It’s not too late to order your holiday fruit from the Odd Fellows Lodge #97. They can take your order through the weekend of November 19 to 21. Call Dale Nestor for specifics at 301-349-5450.

Holiday Gifting Ideas

For those having special holiday spirit, here are some wonderful ideas to help others.

For Solders Serving in Combat Zones

American Legion Post #247 is sponsoring a drive to provide care packages for soldiers serving in combat zones. Those wishing to contribute can drop off their gifts in a collection box at the Poolesville Town Hall. The collections will continue through January 1, 2010. Anyone aware of a local person currently deployed should email Paul Kelly at paulkellywh@gmail.com to have the person added to the mailing list. The legion is grateful to town staff and the commissioners for their support of this program.

The items needed are: any kind of toiletries, baby wipes, aspirin, antacid, sunscreen, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, small toys, and candy that they can pass out to kids, deflated soccer balls, playing cards, magazines (old is fine; sports, hunting, and guns are the most popular types), handwritten notes of support, pictures drawn by children, homemade baked goods, and used movies or TV episodes on DVD.

Toys for Tots at UMCVFD

Jeffery Eck reports that the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program is now in full swing at the Upper Montgomery County Volunteer Fire Department. The community is encouraged to contribute a new and unwrapped toy. The U.S. Marines Corps Reserve distributes all toys locally through the Toys for Tots program.

Toys for Tots collection boxes are now in place at Shear Elegance Hair Salon, Selby’s Market, Poolesville Hardware, Healthworks Fitness Center, Cugini’s Pizza, Kristopher’s Pizza, Harris Teeter, and the UMCVFD in Beallsville. Your contribution will put smiles on the faces of our firefighters and, most importantly, on the faces of the children who receive the gifts.

November 18, 19, and 20

Come prepared to hoot, howl, and roll with laughter!

Join the Midnight Players of Poolesville High School for their fall show, “The Worst High School Play in the World,” a full-length comedy by William Gleason. It’s the year A.D. 1243, and the land of Saxonia is in turmoil! Friar Rico and Belinda tell the story of Prince Ivanha and his epic journey from palace cradle to the depths of the forest. While King Isadore is off fighting in the Crusades, his brother, the evil Prince Viscera does everything in his power to keep the Prince Ivanha from rightfully inheriting the throne. It’s up to Ivanha’s mother, Queen Nina, and his sister, Princess Corsicana, to keep him out of Viscera’s clutches, assisted by Friar Fred. Madness ensues! “Return to those thrilling days of yesteryear when men were men, women were women… and squirrels were squirrels!”

Adult: $10.00 Student: $5.00 (Purchased at PHS Box Office after November 12)

Reservations made through jlh.temp@verizon.net

PHS auditorium

Thursday: 7:00 p.m.

Friday: 7:30 p.m.

Saturday: 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

November 19, 20, and 21

ALOG’s WinterGlow 2010

Art League of Germantown

Art Show and Sale

BlackRock Center for the Arts

Friday and Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

November 19

Longaberger Basket Bingo with Vera Bradley Bags

UMCVFD Auxiliary - Beallsville Fire House

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Games: 7:00 p.m.

November 19 and 20

Christmas Attic Sale

St. Peter’s Parish, 20100 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

1000’s of Christmas decorations and ornaments, artificial greens, trees and lights.

Bake Sale and pecans

.Friday: noon to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

301-349-2073

November 20

**Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Fatima Council #6901,**

**Annual Art Auction**

There will be art available for purchase for everyone’s taste and budget in all media and price ranges, including original oil paintings, animation cells, and sports memorabilia. The preview begins at 7:00 p.m., and the auction starts at 8:00 p.m. The cost is just $10.00 per person or $30.00 for a family of four. There will also be a silent auction, raffle, and door prizes, plus a complimentary assortment of hors d’oeuvres, beer, wine, and refreshments. For more information, call Kevin Carmack at 301-349-2274.

Cugini’s Entertainment Night

Featuring: The Haunts

Starts at 8:00 p.m.

Annual Open House & Holiday Bazaar

Kunzang Palyul Choling

18400 River Road, Poolesville

Exotic imported gifts, large collection of minerals and crystals, unique silent auction gifts, children’s corner, African drumming, reflexology, reiki, astrology, and food and refreshments,

plus a bake sale to benefit parrot sanctuary.

Everyone is invited, free admission.

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

November 25

Happy Thanksgiving!

November 26

Black Friday Pajama Super 7 Bingo (PJs optional)

$20.00 per person

Seven Games for Longaberger Baskets

Seven $50.00 cash games

Raffles, special games, King Tuts

Refreshments available

Carroll Manor Fire Company

2795 Adams Street, Adamstown

Doors Open: 5:30 p.m.

Games: 7:00 p.m.

Bassett’s Entertainment Night

Featuring: Chris Compton

10:00 p.m.

November 29

Book Discussion Group

Poolesville Library

Featuring: *Then We Came to an End*, by Joshua Ferris

Copies available at the checkout desk.

7:00 p.m.

December 3, 4, and 5 and 10, 11, and 12

Countryside Artisans Tour

Visit www.countrysideartisans.com for specifics

December 3

Fifth Annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony and First Friday Holiday Local Shopping

Come capture the true spirit of a small-town holiday celebration. Twinkling lights, performances by local choirs, and the aroma of chestnuts roasting will transport the child in you to memories of holidays past. Enjoy ice-carving demonstrations, visit Santa's Workshop, and stop by the Town Hall to view the Children's Tree. New this year, climb aboard the Holiday Express for a trip around the Commons!

Be a part of the true meaning of the holidays by bringing a new, unwrapped toy to support WUMCO. Toys will be distributed to local families needing assistance this holiday season.
Refreshments available to purchase include: beef brisket, country ham sandwiches, homemade soups, roasted chestnuts, and funnel cakes.

Begin your holiday shopping now! Stroll through Town and enjoy the Historic Medley District Winter Craft Show at Old Town Hall (5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and PACC First Friday Events, which include special offers and late hours at area retail stores.

Sponsored by these Poolesville merchants: Selby's Market, Total Automotive and Diesel, House of Poolesville, Corporate Network Services, Potomac Valley Surveys, Fine Earth Landscaping, McDonald’s, Kuhlman Lawn Service, Mallow Construction, Capital Fence, Don Hoffacker Air Conditioning and Heating, Stephanie's Secret Garden, and Kettler Forlines Homes

Whalen Commons
6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Cugini’s Entertainment Night

Featuring: Jay Summerour

8:00 p.m.

December 4

Breakfast with Santa Claus

UMCVFD Beallsville Fire Hall

## Enjoy the fire department’s traditional, all-you-can-eat Santa Breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, sausage, juice, fruit salad, and coffee. Come warm your tummy and your heart as you view the electric toy train layout, watch the Christmas classic “Santa Is Coming to Town,” and have the kids give Santa their wish list. Instant photos available or you may take your own pictures.

## 12 years and over: $7.003 through 11 years: $5.00Under 3: free

7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Breakfast with St. Nicholas

St. Peter’s Church

Come enjoy a pancake breakfast and hear the story about the jolly gent before he moved to the North Pole.

Starts at 9:00 a.m.

Annual Father Lawrence Memorial American Red Cross Blood Drive

St. Mary’s Catholic Church

Barnesville Pavilion

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Contact: John Phipps at 301-972-7292 to register or to notify that you will donate blood

Annual Odd Fellows Seniors, Widows, and Widowers Christmas Party

All senior citizens and their friends are invited and welcome.

Door prizes, entertainment, and Ham Turkey Dinner.

Free

RSVP: Spencer Schmidt at 301-461-1289 or Richard Norwood at 301-349-5102

Memorial United Methodist Church

1:00 p.m.

Lost-N-Found

Lost -N- Found, a contemporary Christian band, is performing at the newly-opened Connection Café at Poolesville Presbyterian Church from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.  There is no cover charge, and all are welcome. Refreshments will be available. Visit [www.poolpres.com](http://www.poolpres.com/) or call Carolyn McFall at 240-672-2236 for more information.

December 9

Storytime for Toddlers

Poolesville Library

Stories, fingerplays, and music

10:30 a.m.

Special Event: Dickerson, Maryland: Rocks, Roads, Rails, Residences, and Residents

An illustrated presentation on Dickerson’s history and architecture co-sponsored by Dickerson Community Association and Historic Medley District, Inc.

Historian Eileen McGuckian used maps, public records, research, interviews, and observations to survey eighty-five properties in the town between April and September 2010. Residents are invited to bring photos, memories, maps, and documents on Dickerson to share.

Poolesville Museum (Old Town Hall), 19933 Fisher Avenue

For more information, call 301-972-8965 or email phileen3@verizon.net

7:30 p.m.