

## NOTEWORTHY

### Reception of New Members

We are so happy to welcome you to the body of Christ at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene!

- Austin Broers
- Joey Cash – from Wildwood Church of the Nazarene
- Candice Cash – from Wildwood Church of the Nazarene
- Elana Ferris
- Jenna Kranich—from Bradley Church of the Nazarene
- Cory Kucey – from Annapolis Church of the Nazarene, Canada
- Rick Mallett
- Carol Mallett
- Sue McGarey
- John McGarey
- Ali Schweigert
- Carson Schimmelpfennig

### FOOD PANTRY CANCELLED TODAY

The food pantry distribution has been cancelled due to the forecasted extreme cold. If you, a close family member, or friend are in need please contact the church office at 815-933-1000. We will have a pre-packaged food bag available for pick up on Tuesday, December 20th from 3:30-5:30pm at the West (office) entrance. Please call the office so we have an accurate number of bags available.

**Free Christmas Day Dinner.** Sunday, December 25, serving from 11:00am to 1:00pm at 9 locations. Reservations required by December 22. Flyers available at the Welcome center.

**Special Abilities Ministries.** *Getting ready for Christmas?* We have scarves: \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Free ornament when you spend \$10.

**Lighthouse Café** will remain closed until Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

**Ladies Book Club.** Monday, January 9th, 2017 at the home of Debbie Heid, 102 Dartmouth, Bourbonnais at 7pm. Book: "Christmas Bells" by Jennifer Chiaverini

### Thrive—A Retreat for Young Couples

January 20-21, 2017 at Manteno Church of the Nazarene. Cost: \$25 includes dinner and hotel accommodations on Friday night as well as both breakfast and lunch on Saturday. More information, kamiller@olivet.edu or call 815-939-5385.

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### Nazarene Compassionate Ministries—NCN

Sponsor a child through NCN or make a donation to the ministry. Come by and visit the table in The cafe during coffee hour or after the service through December 18.

### Children's Christmas Musical DVDs

Available this week at the Church office. Cost: \$5.

### End of the Year

The end of 2016 is fast approaching. All end of the year contributions must be received in the church office by Friday, December 30 by Noon or postmarked by December 31, to be counted as a contribution in 2016.

### Year End Giving

We have had a solid year of giving in 2016. Here is a summary:

2016 Income Goal	\$1,300,000
Giving thru November	\$1,141,000
Balance Needed	\$ 159,000

Please consider taking these steps to help reach our income goal:

- Review your giving statement compared to your 2016 income to evaluate your 10% tithing.
- Consider a special Christmas Gift to help our church Finish Strong!

Our congregation gave \$173,000 in December 2015. We know our goal is attainable! In addition to bringing your tithe and offerings to the church, you also have the option to give through a checking/savings account or debit/credit card at the church web site [www.k3naz.org](http://www.k3naz.org).

*All end of the year contributions must be received in the church office by Noon on December 30th, or mail your gift, postmarked by 12/31/16.*

### From Sylvia Workman

"I miss my church family and friends. Just wanted you all to know how much you meant to me and appreciate you. Think of you often."

### New Arrival

Congratulations to Jimmy and Rebecca Dickey on the birth of their daughter Ruth Elizabeth Dickey born on Monday, December 12.

Proud grandparents are David and Jeanette Ibrahim.

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, December 21

**A special evening to celebrate Jesus' life on earth as we encounter the characters of Bethlehem and as households participate in communion and prayer.**

**Come and go event.**

**No Nursery Ministry—No Lighthouse Café**

### Saturday, December 24

- Christmas Worship Service, 6:30pm.
- No Nursery Ministry

### Sunday, December 25

- No Sunday School
- Worship Service at 10:30am
- No Children's Worship or Nursery

### Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 27

- No Prayer Gathering
- No Youth Worship Team Practice

### Wednesday, December 28

No Evening Ministries

### Friday, December 30

- Church Office closes at Noon
- Last day for end of the year contributions—Noon

### Sunday, January 1st, 2017

- Generational Worship—Communion
- No Sunday School

### Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

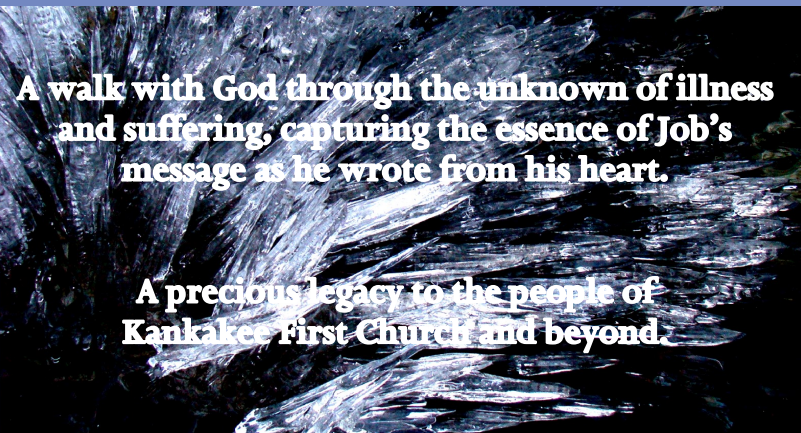
### Wednesday, January 4

No Evening Ministries

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## CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

**Wednesday, December 21**  
**6:30—7:30pm, Sanctuary**  
Come and go

Households Communion  
and Prayer

Bethlehem Nativity  
Display

*Welcome to Kankakee First Church  
of the Nazarene!*

*It is our most sincere desire that you feel at home  
while worshipping with us.*

*If you do not have a church that you call home,  
we invite you to consider making  
our church your home.*

### Life at Our Church

#### Sunday, December 18

7:30 am LLC Prayer Time  
8:30 am Lighthouse Café  
9:00 am Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 am Worship Service  
Spanish Worship Service (Room 160)  
6:00 pm Youth Life Groups

#### Tuesday, December 20

6:30 pm Prayer Gathering (Sanctuary)  
7:15 pm Youth Worship Team Practice (Youth area)

#### Wednesday, December 21

4:45 pm Teen Quizzing Practice (Room 305)  
6:30 pm Christmas Communion (Sanctuary)  
No Nursery Ministry  
No Lighthouse Café

#### Friday, December 23

Church Office closes at Noon

#### Saturday, December 24

6:30 pm Christmas Service (Sanctuary)  
No Nursery Ministry

#### Sunday, December 25

10:30 am Christmas Service (Sanctuary)  
No Children's Worship  
No Nursery

#### Monday, December 26

Church Office Closed



# ADVENT

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## DECEMBER 18, 2016

*First*  
CHURCH  
of the Nazarene