

Holiday Happenings

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Add Flavor To Your Holiday Festivities

Peppermint Shortbread Cookies

Recipe courtesy of Rachel Gurk of "Rachel Cooks" on behalf of Milk Means More
 Prep time: 15 minutes, plus 30 minutes freeze time
 Cook time: 15 minutes
 Servings: 40

2-2 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, softened

3/4 cup powdered sugar
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
1 teaspoon salt
2 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 cup peppermint crunch baking chips

In stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment, cream butter, powdered sugar, vanilla and salt until smooth. Gradually add flour and mix on low until combined. Add baking chips and



continue mixing on low until fully combined.

On wax paper or parchment paper, form dough into 12-14-inch log and freeze at least 30 minutes, or until firm.

Heat oven to 350 F.

Cut shortbread dough into 1/4-inch slices; bake 13-15 minutes on parchment-lined baking sheets.

Roasted Garlic-Whipped Feta Crostini

Recipe courtesy of Liz Della Croce of "The Lemon Bowl" on behalf of Milk Means More

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Servings: 16

- 1 bulb garlic (about 12 cloves)**
- 4 tablespoons olive oil, divided**
- 1 teaspoon salt, divided**
- 1 teaspoon pepper, divided**
- 32 slices baguette**
- 8 ounces feta cheese**
- 1/2 cup whole milk**
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice**
- 1/2 cup pomegranate seeds**
- 1/4 cup parsley, minced**

Heat oven to 400 F.

Slice garlic bulb in half, exposing garlic heads; place in center of large piece of foil. Drizzle each half with 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1/4 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Wrap foil tightly around garlic and roast until caramelized, about 30 minutes.

Place baguette slices on large baking sheet and drizzle with olive oil. Bake on middle rack until golden brown, about 10 minutes; set aside.

Place feta cheese, milk, lemon juice, remaining salt and remaining pepper in high-speed food processor. Once garlic finishes roasting, add garlic cloves to food processor. Pulse until whipped and creamy, adding more milk as needed to reach desired consistency. Adjust seasonings, to taste, if necessary.

To serve, spread each crostini with whipped feta and sprinkle with pomegranate seeds and minced parsley.



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Christmas Time

Friday & Saturday, December 13th & 14th at 7pm

Meet and Greet with Hor D'Oeuvres at 6pm Both Nights

at Jefferson First Baptist Church,
 85 West Jefferson Street

Free tickets available at all offices of
 Lakeview Federal Credit Union

Once again collecting non-perishable food
 for Jefferson Food Bank (Manna)



November 1- 30**Zonta International's 100th Anniversary**

Ashtabula Library

Now through Nov. 30,

Zonta International is celebrating its hundredth anniversary with a special display in the Wm. Tokarczyk Exhibition Gallery at the Ashtabula Library. Members from the local Zonta chapter will be displaying information and historical materials, including a quilt and scrapbook.

November 2**Craft Bazaar**

Madison Senior Center

2938 Hubbard Rd., Madison, Ohio

10-4

Chinese Auction, Holiday Tree and Quilt Raffle, Bake Sale. Lunch & Snacks available

Conneaut High School's Fall/Winter Craft and Vendor Event

Conneaut High School

381 Mill Street, Conneaut, OH.

9:00 AM-3:00 PM

The event has over 45 crafters and vendors, a Chinese Auction (drawing held at 2:00), 50/50 raffle, free crafts and face painting for kids, concessions, a visit from Santa, and much more! Admission is \$1. Students and kids are free. Patrons are asked to use the Jackson Street Entrance.

Gigantic Annual Chinese Auction Start Your Holiday Right!!

Pentecostal Community Church Of New Lyme, Ohio

Rt. 6 and 5348 Peck Rd. approx. one mile west of Route 11.

Doors Open 3pm. Auction starts 5pm.

Entry fee of \$5.00 includes sheet of tickets. \$3.00 per extra sheet of tickets.

Concession Stand. Auctioning money jars, tools, child's Jurassic Park 4 wheel-er includes battery, Amish made furniture and misc. furniture. Special tickets for some larger items. ... Amish made outdoor glider and chair. Gift cards,, 30 to 40 baskets, door prizes, shotgun raffle. Too much to mention. 8,500 sq. ft. space in new fellowship hall. Paved parking area. Any questions? Call Sis. Bonnie (330) 318-2198.

November 3**All Saints/Remembrance Sunday**First United Church of Christ, Austinburg
2870 Route 307, Austinburg

10:30 Worship

People of the Community are invited to light candles in the back of the church to remember anyone precious to them.

Holiday Open House

Pentecostal Community Church Of Ashtabula

5909 Shepard Rd., Ashtabula, OH.

Off Rt. 20 East of Giant Eagle

Gathering for fellowship and food from noon to 2pm. With Spirit filled worship service beginning at 2pm. Any questions please contact Rev. Timothy Gowens, Sr. (330) 609-9812. Children and older

*Youth always welcome!***November 6-9****1st Anniversary****Conneaut Hospital Thrift Shop**

255 Main St., Conneaut, OH

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Stop, Shop And Check Our Bargains Galore. Be Sure

To Sign Up For Weekly Store Drawings During November.

Winners Will Be Notified On Wednesday After The Drawing.

November 8**Silent Auction**Jefferson United Methodist Church
7-9p.m.

\$5 Admission

Includes finger food and fun. All proceeds will go to the following: H2O Missions, Spiderweb, Christian Coalition Outreach and Sisophon, Cambodia to help build a men's dormitory.

November 9**38th Annual****Kris Kringle Craft & Vendor Fair!**

Geneva Middle School

9 a – 3 pm

\$1 admission fee benefits student scholarships

Over 80 crafters and vendors; Chinese Auction, Door Prizes, Refreshments and FUN while you support local businesses and students. Get a great start to your holiday shopping!

November 15-17**International
Holiday Gift Fair**

Austinburg Town Hall
2794 State Route 307, Austinburg, OH
Shopping Hours Friday & Saturday
10a.m. - 8p.m.

Sunday 10a.m.-5p.m.

Give Gifts that Give Back this Holiday Season! Discover handmade, fair trade holiday gifts, home decor, jewelry, personal accessories and so much more! Supporting the International Holiday Gift Fair

Celebrating 100 years of empowering women! Enjoy Our Famous Pecan Sale!
Zonta Club of Ashtabula Area

P. O. Box 616, Ashtabula, OH 44005-0616

Zonta5ashtabula@yahoo.com www.zonta.org

November 16**“All I Want for Christmas”
Craft & Vendor Fair**

Presented by:

Jefferson Area Music Boosters
Jefferson High School

10am-3pm

Crafts, Vendors, Chinese Auction & Santa. Concessions available. The high school choir will be caroling from 11-noon. For more details, contact Jamie Arcaro at jamesjean28@gmail.com

November 21**Winter Wonderland**

Kelly's Gardens
4220 N. Ridge West, Ashtabula, OH
6 to 8 p.m.

Come and join us this holiday season, with wine and hors d'oeuvres while you browse. A \$50.00 grand prize will be drawn, as well as door prizes.

November 22**Enchanted Christmas**

Ashtabula Downtown

Development Association's

5:00 pm - *Take photos with Mrs. Claus and Nora the Reindeer at Santa's Magical North Pole Workshop in Cpl. Kevin Cornelius Park. Also, fun Christmas crafts for the kids.*

6:00 pm - *Tree Lighting Ceremony (come vote for your favorite)*

6:20 pm - *Music by Peoples Baptist Church in the Gazebo*

7:00 pm - *“Charlie Brown” Christmas Parade*

8:00-9:00 pm - *Visit and take pictures with Santa, Disney's Princess Belle and Super Heroes Live in Cornelius Park. Kids' Crafts at Santa's North Pole Workshop*

November 23**Pymatuning Valley Class of 2021
2nd Annual Holiday Craft & Vendor Show**

Pymatuning Valley High School
5571 US Rt. 6 West, Andover, OH
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Chinese Auction - 50/50 Raffle - Bake Sale. Proceeds benefit the Pymatuning Valley Class of 2021. For more information see out Facebook page PV Class of 2021 Holiday Craft and Vendor Show or contact Andrea Wonderling at

440.293.6263 or email
andrea.wonderling@pvschools.org

**Harpersfield Volunteer Fire
Department Craft Fair**

Harpersfield Community Center
5604 Cork Cold Springs Rd., Geneva, OH
9a.m. - 3 p.m.

40+ vendors, handmade crafts, ornaments, etc.

\$1 entrance Fee to support HVFD Raffle Prizes donated by each vendor to collect donations for the Geneva Area Safety Forces Share-A-Christmas Bake Sale: Cookies, Coffee, Soups and much more!

November 24**Harvest Sunday**

First United Church of Christ,
Austinburg
2870 Route 307, Austinburg
10:30 Worship

Let us show our Thankfulness and give glory to God by bringing a “Harvest Bounty”. Non-perishable food items for a Thanksgiving Dinner will be blessed and taken to the Geneva Food Pantry.

November 26**Community Thanksgiving Worship**

Grand River District Clergy
First United Church of Christ,
Austinburg,
2870 Route 307., Austinburg
7p.m.

Featuring a Combined Choir, and the preaching of Rev. Frank Walford of Conneaut United Church of Christ. Refreshments to follow.

November 27**The Ashtabula and Geneva Libraries**

Will be closing early at 5:30 p.m.

November 28**The Ashtabula and Geneva Libraries**

Will be closed all day for Thanksgiving.

November 29 - December 15**Children's Coloring Contest**

Ashtabula Towne Square

3315 N. Ridge Rd. E.

Children 1-12yrs. old color a Christmas

picture and mail or turn in the mall office. One special prize per age group. See mall customer service desk for details

November 30 - December 1**Black Friday Weekend Gift Certificates Giveaway**

Ashtabula Towne Square

3315 N. Ridge Rd. E.

Register to win up to \$1000 in Gift Certificates. See mall customer service desk for details

November 30**Jungle Terry**

Ashtabula Towne Square

3315 N. Ridge Rd. E.

Center Court

11am to Noon

Join us for this fun, exciting, educational way to learn about animals with Jungle Terry and his assortment of exotic animals.

Santa Arrives

Ashtabula Towne Square

3315 N. Ridge Rd. E.

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Noon!

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Festival Of Trees**26th Anniversary**

St. John School

7911 Depot Road, Ashtabula

*Live and silent auctions, Beautiful trees, raffles, cookie trays, wreaths and crafts.**Tickets \$50 each or \$450 for a table of 10. Available at the school or Hoffman's Pharmacy.***5th Annual****Savvy Sisters &****Friends Holiday Boutique!**

Ashtabula Towne Square

Small Community Room

11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

FREE Admission to everyone

*The Sisters will offer their Themed Gift Baskets at Boutique-only prices: \$15-\$35 and Paparazzi Accessories; Cindy Wulff, owner of Cindy's Beach Glass, will offer unique and creative jewelry, sun catchers and more. Valerie Bosch, owner of Love4Legos Jewelry Design creates bookmarks, pins, key chains, scarf bails and more, all adorned with lego bricks and charms.**Bring family & friends to support these women-owned local small businesses on this "Green Saturday" as you shop these beautiful and affordable its. Door Prizes,**refreshments and a festive ambiance will help you get your sparkle on!***November 30 - December 24****Pictures with Santa**

Ashtabula Towne Square

3315 N. Ridge Rd. E.

Center Court

*Come visit Santa and get your picture taken November 24 through December 24. See Santa set for dates, times and picture pricing.**Visits with Santa are always free!*

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Traditional Christmas Music by Local Performers
Tickets available at *Conneaut Human Resources Center and the Conneaut Chamber of Commerce.*
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December 6

Ashtabula Towne Square Mall Bethlehem Experience

5PM to 8:30 PM
FREE

Story of the birth of Christ. Live scenes and animals (camel), market place with activities for children.
Sponsored by 21 area churches.

December 7

Holiday Craft Fair The Seniors Together Program

Conneaut Human Resources Center
327 Mill Street, Conneaut, OH
10am—3pm
Admission is \$1.00

Need a last minute gift!?!

*This is the place to come and find it!!!
Food, Fun, Door Prizes... Plus A Chinese Auction!!*

Kids Are Free If Accompanied By An Adult. For more information contact the Center at: (440) 593-5273 ext 310 or by email at info@conneauthrc.org

Ashtabula Towne Square Mall Bethlehem Experience

2PM to 5:30 PM
FREE

Story of the birth of Christ. Live scenes and animals (camel), market place with activities for children.

Sponsored by 21 area churches.

Cookie Stroll

Jefferson Eagles Lodge
133 S. Spruce St., Jefferson, OH 44047
11:30-3:00 p.m.

Let us do your Holiday Baking for you. Walk through and purchase your holiday cookies for \$7.00 lb. All proceeds benefit the Human Society. For more information call 440-593-6100 Ext. 1.

12 Days of Christmas at DEBONNÉ VINEYARDS

- FRI, NOV 29th** - Black Friday Wine Sale & 25% off Gift Shop!
Holiday Happy Hour 4-7pm
Rhythm Connection 6:30-10:30pm
Tannenbaum Trail 12-6pm
- SAT NOV 30th** - Backtrax 3:30-7:30pm
Tannenbaum Trail 12-6pm
- TUE, DEC 2nd** - Cyber Monday Sale @ www.debonne.com
- WED, DEC 4th** - Randall Coumos 6:30-9:30pm
Holiday Workshop 6:30-8:30pm
- FRI, DEC 6th** - Ageless Band 6:30-10:30pm
Holiday Happy Hour 4-7pm
Holiday Workshop 7-9pm
Tannenbaum Trail 12-6pm
- SAT, DEC 7th** - Holiday Pop-Up Shoppe 1-6pm
John Gall 3:30-7:30pm
Tannenbaum Trail 12-6pm
- WED, DEC 11th** - Nick Zuber 6:30-9:30pm
Holiday Workshop 6:30pm
- FRI, DEC 13th** - Uncharted Course 6:30-10:30pm
Holiday Happy Hour 4-7pm
Tannenbaum Trail 12-6pm
- SAT, DEC 14th** - Porch Rockers 3:30-7:30pm
Tannenbaum Trail 12-6pm
- WED, DEC 18th** - Last-Minute Holiday Sale
John Gall 6:30-9:30pm
- FRI, DEC 20th** - Castaways Unplugged 6:30-10:30pm
Holiday Happy Hour 4-7pm
- SAT, DEC 21st** - 5 O'Clock Somewhere 3:30-7:30pm
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Winter Greens Arrangement

Kelly's Gardens

4220 N. Ridge West, Ashtabula, OH

2p.m.

Let me help you put together a beautiful winter arrangement that you can place outside on your steps. Cost \$25.00 a person and we ask that you pre register by calling us at 440-969-1114.

46th Annual Christmas Shoppe

St. John School

7911 Depot Road, Ashtabula

9am - 4pm

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Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle
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All Proceeds to Benefit Colebrook Community Center
The place where our community comes together*

December 14 & 15

Holiday Open House

Kelly's Gardens
4220 N. Ridge West
Ashtabula, OH
10a.m. to 6 p.m.
*Free cookies, chili dogs, chips, and coco.
Santa and his elf will be there between
2-4.*

December 14

Cookie Stroll

Bulah United Methodist Church
2070 Route 193. Jefferson, Ohio
*Let us do your holiday baking
\$7 per pound
10 am to 12 pm or sold out
Benefits our church*

Maker's Market Winter Wonderland Craft Show

Ashtabula Towne Square
3315 N. Ridge Rd. E.
Center Court
9am – 3pm
*Shop over 50 local crafters and vendors
for holiday gifts!*

Holiday Cricut Crafts

Ashtabula Library
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
*Explore the vast array of projects possible using the ACDL Cricut machine.
From ornaments to greeting cards to decorations for your Yuletide or Festivus celebrations, stop in and learn how to create and personalize holiday projects.*

December 15

A Christmas Cantata

First United Church of Christ, Austinburg
2870 Route 307, Austinburg
10:30 a.m.
Performed by the First United Church of Christ Chancel Choir under the Direction of Judy Williams with Organist Cindy Luoma, "Waiting for Christmas".

December 16

Holiday Bingo & Trivia

Ashtabula Library
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Join us for Family Holiday Bingo and Trivia Night! Instead of a dauber or plastic markers, we use M&Ms!

Holiday Gift Making

Geneva Library
6:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Register to attend this family-friendly event to create a holiday gift for someone special.

December 17

Holiday Bingo

Geneva Library
6:00 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Holiday words fill the squares! M&Ms are the markers! Every Bingo wins a prize!

December 18

How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

Ashtabula Library
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
The whole family will want to hear Melissa read this Dr. Seuss classic!

Caroling in the Gazebo

Geneva Library
6:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.
Share the joy of the season at the annual Christmas caroling get-together! Hot cocoa and Cookies will be served in the library following the singing.

December 19**A Carol Sing lead by Chris & Bridget Sherman**

First United Church of Christ, Austinburg
Fellowship Hall
2870 Route 307, Austinburg
5:15 p.m.

Come sing your favorite carols in the warm fellowship of our Free Community Outreach Meal (4:30-6:30 PM).

Basically Art Snow!

Ashtabula Library
3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

A special Basically Art! program where kids can make and decorate snowflakes and snow people. For K-5th grades.

December 20**Teen Movie Matinee**

Ashtabula Library
3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Teens can take time to relax during the holidays with a movie and discussion, led by Melissa.

December 21**Tuba Christmas**

First United Church of Christ,
Austinburg
2870 Route 307, Austinburg
1 p.m.

Come hear your favorite Christmas Carols played by tubas, euphoniums, and baritones. Free admission/goodwill offering. Cocoa and cookies to follow.

Holiday Fairy Workshop

Kelly's Gardens
4220 N. Ridge West, Ashtabula, OH
2 p.m.
Come and join us to create your very own winter wonderland diary garden. Cost \$15.00 a person, call to register 440-969-1114

December 24**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

First United Church of Christ, Austinburg
Fellowship Hall
2870 Route 307, Austinburg
7p.m.
For the whole family.

Christmas Eve Church Service and Communion

Orwell North Presbyterian Church
135 North Maple Street (RT45N), Orwell
7:00p.m.
Celebrate the birth of Jesus. All are invited to attend.

The Ashtabula and Geneva Libraries
Will be closed on Tuesday, Dec. 24 and Wednesday, Dec. 25.

December 29**“Inspiration Sunday”**

Orwell North Presbyterian Church
135 North Maple Street (RT45N), Orwell
10:00a.m.
We are inviting all to attend this church service. With the choir singing special Christmas music and the congregation selecting favorite hymns.

December 31**Poetic Reflections**

Ashtabula Library
2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
Adults can reflect on 2019 with poetry that will help you prepare for 2020. There will be poetry available to share, or participants can bring their own favorite poems.

The Ashtabula and Geneva Libraries
Will close early on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 6:00 p.m. They will be closed all day on Wednesday, Jan. 1, 2020.



Holiday Desserts from Around the Globe

Rugelach

Recipe courtesy of California Walnuts
Prep time: 50 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 32

Dough:

1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
4 ounces cream cheese, softened
1 tablespoon granulated sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 cup flour

Filling:

1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup apricot jam
1 cup finely chopped California walnuts
1/2 cup raisins, chopped
2 tablespoons unsalted butter melted

To make dough: In large bowl, using electric mixer on medium speed, beat butter, cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and salt until light and fluffy, about 5 minutes. Scrape sides of bowl and beaters as necessary. Reduce speed and slowly mix in flour, about 30 seconds.

On floured work surface, form dough into ball. Divide into two equal pieces.

Wrap tightly in plastic wrap and press into two disks. Refrigerate 30 minutes, or until firm.

To make filling: Heat oven to 375 F and place racks at upper-middle and lower-middle positions.

Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.

In small bowl, combine sugar and cinnamon; mix well and set aside.

On lightly floured surface, roll out each piece of dough into 11-inch circles, about 1/4-inch thick. On each round, spread 1/4 cup jam and sprinkle 1/2 cup walnuts and 1/4 cup raisins. Evenly sprinkle 1 tablespoon cinnamon-sugar mixture on each disk.

Using knife, cut each round into 16 even wedges. Beginning at wide ends, roll each wedge up into cookie.

Place cookies on prepared baking sheet with pointed



end underneath cookie. Space cookies about 2 inches apart.

Using pastry brush, brush melted butter over cookies; sprinkle remaining cinnamon-sugar over top.

Bake cookies about 20 minutes until slightly puffed and pale gold, rotating baking sheets halfway through.

Transfer hot cookies to wire rack and allow to cool completely before serving.

Mexican Wedding Cookies

Recipe courtesy of California Walnuts
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 38 minutes
Servings: 36
2 cups California walnuts, toasted, divided
2 cups all-purpose flour
3/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted

butter, softened
1/3 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups powdered sugar, plus additional (optional)
Heat oven to 325 F. Adjust oven racks to upper-middle and lower-middle positions. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone mats.

In food processor, finely grind 1 cup walnuts, about 10-15 seconds. Transfer to medium bowl.

In food processor, pulse remaining walnuts about 5 seconds. Add to medium bowl with finely ground walnuts. Stir in flour and salt; set aside.

In electric mixer bowl, combine butter and granulated sugar. Beat 2 minutes, or until fluffy. Scrape sides of bowl. Add vanilla; beat 1 minute. Add flour and walnut mixture; beat 30 seconds, or until combined. Scrape down sides of bowl and beaters; continue

hand-mixing dough until well combined.

Working with 1 tablespoon dough at a time, roll into 1 1/4-inch balls and arrange 1 inch apart on prepared baking sheets. Bake until cookies are lightly golden brown, about 18 minutes, rotating baking sheets halfway through.

Remove cookies from



oven and cool on baking sheets 10 minutes. Transfer to wire rack; cool completely. Roll cookies in powdered sugar.

Before serving, re-roll cookies in powdered sugar.



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