

# Friendship International



NOVEMBER 22, 2024

## THANKSGIVING PARADES

Thanksgiving Day parades have become a fun tradition in America, with large parades happening in big cities like Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, New Orleans, and more.

But by far the biggest and most popular is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. The very first Macy's parade was in 1924, which means it has been going on for 100 years now! The parade was postponed for a few years during World War II and didn't run from 1942-1944.

The first parade was dreamed up by Macy's employees as a festive way to celebrate the holiday season and draw more people to shop in their store. The first parade route ran from Harlem to the Macy's store at 34th Street and Broadway. The well-known route today runs for 2.5 miles from Central Park West to Macy's Herald Square.

It was televised for the first time in 1939 which is what helped make this parade so popular. Now, every year on Thanksgiving morning, families across the U.S. turn on their TVs to watch the iconic parade of giant character balloons, musical acts, and marching bands parade through the streets of New York City. In the 2022 parade, our own Bourbon County High School (northeast of Lexington) marching band performed!

It goes on rain or shine, so the people who have gathered to watch along the parade route, plus the performers in the parade, might be enjoying a beautiful late November morning, or they might be trying not to look miserable as they are freezing cold and wet!

Tune in this Thanksgiving, November 28th, as early as 8:30 AM (it will be on TV until Noon!) to check out this historic and well-loved American parade for yourself. [Click here for the official website.](#)



## UPCOMING DATES

November 22	Thanksgiving Meal
November 28	Thanksgiving Day
November 29	No Friendship International
December 6	Christmas Decorations
December 13	Christmas Program with Sarah Thomas Baldwin
December 20	Extended Class/ Last FI of the semester

# INTERNATIONAL THANKSGIVING DINNER AT ASHLAND

**Saturday, November 23rd at 6PM**

**FREE EVENT**



This weekend our host church, Ashland, is holding their annual International Thanksgiving Dinner! All internationals, along with their families, are invited. It's a traditional American Thanksgiving meal, with halal and vegetarian plates also available.

**[Click here to register to attend \(free\)](#)**



**Like to run or walk?** Races on or around Thanksgiving Day are a popular way to get your exercise before the big holiday meals. Click the link below to see what races will be available around the Lexington area during the week of Thanksgiving (these races do have entry fees).

**[Click here for Running Races Info](#)**



## SONGS OF THE SEASON AT ASBURY UNIVERSITY

**Friday, December 6th**  
**Free concert begins at**  
**7:30PM (recommended you**  
**arrive 1 hour to 30 minutes**  
**early to get seats)**

**Asbury University**  
**1 Macklem Drive, Wilmore**  
**In Hughes Auditorium**

You are invited to Asbury University in Wilmore for a special Songs of the Season performance. Presented by Asbury's English and Music departments, Songs of the Season is a free concert and gift to the local community. If you can't attend in person, you can watch on livestream as well.

*Wilmore is a small town south of Lexington, about 20-25 minutes if you are traveling from Ashland Avenue Baptist Church.*

**[Click here for the livestream event](#)**



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