Happy New Year!







# Local Events



## Frogs and Friends Friday

January 5, 2024 @ 2pm - 3pm



Kids (with an adult) can learn about the exciting world of amphibians, reptiles, and all the animals we share this area with! This event features live animals. Meet at the Morningside Nature Center Pavilion in the Picnic Loop! Event is **FREE** and open to the public.



## Camellia Show

January 6, 2024 @ 1pm - 5pm

January 7, 2024 @ 9am-4pm



This event features prize-winning camellias of all sizes, shapes, and colors. This show is geared toward educating the public about the care, culture, and appreciation of camellias. Camellias will be available for sale while supplies last!

Regular admission price for non-members, which includes entry into the gardens and the show. No solicitors allowed.

**\$10 Adults/ \$5 Children**

**Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8 pm-11:30 pm** Holiday

# NUTCRACKER POP-UP Cocktail Bar

The Traveler transforms into a wonderland of Nutcrackers and Holiday Magic with exquisite cocktails ~themed from the characters of Tchaikovsky's beloved Nutcracker Ballet

Advance Tickets: \$20  
Cocktail, guaranteed space, and DIY Hot Chocolate Bar

The Traveler transforms into the set of Tchaikovsky's beloved Nutcracker Ballet with cocktails and drinks and a DIY hot chocolate bar! Each drink is based on a character from the story like the Snow Queen (a toasted Crème Brûlée Martini) and the Mouse King (you will have to come and see)!!

Advance ticket purchase (**\$20**) gets you in, ensures one cocktail, and gives you access to the DIY hot chocolate bar! **21+ please**

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**PRESERVING AMERICAN SLAVE SONGS**  
**AMERICAN SPIRITUAL ENSEMBLE**  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 | 7:30 P.M.

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American Spiritual Ensemble began as a dream of performing and preserving the music of the American slave spirituals to keep the art form alive. These songs now stand as a testament to the strength found through faith during times of hardship as well as a unifying force among all peoples. The chorale is made up of some of the finest classically trained soloists in the United States who have sung in opera houses and theatres around the world. Cost: \$12-\$40

Phillips Center, 3201 Hull Rd  
Gainesville, FL 32611





# Local Events



**FRIDAY JANUARY 19**

*dinner and a show with*  
**THE WIRE BIRDS**  
**THE FRONT PORCH BACKSTEPPERS**  
**MARSHAL PATRICK**

**7PM / \$10**

*check out looseys.com for more info*



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Come check out this allstar line up of Gainesville musicians!

- The Wire Birds (Gainesville's premier chamber folk ensemble)
- The Front Porch Back Steppers (bluegrass/old time extraordinaires)
  - Marshall Patrick (singer-songwriter/acoustic rock)

Friday January 19th, 7 pm \$10 cover

**Hoggetowne**  
*Goes*  
**Downtown**  
**January 27 & 28**

### One Weekend of Medieval Merriment

Though we lament the inability to secure a site for the traditional three weekends of the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire, we bring thee tidings of a temporary solution that shall not leave thee bereft of merriment.

Behold, as the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire transforms Gainesville's Depot Park into a bastion of medieval revelry, known as "Hoggetowne Goes Downtown" on January 27-28 from **10am-6pm**.

Admission shall be free for this condensed preview, where thee shall find many of the cherished highlights of yore.

Artisans and craftspeople shall ply their trades with skill, olde world demonstrations shall enchant, and the clash of swords in stage combat shall resonate through the air. Let not thy heart be heavy, for medieval music and dance shall lift thy spirits, and a living chessboard shall unfold its strategic dance. Witness royal knighting ceremonies with the King and Queen, indulge in food court favorites, and savor the timeless delight of turkey legs!

May the spirit of merriment and camaraderie prevail as we embark on this unique adventure, and may the echoes of the medieval revelry resound through Gainesville's Depot Park in celebration of 37 years of grand tradition!



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**ENERGIZED, ATHLETIC MOVEMENT**  
**PARSONS DANCE**  
 TUESDAY, JANUARY 23 | 7:30 P.M.

**\$12-\$45**

**UF**

Parsons Dance is known for its energized, athletic, and joyous style. For more than 30 years, Artistic Director David Parsons has combined his choreographic gifts and talent for training passionate, highly skilled dancers into a solidified position as one of the world's leading companies. Their stunning work flawlessly combines the movements and gestures of modern dance with the precision and discipline of classical dance to create a program that delivers a spirited evening for all ages. Returning to the Phillips Center, Parsons Dance will present Caught, a favorite among audiences. You certainly do not want to miss this opportunity!



# Yummy Recipes >>>



## Kickin' Collard Greens

Prep Time: 10 min     Serves: 6

Cook Time: 1 hr

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 3 slices bacon
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound fresh collard greens, cut into 2-inch pieces
- 3 cups chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 1 pinch red pepper flakes

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Heat oil in a large pot over medium-high heat. Add bacon, and cook until crisp, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove bacon from pan, crumble, and return to the pan.
2. Add onion to the pan and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Add garlic, and cook until just fragrant. Add collard greens, and fry until they start to wilt.
3. Pour in chicken broth and season with salt, pepper, and red pepper flakes. Reduce heat to low, cover, and simmer until greens are tender, about 45 minutes.



## Roasted Pork Loin

Prep Time: 20 min     Cook Time: 1 hr 30 min

Serves: 8

### INGREDIENTS:

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon dried rosemary
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 pounds boneless pork loin roast
- ¼ cup olive oil
- ½ cup white wine



### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Crush garlic with rosemary, salt and pepper in a mortar and pestle to make a paste. Pierce meat with a sharp knife in several places and press garlic paste into the openings. Rub pork loin with the remaining garlic mixture and olive oil. Set into an oven-safe pan.
3. Place pork loin into the preheated oven, turning and basting with pan liquids every 30 minutes. Cook until the pork is no longer pink in the center, 90 minutes to 2 hours. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read 145 degrees F (63 degrees C). Remove roast to a platter and keep warm.
4. Place pan onto the stove over medium-high heat and pour wine into it. Heat wine and stir to loosen browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Simmer for 3 to 5 minutes
5. Slice pork loin and serve with pan juices.



## Black Eyed Pea Cornbread

Prep Time: 15 min

Cook Time: 1 hr 5 min     Serves: 12

### INGREDIENTS:

- cooking spray
- 1 pound bulk spicy breakfast sausage
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 cup white cornmeal
- ½ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup buttermilk
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 (15 ounce) can black-eyed peas, drained
- 1 (8 ounce) package shredded Cheddar cheese
- ¾ cup cream-style corn
- 1 (4.5 ounce) can chopped green chile peppers
- ¼ cup chopped pickled jalapeño peppers

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a 9x13-in. baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Cook sausage and onion in a large skillet over medium heat, stirring until sausage is crumbly and no longer pink, about 5 minutes. Drain on paper towels.
3. Mix cornmeal, flour, salt, and baking soda together in a large bowl.
4. Whisk buttermilk, oil, and eggs together in a small bowl. Add to cornmeal mixture, stirring just until moistened. Stir in sausage mixture, black-eyed peas, Cheddar cheese, corn, chile peppers, and jalapeños. Pour batter into the prepared baking dish.
5. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into center comes out clean, about 1 hour.



## Hot Fudge Cheesecake Bars

Prep Time: 10 min     Serves: 12

Total Time: 4 hrs

### INGREDIENTS:

#### FOR THE CRUST

- 24 Oreos, crushed
- 6 tbsp. butter, melted
- Pinch of kosher salt

#### FOR THE CHEESECAKE

- 2 (8-oz) cream cheese bars, softened
- 1/2 c. granulated sugar
- 1/4 c. light brown sugar
- 1/4 c. cocoa powder
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- Pinch of salt
- 1 c. hot fudge sauce, plus more for garnish
- 1/2 c. chopped Oreos, for garnish

### DIRECTIONS:

1. Make crust: Preheat oven to 325° and grease an 8"-x-8" pan with cooking spray. In a medium bowl, mix crushed Oreos, butter, and salt until combined. Press tightly into prepared pan.
2. Make cheesecake: In a large bowl, beat together cream cheese, granulated sugar, light brown sugar, and cocoa powder. Add eggs one at a time, then add vanilla and salt and beat until combined. Fold in hot fudge sauce. Pour mixture over crust.
3. Bake until only slightly jiggly, about 40 minutes. Let cool slightly, then refrigerate until firm, 3 hours, or up to overnight.
4. Drizzle with more hot fudge and sprinkle with Oreos. Slice into bars and serve.







HAPPY NEW YEAR



Crabby Road 12-28-



The end of the year is a good time to get rid of stuff. I started weeks ago by cleaning out my checking account.

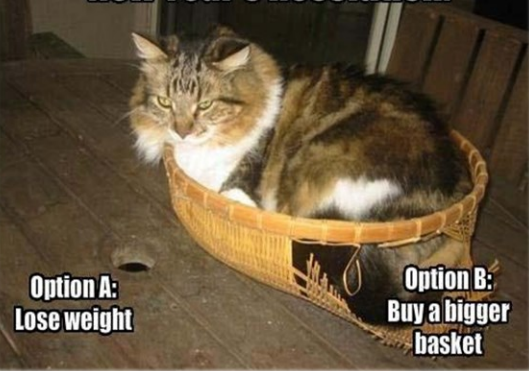


Wagner

YOU CHEWED UP MY LIST OF NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS! GOOD BOY!



**New Year's Resolution:**



Option A: Lose weight

Option B: Buy a bigger basket

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.



"I'd like to stay up until midnight, but it's past my parents' bedtime."



1. The song traditionally sung on New Year's, "Auld Lang Syne," means "times gone by".
2. Black eyed peas, ham, and cabbage are considered good luck if you eat them on New Year's Eve or Day because it is believed they will bring you money.
3. Lobster and chicken are considered bad luck because lobsters can move backward and chickens can scratch in reverse, so it is thought these foods could bring a reversal of fortune.
4. In Italy, people wear red underwear on New Year's Day to bring good luck all year long. The tradition dates back to medieval times.
5. Time Square New Year's Eve Ball was first dropped in 1907 after there was a fireworks ban. The original ball weighed 700 pounds and featured 100 25-watt bulbs. Much different to the ball we know today!
6. The earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000 B.C.
7. January is named after Janus, the god with two faces, one looking forward and one looking backward. He is the god of beginnings, transitions, gates, doors, passages, and endings.
8. Ancient Persians gave New Year's gifts of eggs, which symbolised productiveness.
9. The first recorded New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years to Babylon, when the first moon after the spring equinox marked a new year. In 46 B.C., Julius Caesar created a calendar with Jan. 1 as the first day of the year, partly to honour Janus, the month's namesake.
10. The tradition to kiss at midnight isn't a recent invention. According to old English and German folklore, the first person you come across in the new year could set the tone for the next 12 months.
11. To ensure a year of good luck, firecrackers and noisemakers became tradition in order to scare away any remaining evil spirits and to ensure a brand new start.
12. 2,000 pounds (907kg) of confetti are dropped on the crowd in Times Square at midnight.





*Bless this year*  
with love and light.  
Bless this year  
with faith and sight.  
Bless this year  
with grace and ease.  
Bless this year  
with joy and peace.  
*mary davis*

## *Prayer For The New Year*

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the year that has passed and the many blessings You have showered us in time.

We beg your pardon in our many failings and trespasses and we pray that the coming year be a more fruitful one.

We earnestly pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit and we call upon our Lord Jesus Christ for His intercessions, His guidance and His light to shine our path.

Read the full prayer @ [christianstt.com](http://christianstt.com)

### **NEW YEAR PRAYER:**

Thank You Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead.  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.  
Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend,  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.  
The year ahead is empty,  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And happiness it brings.  
Amen.





# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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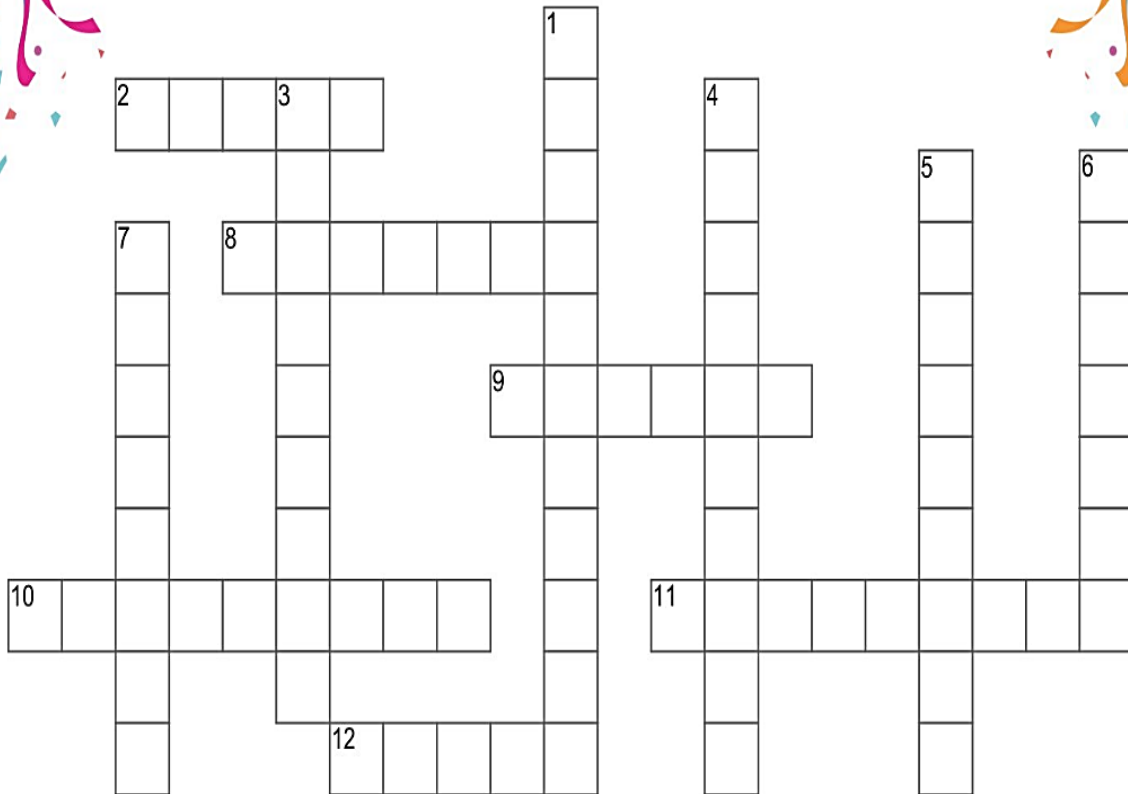


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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



## ACROSS

2. A mechanical or electrical device for measuring time.
8. First month of the year.
9. All the descendants of a common ancestor.
10. the point in time at which something starts.
11. Low explosive pyrotechnic device used for entertainment purposes.
12. A social gathering of invited guests.

## DOWN

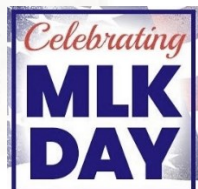
1. January 1st
3. A white sparkling wine associated with celebration.
4. A firm decision to do or not to do something.
5. Counting numerals in reverse order to zero.
6. A person one knows and with whom one has a bond of mutual affection.
7. Twelve o'clock at night.



Faith is  
Taking the  
First Step Even  
When You Don't  
See the Whole  
Staircase



January 15,  
2024



## "Free at Last" ~ Martin Luther King Jr.

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:34-36 (NIV)



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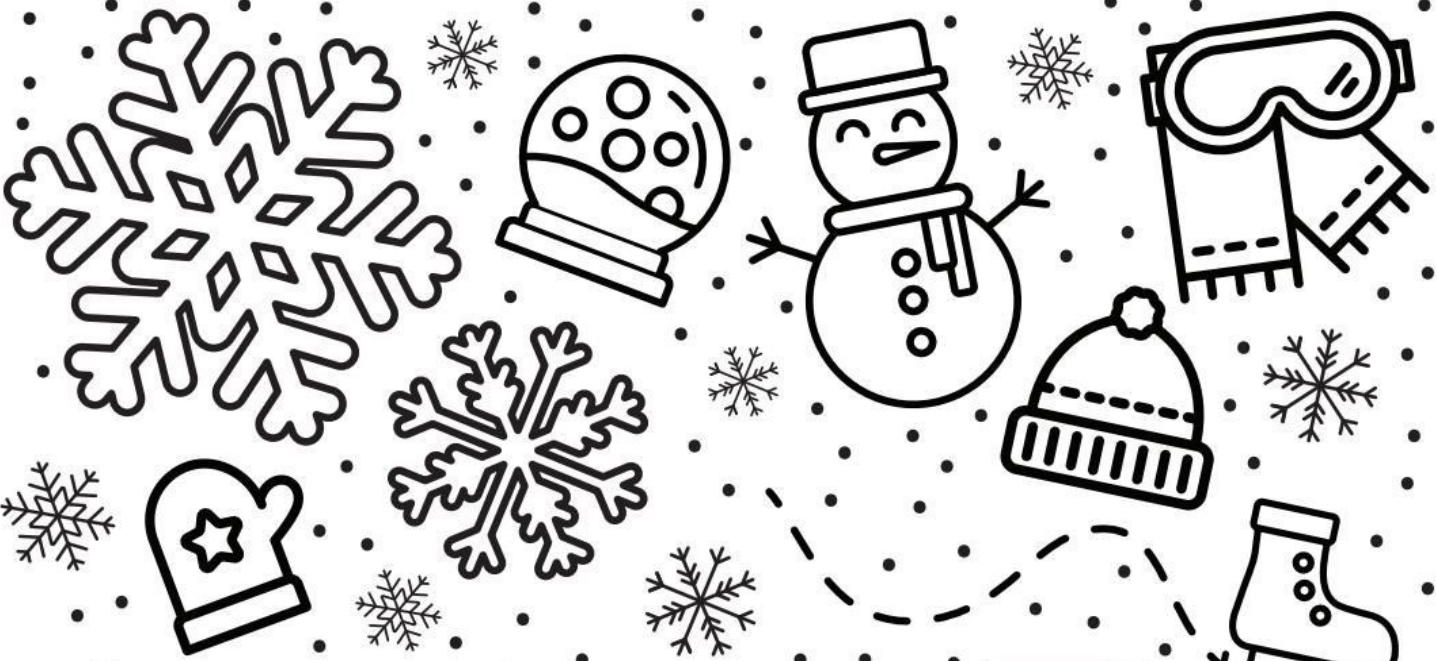
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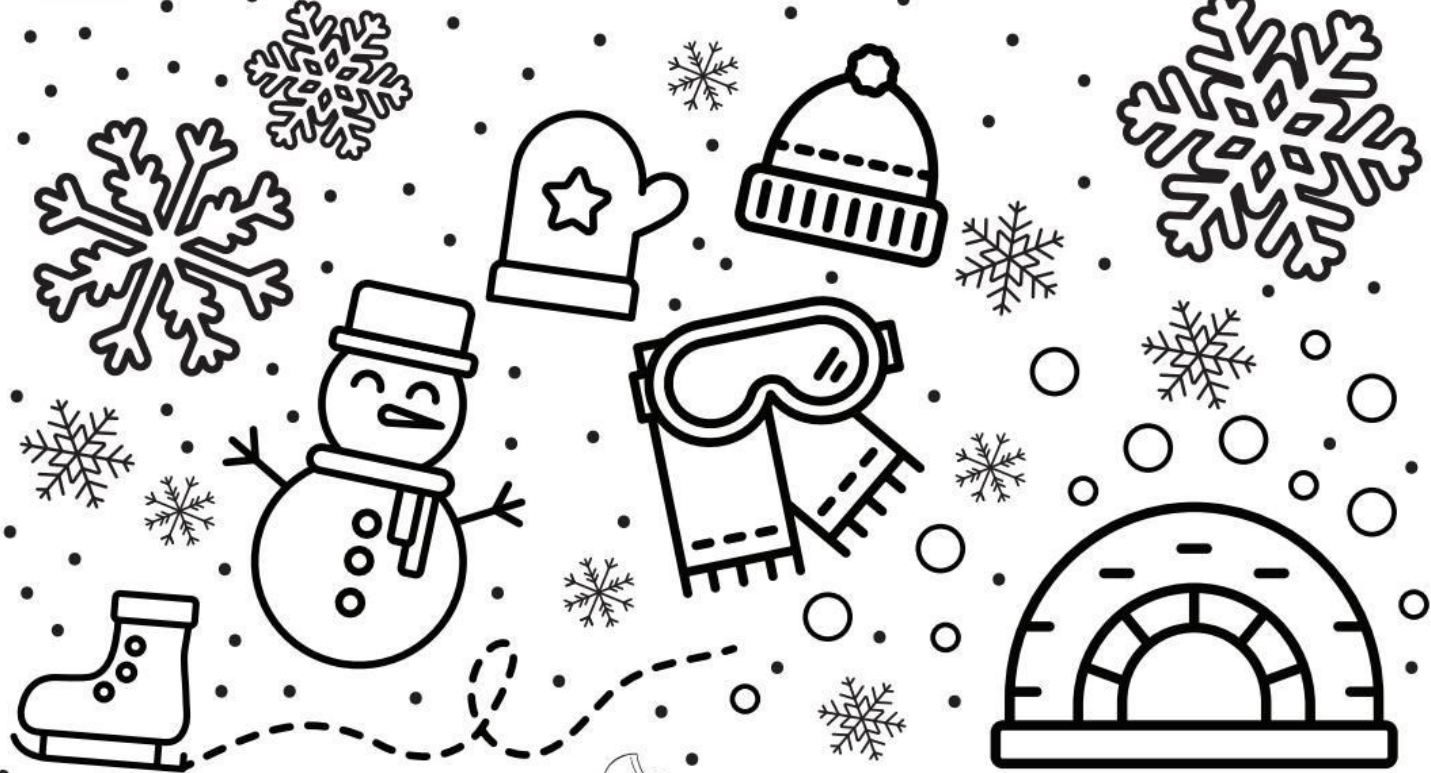








# JANUARY





SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

	 Office Closed Pastor's Study Week till 1/3/2024	Scout Troop Leadership Mtg. @ 6pm	AA Mtg. @ 7:30pm	Scouts Mtg. @ 6:30pm	
Morning Worship @ 10am AA Mtg. @ 6pm			AA Mtg. @ 7:30pm	Scouts Mtg. @ 6:30pm	
Morning Worship @ 10am AA Mtg. @ 6pm	 Office Closed	Session @ 6pm	Bible Study @ 11am AA Mtg. @ 7:30pm	Scouts Mtg. @ 6:30pm	Bldg. Rental-MOK HOA Mtg. @ 10am-1pm
Morning Worship @ 10am AA Mtg. @ 6pm			Bible Study @ 11am AA Mtg. @ 7:30pm	Scouts Mtg. @ 6:30pm	
 Morning Worship @ 10am Annual Congregational Mtg. @ 11:15am AA Mtg. @ 6pm			Bible Study @ 11am AA Mtg. @ 7:30pm		

# JANUARY 2024



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DECEMBER 2023

FEBRUARY 2024

**NOTES:**

- Memorial Hall RESERVED –
- Session/Committee Mtgs.
- Scouts/Lion & Den Cubs
- AA Meetings
- Bible Study





# *Kanapaha Presbyterian Church*

*Est. 1859*



## *Mission Statement*

*Glorifying God by learning, living & sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

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**Pastor**

**Kaley Behl**

Buildings & Grounds  
Cemetery Management

Class of 2023

**Kim Friend**

Clerk of Session  
Missions & Outreach  
Finance

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