



2014 Old-Fashioned Christmas Events



Advent Series: Join us for our celebration of “Why did Jesus Live?”, which is part of our Advent Series happening 11/30-12/21. Come by and behold why we celebrate Jesus at Christmas. Sunday at The Providence Church. Shows are at 9:00am, 11:00am & 6:00pm. 430 Hannum Ave.

Advent Workshop: Celebrate the season with crafts, dinner, and hot chocolate before the parade. Friday, 5:30 -7:15pm at First Presbyterian Church, 130 West Miner St. \$5 adults; \$2.50 children. Dinner served beginning at 6:00pm. Register online at www.firstpreswc.com/register 610-696-0554

26th Annual West Chester Charity Ball: Festive gala includes food, open bar, live music, dancing, and silent auctions. Event helps homeless and near-homeless families in Chester County. Benefits Friends Association for Care and Protection of Children. Tickets are \$175/person or via sponsorships- visit friendsassoc.org to purchase tickets. Saturday, 6:30-11:00pm at the West Chester Country Club, 111 Ashbridge St.

93rd Annual Holiday Program: Holiday music celebration featuring ensembles from WCU’s College of Visual and Performing Arts. \$10 for adults; \$5 for children/senior citizens. Saturday, 3:00pm & 7:00pm at Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall – West Chester University, 700 South High St.

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever: By Barbara Robinson – In this hilarious Christmas tale, a couple struggling to put on a church Christmas Pageant is faced with casting the Herdman Kids- the most awful kids in history. You won’t believe the mayhem and the fun when the Herdmans collide with the Christmas Story head on. Presented by the W.C.S. for the P.A. Saturday & Sunday at 12:30pm at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 North High St., Pre-ordered \$5 seniors & children 12 and under, \$10 for adults; At the door \$7 & \$12. 484-995-2915

Big Band Theory Christmas Concert & Vocal Competition Finals: Competition finals include top singers in two age categories. The Big Band Theory will play jazz and sing holiday favorites. \$8 pre-sale; \$10 at the door; \$5 after 5:30pm. Sunday, Competition at 4:00pm, Big Band Theory 5:30-7:00pm at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 North High St.

Bishop Shanahan High School Choir: Please join Susquehanna Bank as they proudly host the Bishop Shanahan High School Choir. Light refreshments will also be served. Friday, 6:00-7:00pm, 9 North High St.

BLINK: Join us for an Amazing Holiday Preview Sale! Beautiful holiday collections; bubbly, and 20% off EVERYTHING! Perfect gift to give is at BLINK. 136 West Gay St.

Breakfast with Santa: Enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast with Santa. Children get to sit with Santa, share their Christmas wish list, and of course take a photo (parents don’t forget the camera)! Please note: Booster seats/high chairs are not provided. Saturday, 8:30am & 10:00am at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 North High St. Reservations required, \$14/person (2 years and over) – Must pre-register call 610-436-9010

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Breakfast and Photo with Santa: Santa will host a pancake and sausage breakfast for children and adults, plus have a free photo taken with Santa! Free vision screening for latent eye defects. Saturday, 7:30 – 11:30am at the West Chester Area Senior Center, 530 East Union St. \$6 adults, \$3.50 for children 12 and under. 610-431-4242

A Candlelight Christmas Concert: Christmas music for choir, orchestra and congregation in the candle-lit 1834 sanctuary. Charpentier's Christmas Mass, Handel Organ Concerto, Carols and Anthems. Sunday, 4:00pm at First Presbyterian Church, 130 West Miner St.

Caroling with WCACC: Come enjoy some Christmas carols by the West Chester Area Community Chorus. Friday, 6:15-7:15pm at DNB First, Market and Church Streets.

Carols with Carly & Caylynn: Join us before the parade for mulled apple cider and hear the sounds of "Carols with Carly and Caylynn." Friday, 5:30-7:00pm, Penwick Design, 132 North High St.

Chester County Youth Orchestra Pops Concert: Seventy-three member symphony orchestra performs an exciting mix of classical, holiday and pop music favorites. Saturday, 7:30pm at Church of the Holy Trinity, 212 South High St.

A Christmas Carol...More or Less: UpTown! Entertainment Alliance presents a hysterical retelling of the beloved holiday classic, appropriate for all ages: "When a snow storm keeps the cast and crew from getting to the theater, can Charlie and Sarah, the show's producers, keep the show from being cancelled by playing all the parts themselves?" FREE, (\$5 donation suggested). Saturday, 6:00pm at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 North High St.

Christmas Caroling: Join the Mainliners Barbershop Quartet at the WCU Ram Shop on Friday right before the parade for some good old-fashioned Christmas carols! Friday, 6:00-7:00pm. 134 North High St.

Christmas Sale Event: Join us for front seats to the Old-Fashioned Christmas Parade! Refreshments and goodies for all ages. Shop our designer SALE for one day only! 20% off designer apparel. Friday, 10am-9pm at TISH Boutique, 138 East Gay St.

The Christmas Story Told through Rod Puppets: The biblical narrative of Christ's birth, illustrated with large, homemade rod puppets. A wonderful family tradition to keep Christ in Christmas. Saturday, 6:00pm and Sunday, 6:00pm at the Reformed Presbyterian Church, 312 West Union St. (at S. New St.). Free admission. Refreshments following. www.rpcwc.org.

Drop, Shop, Wrap: Children will do holiday crafts, decorate cookies and watch a holiday movie. This is a great opportunity to do last minute shopping! All materials are supplied. \$12/person. Saturday 2:00 – 5:00pm. West Chester Municipal Building, 401 East Gay St. Must pre-register – 610-436-9010

Emily Alice Salon Open House: Come in and take a tour of our salon and talk about the services we offer! Enjoy a drink and light snacks – start the holiday season off right! Friday, 6:00-8:00pm; Saturday, 10:00am-5:00pm, 35 South High St.

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Enjoy the Holiday Season with Artful Gifts: Open house with artist Richard Bollinger and his new limited edition print. Visual Expansion Gallery, 126 North High St.

FAIRMAN'S Skate Shop: Celebrating our 27th holiday season in West Chester! Featuring the region's biggest and best selection of skateboards, longboards and cruisers; plus a professional staff of friendly experts. www.fairmans.com, 43 West Gay St.

Fondue Friday: Join us for an evening of fondue and live acoustic guitar music by Steve. BYOB; Reservations Suggested, 610-692-2102. Friday, 6:00-9:00pm at the Lincoln Room, 28 West Market St.

Gelato Cup of Cheer: Have a gelato cup of cheer and a warm "white chocolate cocoa." Take home holiday gelato for parties and celebrations. Friday 12:00-10:00pm; Saturday 12:00-10:00pm D'Ascenzo's Gelato, 132 E. Gay St.

Gettysburg Address: Contest features middle school students from West Chester area schools who will recite President Lincoln's famous Gettysburg Address, FREE. Friday, 5:45pm at the Lincoln Building, 28 West Market St

Halladay Florist: Enjoy the holidays at Halladay's featuring Nancy Rasch Salamon's ceramics & local musicians. Perfect way to add to the holiday spirit! Friday, 6:00-9:00pm. 29 South Church St.

Handel's Messiah: Handel's beloved Messiah, performed by singers from the community, area churches, and the Greenleigh Chorale with soloists and orchestra. Sunday, 3:00pm at St. Agnes Church, 211 West Gay St.

Hickman Annual Holiday Bazaar: The Hickman Holiday Bazaar features baked goods, crafts, knitted items, plants and special items from "Grandma's Attic." Friday & Saturday 9:00-2:00pm. 400 North Walnut St.

Historic Lincoln Biography Building Open House: Good friends and good cheer; please join us for the most wonderful time of the year! Friday, 4:30-7:00pm at the Lincoln Building, 28 West Market St. FREE

Holiday Choral Music at Fox Chase Bank: Stop in for refreshments while enjoying holiday music from some of West Chester's finest high school singers courtesy of Rustin High School Concert Choir. Friday, 6:00-7:00pm, 137 North High St.

Holiday Concert: Please join us for a holiday concert presented by the West Chester Area School District Select Strings under the direction of Mrs. Katrina Kelly. Friday, 6:00pm at West Chester First Presbyterian Church, 130 West Miner St.

2014 Holiday Home Tour: This year West Chester Public Library's Holiday Home Tour features houses in the southwestern portion of the Borough. Saturday, 10:00am-3:00pm. \$30/person pre-registered; \$40/person day of tour. Ticket sales: www.wcpubliclibrary.org

Hooray for Christmas Open House: Enjoy hot chocolate and holiday treats while Christmas music and good cheer fill the air with the Winter Village Victorian Carolers delighting you from 5:00-5:45pm. Friday, 12-6pm. Fulton Bank of West Chester, 116 West Market St.

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Jane Chalfant/Kiki Boutique: Join us from 6-7pm before the parade for live, festive music by the Winter Village Victorian Carolers. As always, beautiful sweaters and accessories. Friday, open until 8:30pm. 123 North High St.

Jazz-O-Poppin': A hearty acoustic feast of swing time carols and Yuletide folk. Brought to you by BEAMS's School of Music, Malvern. Friday, 6:00-8:00pm at the Knights of Columbus, 110 West Market St.

John Suplee Solo Exhibition: Church Street Gallery's long awaited solo show by West Chester artist John Suplee. Refreshments served. Sneak preview Friday. Artist reception Saturday. Church Street Gallery, 12 South Church St.

KALY Holiday Open House: Visit KALY for cookies & beverages! Donate an unwrapped gift for Chester County Child, Youth & Families and receive 10% off your purchases. Saturday, 10:00am-5:00pm. 37 West Gay St.

Kaplan's Fine Jewelry: Join the Mainliners Barbershop Quartet at Kaplan's Fine Jewelry on Friday right before the parade for some good old-fashioned Christmas carols! Friday, 6:00-7:00pm. 111 West Market St.

Build-a-Band Christmas Rock Concert: Lisa Wolfe Music, LLC presents Build-a-Band from Malvern and Chester Springs performing Holiday, pop, rock, and R&B songs. Friday, 5:30-7:00pm at Masonic Lodge, 10 South Church St.

Live Music: Enjoy local wine and great entertainment; pet friendly & BYOF (Bring Your Own FOOD) Sip award winning wines while relaxing to music every Friday & Saturday, 7:00-10:00pm at Kreutz Creek Winery, 44 East Gay St.

Luminaria Around the Park: See and enjoy the magic of the candlelight glow of 400 luminaria lining the perimeter of historic Marshal Square Park. Friday, 6:00pm until midnight on East Marshall St. between Matlack and Franklin Sts. (assisted by BSA Troop 14)

NAACP 8th Annual Holiday Bazaar: Shop for holiday gifts from local vendors, homemade crafts, jewelry, wreaths, homemade jellies and treats, gift baskets, book signing and more! Saturday, 10:00am-3:00pm at the Masonic Lodge, 10 South Church St., 610-696-3702

Old Fashioned Christmas Caroling: Join the Pennsylvania Academy for Performing Arts Choir for a festive time of caroling. Friday, 6:15-7:00pm at Wells Fargo Bank, 17 North High St.

Ring in the Holidays: Ring in the holidays with seasonal music played by members of First Presbyterian's Chancel Ringers. Friday 6:15-7:30pm at Senator Dinniman's District Office, 1 North Church St.

Scrooge: Presented by West Chester Dance Works/Diane Mathews School of Dance Arts. Follow Scrooge's journey to the *true* Christmas Spirit in this danced version of the Dickens Classic "A Christmas Carol" for the entire family! Saturday, 1:30pm and 4:00pm at West Chester United Methodist Church, 129 South High St. \$8 general admission; \$6 seniors, youth (11 & under)

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Simply Ike at Yori's Church Street Bakery: Open late – we'll have hot chocolate, coffee, tea and a large variety of baked goods. Enjoy music by Simply Ike (6:15-7:00pm), acoustic guitar performance featuring Christmas tunes with a Reggae touch. "You gonna love it man." 15 North Church St.

Sounds of the Holidays: Enjoy the sounds of the season as the students and staff of Taylor's Music perform many of your holiday favorites. Friday, 6:30pm. 116 West Gay St.

Soup and Sandwich Parlour: Serving assorted hot and cold sandwiches, soups, snack and desserts at family prices while you enjoy music by Jazz-O-Poppin' sponsored by BEAM'S School of Music (6:00 – 8:00pm). Friday, 5:45-9:00pm at the Knights of Columbus, 116 West Market St.

Strolling Carolers: Strolling carolers will add to the spirit of the season with traditional holiday songs. Friday & Saturday nights throughout Downtown.

"Trial by Jury": Start the holidays with an hour of musical frivolity and favorite holidays songs, presented by the Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Chester County. Adults \$12; seniors 60+ \$10; child/student (age 6-21) \$5; children under 6 FREE. Friday 6:00pm, Saturday, 2:00 and 8:00pm, Sunday, 2:00pm in Courtroom One, Historic Chester County Courthouse, entrance on Market St.

Turks Head Jugglers' Christmas: Join us for an hour of celebrating the season and the Joy of Throwing Things (and Catching Them)!! Friday, 6:15-7:15pm at Santander Bank, 50 West Market St.

Unruh, Turner, Burke & Frees: Visit us and enjoy warm cider, cocoa and sweet treats. Check out our Annual Gingerbread Competition and vote for your favorite! 17 West Gay St.

The WCU Ram Shop: The new WCU Ram Shop is here! Student, parent, alumni or just a fan- we have all of your Golden Ram gear! Listen to the Mainliners Quartet on Friday, 6:00-7:00pm and the store is open until 9:00pm. www.wcuramshop.com, 134 North High St.

West Chester Studio Singers Christmas Concert: Start your Holiday Season with our family friendly Christmas concert. Children and adults will be delighted by our lively concert of old and new holiday songs. FREE. Friday 5:15- 6:00pm at the Chester County Historical Society, 225 North High St.

Winter Village Victorian Carolers: Our professional Victorian Carolers Quartet, dressed in Dickens costumes, delight audiences with carols that span the generations. Friday, 5:00-5:45pm at Fulton Bank, 116 West Market St., then from 6:00-7:00pm at Jane Chalfant, 123 North High St.

Wish List Sign-Up: 31st year and the tradition continues - fine jewelry on the 1st floor and over 200 miniature paintings by local artists on the 2nd floor. 20% Shop Local discount. Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Sunset Hill Jewelers & Fine Arts Gallery, 23 North High St.

A Wonderful Holiday with the YMCA: Come create your holiday keepsake at the YMCA! Enjoy a festive evening with your friends and family at the Oscar Lasko Youth Program Center YMCA. Free. Friday, 5:30-6:30pm. 1 East Chestnut St.

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Saturday, December 13

Community Outreach Holiday Luncheon: Come join us for a delightful holiday luncheon; enjoy good food and friendship. Saturday, December 13, 1:00-3:00pm at the Charles A. Melton Center, 501 East Miner St.

The Nutcracker: Presented by the Brandywine Ballet Company- A holiday tradition for the entire family, the Nutcracker ballet will transport you to the magical "Land of Sweets." Join Clara and her beloved nutcracker on an enchanted journey to a place where toy soldiers and mice battle and the Sugar Plum Fairy reigns in splendor among a delight cast of dancers and characters! Saturday, December 13, 12:00pm and 4:00pm, 317 Westtown Rd. #5. Visit brandywineballet.org for more information.