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*New Year*



ADVENT CHRISTIAN VILLAGE  
AT DOWLING PARK



# Friendly Neighbor News

Advent Christian Village, Dowling Park, FL 32064

“Where People Enjoy Living”

**“The mission of Advent Christian Village, Inc. is to express Christ’s love by providing compassionate care and quality comprehensive services for senior adults, families with special needs, and children, in a secure, supportive residential setting and in the surrounding communities.”**

## DECEMBER 29, 2023

**Need help over the weekend? Call the Information Center at 658-3333.**

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| Friday | 12/29 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon<br>2:00 p.m.               | Veterans’ Service—MS<br>Sit ‘N Stitch—CH  |
| Sunday | 12/31 | 9:40 a.m.<br>2:00 p.m.<br><b>6:30–9:00 p.m.</b> | <i>Worship Service—VC</i><br>Coloring Book Time of Fellowship—DH Lobby<br><b>New Year’s Eve Party—RDR</b> |

Monday 1/1



**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**All ACV offices, CCC, CMC, Village Cashier’s office, both libraries, VS retail shops, Village Grocer, post office, First Federal, and the VC office are closed, and there is no shuttle bus service.**

**Twice Nice Furniture & More is open.**

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| Tuesday   | 1/2 | <i>1:30 p.m.</i>  | <i>Voice of the Martyrs—OPR</i>  |
| Wednesday | 1/3 | <i>8:45 &amp; 9:00 a.m.</i><br>10:00 a.m.<br><br>1:00 p.m.<br><b>1:15 &amp; 1:30 p.m.</b><br><i>6:00 p.m.</i> | <i>Bus Trip: Walmart—CH &amp; DH</i><br>VCBI: Our Father Abraham: The Jewish Roots of Christianity—VC Room 5<br>Bridge Club—OPR<br><b>Bus Trip: Publix—CH &amp; DH</b><br><i>Prayer Meeting—BC</i> |
| Thursday  | 1/4 | <b>9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.</b><br>9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.<br>10:00 a.m.  | <b>Suwannee County Tax Collector—VS</b><br>Village Artists Guild—KC<br>VCBI: What’s the Reason and Purpose for Missions in our Church”—VC Room 5   |
| Friday    | 1/5 | 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon<br><i>10:00 a.m.</i><br>1:00 p.m.<br>2:00 p.m.<br><b>2:00 p.m.</b>                       | Veterans’ Service—MS<br><i>Bible Study—VC Room 5</i><br>VCBI: The Roman Road Bible Study—CCC<br>Sit ‘N Stitch—CH<br><b>Pen Pals Meeting—OPR</b>  |

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| ACV | Advent Christian Village  | CT/MT | Cardinal/Magnolia Terrace | IC   | Information Center       | POP | Park of the Pines          |
| BA  | Butterfield Acres         | DH    | Dowling House             | JKPL | Jo Kennon Public Library | RDR | Rumph Dining Room          |
| BC  | Bixler Chapel             | DM    | Dacier Manor              | KC   | Keepers Cottage          | RV  | Smith Riverview Apartments |
| CB  | Chriss Building           | DMA   | Dowling Manor             | LAP  | Lake Aquilla Parking Lot | RW  | Riverwoods                 |
| CH  | Carter House              | DR    | Depot Room                | MS   | Member Services          | SMR | Sawmill Room               |
| CCC | Copeland Community Center | ET    | Edgewood Terrace          | OPR  | Old Pavilion Room        | VC  | Village Church             |
| CMC | Copeland Medical Center   | GSC   | Good Samaritan Center     | PCS  | Polk Ceramics Shop       | VS  | Village Square             |

**BOLD: ONE-TIME AND MONTHLY EVENTS — ITALIC: PROGRAMS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH**



# Happy New Year



## ACV EVENTS

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

**Sunday, Dec. 31, 6:30–9:00 p.m. - RDR**

You are invited to attend an evening celebration of the coming of 2024. The party will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end around 9:00 p.m. Mr. Dick Grillo will serve as emcee. He and other musicians will keep the party rocking with a variety of music. Refreshments will be served. ACV members are invited to attend for free. Non-members may also attend at a cost of \$10. Tickets are available at MS; please pick up your tickets by Friday morning, Dec. 29. (If you need to purchase a non-member ticket, please pay at the Village Cashier's office and bring the receipt or bring exact change to MS.)

If you would be willing to volunteer to assist as a host or hostess at the New Year's Eve party, please call MS at 658-5400.

### **SUWANNEE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR**

**Thursday, Jan. 4, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. - VS**  
**Closed 12:00–1:00 for lunch**

Staff from the Suwannee County Tax Collector's office including Suwannee County Tax Collector Sharon Jordan are in the VS professional offices on the first Thursday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (closed from 12:00 to 1:00 for lunch). This service will enable you to purchase automobile tags and pay your property taxes. For more information, please contact the Tax Collector's office at 362-2816, or you may visit their website at [suwtax.com](http://suwtax.com).

### **COPING WITH LOW VISION SUPPORT AND RESOURCES GROUP**

**Monday, Jan. 8, 1:30 p.m. - OPR**

Our monthly support group brings people with vision loss together to share challenges and celebrate successes. The individuals who attend are in all stages of vision loss. Some still have most of their sight, while others have lost their sight completely.



Together, they foster a warm, inviting place to help one another overcome barriers to living independent, vibrant lives. Join Wayne Warner from the nonprofit agency, Lighthouse of the Big Bend, for this monthly support group and meeting.

The group usually meets on the first Monday of the month, but will meet on Jan. 8 because of the New Year's holiday.

### **DINE-OUT TO CEDAR RIVER**

**Tuesday, Jan. 9**

**3:45 p.m. - DH & 4:00 p.m. - LAP**

**Bus: \$5.00 members & \$9.00 non-members**

The bus will take diners to Cedar River in Lake City, Florida, on Tuesday, Jan. 9. Cedar River offers primarily seafood, but also some "land lubber" dishes ranging from \$6.00 to \$52.99 for the Original Cedar River Platter for Two. Sign up and pay the bus fee at the IC.



### **MEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY**

**Thursday, Jan. 11, 3:00 p.m. - SMR/DR**

Join us for the January member birthday party. Everyone is invited, and ACV members with January birthdays will receive special recognition. See you there!

## **SANTA FE PLANETARIUM**

**Friday, Jan. 12**

**9:15 a.m. - DH & 9:30 a.m. - LAP**

**Bus: \$14.00 members, \$21 non-members**

A private showing at Santa Fe College's Kika Silva Pla Planetarium in Gainesville, Florida, has been arranged for Friday, Jan. 12. Our group will watch *Planets in the House 4.0*, a live presentation that explores the eight planets and five dwarf planets of our solar system. "Discover the unexpected places where life might possibly exist and find out what really happened to Pluto! *Planets in the House 4.0* is always up to date with the latest planetary discoveries being made by NASA spacecraft and Earth-based observatories." The cost for the 55-minute show is \$5.00 per person and is included in the bus fee.

Prior to arriving at the planetarium, the bus will stop at Pomodoro Café for lunch. Pomodoro Café offers a variety of Italian dishes featuring seafood, chicken, steak, and veal, as well as an extensive pizza menu. Options range from \$6.00 to \$22.95. Since the planetarium price is collected with the bus fee, you only need to bring money for lunch. Sign up and pay the bus fee at the IC.

### **LADIES' BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, Jan. 13, 8:30 a.m. - SMR/DR**

The next ladies' breakfast will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8:30 a.m. in SMR/DR. Our speaker will be Jan Cuddy. In 1984 while on staff at a graduate school in Tennessee, she was selected as an "Outstanding Young Woman of America" in recognition of outstanding ability, accomplishments and service to the community. She continues that passion here at ACV A special invitation is extended to new residents; we want to meet you! Come join us for a wonderful time of table fellowship.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher.



### **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, Jan. 13, 8:30 a.m. - RDR**

The next Men's Fellowship breakfast will be held on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8:30 a.m. in RDR.

The cost of the full and delicious breakfast buffet is \$7.00. Tickets must be pre-purchased at the Lopin' Gopher. Come join us for fellowship, prayer, inspiration and breaking bread together!

## **EVENTS HERE AND THERE**

**Events in this section are not sponsored by ACV, even if they take place at ACV.**

### **HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN**

**New Year's Concert**

**Andre Rieu and Orchestra**

**Saturday, Dec. 30, 2:00 p.m. - OPR**

What could be more magical than Andre Rieu and his world famous Johann Strauss Orchestra performing before a live audience in Vienna on New Year's Eve! Join Andre and his musicians and his guests as they celebrate the year's most special evening with this collection of all-time favorites captured live in concert. Recorded in Vienna, Austria. 1 hr. 45 min.

Come join us on this coming Saturday, Dec. 30, at 2:00 p.m. in the OPR for some beautiful and light music. Everyone is welcome.

## EPISCOPAL EUCHARIST SERVICE

There will be no service on Tuesday, Jan. 2. Services will resume on Tuesday, Feb. 6.

## VETERANS GATHERING

**Friday, Jan. 5, 12:00 noon - RDR**

All service members are invited to gather for lunch to eat together on Friday, Jan. 5, at 12:00 noon in RDR. Buy or bring your own lunch. Bring a military MEMENTO. Service members can be ACV residents, employees, or area residents. Invite other veterans!

## SENIOR ADULTS GOSPEL FESTIVAL

**Saturday, Jan. 13, 1:00 p.m. - VC**

Gordon Jensen, Blackwood Brothers Quartet, and Ryan & Friends are coming to Dowling Park for a fun afternoon of Gospel music and clean comedy. Tickets are only \$20 per person for all three shows. Tickets can be purchased at the VC office with cash or check, or with credit card at <http://bit.ly/senioradultsgospel>. Call (863) 875-8191 for groups of 20 or more.



## JO KENNON PUBLIC LIBRARY

**386-658-2670**

**Website: [srrlib.org](http://srrlib.org)**

**Email: [dpark@neflin.org](mailto:dpark@neflin.org)**

**Monday, Wednesday–Friday 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m.**

**Tuesday 9:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.**

**Saturday 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

**Closed Sunday**

**Closed Jan. 1**

JKPL will be closed on Monday, Jan. 1, for New Year's. For your convenience, our online catalog, digital resources, and book drop will still be available.

### As the Page Turns

ATPT Book Club meets again on Thursday, Jan. 4, at 2:00 p.m., so hurry in and grab your Lisa Windgate novel (if you haven't already)! Windgate is a multiple-award-winning author who wrote the No. 1 New York Times best-selling book *Before We Were Yours*. She has over 30 novels to her name and has said that "each story begins with an inspiration from life". She believes that "we are all called to add something good to the world". Come and choose from a selection of her works that we have placed on a table at the front desk, and get ready to have a stimulating conversation about her novels with the rest of the club!

### New Discussion Group Beginning January

Do you enjoy a good spirited discussion? The new Hot Topics: Search for Solutions discussion group may be exactly what you're looking for. Join us as we discuss important topics such as the environment, the use of artificial intelligence, smartphones, cancel culture, and more. The main goal of this group is to promote critical thinking and respectful discussion about topics that are relevant to today's world.

### Department of Health Education Classes

Get off to a healthy start in the new year by attending a health education class presented by the Department of Health. Topics, dates, and times will be published in the FNN in January.

### Weekly JKPL Meetings:

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|-------------------|-----------|------------|
| Starbooks Café    | Tuesdays  | 9:30 a.m.  |
| Crochet Creations | Thursdays | 3:00 p.m.  |
| Kids Corner       | Saturdays | 11:00 a.m. |

Have you taken some activity photos at ACV you'd like to share? Send them to [jsutter@acvillage.net](mailto:jsutter@acvillage.net) with a little description. They may be featured on ACV's



## BUS TRIPS

If you wish to ride the ACV bus on these trips, you must contact the IC in person or by phone at 658-3333 to sign up. Please be considerate of those who have allergies and limit your use of perfumes, aftershaves, and colognes when riding the bus.

### WEEKLY LIVE OAK SHOPPING TRIPS

There is no charge for Village members to participate in the regular weekly Live Oak shopping trips. If you have questions, call Member Services at 658-5400.

Please remember to bring your own bags on the Wednesday shopping trips to assist in keeping everyone's purchases separate.

- **Jan. 3, Wednesday a.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Jan. 3, Wednesday p.m. — Publix** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Publix at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 10, Wednesday a.m.** — No shopping trip.
- **Jan. 10, Wednesday p.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m.
- **Jan. 17, Wednesday a.m. — Walmart** — Leave CH at 8:45 a.m. and DH at 9:00 a.m. Leave from Walmart at approximately 11:30 a.m. and return to the Village at noon.
- **Jan. 17, Wednesday p.m. — Save A Lot and Winn Dixie** — Leave CH at 1:15 p.m. and DH at 1:30 p.m. Leave from Save A Lot at approximately 4:00 p.m. and return to the Village at 4:30 p.m. The bus will drop off Winn-Dixie on the way to Save A Lot, park at Save A Lot, and pick up at Winn-Dixie on the way home.

### UPCOMING BUS TRIPS

Jan. 9 — Dine-Out to Cedar River

Jan. 12 — Santa Fe Planetarium

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### THE VILLAGE CHURCH

**Rev. Sam Worley, Senior Minister**

**Church Office - 658-5344 - P.O. Box 4314**

**SERMON:** "He Has Spoken to Us"

**TEXT:** Hebrews 1:1-4

**SPEAKER:** Rev. Sam Worley

The following VC events are happening this week:

**Friday, Dec. 29**

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Will not meet

**Sunday, Dec. 31**

9:40 a.m. — Morning Worship

6:00 p.m. — No Evening Service

**Wednesday, Jan. 3**

10:00 a.m. — VCBI Class, Michael Saunders (VC Room 5)

6:00 p.m. — Prayer Meeting (BC)

**Thursday, Jan. 4**

10:00 a.m. — VCBI Class, Paul Cochrane (VC Room 5)

**Friday, Jan. 5**

10:00 a.m. — Bible Study, Tom Spannagle (VC Room 5)

1:00 p.m. — VCBI Class, Michael Saunders (CCC)

### Upcoming Events:

**Saturday, Jan. 13, 1:00 p.m., VC** — Enjoy an afternoon of good music and great laughter with

Gordon Jensen, Blackwood Brothers Quartet, and Ryan & Friends. Tickets of \$20 per person can be purchased from the church office.

**Jan. 3, 10:00 a.m.** — "Our Father Abraham: The Jewish Roots of Christianity", Michael Saunders (Room 5)

**Jan. 4, 10:00 a.m.** — "What's the Reason and Purpose for Missions in our Church?", Paul Cochran (Room 5)

**Jan. 5, 1:00 p.m.** — "The Roman Road" Bible Study, Michael Saunders (CCC)

**Jan. 7, 11:00 a.m.** — "How Can I Accurately Interpret NT Books", Tom Spannagle (OPR)

**Jan. 8, 1:30 p.m.** — Studies in First Peter, Donald Wrigley (Room 5)

**Jan. 9, 10:00 a.m.** — "Removing the Shadows" from the Book of Hebrews Part 3, Stan Storey and Mike Elder (Room 6)

**Jan. 23, 1:30 p.m., SMR** — Jewish Evangelism presentation "Christian Witness to Israel (North America)", Director Rev. Stephen Atkinson. Hosted by Rev. Michael Saunders, Former Jewish Evangelist.

**Feb. 8-10, BC** — Harbinger Bible Conference "Being renewed In The Blessed Assurance"

**Falling In Love With Jesus Again**—Preparing To Meet Him Face To Face. Speaker will be Dr. Sam Warren, Bible teacher is Rev. Bob Copeland and the workshops are with Dr. Michael Saunders.

Friday afternoon — Book signing by authors of ACV and Harbinger.

Saturday afternoon — Concert by guest artist, Mr. Charlie Stevens.

## **CLUB NEWS**

### **BRIDGE CLUB**

#### **Betsey Ruehl, Reporter**

The Bridge Club meets on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the OPR. If you would like to play, please call Betsey Ruehl by noon on Monday at (386) 658-1766. If you cannot reach Betsey, call Betty Driggers at 658-1043.

Congratulations to our Dec. 20 winners: 1st high, Betsey Ruehl, and 2nd high, Betty Driggers. Bridge will resume Jan. 3.

Those who would like to learn how to play or would like a refresher should call Betsey.

### **VILLAGE LIBRARY**

#### **Monday–Friday**

**10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon & 1:00–3:00 p.m.**

#### **Brenda Reas, Reporter**

Please have your ACV ID badge available when you come to check out books and DVDs. We are located in the Schoolhouse Room between the OPR and IC. Our drop box is located around the corner across from the restrooms (beneath the bulletin board), and you may return books and DVDs there at any time.

While the library is only open certain hours, the computer lab is available 24/7. To use the computer lab when the library is closed, you must check out the key from the IC. A Village ID is required. Please do not take books or DVDs when a volunteer is not present to check them out for you.



## **LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS**

**There will be no specials on Friday, Dec. 29 or Saturday, Dec. 30. Specials will return the first week of January. Happy New Year!**

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

### **VETERANS HEALTH CARE**

The Joseph Maxwell Cleland and Robert Joseph Dole Memorial Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2022 was signed into law on Dec. 29, 2022. Section 101 of the Cleveland-Dole Act expands eligibility for VA hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care for veterans of WWII. Our records indicate that you may be eligible for these benefits, and we urge you to apply for enrollment in VA health care, even if you were previously not approved due to your income level.

#### **Benefits**

- Receive medical care rated among the best in the U.S.
- Immediate benefits of health care coverage
- Enrollment satisfies the Affordable Care Act's requirement to have health care coverage.
- No enrollment fees, monthly premiums, or deductibles
- Low or no out-of-pocket costs
- Eligibility for VA Community Care

When enrolled in VA health care, you can use your private providers, Medicare, and other health insurance to meet your care needs.

#### **Apply**

- Apply online at [www.gov/health-care/how-to-apply](http://www.gov/health-care/how-to-apply).
- Call VA's toll-free hotline at 1-800-698-2411.
- Visit your nearest VA medical center or clinic.

We encourage you to enroll and access VA's health care benefits, even if you previously applied and were not approved.

### **LEGAL SERVICES**

The law firm of Robinson, Kennon & Kendron, P.A. will see clients by appointment only from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on the following dates in the VS professional offices: Jan. 5 and Jan. 19, Feb. 2 and Feb. 16. To make an appointment, please call Leigh Ann Cannon at (386) 755-1334, Ext. 117.

### **HAIR CROPPERS**

We are now featuring our winter basic pedicure. Our winter basic pedicure allows you to relax and get away from this hectic time of year while enjoying the beautiful view of the river. You'll soak your feet in a warm foot bath, then enjoy an aromatic foot scrub, detoxifying foot mask, and warm paraffin dip. Finish with a tension-relieving foot massage.

Our winter basic pedicure costs \$50 and is the perfect solution for anyone who doesn't want polish but loves to feel pampered.

Schedule your appointment today by calling or texting (386) 205-3791.

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

Wendy B. Meyer, CFP®, CRPC®, CDFIA®, financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC is at the Village on the third Wednesday of every other month (February, April, June, August, October and December) from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the VS professional offices. Call (850) 973-8888 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

### **SQUARE CUTS AND MORE**

**Monday, Tuesday and Thursday  
12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.**

Call (386) 647-6240 for an appointment.  
Kindly give 12–24-hour notice for cancellations or extra charges will apply.

### **SUWANNEE BELLE PONTOON BOAT**

The dock used to board the Suwannee Belle is damaged and needs to be repaired before we can offer pontoon boat rides again. We're sorry for any inconvenience.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to whomever has placed the Santa Faces and Snowmen Faces on certain tree stumps around property! This is a very tough time for a lot of folk (I even have my moments believe it or not) and with this little bit of silliness comes kindness. It totally brings joy to my heart and a smile on my face with each one I see. Keep up your great imagination!!!! Loads of Love.

The CampbellKids

A big Christmas thank you to the RW Elves. The treats were very tasty and the plate is a special gift.

Cathy, a former Hickory chick

Thank you to all for the prayers, cards, and thoughts of kindness during my recent lengthy illness. With all the help I received I was able to be back home and spend Christmas in our home. What a joy to step into a beautiful decorated home. God is so good.

Lucy Hine

My sister and I both want to thank the Village staff for all their care for us in the Village over the holidays – decorations, maintenance, home care and holiday food, etc. There have been so many pressing needs for the Village in these last few months and we thank the Lord for helping administration personnel and all staff deal with them. We continue to ask for God's grace and wisdom as we (all) press on into a new year. Thank you.

Laura Putnam

Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and kindness all year long and a Happy New Year to each and everyone.

Girls at the IC

## MISCELLANEOUS

**PLEASE NOTE:** All submissions to the FNN must have a name attached. If you prefer to not have your name included with the listing in the FNN, indicate that on the submission. Only ACV members and staff may advertise here. Ads run for two weeks.

**FOR SALE:** Apple 10.9" silver iPad 64 GB iOS 17.2. New in original box. Factory warranty. Asking \$350. Phone or text 803-270-5662.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Merry Christmas sale: special, large, hand-made crocheted afghan, multi-colored, \$25. Call 386-344-4566.\*\*

**FOR SALE:** Go Lite SL mobility scooter, used only once in the Gainesville mall. Price reduced below Amazon to \$1353. Contact Lew at 334-200-6331.\*

**FOR SALE:** LP Stereo records, many to choose from. Upright freezer, approx. 20 cubic feet. Contact Dan at 386-208-2301.\*

**FREE:** African Violet leaves for propagation, with mini cup and growing instructions! Many varieties and colors - mini, semi-mini, trailers and standards. Share in the fun of growing African Violets! Eirlys Rawcliffe, Millsite Lane, 352-949-4748.\*

**FOR SALE:** Inogen G4 model 10-400 hi-tech oxygen concentrator. Small, compact, portable with two batteries, new ac electric adapter plug, new internal concentrator or columns and comes with new breath tubes. Good for another 3000 hours. Original price \$3000, will sell for \$500. I also have a free Yogurt maker and toaster. Contact Joel at 658-1313.\*

☞ *At the Village Square* ☞

### **Riverside Gifts**

Practical items for adults, children, and pets are now on the shelves. Pocket knives, hunting caps, sturdy mugs, and flashlights in many sizes are in the men's department. You'll also find boxed sets of tools that store easily in your car or home.

Look for women's devotionals, Bibles, coloring books, sketch pads, and high-quality coloring pencils. The jewelry department has beautiful pieces of jewelry to enrich your outfits.

Children's books, coloring and activity books, flat and puffy stickers, and stuffed animals as well as Bibles and child-friendly devotionals are in the children's department.

Reminder: Watch batteries can be replaced for a reasonable price. Stop in for details.

658-5771. Open Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

### **Rustic Shop**

**Now that Christmas is over, there are many half-price items.** Cards for a variety of events continue to be available at a very good price. If you had your eye on a beautiful piece of vintage jewelry, stop in to try it on.

Special handmade cloth items are ready for your home. Quilts are displayed in many sizes and styles. There are also accent pillows for beds and couches. Placemats to protect your dining table and highlight your dishes also come in a variety of styles and colors. Choose candlesticks and holders to complete your tabletop.

658-5273. Open Monday–Friday, 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

### **Twice Nice Shop**

**Women's skirts, skirt suits, and blouses continue to be on sale through the end of December.** There are wonderful bargains to make complete outfits: scarves, shoes, slacks, and hats.

Stop by the men's department for shirts, jackets, coats, pants, and hats. Belts, neckties, and bowties are also in abundance.

**The Book Nook is having an After Christmas Clearance. Items on the Christmas shelf are 50% off. Christian paperbacks and cookbooks are also 50% off. There are also new arrivals on the cookbook shelf. Romance and mystery books are also 50% off.**

Bibles and hymnals are always free in the Book Nook!

658-5271. Open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

☞ *On CR 250* ☞

### **Twice Nice Furniture & More**

**23353 CR 250 • 658-5871**

Mondays and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 6, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

**Open New Year's Day**

Feeling those cooler nights? We have blankets in every size! Lots of afghans, too. We even have cozy pajamas, robes, sweaters, and sweatshirts.

 **Remember to Wave** 

## NEW YEAR'S CELEBRATIONS

With a tough year coming to an end, we hope for a better and brighter future. Of course, the transition to another year wouldn't be complete without celebrating New Year's Eve and New Year's Day!

### When did the celebration begin?

The first known record of New year's celebrations began about 2000 B.C. in Mesopotamia. This occurred at the time of the vernal equinox, which is toward the end of March. The origin of January 1 marking the New Year dates to 46 B.C., when Julius Caesar developed the solar-based Julian Calendar. The date was chosen in honor of Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and the month's namesake. Pope Gregory XIII created a revised calendar that officially established January 1 as New Year's Day in 1582.

### Traditions for New Year's Eve and Day

In German and English folklore, a midnight kiss is a great way to start the New Year as it would help you have good luck. The person you kissed contributes to the fate of your year. So, you might want to pick your partner carefully.

Making New Year resolutions started about four millennia ago? Babylonians would make promises to the gods to ask for a better year. Christians treat the occasion as a time to learn from their shortcomings in the past year and focus on ways to become better for the upcoming year.

Fireworks were meant to scare off evil spirits. They're also known to bring prosperity and good luck.

The color green (particularly emerald) attracts prosperity and abundance. Wear this color as part of your New Year's Eve outfit.

1788, Robert Burns wrote the poem *Auld Lang Syne* in the Scots language. It inspired the Scottish folk song. In the English language, it means "old long since" or "for the sake of old times."

In 1829, the earliest "time ball" (clock) was dropped in Portsmouth, England. Another one was used in 1845 in Washington, D.C. Then, in 1907, the tradition of dropping the ball in Times Square on New Year's Eve began. Watch it on TV this year.

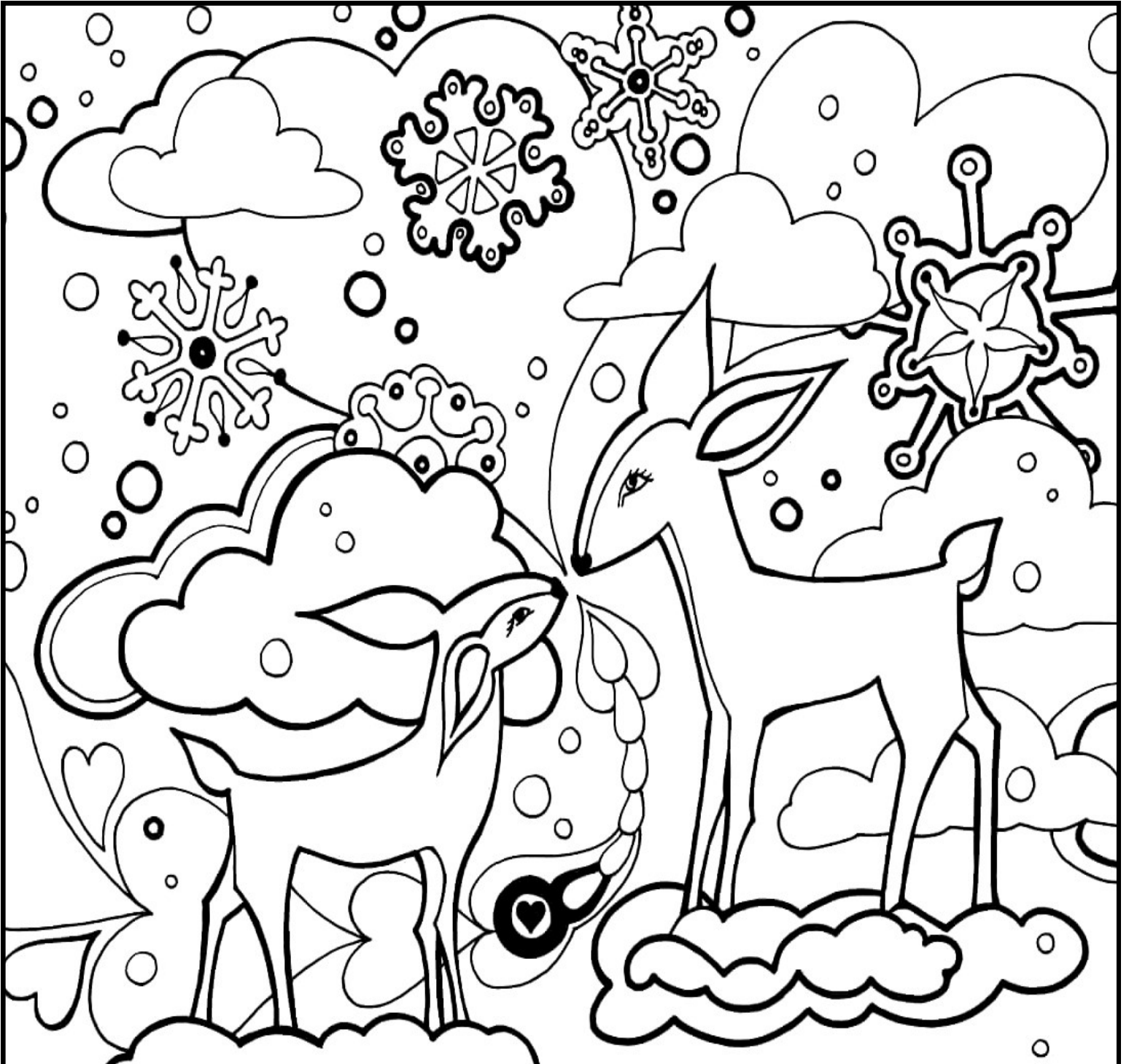
### Eating the Right Foods

According to Southern lore, you will have good luck for the entire year if you have the traditional New Year's Day meal. In the South, that means a meal of collard greens, hoppin' John, black-eyed peas, cornbread, and pot likker soup. Hoppin' John is a rice and black-eyed peas recipe. Fresh pork and sauerkraut or cabbage are favorite meals in the North and Midwest.

In Spain, eat 12 grapes at midnight to assure good luck for the next 12 months. In some countries, round cakes symbolize the circle of life. Put some coins inside the cake. If you're lucky to get one, you're expected to experience good luck in the coming year.

A popular way to welcome the upcoming year is to make a champagne toast. It originates from the Christians' tradition of drinking wine in the Eucharist symbolizing the blood of Christ. People raise their glass and drink to health and honor. People around the globe make a toast to ring in the New Year.

Submitted by Millie Griswold



# January 2024

PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY;  
IT WILL APPEAR THIS WEEK ONLY.

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**Lot 11 W. Wildwood Cir.:** \$20,000; .214 acres;  
85' (frontage) by 110', wooded. MLS 120450.

**23318 Live Oak Ln.:** \$350,000; 1,691 sq. ft.; built in  
1998; 3 br. 2 bath, Florida room, 2-car garage, granite  
countertops, new roof; many updated features. MLS  
121508.

**10411 Wildwood Cir.:** \$279,000; 1529 sq. ft.; built in  
2004; 3 br., 2 bath, 2-car garage, screened porches on  
front and back, new roof. MLS 121826.

## Birthdays

1. James Livingston, Pat Bryant; 3. Betsey Ruehl-Wolfgang;
4. David Currier; 5. Patti Page, Paul Nettles; 7. Barbara Collins, June Hreha;
8. Faye Dees\*; 9. Wil Doe; 10. Carol Rosser, Terry Setzer; 11. Ron Oberg;
12. Betty Burnett\*, Vilma Oman; 13. Margaret Sealey;
14. Barbara White, Carolyn Ward, Hellmut Seidenberg, Joe First;
15. George Thomson, Linda Randall; 16. Jane Harrison, Lisa Moore,  
Marcia Price; 17. Patty Fourakres\*, Verna Piper; 18. Tony Massengill;
19. Al Durrell, Carol Mitz, Dorothy Kiefer, Peter Nicholls;
20. Christine Pakosta-Bottelman, Tom Branan; 21. Bob Maxwell,  
Evelyn Walden; 22. Charles Denmark\*; Louise Sapp\*, Mary Terry,  
Maureen Waters\*, Sharon McMann; 23. Karen Waterhouse;
24. Loretta Phillips\*, Willie Woodson; 25. Stephanie Dale;
26. Phillip Mahler, Steve Reach, Tommie Stanaland
27. Mary Jackson\*, Russell Wadsworth; 28. Pam Hurley;
30. Greg Marion\*, Marvin Casey, Patsy Odenbrett, Valerie Miller;
31. Angie Cruciata, Dot Morey\*, Sarah Sisk.

## Anniversaries

1. David & Karen Hall; 3. Donna & Richard Carr;
4. Peter & Sandi Nicholls, Donald & Penny Wrigley; 9. Joyce & Albert Zoellner;
11. Barbara & Louis Leone; 15. Carlene & Carroll Polk; 28. Jean & Mike Elder;
31. Annabel & Chris Christiansen.

**\*Denotes GSC resident. Send cards to P.O. Box 4325.**

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Monday-Saturday • 9:00 am-6:00 pm • We deliver at 2:00 pm every day!\* 658-3130  
We will be closed New Year's Day!!

## GROCERY

|   |          |         |
|---|----------|---------|
| Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix                   | 8.5oz.   | \$ .79  |
| Mahatma Long Grain White Rice           | 16 oz.   | \$ 1.29 |
| Bush's Blackeye Peas                    | 15 oz.   | \$ 1.29 |
| Uncle Ray's Potato Chips, all varieties | 4.5 oz.  | \$ 1.79 |
| Margaret Holmes Hoppin Johns            | 14.5 oz. | \$ 1.89 |
| China Doll Blackeye Peas                | 16 oz.   | \$ 1.99 |
| Coke Products, all varieties - bottle   | 2 liter  | \$ 2.29 |

## DAIRY

|                             |         |         |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Dean French Onion Dip       | 8 oz.   | \$ 1.49 |
| Dutch Farms English Muffins | 12 oz.  | \$ 1.79 |
| Golden Ripe Bananas         | per lb. | \$ .79  |
| Fresh Iceberg Lettuce       | each    | \$ 2.59 |

## FROZEN

|                             |        |         |
|-----------------------------|--------|---------|
| Pictsweet Cut Okra          | 12 oz. | \$ 2.49 |
| Sara Lee Peach or Apple Pie | 34 oz. | \$ 6.49 |

## MEAT

|                                      |         |         |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Lean Boston Butt Pork Roast          | per lb. | \$ 2.49 |
| Carolina Pride Meat Cocktail Smokies | 14 oz.  | \$ 3.29 |
| Armour Italian Cooked Meatballs      | 14 oz.  | \$ 3.49 |
| Chicken Wings                        | per lb. | \$ 3.99 |
| Boneless Ribeye Steaks               | per lb. | \$12.99 |
| Nathans Bigger than Bun Franks       | 12 oz.  | \$ 4.99 |
| Boneless Beef Chuck Roast            | per lb. | \$ 5.99 |
| Hormel Black Label Bacon             | 6 oz.   | \$ 6.99 |

## CHEESE OF THE WEEK

Swiss Cheese—\$7.39 per lb.

**DON'T FORGET TO ORDER YOUR ROTISSERIE CHICKEN**

Full chicken \$9.99, Half chicken \$5.99

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### This Week's Verse:

And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts,  
living within you at you trust in Him.

Ephesians 3:7

\*Delivery available to on-campus ACV members only



## Midday Dining Menu

Monday–Saturday 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.  
Sunday 10:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

**December 29, 2023–January 5, 2024**

### FRIDAY, 12/29

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Pot Roast, Fried Catfish  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Salad, Corn, Baked Beans, Cheese Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

### SATURDAY, 12/30

- \$2.53 Soup of the Day**  
**\$7.59 Whistle Stop Special:** Sloppy Joes, Cucumber Tomato Blend, Potato Salad, Assorted Dessert, Fountain Drink

### SUNDAY, 12/31

#### Lunch Buffet

**Members \$12.63 | Non-Members \$17.81 | Beverage Included**

- Entrées:** Broccoli Quiche, Beef Tips in Gravy, Fried Chicken  
**Sides:** Caribbean Vegetable Mix, Side Salad, Fruit, Chuck Wagon Corn, Macaroni and Cheese, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

### MONDAY, 1/1

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Fish, Liver and Onions  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Greens, Black Eyed Peas, Fruit, Breaded Okra, Cold Salads, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, Corn Bread  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**Happy  
New Year!**

### TUESDAY, 1/2

- \$7.70 Special:** Salad Bar  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** GF Oven-Roasted Chicken, Cheeseburger  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Bermuda Vegetable Blend, Five-Way Vegetables, Cold Salads, Fruit, Roasted Red Potatoes, Macaroni and Cheese, French Fries  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

**NOTE:** Prices listed are the retail cost per item. ACV members who present their ID badge at the cash register will receive a 10% discount. Menu is subject to change. Individual beverage cost: \$1.30.

GF=Gluten-Free      NSA=No Sugar Added

# Rumph Dining Room Midday Dining Menu

December 29, 2023–January 5, 2024

## WEDNESDAY, 1/3

- \$2.53 Soup:** Soup of the Day  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** GF Hawaiian Pineapple Sweet Chili Meatballs, Fried Chicken  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Broccoli, Cabbage, Fruit, Cold Salads, Baked Beans, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## THURSDAY, 1/4

- \$6.44 Entrées:** GF Spaghetti with Beef Sauce, Chicken Cordon Bleu Casserole  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Garlic Spinach, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cold Salads, Fruit, GF Noodles, Pasta Noodles  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts

## FRIDAY, 1/5

- \$2.53 Soup:** Lobster Bisque  
**\$6.44 Entrées:** GF Baked Catfish, GF Boiled Shrimp, Stuffed Cabbage, Fried Catfish  
**\$1.21 Sides:** Mixed Greens, Red Beets, Baked Beans, Cold Salads, Fruit, Cheese Grits, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy  
**\$2.76 Desserts:** Assorted Regular and NSA Desserts



### RUMPH DINING RM. \$8.85 WEEKDAY VALUE PLATE

Includes 1 entrée, 2 sides, bread,  
and a fountain drink.  
For premium entrée, add \$2.30.



### RIVER LANDING BISTRO LUNCH & DINNER SPECIALS

There will be no specials on Friday, Dec. 29 or  
Saturday, Dec. 30. Specials will start back  
first week of January. Happy New Year!

Ann & Quinton  
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**Sun:** 10:45 am–1:30 pm  
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**Sat:** 7:30–10:00 am | 3–7 pm



**658-5777**

**Wed–Thurs:** 11 am–2 pm  
**Fri–Sat:** 8–10:30 am | 11 am–8 pm