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40th Candlelight Tour Set for Dec. 8 in Downtown Lancaster

The Fairfield County Heritage Association hosts the 40th annual Candlelight Tour on Saturday, Dec. 8 with the theme "Proclaim His Birth."

Guides lead guests down candlelit paths to eight historic churches in Downtown Lancaster. Each church will host its own uniquely festive 15-minute music program. Tour goers will hear a variety of musical styles, including blue grass gospel songs, classical hymns as well as contemporary songs performed by musicians of all ages.

"Our Candlelight Tours truly help you find the Spirit of Christmas," says Lynn Patchen, who co-chairs the event with Judy Groff. Sheree Baker handles ticket sales. The tour runs from 6 until about 9:30 p.m.

The evening opens with performances choir at First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church and ends at St. Mary of the Assumption Church.

In between, guests will visit:

- St. John's Episcopal Church.
- Emanuel Lutheran Church.
- St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- First English Lutheran Church.
- Mill's Memorial United Methodist Church.

Tickets are \$10 in advance; \$12 the day of the tour; and \$4 for students 5 to 18. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Fairfield National Bank Main Office; FNB branches at Meijer and East Main Street; and the Sherman House and Georgian museums. They are available online at www.fairfieldheritage.org or by calling the FCHA office at 740-654-9923.

On the night of the tour, tickets may be purchased at First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets are nonrefundable.

Tour goers are advised to wear comfortable shoes, dress warmly and bring a flashlight. A van will be provided for those who have difficulty walking. If possible, please contact the FCHA office in advance if you will need to ride the van: 740-654-9923.

The Fairfield County Heritage Association is a nonprofit organization that owns and operates the Sherman House and Georgian museums; promotes historic preservation and revitalization; and provides educational programming as part of its mission is to connect all people to the rich history of Fairfield County.