

## NEW HAVEN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

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Sunday, December 13, 2020

10:57 AM

Countdown to Live Streaming

(Please be mindful of the camera in the sound corner that will be recording starting at this time.)

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
~ Joy ~

Video



Joy

Welcome

Worship Songs

*Joy to the World*  
*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing – King of Heaven*  
*His Name Is Wonderful*

Video

Joy

Message

**The Joy of Friendships**  
**Your Best Friend**  
1 Samuel 18:1-4

Closing Song

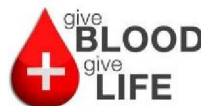
*King of My Heart*

Closing Prayer

*We are a body of Believers whose purpose is to  
win lost souls and make disciples for Jesus Christ!*

## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wed., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> Zoom Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM  
Contact Denise Rossman at [denisedanross@gmail.com](mailto:denisedanross@gmail.com) to be added to the list to get the link and handouts for the meeting.



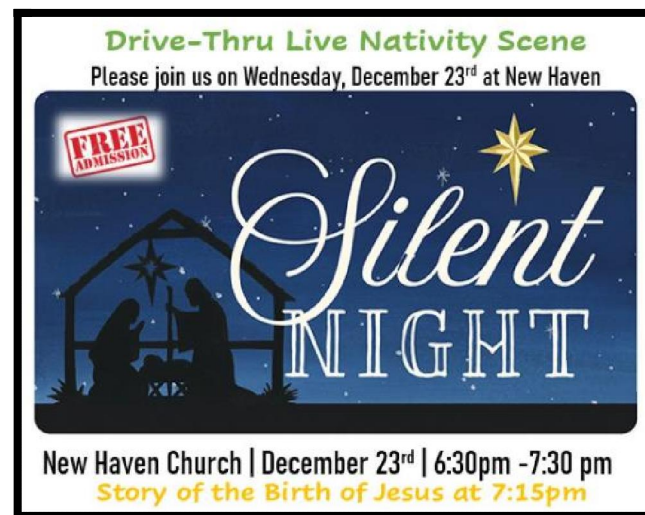
Tuesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>  
12:00 PM – 5:45 PM  
Red Cross Blood Drive  
New Haven Church of the Brethren

**Save the Date!**

Drive-thru Live Nativity on **Wednesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
from 6:30-7:30 PM at New Haven Church.

This will be outside, in the parking lot. We will have a reading from Luke Chapter 2, about the Birth of Jesus at 7:15 PM.

All are welcome! Can't wait to see you!



~ Deacons ~

Mike & Jill Beach (517-242-5121) ~ Chris & Jessica Duflo (289-5310 / 506-1418)  
Betty Kellenberger (584-3484) ~ Jim & Carlene McGill ~ Dan & Denise Rossman (236-7686)  
Lori Wolfe is doing the bulletins for the months of Nov.-Jan. You may contact her by e-mail at [wolfelori@gmail.com](mailto:wolfelori@gmail.com) or by phone at 989-584-3236 before 3:00 PM Friday.

**YOUTH**  
**Youth Minister ~ Kyle Trefil**  
 (517) 648-8194

**December**

**Birthdays**

*However many years a man may live, let him enjoy them all.*

~ Ecclesiastes 11:8

3 Wendy Cramer	3 Genevieve Grandy	5 Adam Duflo
6 Dan Blancher	12 John Gallagher	13 Gail Baltimore
15 Doris Friesen	17 Yuri Quioit	21 Jim McGill
21 Latisha Ramereiz	25 Norma Gray	31 RoseMarie Litwiller

**Anniversaries**

*And beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.*

~ Colossians 3:14

2 Al & Janie Gable	4 Mark & Jodi Harless
7 Nathan & Olivia Davis	17 Tom & Carol Collison
28 Jake & Bev McVannel	29 David & Tara Wedel

**Tithing Options ~**

**In Person** ~ Offerings may be put in the designated box.

**By Mail** ~ Make out to *New Haven COB* and send to...

Jill Beach, 11178 Condensery Rd., Carson City, MI 48811

**Tithe.ly** ~ Go to [newhavencob.net](http://newhavencob.net) and click on the **Tithe** link or download the **Tithe.ly** app on your phone. You will be given an option to pay the fee that is accessed for each transaction.

**Ongoing Mission Outreach Needs**

- ◆ Peanut Butter, Rice, and Beans for Haiti
- ◆ Hot wheel cars and beanie baby toys
- ◆ 2T-8 boy's brief underwear, t-shirts, or swim trunks ◆ 3T-8 girl's brief underwear
- ◆ T-shirts to use for dresses ◆ Gently used baby onesies & receiving blankets
- ◆ Christian Reading Material such as Bibles, Upper Rooms, Daily Bread, Powers, magazines, etc. – These may be put in the box under the table in the foyer.

**Benevolent Fund** ~ The Benevolent Fund is available to assist those needing help. If you are in need of assistance or if you know of someone in need, there is a box available in the foyer to put requests in.

**Building Use Procedure** ~ If you wish to reserve the multi-purpose room, kitchen, sanctuary, etc., please contact **Greg Wolfe** at **(989) 289-4168** or **(989) 584-3236** to make sure it is available, have it placed on the calendar, and fill out a Building Use Form. Please be sure all church related events are on the calendar to avoid conflicts.

~ 2020 Church Board and Deacons ~

**Board Chairman:** Mike Beach

**Nurture Committee:** Janie Gable, Denise Rossman, Terri Price

**Witness Committee:** Cheryl Wiseman, Terri Grubaugh, Gloria Detraz

**Stewards Committee:** Chris Duflo, Mike Cramer, Gary Trochllil

**Clerk:** Shawyn Sparks **Treasurer:** Jill Beach **Moderator:** Al Gable

**Deacons:** Mike & Jill Beach, Chris & Jessica Duflo, Betty Kellenberger, Jim & Carlene McGill, Dan & Denise Rossman

**PRAYER REQUESTS for December 13, 2020**

◆ *Pastor Brian & Karen* ◆ *Kyle, Kaitlyn and Family* ◆

- ◆ *Jr. High & Sr. High Youth Groups* ◆ *Sunday School Classes* ◆ *Small Groups* ◆
- ◆ *Urban Family Ministries* ◆ *Justin Osborn* ~ serving with Bridges International at MSU ◆
- ◆ *Unspoken Concerns* on the hearts of our church family ◆
- ◆ *Lois Patten* ~ Stage 5 Chronic Kidney Failure & in need of kidney donor ◆

**Friends & Relatives Battling Cancer...**

- *Jane Hyde* ~ treatment for cancer
- *Lewis Boyden II* ~ father-in-law of Danae Rossman ~ undergoing treatment for throat cancer

**Additional Prayer Requests...**

- *PRAYERS for those in OUR CONGREGATION & COMMUNITY that are dealing with COVID-19 personally, in their family, or within their place of work.*
- *Family of Sharon & Russell Schaffer*, parents of Suzanne Blackmer and Amy Howes, in the passing of Sharon on Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> and Russell on Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> ~ continue to keep the entire family in your prayers.
- *Family of Fred Johnson*, who passed away on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> ~ continue to keep Joan, Mark, Sharon, Stephanie, Rachel, Courtney and the entire Johnson family in your prayers.
- *Family of Nona Harless*, mother of Mark Harless who passed away on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> ~ continue to keep Mark & Jodi and the entire Harless Family in your prayers.

**Our Nation, Leaders, & those serving in all capacities here and abroad...**

- *Ian Beach*, son of Mike Beach ~ serving at Luke Air Force Base in Phoenix, AZ
- *James Beard*, grandson of Paul & Corinne Bertram ~ stationed Joint Base Hickham, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
- *Caleb Friesen*, grandson of Bill & Doris Friesen ~ stationed in South Korea
- *Matt Tannehill*, friend of Gallaghers ~ stationed in Colorado
- *Ross Baltimore*, son of Brad & Gail Baltimore ~ McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kansas

**PRAYER REQUEST LIST** ~ Please contact the person doing bulletins to have a request put in the bulletin.

~ **For Calling Tree Prayer Chain Requests** ~

Contact Janie Gable (236-5326), Denise Rossman (236-7686),  
 Lori Wolfe (584-3236), or Pastor Brian (236-5109)

If you do not reach someone personally, please call another person on the list.

## Your Best Friend I Samuel 18:1-4

2 truths about Friendships...

1. We all need to \_\_\_\_\_ the right kind of friends.
2. And we all need \_\_\_\_\_ the right kind of friend.

The 3 greatest \_\_\_\_\_

1. Which \_\_\_\_\_ am I going to serve?
2. What \_\_\_\_\_ am I going to marry?
3. Who are going to be my \_\_\_\_\_ friends?

I. Best friends give \_\_\_\_\_ love

I Samuel 18:1 After David had finished talking with Saul, Jonathan became one in spirit with David, and he loved him as himself.

I Samuel 18:1 ESV "As soon as he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."

That word "knit" literally means "to chain." literally, it says, "the soul of Jonathan was chained to the soul of David."

1 Sam 18:4 Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, along with his tunic, and even his sword, his bow and his belt.

1 Sam 20:4 Jonathan said to David, "Whatever you want me to do, I'll do for you."

II. Best friends give \_\_\_\_\_ loyalty

\_\_\_\_\_ is what separates true friends from false friends

Jonathan had "**the royalty of \_\_\_\_\_.**"

1 Sam 19:1 Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David...

1 Sam 19:4 Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, "Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly.

Prov 17:18

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.

A good friend \_\_\_\_\_ stab you in the back, But also they won't tolerate \_\_\_\_\_ doing it either.

III. Best friends give \_\_\_\_\_ leadership

1 Sam 14:6 Jonathan said to his young armor-bearer, "Come, let's go over to the outpost of those uncircumcised fellows. Perhaps the LORD will act in our behalf. Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few."

The reason why David and Jonathan loved each other so much is because they loved \_\_\_\_\_ so much.

1 Sam 23:14-16

David stayed in the desert strongholds and in the hills of the Desert of Ziph. Day after day Saul searched for him, but God did not give David into his hands.

15 While David was at Horesh in the Desert of Ziph, he learned that Saul had come out to take his life. 16 And Saul's son Jonathan went to David at Horesh and helped him find strength in God.