Photo contributed by Kathy Keener

Several Pendleton churches are holding a Blue Christmas Service to help address the holiday blues. The free event is Thursday at the Pendleton First Presbyterian Church.

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Special service offers hope for holiday blues

PENDLETON — As the dreary days of winter continue, the First Presbyterian Church is offering a time for remembering that God is with us during hard times.

The holiday season can bring up painful memories for some — while others may be struggling with loss, depression or other hardships. Worshiping together provides an opportunity to connect with others and recognize the need for God's presence.

People of all faiths are invited to the Blue Christmas service. The event is Thursday, Dec. 19 from 7-8 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 201 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. The service features prayer, poetry, music and scripture readings to speak to you soul — and even a chance to light a candle for yourself and your loved ones.

The service is hosted by the First Presbyterian Church and Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. For more information, call 541-276-7681 or 541-276-3809.

Adventist church hosts Christmas sing-a-long

PENDLETON — People are invited to get into the holiday spirit during a special service at the Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Christmas sing-a-long service is Friday, Dec. 13 at 6 p.m. at the church, 1401 S.W. Goodwin Place, Pendleton. The audience can pick songs from the hymnal to sing as a group. The program will include special performances between songs.

There is no sermon or offering during the special service. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 541-276-0882.

M-F church choir presents Christmas musical

MILTON-FREEWATER — The congregation of the Milton-Freewater First Christian Church invites people to ring in the holiday season with them as the church choir presents ''Christmas Musical.''

The free event is Sunday at 6 p.m. at 518 S. Main St. Also, earlier in the day, Bible classes for all ages are offered at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Steve Lyons leads the worship service at 10:30 a.m. In addition, there will be a children's Christmas party during the 10:30 a.m. worship hour. All children are welcome.

For valet parking, enter the ramp from Southwest Sixth Avenue. Also, an elevator is available through the north entrance. For more information, call 541-938-3854. The church office is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon.

Living Faith plans caroling outreach

HERMISTON — Members of Living Faith Church will share the joy of the season through Christmas caroling.

The group will gather Saturday at 5:50 p.m. at the church, 1611 Diagonal Blvd., Hermiston. Participants can carpool to Sun Terrace Hermiston, 1550 N.W. 11th St. Anyone who would like to help share Christmas cheer to those who may have a harder time getting out are invited to join them.

For more information, call 541-567-4486 or search Facebook.

St. John's celebrates advent season

HERMISTON — As part of the holiday season, St. John's Episcopal Church is hosting a Christmas potluck dinner.

The gathering is Sunday at 6 p.m. in the parish hall, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. The meal features prime rib — those attending are invited to bring a dish to share.

Also, the public is invited to celebrate the third and fourth Sundays of advent, which are Dec. 15 and 22 at 9 a.m. The services will include music and holy eucharist. Also, a Christmas Eve holy eucharist service is Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact Rev. Chuck Barnes at 541-567-6674 or chuckb@eotnet.net.

— EO Media Group

COMING EVENTS

FRIDAY, DEC. 13

FREE FRIDAY LUNCH, 12 p.m., Echo Community Church, 21 N. Bonanza St., Echo. Everyone welcome.

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Cost is $4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, $4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service available by donation. (541-567-3582)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

HOLIDAY NIGHT MARKET, 4-8 p.m., Gilliam Bisbee Building, Main Street, Heppner. Vendors, gift wrapping by donation, raffle prizes, cookie decorating, live music and more.

VFW BINGO, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

HEPPNER WINTER FEST, 6-8:30 p.m., downtown, Main Street, Heppner. Light parade and display at 6 p.m., photos with holiday friends (Sage Clothing gathering area) from 6:45-7:30 p.m., Storytime with Mrs. Claus (city hall conference room) at 7:30 p.m., and Snowball Drop (Main Street shamrock) at 8 p.m. Free.

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG, 6 p.m., Pendleton Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1401 S.W. Goodwin Place, Pendleton. Audience can choose songs from the hymnal for the group to sing. Special performances will be provided between songs. No sermon or offering; refreshments will be provided. Free. (541-276-0882)

DIY SPA NIGHT, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Adams Public Library, 190 Main St., Adams. Create supplies for a relaxing evening at home. No participation fee, but donations accepted. Advanced registration requested. (541-566-3038)

SATURDAY, DEC. 14

ST. MARY'S BAZAAR, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Mary's Catholic Church parish hall, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Vendors will offer a variety of handcrafted items. $1 admission includes a raffle ticket. Breakfast items served until noon. All proceeds support the needy in the community. (541-215-3464)

FREE FOR ALL, 9:30-10:15 a.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free art classes for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

YARN CLUB, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

SATURDAY CRAFTS, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Drop-in craft activities for kids of all ages. Free. (Janet Torres 541-567-2882)

COUNTRY HOEDOWN, 1-4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Neighborhood Senior Center, 311 N. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Live music, dancing and singing. Admission $2, refreshments available for purchase. (541-938-3311)

CHRISTMAS SWEATER GRAND PRIX, 2-9 p.m., Oregon Grain Growers Brand Distillery, 511 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Ugly sweater contest (gift card prizes), special drink and food menus available for purchase, kids' activities, holiday movies on the big screen, free popcorn and cocoa. Free admission. (Shelby McQuinn 541-276-0070)

LIVING NATIVITY, 6-8 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Walk through scenes of the story of Jesus' birth at your own pace. Nativity features live actors and animals. Cookies and hot beverages will be served inside the church following the walk-through. Free. (Becky Hunt 541-314-5797)

BRASS FIRE IN CONCERT, 7-10 p.m., Red Lion Inn, 304 S.E. Nye Ave., Pendleton. Local band plays a variety of styles. Free. (Brad Rozema 541-314-5416)

HOLIDAY MUSIC FESTIVAL, 7:30 p.m., Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Ecumenical celebration of the holidays through song featuring the Oregon East Symphony Chorale, Our Songs Are Alive, the Pendleton Men's Chorus and more. Tickets are $25 for adults, $20 for seniors, $15 for students or $55 for a family of four, available at the OES office, Pendleton Art + Frame, online at www.oregoneastsymphony.org or at the door. (J.D. Kindle 541-276-0320)

SUNDAY, DEC. 15

SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12:30-1 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free for special needs children and families. (Casey Brown 541-276-8100)

KBLU CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP, 3 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Share ideas on format of Pendleton area's newest radio station. (Vickie or Gary 541-566-2744 or 541-566-0131)

LIVING NATIVITY, 4-6 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Walk through scenes of the story of Jesus' birth at your own pace. Nativity features live actors and animals. Cookies and hot beverages will be served inside the church following the walk-through. Free. (Becky Hunt 541-314-5797)

CHRISTMAS MUSIC FEST, 4 p.m., Hope Lutheran Church, 675 S. Alfalfa St., Heppner. All community members invited. Free. (541-676-9970)

WINTER FESTIVAL, 5-8 p.m., various locations, Main Street and Pilot Rock City Council chambers, Pilot Rock. Lighted display judging beginning at 5 p.m. (cash prizes), lighted parade on Main Street at 6 p.m., chili feed and hot chocolate at city hall following the parade. Free. (Reilly Miller 541-443-2811 or 541-975-4845)

CHRISTMAS MUSICAL, 6 p.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Church choir will perform. Free admission. (Janet Collins 541-938-3854)

MONDAY, DEC. 16

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Harkenrider Center, 255 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. Cost is $4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, $4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service available by donation. (541-567-3582)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs $3.50 or $6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (Tori Bowman 541-276-5073)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE, 12:45-6 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Make an appointment on the Red Cross website or by phone. (800-733-2767)

ART STUDIO, 4-5:30 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free class for ages 0-12 to develop skills and encourage art exploration. (Kate Brizendine 541-278-9201)

COOKIES AND MILK HOLIDAY PARTY, 5-7 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. Decorate a Cookie Monster cookie and play games. Free. (Janet Torres 541-567-2882)

ATHENA KNITTERS GROUP, 7 p.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. Open to all knitters, crocheters and lovers of needle work. (541-566-2470)

TUESDAY, DEC. 17

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30-11 a.m., Stanfield Public Library, 180 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. (541-449-1254)

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