Miami First Church of the Brethren December 17, 2023 www.MiamiFirstBrethren.org

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Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **December birthdays** Shirley E., Dahyana S., Christie C., Antolee C., Rick D., Owen D.
- Today 3rd Sunday of Advent
- Today Christmas Hymn Sing and "Journey to Bethlehem" Movie Event
- **December 24**th 11am Advent Service on Zoom
- December 24th Christmas Eve Gathering
 - 6:00pm Holiday Refreshments
 - 6:45pm Evening Service
- December 31st New Year's Eve Service, Last Sunday of the Year 2023
- January 7th First Sunday of the Year 2024
- **January** Baptism Classes start
- January 27th -28th Rock the Universe District Youth Event
- February 3rd Church Discernment Retreat
- February/March 2024 Baptism Service
- February 14th Ash Wednesday, Beginning of Lent
- February 23rd-25th RoundTable at Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, VA
- March 24th Palm Sunday
- March 31st Easter Sunday

Leadership Schedule: Speak with Ray C. about being a worship leader for **December**. Speak with Huston C. about being a worship leader for **January**.

December 17th – Rick D., Karen P. December 31st -

Baptism Classes are starting in January: Baptism is a public celebration of God's forgiveness and of our desire to follow Jesus Christ. It also symbolizes our participation in the church, the body of Christ. Baptism classes are starting now for baptisms in February or March. If you are interested in baptism, please speak with Wayne S. and Jonathan C.

"Journey to Bethlehem" Movie Event:

After service today, we're going to the movies! Join us to see a musical about the birth of Jesus Christ in "Journey to Bethlehem". Each person attending will receive a movie ticket and a snack pack. While the movie takes some creative liberties, the message is clear: the birth of Jesus Christ is good news for all. [Rated PG]



Scan the QR code for: Common Sense Media Parental Guide on the Movie

Address for Oakwood Regal Cinemas: 2800 Oakwood Blvd, Hollywood, FL 33020

<u>Directions:</u> Take I-95 North. Take exit 21 for Sheridan St. Turn right at the light on Sheridan St. (heading east). Then, turn left at 26th Avenue. Then, turn left at Oakwood Blvd. Stay on Oakwood Blvd for about 150ft, then Regal Oakwood will be on your left.

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