

# December 2022 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Nov 27	28	29	30	Dec. 1	2	3
<p>Teens remain in the 9am worship service today for the Thanksgiving Weekend (dismiss following the video announcements)</p> <p>Thanksgiving Weekend</p> <p><b>NO Youth Group</b></p>	<p><b>Teen Leadership Meeting</b></p> <p>6:30 - 8pm</p> <p>Life Center Gym</p>	<p><b>Foster Care Gift Wrapping "Party"</b></p> <p>8:30am until 12noon</p> <p>Come when you can leave when you must</p> <p>Breakfast provided!</p>		<p>Setup/Decorating for Foster Care Luncheon</p> <p>10am - 12noon</p> <p><b>Middle School WyldLife</b></p> <p>Meets from 4:10 - 5pm at PGMS</p>		<p>Teens and parent helpers are needed following the Foster Care Christmas Dinner 2:30pm - 4pm help to reset the gym for church</p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p>Communion Sunday Please remain in the 9am Contemporary Worship Service the entire time</p> <p><b>Youth Group</b> Dinner, Christmas Games, Music and Friends 4pm - 6pm</p>		<p><b>Teen Leadership Meeting</b></p> <p>6:30 - 7:45pm</p> <p>Youth Room Life Center (Room #6)</p>		<p><b>Middle School WyldLife</b></p> <p><b>Middle School WyldLife</b></p> <p>Meets from 4:10 - 5pm at PGMS</p>		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p><b>Teen Sunday School Class during the 9am contemporary service in the Youth Room</b></p> <p>9am Contemporary 11am Traditional Worship</p> <p><b>Youth Group</b> 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party Ugly Sweater Contest Games, food and gifts for all 4pm - 6pm</p>						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<p><b>Teen Sunday School Class during the 9am contemporary service in the Youth Room</b></p> <p><b>Final Youth Group of 2022</b></p> <p>Dinner, Christmas Games, Music and Friends 4pm - 6pm</p>						<p><b>Petting Zoo in Gilchrist Park 10am - 12noon</b> (Teen Helpers Needed)</p> <p><b>Christmas Eve Service in the park at noon</b></p> <p>Bring a lawn chair or blanket for the service</p>

Check out page 2 of this calendar for additional details and the scoop on some for these exciting events

## Upcoming Events and Happenings

### **Youth Group**

We will meet at our regular Sunday time of 4pm – 6pm on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> (which is our Christmas Party) & Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> only. Dinner will be provided every Sunday but the theme and activities will change every week.

### **Teen Leadership Meetings**

Please make special note that these meetings will take place on different days and times in the next few weeks. The first one will be on Monday November 28<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting we will be helping to organize gifts that have been donated for the Foster Children of Charlotte County. It will be for an extended time of 90 minutes that evening. At the second meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> we will be wrapping “White Elephant” gifts for our youth group Christmas Party.

### **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Group Christmas Party**

During youth group on December 11<sup>th</sup> we will be celebrating Christmas early. There is no better way to start the holiday season off than with your friends right here at New Life Youth Group. This event is totally free and lots of yummy food and desserts will be enjoyed by everyone. You can wear your ugly Christmas sweater for our contest too! Don't forget to bring a wrapped “white elephant gift” to share. (Don't buy a gift, simply find something silly or unwanted from around your house, wrap it up and bring it with you. We really hope you will choose to celebrate Christmas with us on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm!

### **Christmas Eve Schedule**

This year we will again host an event at Gilchrist Park (400 W. Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda). It will be a very special Christmas Eve experience, designed especially for children and families. Along with the many craft tables we will have 2 ponies for pony rides. We will also have a petting farm that will include pigs, baby goats, chickens, a turtle, and bunnies. We can use help with the petting farm and the ponies as well as at the craft tables too. Following the fun with the animals a contemporary service will be take place on the lawn so bring a blanket or lawn chair. At this service filled with Christmas carols there will be a nativity story shared. This story will be told from the perspective of animals trying to put their differences aside to prepare the barn for baby Jesus. Invite a friend and join us in celebrating the newborn baby Jesus, the true reason for the season.

### **Additional Christmas Eve Worship services**

There will be a second contemporary service held in the park at 3pm for those who cannot attend the one at noon.

Our traditional Christmas Eve Services will be held at both 6:00 & 8:00 pm in our New Life Church, Life Center.

Please note: A program featuring Harp, Hand bells, Choir & Organ will begin 30 minutes before both of our Traditional Service.

We also need helpers at 9am at Gilchrist Park to set up the nativity stable, craft tables petting farm. We also need lots of help dismantling it all when the event is over about 1pm that day as well.

***The United 4 Him Youth Group is a ministry sponsored by The New Life Church of Punta Gorda***

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