

# THE HUB

DECEMBER 2019

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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### All Welcome to Advent Events at the United Ministry of Aurora, Including the Annual Aurora Christmas Pageant

December will bring a full month of Advent events to the United Ministry of Aurora, which the entire community is welcome to attend and take part in.

- The Nativity Chapel, just north of the church building, will be open from December 1-January 6. It contains  $\frac{3}{4}$  life-sized figures of the Holy Family, animals, shepherds, kings, and a lovely view of Cayuga Lake.
- Christmas in Aurora! Scott Gross, Organist of the United Ministry, will perform Christmas music on the sanctuary organ from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, December 7 at the church's Bake Sale benefiting The Health Tapestry. The bake sale and other Christmas in Aurora vendors will be set up in the Social Room, the door on the southern end of the building.
- The UMA invites the community to its annual tradition of Lessons and Carols to celebrate in words and music the reason for the season. It will be held on the third Sunday of Advent, December 15, at 10:30 a.m., the regular service time.
- Monday, December 16 at 2 p.m., the Good Shepherd Catholic Community will join us for our annual Cookies and Carols event. Participants will bring cookies so plates of goodies can be made for our shut-in friends and neighbors, to bring them a little Christmas cheer. Following our cookie collections, we will enjoy singing our favorite carols with Scott providing music on the piano.
- Friday, December 20 the Aurora Christmas Pageant, a long time Aurora tradition, will be held in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m. Kings, shepherds, wild and tame beasts will reenact Jesus's birth with congregational singing interspersed with the narrated story. Refreshments will follow the program. **See below for more information about the casting and rehearsal schedule.**
- We hope you can join us for our candle lit Christmas Eve service, to be held this year at 8 p.m. with the Rev. Barb Blom officiating. This is an earlier time than usual, hoping it will enable more families with young children to join us. Communion will be celebrated.





## **Casting and Rehearsal Schedule for the Annual Aurora Christmas Pageant**

The Aurora Christmas Pageant has been a Village tradition for at least the past 75 years! Roles go to those of preschool age and older. The performance is a magical twenty minutes celebrating our own children and the Christmas story through candlelight, readings and carols.

CASTING: Tuesday, December 3, 4-5 p.m.

KEY ROLES: Tuesday, December 10, 4-5 p.m.

ANGELS & SHEPHERDS: Monday, December 16, 4-5 p.m.

FULL DRESS REHEARSAL: Tuesday, December 16, 4-5:30 p.m.

PAGEANT: Friday, December 20, 7:30 p.m.

All rehearsals will take place in the United Ministry Church Lounge at 337 Main St. in Aurora.  
Questions? Call Claire Morehouse, 315-364-8439.

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## **Preschool Storytime for Birth – Kindergarten**

Join us for fun stories and early literacy activities. No registration is necessary. Storytimes are held throughout the year when Southern Cayuga Central School is in session, September through June.

Tuesday Morning Storytime – 9:30 a.m., Hazard Library, 2487 Rt. 34B, Poplar Ridge

Wednesday Morning Storytime – 9:30 a.m. (doors open at 9:00 a.m.), Corner of Cherry Ave. and Rt. 90, Aurora

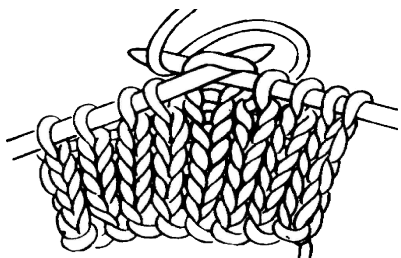
All children who have not yet entered kindergarten and their caregivers are invited. No registration is necessary – you are welcome to start attending at any time.

## Health Care Navigator @ Hazard Library

Do you need health insurance?  
Do you need help using the NY State of Health Marketplace?  
Do you have questions about your health insurance?

Bring your questions to the Health Care Navigator on the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Free and open to the public. No registration needed.

**Hazard Library Association**  
2487 Route 34B, Poplar Ridge  
315-364-7975



## Knitting Circle at the Aurora Free Library

The Knitting Circle is meeting every Friday at the Aurora Free Library, 6-8 p.m. All skill levels and fiber arts are welcome.

## Wells College Food Pantry Accepting Donations

The Wells College Food Pantry has moved to Main Building Room 104 and is all settled there. It has been a semester of reorganizing, recruiting volunteers, and the continued dedication of student leaders. Campus Safety has been very helpful in opening the Pantry door in the absence of a volunteer. We received a wonderful donation from the Ladies Golf Club of Aurora and are going to restock the shelves. There are many thanks to go around!



As the holiday season approaches, please kindly consider donating items to the Pantry. Donations can be left at the Sommer Center on the Wells campus. There is a box on the stage area that is labeled for donations.

We accept all donations but if you are looking for specific food items that people access the most the list below is for that purpose. Thank you!!!

Questions? Contact Yashaly Acosta Vazquez, Student Leader ([yacostavazquez16@student.wells.edu](mailto:yacostavazquez16@student.wells.edu)) or Vic Muñoz, Professor ([vmunoz@wells.edu](mailto:vmunoz@wells.edu)).

**Assortment:** breakfast cereal, granola bars, peanut butter, rice bowls, Chef Boyardee, macaroni and cheese, ramen noodles, tortillas, honey

**Dairy:** cheese (sliced or sticks), milk (box or can)

**Canned:** soups, chili, tomato sauce/pasta sauce, green beans, garbanzos, black beans, tuna fish

**Dry:** lentils, black beans, garbanzos/chickpeas, rice, tortillas, wraps

**Fresh:** butternut squash, potatoes, onions, apples

**Gluten Free:** rice bowls, snack bars, popcorn, soups, rice ramen, gluten free pasta



## December at the Aurora Historical Society

The next installment of “Aurora Stories” is ready. Go deeper into the early fur trade and a visit from one of the first circuses in the country; meet the church stuck in the middle of the road, the sequoia that wasn’t, the Kicking Tree, the place for some clandestine cake, and the Steam Mill.

Once again there’s a stellar lineup of artisans in December. Starting early, on Saturday, Nov. 30, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Dan and Lorraine Tracy will be on hand with Dan’s beautiful woodworking and the chance to learn some traditional spinning techniques.

At Christmas in Aurora, Saturday, December 7, 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m., it’s a full house with special guests including Nancy Shaw and Heritage Harvesters grains, John Wedler’s hats & jewelry, and fiber farmer/artisans Margaret Flowers (Trinity Farm) and Heather Warren (Lochan Mor Farm).

On Saturday, Dec. 14, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Heather Warren takes the spotlight. More to come as the month goes on, too!

The “Tiny Christmas Market” will be well stocked with unique Aurora gifts, including “The Winter Race on Lake Cayuga,” a rediscovered Aurora story designed and printed by Rob LoMascolo. One reader wrote, “What a wonderful story! I felt drawn into the past and could visualize Aurora as it must have been years ago.” Find out for yourself!

The Aurora Historical Society is at 371 Main St, on the rear courtyard of “The Schoolhouse.” Hours are Tuesday, 4:30-6:00 p.m. and Saturday, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; accessible to all and always free.

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### Do Your Holiday Shopping at Trader Rose Vintage!

Trader Rose Vintage is still open for the season until Christmas, Friday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. In addition, we will be open on Christmas Eve for last-minute holiday shoppers.

Bonnie, Gretchen, Georgia and I will be glad to see you. The heat’s on!—so feel free to stop in for a cup of hot coffee and all the browsing you can stand. And don’t forget us for gifts; there are lots of them here, including readymade, one-of-a-kind gift baskets with personality!

Cheers!  
Rose

## Game Nights at Bright Leaf Winery

Are you game for game night? Bring your favorite game or try your hand at one of ours. We are hosting Friday game night, 5:00-8:00 p.m., all winter!

Light food and snacks will be available for purchase. And of course, Bright Leaf Wine and beer from Liquid State.

We'll be open 12:00-8:00 p.m. and game night starts at 5:00 p.m.! Free tastings 5:00-7:30 p.m. for game night attendees!

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## December Inns of Aurora Events at The Schoolhouse, 371 Main Street

### Wine & Bloom Events

December 3: Create an Evergreen Door Swag – 6:00 p.m., \$32+tax

December 10: Make a Kissing Ball – 6:00 p.m., \$28+tax

December 17: Create a Holiday Arrangement – 6:00 p.m., \$34+tax

To register go to [www.innssofarora.com/activities](http://www.innssofarora.com/activities) calendar where you will be directed to the Wine & Bloom website. Questions, call 315-364-8050.

### Candlelight Yoga

December 5 at 4:30 p.m.

December 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Join Laura Coburn, E-RYT 200, AYS, and Director of Serenity at the Inns of Aurora for a yoga experience designed to help you release tension and stress, promote healing in your body, and help quiet your mind. A certified Relax and Renew teacher with a specialization in gentle and restorative yoga, Laura is exceptionally skilled at adapting postures to meet each student's needs. This class is open and free for Inns of Aurora guests and is available to the public for a \$15 advance registration or \$20 drop-in fee at the door. All equipment is provided.

Register: [www.innssofarora.com/activities](http://www.innssofarora.com/activities). Questions, call 364-8050.

### Holiday Décor Tours

December 10, 12, 17, 19, 26 & 31  
4:00 p.m.

Join a member of the Inns of Aurora design team for a guided tour of our inns, fully decorated in holiday splendor. Tours depart from The Schoolhouse at 4 p.m. Holiday tours are free for Inns of Aurora guests and \$15.00 to the public. Wear comfortable shoes and warm clothing. RSVP is greatly appreciated via 315-364-8050 or register at [www.innssofarora.com/activities](http://www.innssofarora.com/activities).

### Candlelight Silent Night Yoga

December 12, 15 at 5:30 p.m.

December 14, 19, 27 at 4:30 p.m.

Accompanied by instrumental music evocative of the holidays, this quiet class will make for the perfect relaxing setting far away from the fray of the season. Join Laura Coburn, E-RYT 200, AYS, for a yoga experience designed to help you release tension and stress, promote healing in your body, and help quiet your mind. This class is open and free for Inns of Aurora guests and is available to the public for a \$15 advance registration or \$20 drop-in fee at the door. All equipment is provided. To register: [www.innssofarora.com/activities](http://www.innssofarora.com/activities). Questions, call 364-8050.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

## **Southern Cayuga Book Club**

**Wednesday, December 4**

**7:15 p.m.**

**Aurora Free Library**

The Southern Cayuga Book Club will meet and hear a holiday story, have a cookie exchange, and plan book selections for next year. New members always welcome.

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## **Christmas in Aurora**

**Saturday, December 7**

**10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.**

**Main Street, Aurora**

Featuring pop-up shopping, sale events, and live entertainment throughout the Village!  
Beginning at 10 a.m. with Village Tree Lighting at 5 p.m.

Aurora Brewing Company

Aurora Preschool – Photo Booth & Kids Crafts

Aurora Volunteer Fire Department – Pizza (4:00-8:00 p.m.)

Aurora Free Library – Make a Gingerbread House and House Tours (and Santa after the tree lighting)!

Aurora Historical Society – Local Artisans

Aurora Masonic Center – Silent Auction

Book Arts Center – Wells College

Copperesque

MacKenzie-Childs

Morgan Opera House – Crane Irish Dancers (5:30 p.m.)

The Schoolhouse – Vendors & Kids Crafts

Jane Morgan's Little House

Robert LoMascolo's Print Shop & Bindery

Trader Rose Vintage

United Ministry – Bake Sale & Local Vendors

Vintage Lighting

And So Much More!





# **Make a Gingerbread House at the Aurora Free Library**

**Saturday, December 7th  
10 am - noon**

We provide the gingerbread house, icing and candy for decoration.

Please register early. Space is limited.

Suggested donation \$10

To register call 315-364-8074, email [aurorali@rochester.rr.com](mailto:aurorali@rochester.rr.com), or sign up at the library.



## Homespun Garland & Paper Tree Making

Saturday, December 7

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The Schoolhouse – 371 Main Street, Aurora

Join artist Susan Marteney for a paper tree making and homespun garland making workshop. This class is open and free for guests of the Inns of Aurora and is available to the public for a \$15 drop-in fee. All materials are provided.

To register [www.innsoufaurora.com/activities](http://www.innsoufaurora.com/activities). Questions call 364-8050.

# *Christmas In Aurora* *Holiday House Walk 2019*

## *A Walk Down Main Street*

Saturday, December 7, 1 pm – 4 pm

Guide and tickets available at the  
Aurora Free Library, 370 Main St.  
and at each house

\$10/person; Children under 12 free  
Refreshments at the Masonic Lodge  
325 Main St

Inns of Aurora's Zabriskie House



Bellinzoni Home



Eldred Log Cabin



Orman Home



A Benefit for the Aurora Free Library

For information call

Aurora Free Library (315) 364-8074 or Marie Dentes (847) 946-5923





## Mindfulness Workshop with Sarah Markowitz

**Monday, December 9**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Aurora Free Library**

Mindfulness is an ancient practice. Recently, it has received increased attention from researchers, healthcare providers, and wellness experts. Mindfulness has been integrated into psychotherapy, medicine, and a variety of wellness approaches. This workshop will define mindfulness, discuss its application, and provide an opportunity for firsthand experience with this approach.

Sarah Markowitz, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Psychology at Wells College, and a licensed clinical psychologist in private practice in Ithaca. She will draw on her specialized training in the field of behavioral medicine, and experience as a semi-regular practitioner of mindfulness herself.

Come to learn, enjoy, observe, or just be.

Part of the Aurora Free Library and the Wells College chapter of Phi Beta Kappa's Scholars for Life program series.

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## Barrel Room Music Featuring Tru Bleu

**Friday, December 13**

**6:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Treleaven Wines**

Join us in the Barrel Room as [Tru Bleu](#) takes the stage with their soul and blues music. Small bites and dinner available for purchase from Simply Cookie. Grab a glass of wine, pint of beer, and get cozy! Tickets are free!

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## Holiday Evergreen Wreath Workshop

**Saturday, December 14**

**3:00-4:30 p.m.**

**The Barrel Room, Treleaven Wines**

Come add some fun holiday swag to our beautiful evergreen wreath – it's just waiting for you to put your creative stamp on it! [Wine and Blooms](#) will be joining us in our cozy Barrel Room for some crafty, fragrant fun! Show us your Holiday Spirit by decorating your very own fresh evergreen wreath with shiny, winter-inspired additions. Decorate your front door for the Holidays in awesome DIY style!



What's Included: 12" Evergreen Wreath Base, Specialty Greens, Decor Stems, Ornaments, Ribbon, Pine cones/Acorns, Gloves/Aprons

Tickets are \$36 + tax per person. [Buy tickets here.](#)

## Christmas at the King Ferry Corner Store

Sunday, December 15  
1:00-3:00 p.m.

The King Ferry Corner Store would like to invite the community to celebrate the Christmas season. Santa will be here to visit with the children and horse drawn wagon rides will be available.



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## Movie Night, *Abominable*

Saturday, December 21  
7:00 p.m.  
Morgan Opera House

Free admission!





# Midnight Masquerade New Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, December 31

6:00 p.m.

Treleaven Wines

Ring in 2020 with us at our Midnight Masquerade New Year's Eve Party! Cocktail attire and masks encouraged, but not required. Grab a glass of wine, champagne, or pint of beer and get ready to dance the night away with live music by Delta Mike Shaw Band beginning at 9:00 p.m.

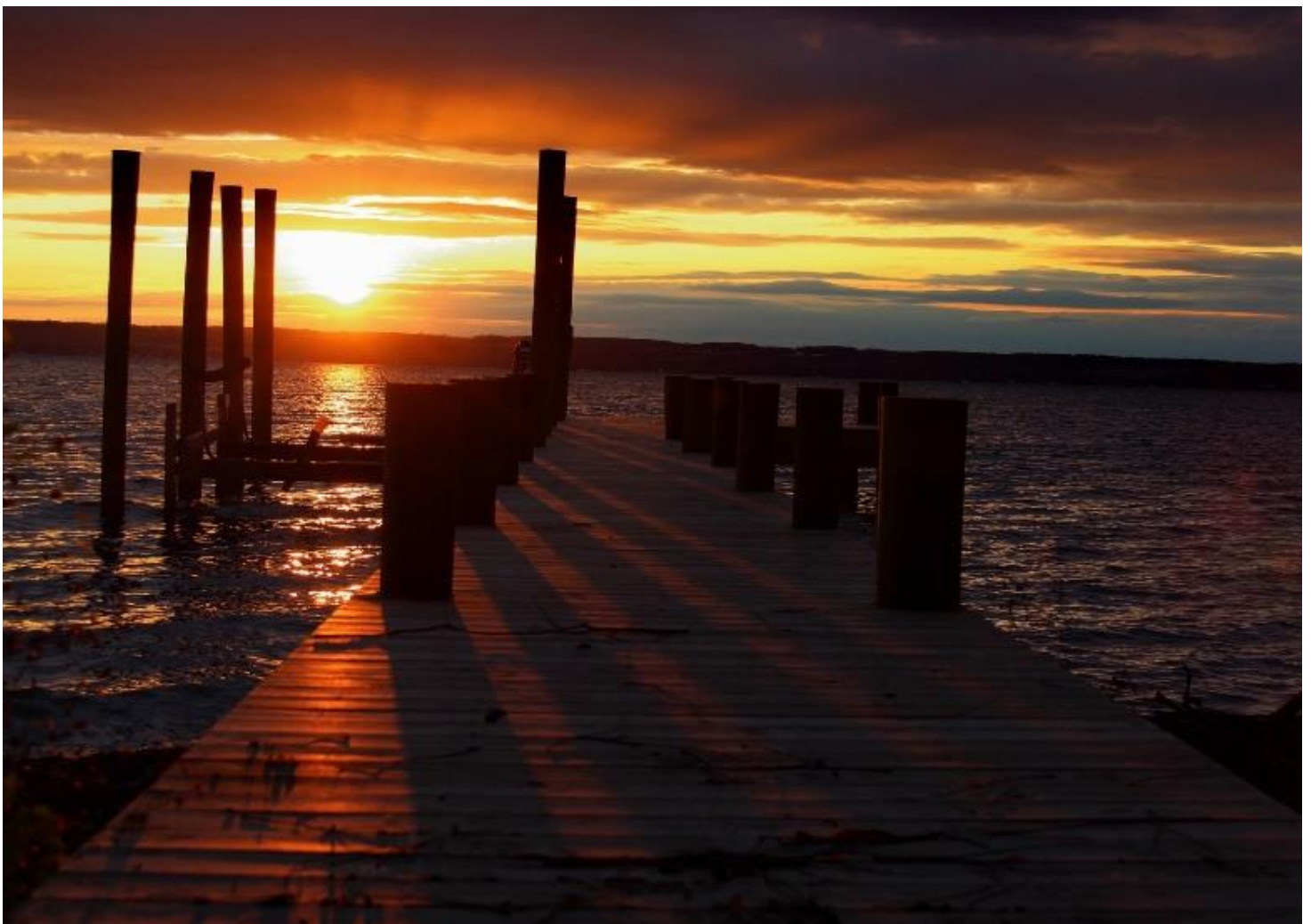
Dinner specials available from 6:00-9:00 p.m. (menu TBD) from [Simply Cookie](#). Late night snacks available from 9:00 p.m.-midnight. For more information call 315-364-5100. Let's raise a glass and celebrate the beginning of another great year!

Admission is \$5. No outside food or alcohol permitted.

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## Sights of Southern Cayuga

Public dock in Aurora  
Submitted by Linda Dugan





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Hazard Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  AHS, 4:30-6 p.m.  Create an Evergreen Door Swag, 6 p.m.	<b>4</b> Aurora Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Southern Cayuga Book Club, 7:15 p.m.	<b>5</b> Candlelight Yoga, 4:30 p.m.	<b>6</b> Bright Leaf Game Night, 5 p.m.  Candlelight Yoga, 5:30 p.m.  Knitting Circle, 6-8 p.m.	<b>7</b> Health Care Navigator, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.  Gingerbread Houses, 10 a.m.  Bake Sale and Music, 11 a.m.  AHS, 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m.  Garland Making, 11 a.m.  Holiday House Walk, 1 p.m.  Tree Lighting and Santa, 5 p.m.
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Mindfulness Workshop, 6:30 p.m.	<b>10</b> Hazard Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Holiday Décor Tour, 4 p.m.  AHS, 4:30-6 p.m.  Make a Kissing Ball, 6 p.m.	<b>11</b> Aurora Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	<b>12</b> Holiday Décor Tour, 4 p.m.  Candlelight Silent Night Yoga, 5:30 p.m.	<b>13</b> Bright Leaf Game Night, 5 p.m.  Knitting Circle, 6-8 p.m.  Barrel Room Music, 6 p.m.	<b>14</b> AHS, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  Holiday Evergreen Wreath Workshop, 3 p.m.  Candlelight Silent Night Yoga, 4:30 p.m.
<b>15</b> Lessons and Carols, 10:30 a.m.  Christmas at the King Ferry Corner Store, 1 p.m.  Candlelight Silent Night Yoga, 5:30 p.m.	<b>16</b> Cookies and Carols, 2 p.m.	<b>17</b> Hazard Storytime, 9:30 a.m.  Holiday Décor Tour, 4 p.m.  AHS, 4:30-6 p.m.  Create a Holiday Arrangement, 6 p.m.	<b>18</b> Aurora Storytime, 9:30 a.m.	<b>19</b> Holiday Décor Tour, 4 p.m.  Candlelight Silent Night Yoga, 4:30 p.m.	<b>20</b> Bright Leaf Game Night, 5 p.m.  Knitting Circle, 6-8 p.m.  Aurora Christmas Pageant, 7:30 p.m.	<b>21</b> AHS, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  Barrel Room Dinner and Acoustic Music, 6 p.m.  <i>Abominable</i> , 7 p.m.
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> AHS, 4:30-6 p.m.  UMA Christmas Eve Service, 8 p.m.	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Holiday Décor Tour, 4 p.m.	<b>27</b> Candlelight Silent Night Yoga, 4:30 p.m.  Bright Leaf Game Night, 5 p.m.  Knitting Circle, 6-8 p.m.	<b>28</b> AHS, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.  Barrel Room Dinner and Acoustic Music, 6 p.m.
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Holiday Décor Tour, 4 p.m.  Midnight Masquerade, 8 p.m.				