

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 1st York Symphony Orchestra “Holiday Pops Spectacular” (Fellowship Room) 4:00 pm York Symphony Orchestra and Chorus kicks off your holiday season. Our favorite annual concert Holiday Pops Spectacular packs the theatre with holiday cheer. It’s truly a Wonderful Life! The Greater York Youth Ballet of Dance It Forward performs the magical Nutcracker ballet to perfect your evening.

December 4th Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Tour (Hanover, PA) 9:00 am On July 11, 1962, Pope John XXIII, now Saint John XXIII, raised this church to the honor and dignity of a Minor Basilica. Come learn about the history of this beautiful basilica with a guided tour. **Cost: Donation**

December 7th Valencia Ballroom “Inspire Big Band” (Yok, PA) 6:15 pm Join Inspire Big Band, a group of local musicians that play Jazz, Swing, Blues, Bop, and Funk. Experience the vibrant energy of a dynamic ensemble dedicated to captivating audiences with powerful big band performances. **Cost: Free**

December 8th Therapy Talk “Brain Games” (Fellowship Room) 1:00 pm Come explore and discuss games/activities to help exercise our brains. **Presenter: Barbara Dieterle OTR/L, Occupational Therapist**

December 8th White Elephant (Fellowship Room) 3:00 pm Bring along a wrapped gift, costing no more than \$15, and enjoy a afternoon of fun with friends. Pick a gift, steal if you dare, and watch game shift with every move. Appetizers and drinks will be available.

December 12th Life Long Learning: Scott Mingus “Paper Making History in York County” (Fellowship Room) 2:00 pm Scott Mingus spent 43 years as a scientist and product development executive in the global pulp and paper industry, including 17 years as a global director with PH Glatfelter in Spring Grove. He will discuss the history of papermaking, with a strong focus on various mills here in York County beginning with the colonial days before the American Revolution and progressing through the Civil War years to the 20th century and beyond.

December 17th American Music Theatre “Deck the Halls” (Lancaster, PA) 9:00 am Check in at the decked out St. Nicholas Hotel where we find our dashing dancers and merry musicians ready to “Deck the Halls!” Bubby bubbly bellhops and glittery guests make merriment in preparation for a visit from Old Saint Nick. This musical holiday adventure brings together friends old and new to celebrate the season with awe-inspiring performances designed to capture the hearts of the entire family. **Cost: \$53.00**

December 19th Movie & Discussion with Rich Santel “The Shop Around the Corner” (Fellowship Room) 2:00 pm *The Shop Around the Corner* (1940), starring James Stewart and Margaret Sullavan, is a romantic comedy set in a Budapest gift shop. Two coworkers unknowingly fall in love as anonymous pen pals while clashing in person. Directed by Ernst Lubitsch, the film blends charm, wit, and heartfelt emotion. **Runtime: 99 minutes.**

December 19th Emigsville Band “Christmas Performance” (Sprenkle Drive) 5:45 pm The Emigsville Band will be returning to the Glatfelter Center for another full band performance. This time, the songs will be themed around the upcoming holidays. Bonus, the band includes some of our very own SpiriTrust Lutheran residents!

December 23rd Virtual Voyager “Mumbai, India” (Fellowship Room) 11:00 am Experience the vibrant energy of Mumbai with an unforgettable street tour through the city's bustling neighborhoods. From the spicy aromas of street food stalls to the colorful chaos of local markets, this guided journey offers a glimpse into daily life, culture, and history. Discover hidden gems, iconic landmarks, and the soul of Mumbai—one street at a time.

December 23rd Dover High School Christmas Concert (Sprenkle Drive) 1:30 pm Enjoy an afternoon of Christmas songs sung by the Dover High School students.

December 31st Cheers to the New Year Party (Fellowship Room) 2:00 pm Celebrate the arrival of the New Year with your friends from Personal Care, coming together to share treats, laughter, and good cheer!



Inspirations Companion

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Christmas Facts

- **Christmas wasn't always on December 25.** Although Christmas celebrates the birth of Christ, it doesn't actually mention December 25 anywhere in the bible. In fact, some historians think Jesus was born in the spring, not the winter at all! Christmas on December 25th wasn't celebrated until about 336 AD.
- **Rudolph was a marketing ploy.** The beloved reindeer was created by a copywriter for the Montgomery Ward department store in 1939. He wrote Rudolph into a children's story that could be given out to promote the store. It was a huge hit, with more than 2.4 million copies distributed in its first year! In 1949 Gene Autry recorded the famous song "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and in 1964 came the movie featuring the island of misfit toys.
- **The term "Xmas" dates back to the 1500s.** Contrary to popular belief, "Xmas" is not a trendy attempt to "take Christ out of Christmas". Christianity' was spelled 'Xianity' as early as the 1100s. The 'X' comes from *Chi*, the first letter of 'Christ' in Greek, and even in the fourth century Constantine the Great commonly used this shorthand. Some say it was as early as 1021 that the abbreviation "XPmas" was used to reference the holiday, which was later shortened to "Xmas."
- **This Christmas gift held a lifesaving secret.** During World War II, the United States Playing Card Company joined forces with American and British intelligence agencies to create a very special deck of cards. They distributed them as Christmas gifts to soldiers, but they also helped Allied prisoners of war escape from German POW camps. When wet, individual cards peeled apart to reveal maps of escape routes.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3:00 Worship Service (FR)	4:00 Wii Bowling (FR)	4:00 Wii Bowling (FR) 6:00 Kelly Choir (FR)	2:00 Faith Sharing (FR) 3:30 Easy Exercise (FR) 4:00 Pinochle (FL)	1:00 Sprenkle Drive Visits (OFF) 2:30 Chair Yoga with Carol (FR)	10:00 Conversation Café (FR) 4:00 Pinochle (FL) 6:00 Game Night (FL)	6:00 Mexican Train Dominoes (FR)

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Additional programs & events scheduled for the month of December						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Christmas Craft Fair 11:00-4:00 NO Wii BOWLING 2:00 Residential Living Primetime Forum Meeting (FR) 4:00 YSO Holiday Pops Spectacular (RR)(FR) CD 11/30	2 Christmas Craft Fair 11:00-4:00 9:30-11:00 West York HS: Games & More (FL) 2:45 Spirit Movers (FR)	3 Christmas Craft Fair 11:00-3:00 10:30 Walmart (RR)(OC) CD 12/2 3:00 Worship Committee (CR)	4 Christmas Craft Fair 11:00-3:00 9:00 Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Tour (RR)(OC)\$\$ CD 12/1 4:00 Board Game Night (FR)	5 Christmas Craft Fair 11:00-3:00 11:00 Social Life Committee (FR)	6 Christmas Craft Fair 11:00-3:00 2:00 Bingo (FR)
7 6:15 Inspire Big Band (RR)(OC) CD 12/2	8 NO Wii BOWLING 10:30 Weis Shopping (RR)(OC) CD 12/7 1:00 Therapy Talk "Brain Games" (FR) 3:00 White Elephant (RR)(FR) CD 12/5	9 9:00 360care Dental (RR) (Lower Level Dr.'s Office) 1:00 Blood Pressure Clinic (WS) 2:00 Live Music: Peter Senaca (FR)	10 Christmas Craft Fair 11:00-4:00 9:30 Residential Living Birthday Breakfast (RR)(FR) CD 12/8 1:00 Christmas Sing Along with Sheila (FR)	11 Christmas Craft Fair 11:00-3:00 1:30 Cooking Demo "Peppermint Roll Cake" (RR)(PC Dining Room) CD 12/9 2:00 Dining Committee Meeting (FR)	12 Christmas Craft Fair 11:00-3:00 10:00 Errand Day (RR)(OC) CD 12/11 2:00 Life Long Learning: Scott Mingus "Paper Making History in York County" (FR)	13 Christmas Craft Fair 11:00-2:00 3:00 Salon Recital "Carol Sing Along" (FL)
14	15 9:00 Podiatry (RR) (Lower Level Dr.'s Office) 10:00 Wrapping PC Gifts (CR) 1:00 Bookworm Book Club: Book Share (FL) 2:00 Residential Living Board Meeting (CR)	16 10:00 Knit & Crochet (FL) 1:00 Devers Caroling (FR) 2:45 Spirit Movers (FR) 5:00 Christmas Lights Drive (RR)(OC) CD 12/15	17 9:00 American Music Theatre "Deck the Halls" (RR)(OC)\$\$ CD 12/5 12:00 "Widow & Widower Lunch" Sprenkle Drive Rachel & Reuben's 6:00 Bingo With Local Church (FR)	18 12:00 Residential Living Christmas Party (RR)(FR) 1:00 Grief Support Group (CR)	19 10:00-11:00 Devers Holiday Visit 2:00 Movie & Discussion with Rich Santel "The Shop Around the Corner" (FR) 5:45 Emigsville Band "Christmas Performance" (RR)(Sprenkle Drive) CD 12/17	20 2:00 Uno Flip (FL) 3:30 Carol Sing Along (FR)
21	22 10:30 Weis Shopping (RR)(OC) CD 11/21 2:00 Christmas Trivia (FR) CD 12/21	23 11:00 Virtual Voyager "Mumbai, India" (FR) 1:30 Dover High School Christmas Concert (RR)(Sprenkle Drive) CD 12/22	24 NO FAITH STUDIES NO EASY EXERCISE 3:00 Christmas Eve Service (FR)	25 12:30 Christmas Carry Out Meal (RR)(Corner Cupboard) \$\$ CD 12/22 NO CHAIR YOGA WITH CAROL	26 2:00 Uno Flip (FL)	27 2:30 Wii Bowling with PC
28	29 11:00 Craft Corner "Inspirational Stones" (FR) CD 12/28 2:00 Ice Cream Social "Strawberry" (RR)(FR) CD 12/28	30 11:00 Boscov's (RR)(OC) CD 12/29	31 1:00 Faith Studies (CR) 9:00-12:00 Tech Support with Carol Page (RR)(FR) CD 12/30 2:00 Cheers to the New Year Party with PC (RR)(FR) CD 12/26	Program additions or changes since catalog was published are bold . Program offerings are subject to change.	Key: RR – Registration Required OC – Off Campus CR – Conference Room FL – Family Lounge FR – Fellowship Room PP – Patio by Pond \$\$ – Cost CD – Closing Date DR – Dining Room FL – Family Lounge FR – Fellowship Room PP – Patio by Pond	