

## **Community Events**

### **Holiday Events**

#### **The Art of Christmas**

Temple Lutheran Church will hold its annual Children's Christmas Pageant, "Manger Mania" at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 17 at the church at the Route 130 and Merchantville Avenue.

Following the pageant, the Senior Choir will present a Christmas Cantata, "Tapestry of Light — A Celtic Christmas Celebration."

Refreshments will be available between performances and following the Cantata.

For additional information, please call the church office at (856) 663-7783.

#### **Breakfast with Santa**

St. Stephen's School Parent-Teacher Organization will hold a Breakfast with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Dec. 18. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Pictures with Santa and each child received a coloring packet. Contact the school office for registration forms or call (609) 315-1929 or (609) 234-6613. Proceeds benefit St. Stephen's School.

#### **Donations Needed**

As part of its annual Christmas service, New Beginnings Worship Center is accepting donations for new clothing, toys and food for local families in need. Monetary and goods donations will be accepted until Dec. 20. For information or to offer a donation, please call (856) 665-8381 or send an e-mail to [newbeginningswc@aol.com](mailto:newbeginningswc@aol.com).

#### **Holiday Tea**

The Evening Membership Division of the Woman's Club of the Merchantville Area will host a Holiday Tea from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4 at the Merchantville Community Center.

Tea includes sandwiches and desserts, along with homemade scones and several different teas. Entertainment provided by "Kids in Concert" of Maple Shade.

Guests are invited to BYOTC (Bring Your Own Tea Cup) as prizes will be awarded for the prettiest, fanciest, largest, smallest, most unusual and more.

Tickets are \$18. Advance registration is suggested as seating is limited.

Please call Geri at (856) 665-5468 for tickets and information.

#### **Poinsettia Sale**

Merchantville Masonic Lodge No.119 will hold its first poinsettia sale on Friday, Dec. 9 and Saturday, Dec. 10 inside the lodge on the lower level.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free hot cocoa and cookies will be served.

For more information, please call Linda at (609) 923-5435.

#### **Cub Scouts Conduct Final Troops Collection**

Cub Scout Pack 116 members will hold its final troops collection at the Pennsauken Holiday Parade on Saturday, Nov. 26. Scouts will walk along the parade route to collect items to be sent to active military personnel serving overseas. In addition to a list of items, Pack members will also be accepting monetary donations for the USO.

**Boy Scouts Hold Open House**

Boy Scout Troop 7 will hold an Open House at 7 p.m. on Dec 8 at the East Pennsauken Fire House on Stockton Avenue. For more info about the event or Scouting in general, visit the troop's Web site at Troop007.com, send an email to Troop7@ comcast.net or call (856) 617-1466.