



Muskegon County Calendar of Events December 10-16, 2018

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Monday, December 10 :

TRIVIA NIGHT

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

TRIVIA! Test your wits with your team – fun, food, prizes. Book Nook & Java Shop is located in Montague’s main street 8744 Ferry St. 231-894-5333 for more information.

Team Trivia Game Show

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Come to Racquet’s Downtown Grill for the Team Trivia Game Show! Groups of any size are invited to play for free with prizes for the top three teams! Categories range from pop culture and entertainment, to sports, history, science, culture and general knowledge. Your live host will also offer many genres of music throughout the game, plus, you’ll enjoy food and drink specials each week. For more information, call (231) 726-4007.

All MCC Holiday Celebration

7:30 pm

Enjoy the Downtown Live Concert Series at the Frauenthal Center with the “All MCC Holiday Celebration,” featuring the College’s Wind Ensemble, Jazz Ensemble, Collegiates and College Singers of Muskegon Community College! Tickets for the concert are \$8 for adults and \$2 for students and are available online at www.startickets.com. For more information, contact the MCC Arts and Humanities Department at (231) 777-0324.

Trivia Night with the Lakeshore Museum Center

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Come to Pigeon Hill Brewing as Erin & Aaron from the Lakeshore Museum Center help them host Trivia Night with questions regarding the Hackley & Hume Homes downtown Muskegon! How much do you know about lumber barons Charles Hackley and Thomas Hume? Your

knowledge might win you a prize! There'll be awards for 1st and 2nd place teams. Join Pigeon Hill at 7:30pm every Monday evening for trivia. Each team is allowed up to 6 members. Topics vary and can include: entertainment, music, history, politics, sports, art, current events and more. For more information call (231) 375-5184.

Tuesday, December 11:

Free Planetarium Show at Muskegon Community College

7:00 pm - 7:35 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:00pm, come to Carr-Fles Planetarium for the "Mystery of the Christmas Star!" This holiday tradition looks at possible dates and astronomical events for the sighting of the "star" that declared Jesus' birth. No reservations are needed for this free, 35-minute show, which runs November 1 – December 13. This presentation includes a brief planetarium dome demonstration of the current night sky. For more information, or to schedule a private show for groups of 15-44, call (231) 777-0289 or email tamera.owens@muskegoncc.edu.

It's Gonna Get Ugly at the Muskegon Area District Library!

December 11

It only happens once a year, when holiday sweaters so ugly that they're cute come out of the closet! Tuesday, December 11, stop by your Muskegon Area District Library branch and vote for the ugliest holiday sweater worn by your MADL staff. You could win a surprise! You can vote on the MADL Facebook page as well. For more information call 231-780-8844.

Pianist Steve Thielman

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Visit the Book Nook & Java Shop to enjoy a morning coffee and danish while listening to tunes on the piano from Steve Theilman! For more information, call 231-894-5333.

Wednesday, December 12:

The Muskegon Piano Bar

6:30pm

Do you enjoy Dueling Pianos? If so, come and check out Dueling Piano player Billy Ryan at The Sherman Bowling Center for sing-a-long out loud fun and comedy.

The Piano Shows starts at 6:30pm every Wednesday and Thursday and at 8:00pm Fridays and Saturdays. Visit them on [Facebook.com/MuskegonPianoBar](https://www.facebook.com/MuskegonPianoBar) for more information.

Make Binary Code Jewelry

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Kids ages 6 – 16 are invited to learn the basics of binary code with fun and easy jewelry! Make an initial pin or a bracelet with your name – or both. These make great gifts! This event is free, but registration is required by visiting the Norton Shores Library desk, by calling 231-780-8844, or e-mailing gstreeter@madl.org. Norton Shores library is located 705 Seminole Rd., Norton Shores.

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SONS: Seeing the African American Male

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Come to the Muskegon Museum of Art for the opening reception of “SONS: Seeing the African American Male!” Meet artist Jerry Taliaferro at this celebration opening of an exhibition of Taliaferro’s photographs of Muskegon area African American men. The 94 portraits in the exhibition explore how the black American male perceives himself and how he is perceived by others. The men pictured in the exhibition were nominated from the Greater Muskegon area by a committee of their peers. Taliaferro is well regarded for photographic projects and published works, including Women of a New Tribe, a photographic study of the spiritual and physical beauty of black women. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 231-720-2570.

Holiday Cheesecake and Chocolate Treats with Chef Char

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sign up to Kitchen 242 inside the Muskegon Farmers' Market for the culinary class, "Holiday Cheesecake and Chocolate Treats with Chef Char!" Learn the secrets to making an amazing cheesecake covered with ganache and festive toppings for your next holiday gathering. Make a beautiful (and edible) platter out of candy and fill the platter with homemade Christmas Bark candy that can be enjoyed at your next holiday party or given away as gifts. The cost is \$45. For more information, call (231) 769-2202 or visit Eventbrite.com to sign up.

Praytell Christmas: An Evening of Music with Jon and Valerie

Guerra

7:00 pm

Come to the Beardsley Theater inside the Frauenthal Center for "Praytell Christmas: An Evening of Music with Jon and Valerie Guerra!" This will be an evening of songs and stories with Praytell, the musical duo that is Jon and Valerie Guerra. The acclaimed singer/songwriters from Chicago will bring their nostalgic harmonies, well-crafted songs, and stunning voices for a night that will be as fun as it is heart-warming. Praytell has toured extensively around the globe, including years of opening for Amy Grant and Vince Gill's Christmas at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville, TN. For more information or tickets, call the box office at 231-727-8001.

Friday, December 14:

Christmas Nativity Walk

6:00pm

Trinity Lutheran Church, 3225 Roosevelt Rd., Norton Shores, invites you to their Christmas Nativity Walk! Imagine what it would have been like to be present at the first Christmas, then come and experience it. See the true Christmas story come to life! 50 minute tours take you to 8 scenes that portray the true story of Jesus' birth. Also included are pre-tour scenes, Mangers and Going-Deeper displays, Christmas tree ornament find, kids' activity Table, Christmas Carols, and videos while you wait for your tour. Bring your family and friends to this **FREE** event! For more information, call (231) 755-1292 or find Trinity Lutheran Church on Facebook.

Canvas & Cocktails at the Watermark

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Create.a.frame Studio and Watermark 920 invite you to join them for Canvas & Cocktails! The cost of this class will be \$20 per person and includes all of the supplies needed. You'll get step-by-step instructions and techniques on how to create your one-of-a-kind masterpiece! Class space will be limited and is for those 21 and up! Painting begins at 6:30pm, but be sure to join them for cocktail hour beginning at 5:30pm. A full cash bar will be available. You must register at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Board Games 4 Charity

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

You're invited to Bardic Wells Meadery to have some fun and help Santa gather some toys! Bring your donations of new, unwrapped toys and/or cash for Toys for Tots and play board games while sampling some mead! For more information, call (616) 837-8035.

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West Michigan Symphony Presents: Home for the Holidays

7:30 pm

Bring your friends to the Frauenthal Center as the West Michigan Symphony presents, "Home for the Holidays!" Presenting a cast of young choristers from ages 8-18, along with the full WMS, in a program of seasonal favorites. From classics to beloved carols, they'll warm your heart like chestnuts roasting on an open fire. Bring the whole family for a spellbinding evening of Yuletide magic! Single ticket prices are \$28-\$64. Student tickets are \$10. Call 231-726-3231 ext. 223 for tickets and more information.

Saturday, December 15:

Sweetwater Local Foods Market

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sweetwater Local Foods Market is open year-round, every Saturday from 9:00am-Noon! Healthy! Humane! Homegrown is their pledge to use NO synthetic fertilizers, NO synthetic chemical pesticides or herbicides, no growth promoting antibiotics and NO GMO's! You can find them in the lobby and parking lot of Mercy Health Lakes Village. For more information, visit www.sweetwaterlocalfoodsmarket.org.

Reindeer at Hackley Public Library

2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Visit the Hackley Public Library to meet some real, live reindeer! Did you know that reindeer are excellent swimmers and great runners? Does that make them superb flyers, too? Learn the answers to these questions and other great reindeer facts when you come to meet their friendly reindeer. Make sure to dress warmly! For more information call (231) 722-8000.

(Saturday continued)

Santa Claus Visit to Norton Shores Library:FREE

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Bring the kiddos to the Norton Shores Library to meet the jolly old elf himself! Santa is taking time out of his busy schedule to visit all nine branches of Muskegon Area District Library to meet boys and girls of all ages. Bring the whole family and start your holiday season with stories, crafts, and Santa! Don't forget your camera; you won't want to miss this FREE photo opportunity! For more information, call 231-780-8844.

The Nutcracker

3:00 pm

Come to the Frauenthal Theater as the West Michigan Youth Ballet presents, "The Nutcracker!" "The Nutcracker", a wonderful ballet for the entire family, tells the story of a little girl named Clara who is given a magical nutcracker doll on Christmas Eve. She encounters the frightful Rat King before embarking on a journey through the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of Sweets. Bringing to life this beloved story will be youth from twelve West Michigan dance studios, ranging from 8 – 18 years of age. For more information, call 231-727-8001.

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Hackley & Hume Holiday Tours

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Experience the Hackley & Hume homes decorated beautifully for the holidays with period-appropriate artifacts and ornaments provided by Muskegon's local community groups. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$10 per adult, \$8 for seniors 65 and over or \$5 for Kids ages 2-12. For more information, call 231-722-7578.

Pigeon Hill's Annual Ugly Sweater Contest

8:00 pm - 11:59 pm

Join Pigeon Hill Brewing Co. for their Annual Ugly Sweater Party with a live performance by Logan White! The ugliest sweater will be awarded a prize at 10:00pm. As an official drop-off location for Toys for Tots, they're asking everyone to bring a new, unwrapped toy in lieu of a cover charge. They are also taking donations for Kids' Food Basket which feed over 1,000 kids a week right here in Muskegon County. For more information call (231) 375-5184.

Muskegon Indoor Farmer's Market

9:00am-1:00pm

The Muskegon Farmer's Market continues year round inside at 242 W. Western Ave.,

SONS Saturday Free Community Day

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Visit the Muskegon Museum of Art for a "SONS Saturday Free Community Day!" Celebrate the opening weekend of "SONS: Seeing the Modern African American Male" with a free community day! For more information call 231-720-2570. Bring your family and friends to enjoy: 11:00am – 12:00pm/Gallery reading of children's books written by African American authors. 11:00am & 1:00pm/Film in the auditorium, with light refreshments provided. 12:00pm – 3:00pm/Docent led tours through the exhibition and in gallery activities.

Sunday, December 16:

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2:00pm

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Holiday Brunch with Santa

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Come to SE4SONS Banquet Center for Holiday Brunch with Santa! This will be a fun-filled day of great food, holiday cookie decorating and family! This buffet style culinary experience, featuring the jolly old elf himself, includes a breakfast bar, hot and cold stations, chef attended stations, dessert station and kids' buffet. The cost is \$27 for adults, \$12 for kids 5 – 12, and kids 4 and under are free. For more information or to make reservations, call 231-755-3737.

Please visit our website www.visitmuskegon.org for a complete listing of events in Muskegon County!

Thank you & Have a great week!
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