

—Slug:..... COMM-0845.wc.Xmas\_services  
—Contributor.....  
—Contributor email.....  
—For section..... Town and Village  
—Format..... News briefs  
—Dateline.....  
—Article Number:..... 42772

Notes from editor (not for publication):

HEADLINE ELEMENTS:

####BEGIN HED####

Christmas services around the region

####END HED####

####BEGIN SUBHED####

####END SUBHED####

TEXT BODY:

####BEGIN TEXT####

***Green River Carol Sing-on Dec. 21***

GUILFORD — Guilford welcomes the return of a special holiday tradition, with the 62nd anniversary of the “Green River Carol Sing-on” Sunday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m. at the Green River Community Church in the historic village center of Green River.

This community event started in the early 1960s to raise funds to restore, rebuild, and maintain the 185-year-old 1838

11 Green River Community Church. Traditionally scheduled for the  
12 last Sunday before Christmas, the Carol Sing is a mix of scriptures  
13 and carols, ending with a candlelight version of "Silent Night."

14 Pastor Michael Mario will again lead the service and  
15 locally-renowned organist, Patty Myer, will play the historic Estey  
16 pump organ. The church will be beautifully decorated, and  
17 following the service, cider and holiday treats will be served in  
18 the vestibule. Local children will act as ushers and bell ringers,  
19 and families are encouraged to attend.

20 For more information, call 802-254-4813 or visit  
21 [greenrivervillage.org](http://greenrivervillage.org).

## 22 ***Candlelight service in Marlboro***

23 MARLBORO — Marlboro Meeting House, 5284 South  
24 Rd., will host a Christmas candlelight service of lessons and  
25 carols Sunday, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m. The story of the birth of Jesus  
26 will be told through Bible readings and special music  
27 interspersed with community members taking part.

28 The program will be about an hour, ending with the  
29 singing of "Silent Night" in candlelight. An offering will  
30 be taken during the program to benefit equally Heifer  
31 International and The Women's Freedom Center. Rob Szpila will  
32 lead the program and offer a reflection. Jim Levinson and Andrea  
33 Howe will lead organ and vocalists. Refreshments and fellowship  
34 will follow.

## 35 ***First Universalist Parish of Chester welcomes*** 36 ***the season***

37 CHESTER — First Universalist Parish of Chester  
38 has presents a celebration of the solstice and the season, with  
39 caroling and other special music, during its 10 a.m. service on  
40 Sunday, Dec. 21.

41 On Sunday, Dec. 28, at 10 a.m., First Universalist offers  
42 "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," a staged reading of the  
43 Nativity.

~~Join then~~An in-person gathering follows at 211 North St.

(Route 103) in Chester's Historic Stone Village, or attend via

Zoom; ~~z~~ contact the parish for a link at [chestervtuu@gmail.com](mailto:chestervtuu@gmail.com).

### ***Christmas pageant in Westminster***~~<br>~~

WESTMINSTER — On Sunday, Dec. 21, First

Congregational Church of Westminster ~~we~~ will ~~be~~ presenting a

Christmas Pageant at the 10 a.m. service. Children of all ages are

welcome to be a part of the pageant.

On Wednesday, Dec. 24, First Congregational will

celebrate Christmas with their Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is invited and the service will include carols, a special

message and, of course, the Christmas story.

### ***Christmas eve service, pageant in***

#### ***Guilford***~~<br>~~

GUILFORD — Guilford Community Church, 38 Church

Drive, presents their traditional Christmas pageant ~~on~~ Sunday,

Dec. 21, at 10 a.m. All are welcome. If any child would like to

be an angel, shepherd, or stable animal for the pageant, arrive at

9:30 a.m. so there is time to get into costume. Questions can be

addressed to Sue Owings at [Skowings@gmail.com](mailto:Skowings@gmail.com).

The church will hold its Christmas Eve service, "Shining

a Light into a World of Darkness," ~~on~~ Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 7

p.m. All are welcome. This service, led by Pastor Allyson Platt,

will also be streamed live, and a link will be available on the

church website, [guilfordchurch.org](http://guilfordchurch.org), shortly before Dec. 24.

### ***Christmas services in Westminster West***

WESTMINSTER WEST — The Westminster West

Congregational Church will host two Christmas Services this year.

On Sunday, Dec. 21, at 5 p.m., Adrienne Major will lead a

service of Christmas story-telling, highlighted by a shadow

puppet play of the Nativity put on by Leslie Turpin and Tom

Griffith. It is a service for all ages and includes familiar carols and

other Christmas music.

77 At 11 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 24, everyone is  
78 welcome to join a Christmas Eve candlelight Service of Lessons  
79 and Carols led by the Rev. Lise Sparrow in collaboration with the  
80 Rev. Shawn Bracebridge on harp, organ, and piano. ~~Those who~~  
81 aAttendants who can are encouraged to bring candles, and  
82 candles will be provided, to light in memory of loved ones and-  
83 ~~will also be provided for candle-lighting~~ to conclude the service.

####END TEXT####

BIO/COATTAIL:

####BEGIN BIO/COATTAIL####

84

####END BIO/COATTAIL####

LAST ISSUE IN WHICH THIS FILE CAN BE RUN:

####BEGIN MAXISSUE####

85

0

####END MAXISSUE####

LINKS:

####BEGIN LINKS####

86

####END LINKS####

VIDEO:

####BEGIN VIDEO####

87

####END VIDEO####

LOGLINE (SOCIAL MEDIA):

####BEGIN LOGLINE####

88

####END LOGLINE####

