

BLUE CHRISTMAS

2017

Help for the Hurting During the Holidays

The holidays are supposed to be a time of joy and happiness, a time to feel the magic of the season. For many people, this is true. But for others, the holidays are a time of stress. Some may be overwhelmed by financial problems or family conflict. Recovering addicts may be tempted to stray from their sobriety. Others may be facing divorce, death of a loved one, or stresses related to military deployment. Below you will find free opportunities for support and renewal that can help you find the magic of the season again.

Monday, December 4

Grief Support Sessions: Just Conversation and Listening Ears, 6 p.m. at Minooka United Methodist Church, 205 W. Church St., Minooka, 815-467-2322. All are welcome.

Wednesday, December 6

Angels of Hope Candlelight Remembrance Vigil, 7 p.m. at Campbell Memorial Park in Coal City. A vigil for those suffering from the physical absence of a child.

Sunday, December 10

The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting, 6:30 p.m. at Channahon United Methodist Church, 24751 W. Eames, Channahon; 815-467-5275. Service to honor the memories of the sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, and grandchildren who left too soon. Bring a photo for the table display along with a dessert to share during fellowship.

Thursday, December 21

Blue Christmas Service, 7 p.m. at Coal City United Methodist Church, 6805 E. McCardle Rd., Coal City, 815-634-8670. All are welcome.