

**Upcoming Events at Woodcrest**

**Journey to Bethlehem Christmas Event**

**December 8,9 and 15,16**

**Winter Day Camps December 27 and 29**

**Spring Senior Day March 12**

**School of Wonder Spring Semester March – May**

**Woodcrest Celebration Banquet April 4**



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**Woodcrest Prayer**

**December 2023**



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26	27	28	29	30	1 Staff Prayer Aidan Yunginger (Day Camp Counselor)	2 Community Partner REAL LIFE Community Services
3 Church Partners Good Shepherd Community Church	4 Pray for our School of Wonder Christmas fieldtrip and share with students how the church in Germany celebrates the holiday.	5 Journey to Bethlehem Full Dress Rehearsal	6 Journey to Bethlehem preparation. Pray for us as we prepare for our guests	7 Staff Prayer Brock Barshinger (Overnight Counselor)	8 Journey to Bethlehem Night 1	9 Journey to Bethlehem Night 2
10 Church Partners Newport Church	11 Pray for the year end appeal. This year's will go to our overnight cabin project.	12 Pray for our new maintenance intern Grant Musser	13 Praise: Woodcrest was accepted for the NAP grant that will allow us to continue our recreational improvements.	14 Staff Prayer Camron Cronk (Overnight Counselor)	15 Journey to Bethlehem Night 3	16 Journey to Bethlehem Night 4
17 Church Partners Indiantown Mennonite Church	18 Prayer for the land development process as we submit our new cabin plan to the township	19 Prayer for safety as we transition to winter maintenance and snow removal	20 Praise for our returning summer staff who are coming back next summer!	21 Staff Prayer Emilie Nissley (Snack Bark Manager)	22 Staff Abroad Brennan Hurst YWAM Montana	23 Prayer that our Christmas retreat groups would be refreshed as they spend time together
24 Church Partners Dove Westgate	25 	26 Prayer that our Christmas retreat groups would be refreshed as they spend time together	27 Freeze Teen Winter Camp	28 Staff Prayer Anna May (Lifeguard)	29 Frost and Blast Winter Camps For campers to hear the gospel	30/31 Pray for our staff reunion as we share plans for the new year and grow community.

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