

Around The Area



Scouts Help At Food Pantry
L to R -Desirae Estep, Kyra Trapp and Cody Champagne

BUMC Food Pantry Helps Feed The Community

Belleview United Methodist Church Food Pantry has been a staple through the pandemic. They only closed for a couple of weeks last year but have been helping our community every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 9am to 11:30 am.

They have help from the church members, His Compassion Ministry and Second Harvest to keep their shelves stocked. With help from Feed the Need and Marion County Hospital District, the volunteers of the church were able to plant a vegetable garden, this enables them to be able to have fresh vegetables for the Food Pantry.

As a Service Project for the Church, Boy Scout Troop 9441 and Troop 439 collected food and were on hand to help distribute the food just before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Anybody wishing to help keep the shelves stocked, can drop off food when the church office is open, Monday to Thursday, 9am to Noon or at the church service, Sundays at 10:30am. The Food Pantry is even blessed with a Gift Card Angel, this enables the clients to be able to get perishable items.



Volunteers of the food pantry along with Phil Byers playing some music



The line of cars that were waiting for a little help this Holiday Season



Scouts help load a car with groceries



Pantry shelves stocked with food items to be distributed



The vegetable garden growing eggplant and lettuce

Live On Outdoor Stage A Holly Jolly Christmas

Snow: No. Cheer: Here! Join us December 10-12 for the holly-jolly youth cabaret A Jolly Holiday.

Performed by OCT Education & Enrichment's C.A.S.T. (Creative Arts Student Troupe), A Jolly Holiday is a one-of-a-kind production by students ages 12-18. The show features fun and festive songs like "We Need a Little Christmas," "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus," and "Holly Jolly Christmas," as well as original holiday-themed stories, plays, and poems on the wonders of winter by our student cast.

The cast of A Jolly Holiday includes Breckin Collett, Zoe Cox, Grace DeClerk, Kirsten High, Suriana Im, Bentley Johnson, Kayla Kierstein, Derek Kinsey, Alessandra Mastroserio, Elizabeth Osborne, Roman Paradiso, Robert Skipper, Mulan Swets, and Zoe Swets.

A Jolly Holiday is directed by OCT Director of Education Terry LeCompte. Music director is Greg Doss. Choreographer is Bo Broadwell. Stage manager is Kiersten Farley. Production assistant is Jonny Williams.

There will be three performances on the outdoor stage:

Friday, December 10 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, December 11 at 7 p.m.

Sunday, December 12 at 1:30 p.m.

The show is one hour and 45 minutes long, and includes an intermission. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$10 for ages 18 and younger. Table seating is available for parties of up to four, as well as individual chair seating and bleacher seating. Patio seating around the outdoor stage is limited, so make your reservations as soon as possible.

Purchase tickets over the phone at (352) 236-2274 or in person at the box office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information or to buy tickets online at any time, visit www.ocalcivictheatre.com.

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