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Union Baptist Church, Hayes, will have a special Christmas service, "Come, Let Us Worship the King," on Dec. 20 at 4 p.m.

CANTATA: Gwynn's Island Church of the Nazarene, Hudgins, will have its cantata on Dec. 20 at 6 p.m.

LIVE NATIVITY: Mathews Chapel United Methodist Church, Cobbs Creek, will hold its Live Nativity presentation on Dec. 20 from 6-8 p.m.

CAROLS & HYMNS: Severn Church, Gloucester, will have its Christmas Carols & Hymns service on Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. The service will be followed by a reception of snacks and a hot chocolate bar. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Gwynn's Island Baptist Church will give a Christmas concert on Dec. 20 at 7 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 21

BLUE CHRISTMAS: Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, will hold its Blue Christmas Service on Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. This is a service of hope and remembrance.

BLUE CHRISTMAS: Bellamy United Methodist Church, Gloucester, will have its Blue Christmas service on Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. This is a service for those struggling with grief during the Christmas season.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24

SPECIAL SERVICES: Bellamy United Methodist Church, Gloucester, will have its first Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. The second service will be held at 5 p.m. at the outdoor worship center. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.

SPECIAL SERVICES: Abingdon Episcopal Church, Gloucester, will have its Christmas Eve worship service from 4:30-5:30 p.m. and again from 10:30-11:30 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Central United Methodist Church, Mathews, will hold its Christmas Eve candlelight service with communion on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. Join the church for worship with hymns and carols, scripture and a candle-lighting.

SPECIAL SERVICE: Groves Memorial Presbyterian Church, Hayes, will hold its Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Gwynn's Island Baptist Church will have its Christmas Eve candlelight service on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

SPECIAL SERVICE: Salem Church Mathews, Diggs, will hold its Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 5 p.m.

SPECIAL SERVICE: Petsworth Baptist Church, Gloucester, will hold its Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Living Waters Church, Dutton, will have its Christmas Eve candlelight service on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Mathews Baptist Church, Hudgins, will have its Christmas Eve candlelight service on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Newington Baptist Church, Gloucester, will hold its Christmas Eve candlelight service on Dec. 24 at

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6 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Severn Church, Gloucester, will have its Christmas Eve candlelight service on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, will have its Christmas Eve candlelight worship service on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL SERVICE: Bethany United Methodist Church, Gloucester Point, will have its Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 from 7-8 p.m.

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Bena, will have its Christmas Eve candlelight service on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL SERVICE: Mathews Chapel United Methodist Church, Cobbs Creek, will hold its Christmas Eve service on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

SPECIAL SERVICE: Singleton United Methodist Church, Schley, will hold its Christmas Eve service with holy communion on Dec. 24 at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 27

LESSONS & CAROLS: Apostles Lutheran Church, Gloucester, will hold its Lessons & Carols worship service on Dec. 27 at 10 a.m.

THURSDAY, DEC. 31

NEW YEAR'S SERVICE: The Gloucester Union Relief Association of Missionary Baptist will have a New Year's Eve service at St. Paul Baptist Church, Gloucester, on Dec. 31 at 6 p.m. The Rev. Bradley Holmes will render the message.

NIGHT SERVICE: Living Waters Church, Dutton, will hold a service on Dec. 31 from 8:30 p.m. until midnight. Family fun will be held until 10:30 p.m., followed by a worship service with communion, scripture and prayer until midnight.

ONGOING

SAVORING CHRISTMAS: Gwynn's Island Baptist Church has its holiday booklet, "Savoring Christmas," available now.

SINGLETON ANGELS: Singleton United Methodist Church, Schley, will have its Christmas angels illuminated and on full display from Nov. 29 through Jan. 1 on the church grounds. Angels are placed in memory or in honor of loved ones. There are 128 angels this year.



Kingston Episcopal Parish

Kingston Parish Advent and Christmas Schedule

The Advent Season:

November 29: Advent 1

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

December 5: Advent Quiet Day

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Kingston Chapel

December 6: Advent 2

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church

December 10: Advent and Christmas Concert

7 p.m. at Kingston Chapel

December 13: Advent 3

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Kingston Chapel

December 20: Advent 4 and Hanging of the Greens

9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church

Christmas Schedule:

December 24: Christmas Eve

8:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I at Christ Church

December 25: Christmas Day

10 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II at Christ Church

December 27: First Sunday after Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. Lessons and Carols and

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Christ Church: 340 Williams Wharf Road, Mathews

Kingston Chapel: Parish House, 370 Main Street, Mathews



Chesapeake Chorale

The Chesapeake Chorale will open its 28th season of Christmas concerts, "Peace on Earth," on Dec. 5, at Lancaster Elementary School, 191 School Street, Kilmarnock, at 7 p.m. A second concert will be presented on Dec. 6, at St. Clare Walker Middle School, 6814 General Puller Highway, Locust Hill, at 3 p.m. Tickets for these performances are $10, and can be purchased at Country Cottage in White Stone, at Chesapeake Bank and Pearl Boutique in Kilmarnock, from Chorale members, or at the door. On Dec. 7, the Chorale will provide the music at the annual "Holly and the Ivy" program at Historic Christ Church, beginning at 3:30 p.m. There is no charge for the Christ Church service, but donations for the food bank are welcomed. The Chorale's musical director is Dr. Cheryl Davis, and the accompanist is Beth Conley. The Chorale will be joined onstage for parts of the concerts by a chorus of students from a recently-begun choral program at Lancaster Elementary School, led by Destiny Carter. All funds from concert ticket sales are donated back to area school music programs.

NEIGHBORING EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOV. 28

GIFT MARKET: Deltaville Maritime Museum and Holly Point Nature Park will hold a Holiday Gift Market at the museum on Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Santa will be available for photos. There will be free admission to the museum.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS: The Steamboat Era Museum, Irvington, will hold "Traditional Christmas Crafts" for children on Nov. 28 from 11:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. After a visit with Santa, visit the museum to make traditional ornaments. Hot cider and treats will be available. Holiday shopping will be available in the gift shop.

SUNDAY, NOV. 29

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Cantori Choral Ensemble will present its 2026 Christmas concert, "A Child is Born," in the sanctuary of Williamsburg Presbyterian Church, Williamsburg, on Nov. 29, beginning at 5 p.m.



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The concert will feature several familiar carols, including "Ding, Dong! Merrily on High," "Silent Night," "Away in the Manger" and "The Wexford Carol." Half the program will be sung in a cappella, while the other pieces will receive organ, piano and viola accompaniment. Tickets are on sale and may be reserved for will-call by sending a check to 3341 Derby Lane, Williamsburg, Va. 23185 and made out to Cantori Choral Ensemble. The cost is $20 for adults in advance and $25 at the door. Student tickets are $5 in advance and $10 at the door.

FRIDAY, DEC. 4

TREE LIGHTING: Yorktown will hold its Christmas tree lighting ceremony on Dec. 4. Arrive at Victory Monument at 6:30 p.m. for live holiday music, featuring a performance by The Fifes & Drums of York Town, before heading to Riverwalk Landing for the lighting of a 24-foot Tannebaum. Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

CLAUS FOR CELEBRATION: The Beacon, Topping, will hold "Claus for Celebration" on Dec. 4 from 7-11 p.m. Enjoy live music by Raizin Caine and DJ Beaz. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. The entry fee is a new, unwrapped toy valued at $20 or more, a $20 gift card or $20 cash. All toys and gift cards will be donated to children in need within Middlesex County and the surrounding areas.

SATURDAY, DEC. 5

BEAN TO BAR: The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown will hold its Bean to Bar Chocolate Workshop on Dec. 5 from 9-11 a.m. Join living-history interpreter Robert Brantley for a hands-on workshop about the importance of chocolate in 17th- and 18th-century colonial America. Participants will help roast, shell and grind cocoa beans into chocolate. At the end of the workshop, visitors will be able to take a sample of the handmade chocolate home or eat it on the spot. For people age 13 and older. The cost is $30.

CHRISTMAS MARKET: Christmas Market on Main will be held along Yorktown Main Street on Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Fifes & Drums of York Town will perform on Saturday to open the market.

BOAT PARADE: The Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade will be held on Dec. 5 from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Yorktown Waterfront. There will be caroling, live music from The Second Ending Brass Band and The Fifes & Drums of York Town and complimentary hot cider courtesy of the Boy Scouts of America. The boats will launch at 7 o'clock.

SUNDAY, DEC. 6

CHRISTMAS ON THE TOWN: The West Point Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Christmas on the Town event on Dec. 6 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. along Main Street.

COOKIES WITH SANTA: The Gallery at York Hall, Yorktown Main Street, will hold its Cookies with Santa event on Dec. 6 from 1-4 p.m. Children can share their wish lists, enjoy tasty treats and pose for photos with Santa.

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE: Handel's Messiah will be performed by The Governor's School for the Arts at Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, on Dec. 6 from 4-5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9

FOLK JAM: The Watermen's Museum, Yorktown, will hold a Folk Jam on Dec. 9 from 6-8 p.m. Join local musicians and amateurs for an evening of folk music. Free and open to the public.

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FRIDAY, DEC. 11

NIGHT MARKET: "An Enchanting Evening," nighttime market will be held on Dec. 11 along Yorktown Main Street from 5-8 p.m. Immerse yourself in the magic of the season amid the twinkling lights, festive music and nostalgic aromas of roasting chestnuts and hot cider. Shop for Christmas gifts.

SANTA RUN: The West Point Volunteer Fire Department will hold its Santa Run on Dec. 11, beginning at 6 p.m. Follow Santa's route by viewing the department's Facebook page.

SATURDAY, DEC. 12

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Breakfast with Santa will be held at Riverwalk Restaurant, Yorktown, on Dec. 12 from 8:30-10 a.m. Centerstage Academy will perform and Santa will read "The Night Before Christmas." The cost is $25 per person.

MISTLETOE MARKET: Yorktown will hold its Mistletoe Market on Dec. 12 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. along Riverwalk Landing. The annual Toyland Parade will begin at 1:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: Grove Christian Outreach Center and RPEO, a local nonprofit serving youth across Greater Williamsburg, are hosting a Community Christmas Festival on Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at Lafayette High School.

WINTER TRADITIONS: The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown will hold "Family Day: Winter Traditions" on Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Families can explore winter holidays and traditions during the colonial period through crafts, activities and musical performances. The cost is the price of admission.

TUESDAY, DEC. 15

OPEN HOUSE: King and Queen Courthouse Tavern Museum will hold its Holiday Open House on Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. There will be children's activities, gingerbread cookie decorating, a visit from Santa and the Fossil Man, food, shopping and exhibits. Featured this year is the Bruington Historic District exhibit and a reprint of Latane Trice's "Horse Tales." This event is free and open to the public. Stick around for the King and Queen tree-lighting at 5 o'clock

SUNDAY, DEC. 13

CONCERT: Courthouse Community Orchestra will hold a free holiday concert at Colonial Harbor Gracious Retirement Living, Yorktown, on Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

CHRISTMASTIDE: The American Revolution Museum at Yorktown will hold its "Christmastide in Virginia" program on Dec. 19 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Glimpse 17th- and 18th-century holiday traditions through festive interpretive programs, fancy cooking, caroling and musical entertainment. The cost is the price of admission.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA: Join the members of Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, to honor military veterans on Dec. 19 from noon until 1 p.m. There will be an opening ceremony to pay tribute to veterans from each military branch by laying special wreaths in their honor. Afterwards, all participants are invited to place wreaths on the graves of the 114 known veterans buried in the hallowed cemetery.

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AMERICA: The Yorktown Battlefield Visitors Center will hold a Wreaths Across America program at the Yorktown National Cemetery on Dec. 19 at noon to commemorate the country's fallen heroes.

THURSDAY, DEC. 24

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Grace Episcopal Church, Yorktown, will hold its Christmas Pageant on Dec. 24 from 4-5 p.m. The nativity story will be reenacted.

ONGOING

DEAR SANTA: Dear Neighbor, Irvington, will be opening its Christmas shop, Dear Santa, on Nov. 27. The shop is located in the barn next door to Dear Neighbor. Shop ornaments, stockings, candles, vintage holiday finds and gifts. Dear Santa will be open through Christmas. The hours include Wednesdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. until 5

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