



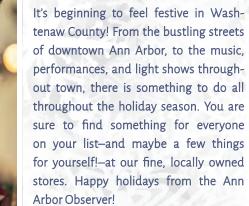
Holiday Guide

Find peace, joy, and comfort during the holiday season!















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Abracadabra

Family-owned **Abracadabra Jewelry and Gem Gallery** has been an Ann Arbor source for beautiful and unique pieces since 1974. Explore the curated collections from local artists, national designers, and fair-trade jewelry from around the world and find a piece that speaks to you this holiday. Ethical gemstones and diamonds are offered, as well as recycled metals in all price points for every shopper. Abracadabra offers onsite jewelry repair, vintage restoration, and custom design.

205 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor (734) 994-4848 • abragem.com

Ann Arbor Baptist Church

Get in the Christmas spirit and experience the holiday lights with **Ann Arbor Baptist Church**! All are welcome to drive through their 40,000+ light show featuring lit trees, a drive-through tunnel, and a decorated building. Enjoy a free Christmas cookie, hot chocolate, or chocolate milk on your way to a mini holiday movie showing on their 16-foot screen. This is a completely free event! For more information, visit aabaptist.church.

Event dates: Dec. 8, 9, 10, and 11: 6 p.m.-8 p.m. 2150 S. Wagner Rd., Ann Arbor (734) 995-5144 • aabaptist.church

Ann Arbor Youth Chorale

Celebrate the sounds of the season with **Ann Arbor Youth Chorale**! A cultural presence in Ann Arbor since 1987, this premier children's chorus has provided excellent and affordable choral training to a diverse group of talented children in a safe and inclusive environment. Two holiday events are offered this year: Winter Concert on December 4 at First Presbyterian Church, and Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra's Holiday Pops on December 9 at Hill Auditorium.

1100 N. Main St., ste. 111, Ann Arbor (734) 996-4404 • annarboryouthchorale.org







Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra

Enjoy festive hits, choral arrangements, and classic tunes with the **Ann Arbor** Symphony Orchestra this holiday season. Their annual Holiday Pops concert extravaganza returns on December 9 at Hill Auditorium, featuring special guests Measure for Measure, the Ann Arbor Youth Chorale, voices from the Huron and Pioneer HS Choirs, and conductor Jayce Ogren. This family-friendly concert promises to delight listeners young and old. Tickets can be purchased at a2so. com/holiday-pops-2022.

35 Research Dr., ste. 100, Ann Arbor, (734) 994-4801 • a2so.com

Arbor Teas

Arbor Teas is a family-owned organic tea company based in Ann Arbor, Michigan, since 2004. Their daily mission is to find the world's most fantastic organic teas and herbs and deliver them to their customers as sustainably as possible. In addition to a carefully curated catalog of over 100 organic teas, they offer teapots, infusers, Michigan-made Matcha bowls and mugs (by Autumn Aslakson, Swallowtail Pottery, and Grayling Ceramics), as well as gift sets, tea samplers, and kombucha homebrew kits. Arbor Teas offers free delivery in the city of Ann Arbor every Friday, and free pickup at their warehouse on north Main St.! They also ship throughout the U.S.

1342 N. Main St., Ann Arbor (734) 994-7698 • arborteas.com

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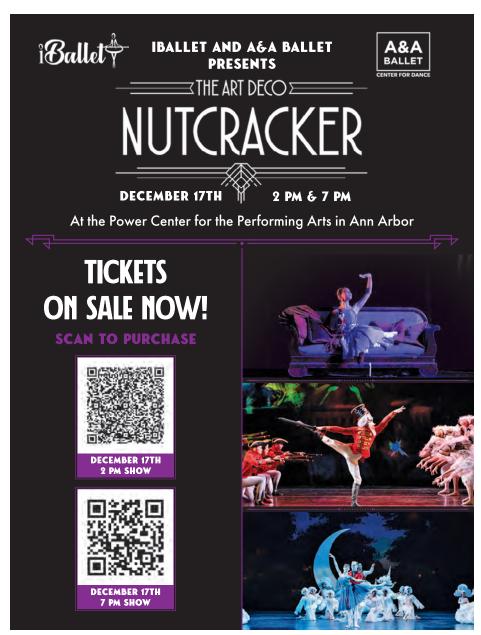


When you **name an animal** at the Humane Society of Huron Valley, you're not only honoring a special someone, you're making a major difference in the life of a needy animal.

For more gift ideas that pay it forward, see hshv.org/holiday



3100 Cherry Hill Rd, Ann Arbor P: **734.662.5585**



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Catch Us While You Can! Makeshift Gallery & Holiday Gift Market

From Dec. 1–30, an eclectic group of Ann Arbor area artists once again has put together a makeshift gallery and holiday gift market, this year at 407 E. Liberty St. "Catch Us While You Can!" features colorful collages by Chenille Sister, Cheryl Dawdy, whose work has been shown in over 30 galleries, nationwide. Over 20 other local artists (among them, painter, John Copley; ceramist: Margo West; photographers: John Lloyd and Jack Kenny; and sculptor, Steve Olszewski) will display a wide range of clay, sculpture, jewelry, wood, glass, fiber, painting, photography, greeting cards, and locally-authored books. Most painters and photographers will also have high quality prints of their work for sale. For more info go to: cheryldawdy.com.

407 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor • Dec. 1-30 Open 11 a.m.-7 p.m., every day except Christmas

Chris Nordin Studios

Venture one block from the Kerrytown Market District to a world of fine art at the **Chris Nordin Studios Gallery** at 117 E. Ann St. and (The Washington Street Gallery) WSG at 111 E. Ann. The Chris Nordin Gallery features fine art created by Chris, along with local and national artists. Specializing in glass, metal, and wood, Nordin's gallery offers 3D & 2D artwork for the wall and pedestal, along with paintings and unique individual works of art.

117 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor (313) 683–3363 • chrisnordinstudios.com/gallery

Cinnaholic Ann Arbor

Cinnaholic is delighted to serve the best gourmet cinnamon rolls in Ann Arbor! The locally owned bakery offers "create your own" cinnamon rolls and other sweet treats like brownies, pumpkin bread, and edible cookie dough. All of their products are 100 percent vegan and made fresh daily, in house, from scratch. Their cinnamon rolls are delicious, decadent, and possibly downright dangerous! Gift cards make a sweet and easy stocking stuffer and their cinnamon roll "wreath" cakes are great for all your holiday gatherings and corporate events.

121 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor (734) 707–1955 • cinnaholicannarbor.com





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The Encore Musical Theatre Company

The Encore Theatre continues to bring Broadway to Dexter this holiday season! Fun for the whole family, A Christmas Story: The Musical runs through December 18th. Ring in the New Year with Broadway stars at New Year's Eve at The Encore, which is sure to be the party of the year. In January, rock out to your favorite classics with A Tribute to Classic Rock. There's something for everyone at the Encore! Tickets and more offerings available at theencoretheatre.org. Gift certificates are available by calling or visiting the box office.

7714 Ann Arbor St., Dexter (734) 268-6200 • theencoretheatre.org

First United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor

No matter where you are on your faith journey, or how you worship, First **United Methodist Church of Ann Arbor** welcomes you to celebrate Christmas with them. There are many ways to celebrate on Christmas Eve: outdoors at Green Wood at 4 p.m. or indoors at 5 p.m., outdoors downtown at 5 p.m. or indoors at 7:30 p.m., or livestreamed on YouTube at FUMCannarbor.

Green Wood: 1001 Green Rd., Ann Arbor Downtown: 120 S. State St., Ann Arbor

fumc-a2.org

Found

Found is a creatively curated shop in Ann Arbor's historic Kerrytown neighborhood featuring local artists, plus a collection of jewelry, gifts, cards, and home décor, with a focus on simple lines, natural elements, texture, and pops of color. Mark your calendar for FESTIVE FRIDAYS at Found:

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Dec. 2: Midnight Madness. Storewide 20% off + merry multiples. 10 a.m. 'til midnight!

Dec. 9: Giving Friday. 10% of sales go to HouseN2Home.

Dec. 16: Fancy Friday. Dress fancy & get fancy good deals.

Dec. 23: Last minute festive shopping at Found.

Dec. 31: Happy New Year! Closing early to celebrate.

Located in Kerrytown Market & Shops: 415 N. 5th Ave., Ann Arbor (734) 302-3060 • foundgallery.com



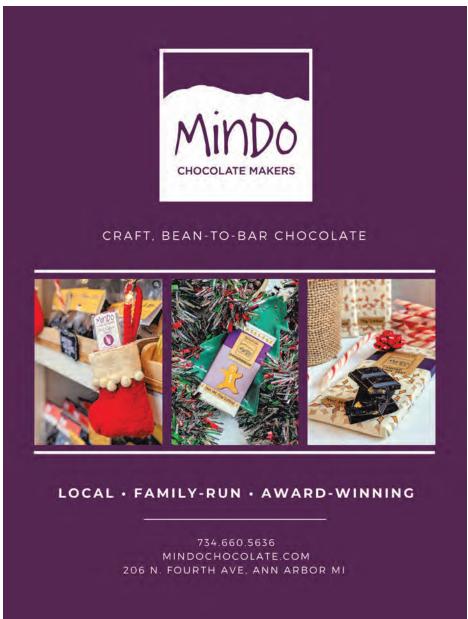


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"Twas The Night Before..." By Cirque du Soleil

"Twas the Night Before..." by Cirque du Soleil is an exhilarating spin on the beloved Christmas classic as only Cirque du Soleil could imagine. Join Isabella, a curious girl, jaded by the craze surrounding Christmas, as she is whisked away to an upside-down, inside-out world of the poem where she meets colorful characters of this timeless classic. Cirque du Soleil's first-ever Christmas show, 'Twas the Night Before... is a flurry of love, Christmas cheer, rip-roaring fun and hugely lovable characters that will become a new tradition for families to cherish. Tickets on sale now at 313presents.com!

Fox Theatre - December 15-26 (18 performances!)
On sale now at 313presents.com and ticketmaster.com
313presents.com/events/detail/twas-the-night-before-by-cirque-du-soleil

Fred Astaire Dance Studio of Ann Arbor

Ballroom dancing is a perfect combination of physical activity, social interaction, mental stimulation, and it can bring so much joy to your life! An atmosphere of kindness, warmth, and fun awaits you at **Fred Astaire Dance Studio**. Learn to dance in a non-judgmental and truly joyful environment by instructors who are passionate about the transforming power of dance.

337 N. Maple Rd., Ann Arbor (734) 622-0373 • fredastaire.com

Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library

Visit the **Friends Book Shop** downtown and shop for quality gifts this season! The Friends Book Shop is a nonprofit bookstore located in the downtown branch of the Ann Arbor District Library. The bookshop is stocked with a broad selection of books, DVDs, CDs, board games, puzzles, and greeting cards, all at a very affordable price. The money raised by the shop is donated to the library, and used towards programming, including the Summer Game prizes, and library visits for second graders. Friends bookshelves are located at all Ann Arbor branches, and online at faadl.org.

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Galens Medical Society

Students at Galens Medical Society are excited to announce the return of the 96th Annual Tag Days on December 1–3! A beloved Ann Arbor tradition, Tag Days play a central role in Galens Medical Society's mission to support the local community. Thanks to generous donors, they raise tens of thousands of dollars each year, with 100% of proceeds going directly to local charities that provide medical care, educational resources, and special needs assistance to children in Washtenaw County. Last year they were able to raise over \$95,000! Proceeds went towards great causes, such as the Growing Hope Urban Farm in Ypsilanti, Jewish Family Services of Washtenaw County, Camp Kesem at the U-M, and the Michigan Medicine Pediatric Rehabilitation Center. Please consider supporting Tag Days 2022 and help them break last year's record!.

Galens Medical Society 400 N. Ingalls St., Room G-191, Ann Arbor gofundme.com/f/tag-days-2022

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100 Briarwood Circle, Ann Arbor (734) 373-6300, gilbertchocolates.com



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1400 W. Stadium Blvd. Ann Arbor, MI 48103 734-662-4419 www.trinitya2.org





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Giving It All Away: The Story of William W. Cook and His Michigan Law Quadrangle by Margaret A. Leary

If you're searching for a unique gift for Law Quad and local history fans, U-M alum, or Cookies, Giving It All Away: The Story of William W. Cook and His Michigan Law Quadrangle by Margaret A. Leary is sure to please. Leary tells the story of William W. Cook, born in 1858, and a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. After making his fortune, Cook donated one of the finest facilities of any existing law school to U-M, and resources for the law school to engage in groundbreaking legal research. His generosity proved controversial, and eventually very litigious. Leary brings William W. Cook's story to life in this gripping book on sale now for \$25.

Available at: Schuler Books, 2513 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor (734) 662-0600 and Amazon.com

The Guild of Artists & Artisans x Gutman Gallery

The Guild of Artists & Artisans presents the third annual Holiday Artist Market in **Gutman Gallery**. The market runs November 25–December 22, and highlights a wide variety of artist-made giftable works from 60+ artists. The gallery offers free gift wrapping on all purchases on Fridays, artist trunk shows on Fridays and Saturdays, private shopping parties, Holiday Art Making Workshops led by artists, and other special events and promotions throughout the holiday season! Shop in-store Tuesday-Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., or online 24/7 at shopgutmangallery.com. Extended Black Friday and Midnight Madness hours. Follow along on IG and FB @GutmanGallery for Holiday Artist Market updates and information!

Gutman Gallery: 118 N. 4th Ave., Ann Arbor shopgutmangallery.com





This time last year, a young person spent their holidays living out of their car. Tonight, they are one of 50 young people housed through Ozone House. We will support a thousand more young people this year through our programs and help them move forward with safety, community and a sense of home.

Give today to build a community where all young people are safe, celebrated, supported and loved.







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The doors of **Happy House** first opened in 1975 in the Ann Arbor Westgate Shopping Center, and started with just two aisles of Hallmark cards. Over the years, they have grown to become more than a Hallmark store. Because of the smiles of their team and loyal customers, they have expanded to Battle Creek. Proudly offering unique boutique finds, Vera Bradley, Disney collectibles, and children's puzzles and games, as well as a variety of gifts for the holidays. Shop online at happyhousegifts.com, order curbside, or visit their stores!

Westgate Shopping Center: 2539 Jackson Ave., Ann Arbor (734) 662-9635 • happyhousegifts.com

Humane Society of Huron Valley

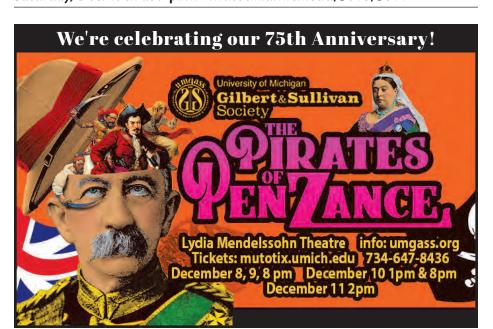
Give warm fuzzies this holiday season! Choose a unique gift from the **Humane Society of Huron Valley** to delight every animal lover on your list. Whether you name an animal, sponsor a kennel, get a personalized paver, sponsor a whole van load of puppies, buy something from their store, get a gift certificate for adoption, or donate in someone's name, you're making a real difference for the homeless, injured, and abused animals right here, in our community. Your tax-deductible gift goes directly to care for the animals; HSHV has received Charity Navigator's topmost rating for fiscal management, accountability, and transparency. See more at HSHV.org/holiday or call to make a gift over the phone: (734) 661–3571.

3100 Cherry Hill Rd., Ann Arbor (734) 662-5585 • HSHV.org

iBallet Studio

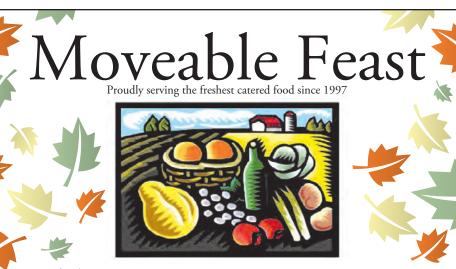
Join **iBallet Studio** and A&A Ballet Center for Dance for a night to remember as they present the timeless holiday classic, *The Art Deco Nutcracker*. Families and children of all ages are welcome to experience this joyful performance on Dec. 17th. Two showtimes this year: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Power Center for the Performing Arts in Ann Arbor.

Ticket prices starts at \$25 and tickets are available: Saturday, Dec. 17th at 2 p.m. • mutotix.umich.edu/3618/3620 Saturday, Dec. 17th at 7 p.m. • mutotix.umich.edu/3618/3621









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920 N. Main St., Ann Arbor (734) 604-5971 • jessicasapothecary.com

The Kitchen Loft

The Kitchen Loft is celebrating their 1-year anniversary in Ann Arbor's Kerrytown Market & Shops! They have gadgets galore, gorgeous linens, fanciful aprons, pans of all kinds, and knives that mean business! Gifts are truly available in every price range, and you will discover so many things you didn't know you needed until you see them. The shop is carefully curated with bright colors and an approachable attitude. Friendly team members will be happy to assist you in finding the perfect gift, solve your gadget dilemma, or just let you browse and take it all in! The Kitchen Loft has been told many times that they're "Small but MIGHTY" and they work hard to have a meaningful selection of useful goods and goodies. Gift cards are also available in any value.

Located in Kerrytown Market & Shops, Second Floor: 407 N. 5th Ave., Ann Arbor (734) 780-7087 • aakitchenloft.com

Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Thrift Sale

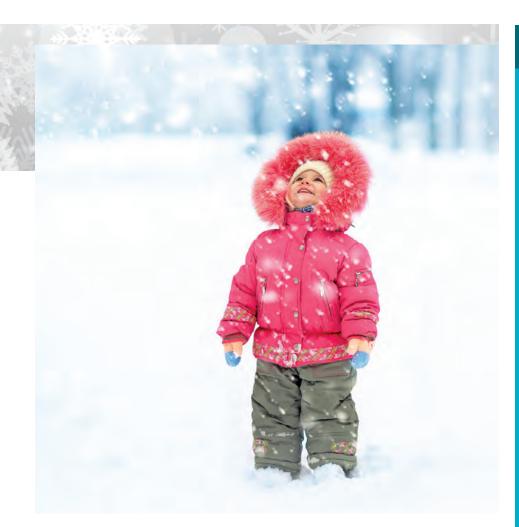
Donate and shop this holiday season at the **Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Thrift Sale!** The annual Holiday Gifts and Decorations Sale takes place every Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. from November 5-December 23. Browse bargains on holiday gifts, Christmas trees, seasonal decorations, household goods, and furniture. The Toy Sale is November 25-December 23, and proceeds go towards helping children in our community.

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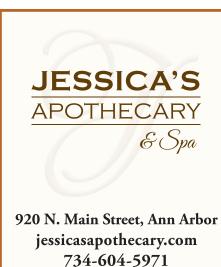
Through the sponsorship of Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor, the Warm the **Children** program provides children with new warm clothing: coats, hats, boots, mittens and other essentials at the start of Michigan's winter season. Each year, school counselors and social workers in Washtenaw County refer children in need of warm clothing to this program. Since its founding in 1995, the program has served thousands of local children, and your generous donation will keep the program running and provide a child with warm clothing. 100% of donations goes directly towards providing clothing. Donate online at a2kiwanis.org/warmthechildren or by mail.

2723 S. State St., Ste. 110, Ann Arbor 48104 (mail in donations accepted at this location) a2kiwanis.org/warmthechildren

Laurel & Jack

Shop Laurel & Jack's new holiday collection, which features clothing, home décor, and more! Laurel & Jack has gifts in all price ranges and for all age groups. Located in downtown Ann Arbor on Main Street, Laurel & Jack is the perfect onestop shop. Shopping with a group? Make a day out of it and book a Sip + Shop, where you and guests will have the store to yourselves and enjoy a 20% discount on all store items.

214 S. Main St., Ste. 101, Ann Arbor (734) 929-5747, laurelandjack.com







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341 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor (734) 769-6700 • maniosteria.com

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206 N. 4th Ave., Ann Arbor (734) 660-5636 • mindochocolate.com







Motawi Tileworks

Deck the halls! Handmade ceramic art tiles from Ann Arbor's **Motawi Tileworks** make lovely home accents and gifts. Holiday-themed décor, Frank Lloyd Wright designs and art pieces for all seasons—the friendly folks at Motawi have you covered. Motawi tiles display in frames, easels or house number sets, and have notches for wall hanging. Stop by the gallery, schedule curbside pickup or shop online at motawi.com. For a curated selection of holiday decorating and gift recommendations, visit bit.ly/motawiholiday.

170 Enterprise Dr., Ann Arbor (734) 213-0017 • motawi.com

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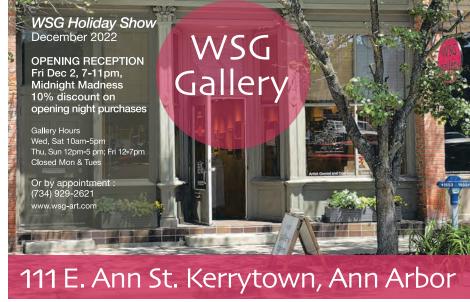
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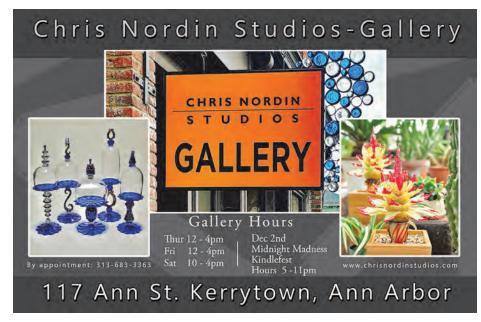


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Ozone House

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1600 N. Huron River Dr., Ypsilanti (734) 662–2265, ozonehouse.org/donate

The Penny Seats Theatre Company

A comedy world premiere at **The Penny Seats Theatre Company**! After disappearing for 10 years, Evan Harris returns to his hometown for a Christmas party. His old friends want to know where he's been, why he left, and if he's still the same man they loved years ago. Between eggnog, snow storms, and power outages, Evan begins to wonder if there really is such a thing as a homecoming. Directed by Amanda Buchalter; starring Michael Alan Herman, Josie Eli Herman, Jonathan Jones, Celah Convis, and Patrice Linman. Performances are Dec. 2, 3, 8, 9, 15, 16 at 8:00 p.m., and Dec. 4, 11, 18 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets/Info: pennyseats.org

2720 White Oak Dr., Ann Arbor (734) 926-5346, pennyseats.org

Randazzo Dance Company

Randazzo Dance Company proudly presents its 53rd annual holiday production *The Nutcracker with a Twist.* The renowned score by Tchaikovsky is set to choreography that showcases the talent of the Company. "Twist" features the full ensemble, and will feature many dancer debuts in new roles, showcasing the vast talent within the Company and providing many opportunities for dancers to shine. The Nutcracker is adapted from E.T.A. Hoffmann's story *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King.* The story follows the wondrous journey of young Clara, who receives a nutcracker as a gift at her family's Christmas Eve party. Later that night, her nutcracker is magically revealed as a handsome prince, who leads her through an enchanted forest and on to the Nutcracker Prince's Kingdom. *The Nutcracker with a Twist* runs December 16–18. Friday night performance at 7:30 p.m. with Saturday and Sunday matinees at 3 p.m..

Lydia Mendelssohn Theatre: 911 N. University Ave., Ann Arbor, (734) 764–2538

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You are invited to celebrate Christmas at **Trinity Lutheran Church**! All are welcome to find a home with Trinity Lutheran Church during the Sundays of Advent (the weeks before Christmas), Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. All services include communion (all are welcome), and the Christmas Eve services include candlelighting.

1400 W. Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor (734) 662-4419 • trinitya2.org Event dates:

Advent Sunday services: 10:00 a.m

Christmas Eve services: 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day: 10:00 a.m.

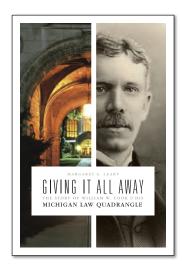
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Westminster Presbyterian Church

Westminster Presbyterian Church seeks to show the love of Jesus Christ by welcoming everyone, without exception, into the full life of the church. Westminster has several upcoming events available for all age groups: Caroling and Cocoa on Wednesday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Westminster parking lot, Choir Cantata on Dec. 18 at 11 a.m., and Christmas Eve worship Dec. 24 at 7 p.m., and Christmas Day Worship Dec. 25 at 10 a.m.

1500 Scio Church Rd., Ann Arbor (734) 761–9320 • westpresa2.org





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Winter Art Tour, December 9-11

Ann Arbor's unique environment and culture have spawned a thriving artistic community. Get a first-hand look at where and how local makers live and work while visiting them during the Winter Art Tour the second weekend of December. There are eleven venues showcasing the work of over fifty professional artists working in fibers, clay, metals, book arts, paper, prints, painting, drawing, sculpture, glass, and photography. In addition to presenting a diverse array of the best handcrafted art our area has to offer, their goals are to improve the visibility and viability of local artists and to create a more vibrant arts community for everyone. Find meaningful items for holiday gift giving and support living artists. Plan your itinerary, wear a mask, and take the tour! Go to winterarttour.com for individual artist's websites and social media links, days, times, and interactive maps of individual venues, and contact information.

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WSG Gallery

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