

Friendship International



DECEMBER 6, 2024

MEANING OF ADVENT

What is "Advent?" Everywhere you turn, you can find another Advent calendar, something fun for children to open each day in December leading up to Christmas on December 25th. These are often filled with small toys, candy, chocolate, or even money.

In the Christian church, the season of Advent is the four Sundays leading up to Christmas Day.

Advent literally means "coming" or "arrival" and it's a period of time in which Christians look forward to the coming of Jesus Christ on Earth. His birth is the very reason we celebrate Christmas.

In my kids Advent calendar, in addition to candy each day, we include a verse from the Bible that tells about the birth of Jesus that they take turns reading out loud.

Also sometimes they get a small note that tells them to do something - "Help Mommy with the dishes" or "Tell everyone about a favorite memory from this past year."

These small actions help them develop an understanding, a purpose, and a sense of awe about anticipating Christ's birth.

Of course kids are going to be excited about things like presents! Aren't we all? But for those of us who know Jesus, we also use the Advent season to reflect and meditate on what He has done for us and to look forward with excitement to the celebration of His birth.



UPCOMING DATES

December 6	Christmas Decorations
December 13	Christmas Program with Sarah Thomas Baldwin
December 20	Extended Class/ Last FI of the semester
December 25	Christmas Day
January 17	First Friendship Meeting of the Spring Semester

WILMORE OLD-FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

Saturday, December 7th

FREE EVENT

Christmas fun for the family! Stroll the streets of Wilmore (south of Lexington) with open houses, art fair, train rides, official tree lighting, musical concerts located throughout town, downtown shopping, food, singing, vendors.

[Click here for the full schedule of events for the day \(as seen to the right\).](#)

WILMORE'S OLD-FASHIONED MUSICAL Christmas

Saturday, December 7, 2024

8:30-10:30am LION'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Wilmore Municipal Center, \$5 per person & \$1 for preschool age.

8:30am-3pm HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR
Wilmore Municipal Center, 210 S. Lexington Ave.
55 unique vendors with a variety of items for sale!

8:40am-3pm MODEL TRAIN DISPLAY by Robin Grider
Enjoy the model train display at the Wilmore Municipal Center.

9am-3pm URBAN VILLAGE'S CHRISTMAS MARKET
Hosted by Wilmore Presbyterian Church, 100 N. Lexington Ave.

10am-3pm MAIN STREET MARKET
Shop local & enjoy our wonderful downtown! -
Local businesses will be open and have holiday sales.

11am-3pm MINI TRAIN RIDES
Enjoy a free train ride leaving from Wilmore Municipal Center.

1-3pm ASBURY EQUINE CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE
744 Shanty Hill Rd. Free and open to the public.

3-4pm WESLEY VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Featuring The Metrogones. Free & open to the public.

5:30pm TREE LIGHTING
Enjoy the annual lighting of our Christmas tree beside Med-Save.
Featuring the Salvation Army Brass Band & a special guest!

5:45-7:45pm MAIN STREET STROLL
Businesses, churches & organizations open along Main St. featuring local musicians & light refreshments. Full menus at local restaurants. Thank you to our merchants!

8:00pm GRAND FINALE
Celebrate by singing all your favorite Christmas carols with the All-Town Choir.
Hosted by WUMC & GCF in the sanctuary - 209 E. Main St.



CHRISTMAS BRASS

DECEMBER 8TH 4:00 PM
SALVATION ARMY CHAPEL
736 W MAIN ST

THE LEXINGTON BRASS BAND

FREE ADMISSION
\$10 SUGGESTED DONATION
LEXINGTONBRASSBAND.ORG

CHRISTMAS BRASS CONCERT

Sunday, December 08, 2024 4:00 - 5:30PM

Salvation Army Chapel

736 W Main St

Lexington, KY

FREE admission, \$10 suggested donation

The Lexington Brass Band, a traditional British style ensemble, presents a program of holiday favorites including music by Leroy Anderson, Stephen Bulla, Vince Guaraldi, and much more. Come and enjoy old and new favorites!

[Click here for more information](#)



EASY CHRISTMAS TREAT - KIDS CAN HELP!



HOMEMADE CINNAMON ORNAMENT CRAFT