



DECEMBER 1ST - 3RD, 2023 DICKENS OF A CHRISTMAS

Hosted by the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership



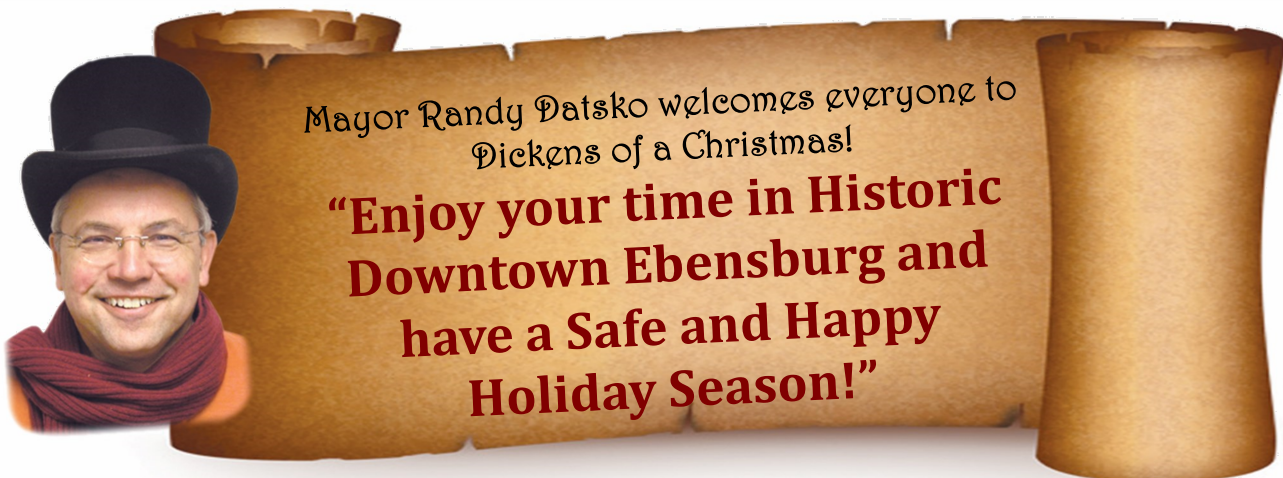
EVENT GUIDE



Historic Ebensburg's Dickens of a Christmas is a family-oriented Christmas celebration presented in a 19th Century setting, based on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. Ebensburg is transformed into Victorian England where vendors, entertainers and other participants are clad in period costumes. Let us be your host on this journey back in time to experience an old-fashioned Christmas.

Come enjoy vendors hawking Christmas wares, great holiday food and drink, antique and craft shopping, a Christmas Parade, photos with Santa, a visit with Santa's Reindeer, a Santa Pub Crawl, Christmas Tree Toss, Sleigh rides, DIY Crafting workshops, and DIY, Christmas music programs, Live Nativity & Lights Festival, a Victorian Teas and much more!

This is truly a joyous way to bring in the holiday season, of which Mr. Dickens would surely approve!



2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, December 1st

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Gingerbread House Contest Display	Cambria County Historical Society
10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Ladies Day Specials & Prizes	Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique
10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Hot Cider, Coffee, Cookies & Pastries	High Street Emporium, 205 W. High St.
4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.	Stuff the Bus (with diapers)	Tractor Supply Parking Lot
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	Paint N' Take Ceramics	The Porch Peddler, 927 W. High Street
6:00 p.m.	Ebensburg Light-Up Night	Kimball Park
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Fresh Wreath Making Workshop	Follow Your Art, 757 W. High Street
7, 7:30, 8, & 8:30 p.m.	Journey to Bethlehem (4 performances)	Saint Francis University, Loretto
8:45 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.	Indoor Public Ice Skating	North Central Recreation Center
Evening	Winter Wonderland Light Display	Historic Downtown Ebensburg

Saturday, December 2nd

All Day	Cinnamon Roasted Nuts & Kettle Corn	Penn Eben Park - Yinz R' Nutz
8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Breakfast With Santa	Young Peoples Community Center
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Indoor Craft Fair	Holy Name Church Hall
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Indoor Craft Fairs	Dauntless Fire Hall & Ebg VFW
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Model Train Display	First United Church of Christ
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Craft & Vendor Fair & Basket Raffle	First United Church of Christ
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Dept. 56 Dickens Village Display	Ebensburg Borough Comm. Rm.
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Rotary Club Booth - Free Hot Cocoa	Penn Eben Park
10:00 a.m.	Fresh Wreath Making Workshop	Follow Your Art, 757 W. High Street
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10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Hot Cider, Coffee, Cookies & Pastries	High Street Emporium, 205 W. High St.
11:00 a.m.	Dickens of a Fat Bike Day	Pour on Center, 102 S. Center St.
11:00 a.m.	Christmas Parade	Historic Downtown Ebensburg
After parade	Children's Treats & Free Santa Photos	Penn Eben Park
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Visit with Santa's Reindeer	Penn Eben Parking Lot
11:30 a.m.	CLP Christmas Tree & Wreath Toss	Penn Eben Park
Noon	Fresh Wreath Making Workshop	Follow Your Art, 757 W. High Street
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Kids Cookie Decorating	The Porch Peddler, 927 W. High Street
Noon - 2:00 p.m.	Mrs. Buck's Christmas Tea	Cambria County Historical Society
Noon - 3:00 p.m.	Live Nativity & Lights Festival	Ebensburg United Methodist Church
Noon - 4:00 p.m.	Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides	Historic Downtown Ebensburg
1:30 p.m.	CLP Santa Pub Crawl & After Party	Starts at Penn Eben Park
2:00 p.m.	Musical Performance	First United Church of Christ
2:00 p.m.	Fresh Wreath Making Workshop	Follow Your Art, 757 W. High Street
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Gingerbread House Contest Display	Cambria County Historical Society
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	JSO Community Strings	Cambria County Courthouse
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	DIY Holiday Serving Tray	The Porch Peddler, 927 W. High Street
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Family Public Skate	North Central Recreation Center
6:45 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.	Indoor Public Ice Skating	North Central Recreation Center
All Evening	Winter Wonderland Light Display	Historic Downtown Ebensburg

Sunday, December 3rd

1:00 p.m.	Live Music by Serendipity	Ebensburg Cambria Public Library
1:00 p.m.	Vintage Tree Cake Decorating	The Porch Peddler, 927 W. High Street

Ebensburg Borough Council
welcomes Everyone to
Dickens of a Christmas!

Doug Tusing, President
Cecilia Houser, Vice President
Jeff Ball
Dave Kuhar
Theresa Jacoby
Bob Miller
Mike Owatt
Randy Datsko, Mayor

Enjoy your stay in
Downtown Ebensburg!

Overnight Accommodations in Ebensburg

Fairview Bed & Breakfast
1096 N. Center Street
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The Noon-Collins Inn
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Ebensburg, PA 15931
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www.nooncollins.com

Comfort Inn
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814-472-6100

The Lake Inn
1001 Rowena Drive
814-472-6400
www.thelakeinn.com



www.EbensburgDickens.com



Cambria County Courthouse

200 South Center Street, Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Open to the Public

Each year, the Ebensburg Main Street Partnership hosts a decorating contest at the Cambria County Courthouse, seated in the heart of our Downtown Historic District. This is a holiday tradition wherein the county row offices are decorated by the County employees for the holiday season. This year, the entire courthouse will be decorated according to the theme, "Vintage Christmas."

The majestic courthouse rotunda boasts a 30' tall Christmas tree that reaches toward the historic stained glass dome that displays the county seal.

Nobody in Ebensburg shows more Christmas spirit than the County Commissioners, Judges, row offices and employees!

We're sure you will agree that the row offices and employees do an absolutely fabulous job of decorating this grand Victorian building!

Mrs. Buck's Christmas Tea

Saturday, 12:00 p.m., - 2:00 p.m.

Cambria County Historical Society, 615 N. Center Street

Mrs. Buck welcomes guests to join her for tea, sandwiches, scones and sweets!
\$20 Donation - Must call 814-472-6674 for reservations.



Stuff the Bus with Diapers

Friday, 4:00 p.m., - 6:00 p.m.

Tractor Supply Parking Lot, 875 Hills Plaza

United Way's Diaper Bank provides 6,000 diapers a month to families from Salisbury, Somerset County, to Northern Cambria. How to Help: Bring a package of diapers, wipes or monetary donations to the bus. Look for the CamTran bus in the Tractor Supply Parking Lot. Sizes 5, 6, 7 & 3T, 4T are of greatest need.

Gingerbread House Contest Display

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. &

Saturday, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cambria County Historical Society
615 N. Center Street



The entire community is invited to participate in our gingerbread contest, sponsored by the Cambria County Historical Society. Categories include: *Most Represents the Holidays*, *Most Creative*, *Most Represents the History of Cambria County*, *Most Artistic* and *Special Adult Division* - follow any category - win a \$50 Sheetz card.

Entries must be dropped off Nov. 28th - Nov. 30th from 10 am to 4 pm. Contact the Historical Society for rules (814-472-6674). Join the fun and start your own Christmas tradition! Visit the gingerbread display during hours posted above.

Winter Wonderland Light Display

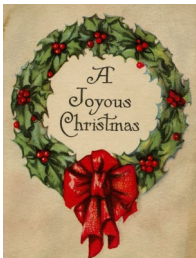
Penn Eben Park, Veteran's Park & Kimball Park

You have to see it to believe it! Experience Ebensburg's small town charm during this holiday weekend. Stroll the streets of downtown Ebensburg after dark and enjoy a dazzling display of white lights. The holiday wreaths around the Victorian streetlights, the lights that illuminate the parks and gazebos, and the holiday displays in store windows make Downtown Ebensburg truly magical.

Be sure to visit Kimball Park, Penn Eben Park and Veteran's Park at night for an outstanding holiday light display. Drive through the neighborhoods and let our residents share their Christmas spirit with you. Homes are adorned with lights and Christmas greenery. Throughout Ebensburg, smiles are bigger and arms open even wider at Christmas!

If we're fortunate, a blanket of white snow will add the final touch.

Fresh Wreath Making at Follow Your Art with Paula Baranik



Follow Your Art
313 W. High Street, Rear Entrance

Friday, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, 3 Classes Times:
10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Pre-registration is required at www.followyourartinc.com. Choose one of three times offered & allow 2 hours to complete your wreath.

Live Nativity & Nativity Festival Display

Saturday, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.;
Ebensburg United Methodist Church

In this busy holiday season, take some time to pause and remember the story of Jesus' birth by stopping by our Drive-Thru Live Nativity Journey. Let the Story speak for itself as members of the church portray this ancient story in simplicity and beauty as it continues to bring hope and light into our dark world. Don't let the rush of Christmas push out the true reason for our celebration. After your journey, please join us in our Fellowship Hall for light refreshments and tour our church family's Nativity Festival displays. A sight for all to see and enjoy this wonderful season.



Ebensburg's Victorian History

Ebensburg Borough, the seat of Cambria County government, is situated on a plateau in the geographic center of the county along the eastern fringe of the Laurel Hill Ridge.

Ebensburg, the first settlement on the Allegheny Front, was founded by Rees Lloyd. Ebensburg developed as a mountain resort as word of the area's scenic beauty spread. Many of the "summer cottages" containing fifteen to twenty rooms built by the urban rich can be seen today.

From its humble beginnings as the landing site of the Welsh advance party to its fame as a mountain resort, Ebensburg has enjoyed continuous prosperity while retaining its small town charm.

From "Historic Ebensburg"
W.R. Davis and Dave Huber

Light-Up Night

Friday, 6:00 p.m. Kimball Park

This traditional opening of Ebensburg's Christmas season takes place in Kimball Park, right in the center of downtown Ebensburg. Attendees will enjoy Christmas music as they arrive. At 6:00 p.m. the Mayor will proclaim the official opening of Ebensburg's "Dickens of a Christmas" and the downtown display of dazzling white Christmas lights will be lit simultaneously. Those attending will be invited to sing Christmas carols and warm up with hot chocolate and a tasty treat. Immediately following the Light-Up ceremony, stroll to your choice of holiday events. Choose to join carolers about town, attend one of the holiday productions or have dinner at one of your favorite Ebensburg restaurants.

Period costume is encouraged!

Department 56 Dickens' Village Display

Ebensburg Municipal Building,
Community Room, 300 W. High St.
Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Dickens of a Fat Bike Day

Pour on Center

102 S. Center St.

Saturday, 11:30 a.m.

Bikes Ride at 11:00 a.m.

Join us as on the patio at Pour on Center as we celebrate Fat Bike Day! Enjoy live music, beer, bikes and barbecue. At least 8 craft breweries pouring on the patio! Bike ride starts at 11:00 a.m. (optional). All ages welcome. Outdoor event (with heaters) — dress accordingly.



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Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Young People's Community Center (YPCC)

Making a special pre-Christmas journey direct from the North Pole, Father Christmas (Santa) is inviting kids and their families to a breakfast exclusively at the YPCC or to Breakfast to Go! Come join Father Christmas and the Ebensburg Woman's Club in celebrating the holidays.

To help pay for the extra hay required by Santa's reindeer to make this special trip, admission will be \$5.00 per child ages 3 - 10, \$10.00 per adult and per child 11 and over, and children under 3 are free. Enjoy a full breakfast – Kids receive a special goody bag! Take a photo with Santa and drop your letter in his special mailbox!

Indoor Craft Fairs

Saturday, 8:00 a.m.

Holy Name Church Hall, Dauntless Fire Station & VFW

Visit our holiday craft fair at 3 locations as you begin your Christmas shopping. Exhibitors will display a wide variety of hand-crafted items such as clothing, home décor, candles, dip mixes, maple syrup, jewelry, distilled spirits, cider, beef jerky, cinnamon roasted nuts, kettle corn and numerous other unique products.

The Holy Name craft fair boasts 50 vendors and is open from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm. The craft fair at Dauntless Fire Station and right across the street at the VFW are open from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Craft Fair, Basket Raffle, Food & Refreshments

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

First United Church of Christ, Jenkins Education Building

Join us for a craft and vendor fair, basket raffle. Food & refreshments by the 4-H Club.



Model Train Display

Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First United Church of Christ, 217 E. High Street

View an impressive model railroad display at the First UCC.



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First UCC Musical Program

The church will host a musical program which will include the Central Cambria Chorus, UCC Bell Choir and the Johnstown Song Writer's Group.



Ladies Day Specials & Prizes



Thursday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique
Ebensburg Mini Mall
3135 New Germany Rd, Ste. 38

Christmas Parade

Saturday, 11:00 a.m.; Downtown Ebensburg

The Ebensburg Christmas Parade is a grand tradition! The theme for this year's parade and other events is "Christmas Around the World." Get the best seat in the center of town! The parade will include holiday floats, local civic organizations and churches, fire equipment, dancers, marching bands and more! As always, a very special guest from the North Pole will signal the end of the parade and the beginning of the holiday season! Treat bags are provided by the Central Cambria Area Lions Club, and hot chocolate is provided by the Rotary Club of Ebensburg after the parade at Penn Eben Gazebo.

CLP Christmas Tree & Wreath Toss

Saturday, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Penn Eben Parking Lot

The CLP Christmas Tree Toss is exactly what it sounds like, pay \$5 for adults/\$3 for kids and throw the tree as far as you can. The winner of the farthest tossed tannenbaum will win a prize bag full of fun goodies. There are three categories to compete in; men, women, and children, with a smaller tree for children to toss. This year we're also adding a Christmas wreath ring toss! If you can ring the wreath onto a candy cane you will be one lucky elf! Tossing will take place at the Penn Eben Park Parking Lot from 11:30-1:00. Trees donated by Glendalough Farms.

Santa Pub Crawl

Saturday,

Registration 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Race 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Penn Eben Park Gazebo Start

Cresson Lake Playhouse is pleased to announce its fourth annual **Santa Pub Crawl** for anyone over 21. Dress up in your festive clothes (the more Santas we have, the more fun it will be)!



The crawl will begin at the Penn Eben Park Gazebo where participants will pick up their registration materials, wristbands, and participate in a champagne kickoff. And new this year, we will be raffling off a package of 3 free drinks from 3 of the participating bars that will be redeemed during the Pub Crawl. Winners must be in attendance to receive prize.

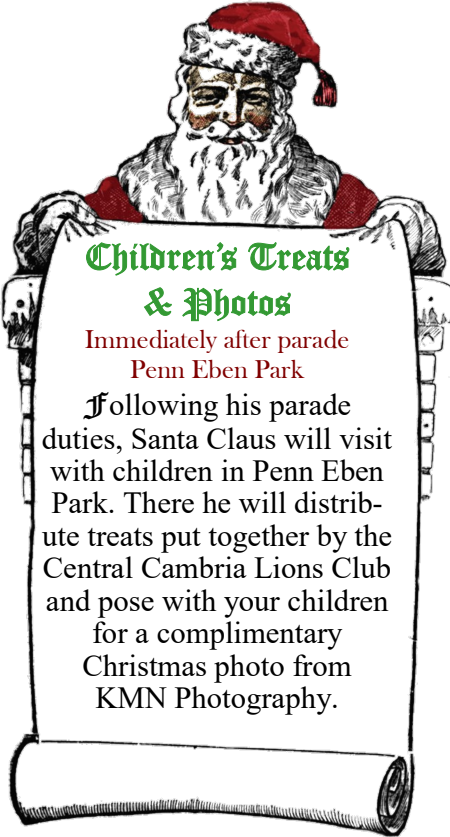
After the champagne toast, go to any participating bar of your choice. Your goal is to visit 6 of the participating bars to be eligible for the prize drawings at the after party. Also, you will be eligible for free drinks! Each bar will be giving out 10 free drinks to the first arrivals. Anyone else that follows will have the option to order the specialty pub crawl drink or order from their already existing beverage list.

The crawl will be followed by an **after party at the Ebensburg Moose Lodge** from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. with food and live entertainment. Participants who visited 6 bars will be eligible for the prize drawings at the after party.

Children's Treats & Photos

Immediately after parade
Penn Eben Park

Following his parade duties, Santa Claus will visit with children in Penn Eben Park. There he will distribute treats put together by the Central Cambria Lions Club and pose with your children for a complimentary Christmas photo from KMN Photography.



Horse-Drawn Sleigh Rides

Saturday, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.; Downtown Ebensburg

Experience an old-fashioned horse-drawn sleigh ride through charming Ebensburg. Let our holiday sleigh take you back to yesteryear and become part of your family tradition. You and your whole family will enjoy this nostalgic ride. Carriage & sleigh rides are only five crown (\$5.00) per person.



Johnstown Symphony Community Strings

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.;
Cambria County Courthouse
200 S. Center Street

Free and open to the public!

Listen to the holiday sounds of the Johnstown Symphony Community Strings as you stroll through the historic Cambria County Courthouse and enjoy the festive holiday decorations. The Courthouse will be open from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



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Holiday Ceramics & DIY Craft Workshops



The Porch Peddler's Workshop
927 W. High Street, Ste. 1

Visit The Porch Peddler's Workshop and create your own DIY holiday display! Pre-registration required for Sat & Sun events.

Friday, December 1st, 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Paint N' Take Ceramics - All Ages

Price varies by selection.

Saturday, December 2nd, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Kids Cookie Decorating

Saturday, December 2nd, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

DIY Holiday Serving Tray

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

Vintage Tree Cake Decorating



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Indoor Ice Skating

Friday, 8:45 pm - 10:15 pm & Saturday, Family Skate, 5:00 - 6:30 pm, Public Skate, 6:45 pm - 8:45 pm
North Central Recreation Center

Cambria County's indoor skating facility is open to the public, Friday & Saturday of "Dickens" weekend. There is a fee of \$5.00 per person to skate. Skates are available to rent for \$4.00.



Visit with the Santa's Reindeer

Saturday, Penn Eben Park
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Straight from the North Pole, Santa will be joined by two of his trusty reindeer this year. Stop by and enjoy a memorable photo-op with these incredible creatures!



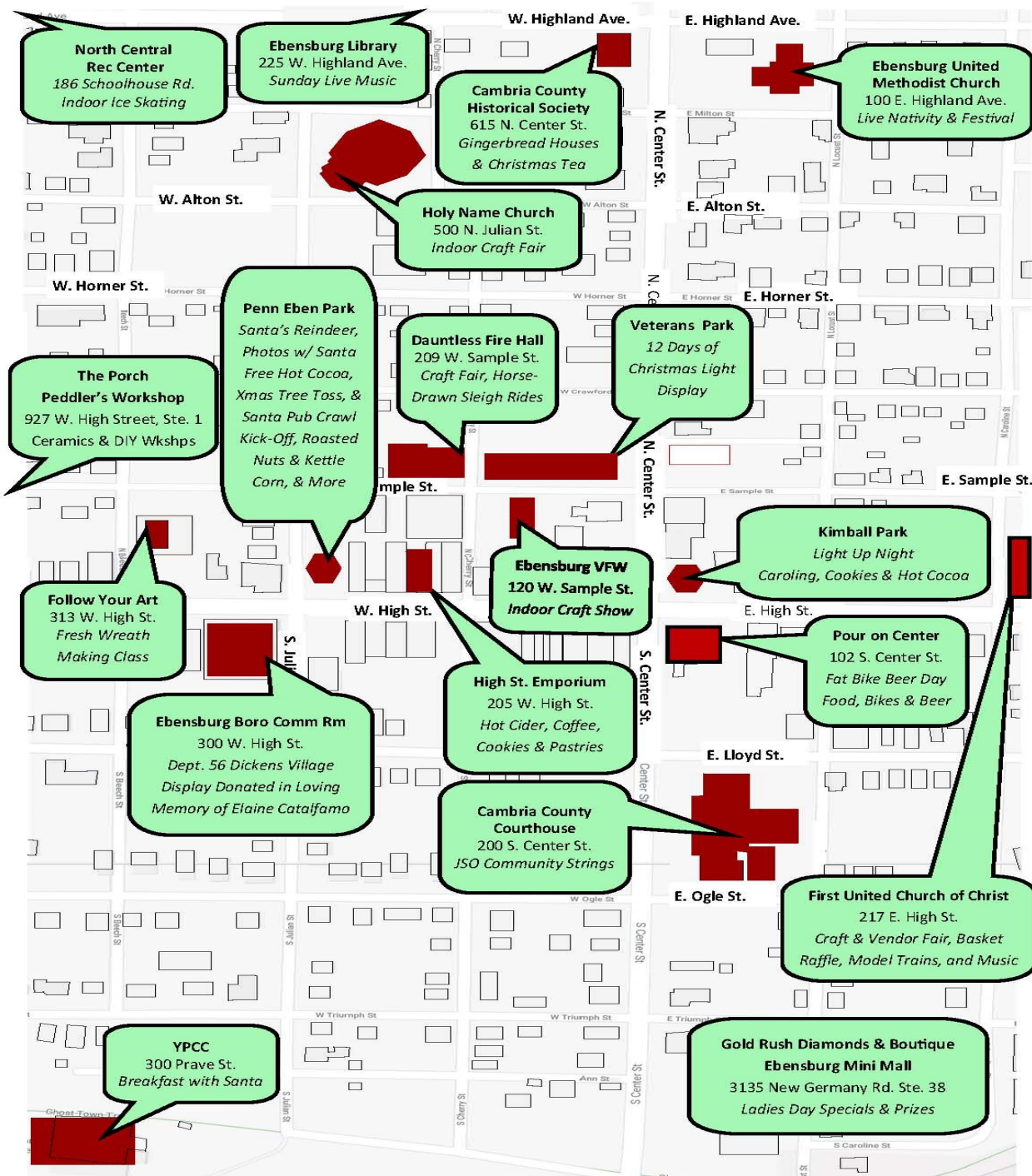
Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 2, 2023
8:00 - 10:30 a.m. at YPCC

Join us for a full breakfast and have a photo taken with Santa!

Children under 3 free/
Children 3-10 yrs \$5.00/
Adults & children 11 and over \$10.00

All proceeds benefit community events.

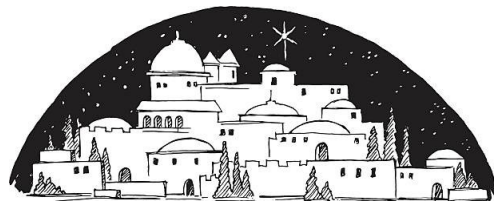
MAP OF DICKENS EVENTS*



*Check Event Schedule on front page for dates and times.

Journey to Bethlehem

Friday, December 1st;
Four Performance Times:
7:00 PM, 7:30 PM, 8:00 PM, and 8:30 PM
Saint Francis University, Loretto



Four performances of the journey Mary and Joseph took to Bethlehem. This living nativity will be performed by members of the SFU community. Come celebrate the anniversary of the nativity with us as St. Francis may have portrayed it for the first time 800 years ago in Greccio. (part of the performance will be outdoors)

Happy Holidays

from your friends at the
Cambria County Association
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Live Music by Serendipity

Sunday, 1:00 p.m.
Ebensburg Cambria
Public Library,
225 W. Highland Ave.



Enjoy the live music of
Serendipity and take part in the Library's
Holiday Raffle of Gift Cards and Scratch-Off
Lottery Tickets. Tickets are \$5.00 each. The
drawing will take place at noon on Friday,
December 22nd.

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