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- Quilting:** Thursday 9:00 a.m. - FaHoLo Room

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## MEETINGS & FELLOWSHIP EVENTS *DECEMBER 26-30*

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- Tuesday 5:15 p.m. ERI Basketball – FLC
- Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Central Basketball – FLC
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