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Important Calendar Dates

- **Election Day -** November 3
- **Veterans Day** - November 11
- **World Kindness Day** - November 13
- **Thanksgiving Day** - November 26
  COA Closed November 26th & 27th
- **National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day -** December 7
- **Human Rights Day -** December 10
- **Christmas Eve & Christmas Day**
  COA Closed - December 24th & 25th

Where Did Your Favorite Thanksgiving Day Food Originate?

Many people in the United States enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal that typically includes turkey, potatoes, squash, corn, and cranberries. But have you ever wondered where these foods originated?

According to Bruce Smith, a scientist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, many foods we associate with Thanksgiving actually come from Mexico and South America. He explains that these foods spread throughout the southwestern United States through trade and interaction among American Indian tribes.

So, as you celebrate Thanksgiving, remember the rich history behind the foods on your table!

Turkey

- Turkeys were domesticated around 2,000 years ago in central Mexico and the southwestern United States. The southwestern version eventually disappeared, and today's turkeys come from the Mexican domesticate. They traveled from Mexico to the U.S., were brought to Europe, and then carried by settlers to the eastern United States.

Squash and Pumpkins

- In the U.S., the common squash and pumpkin, Cucurbita pepo, includes varieties like acorn and spaghetti squash. Orange pumpkins for jack-o'-lanterns were first domesticated in Mexico around 10,000 years ago, with a second domestication in the Eastern U.S. 5,000 years ago. Yellow and green summer squashes like zucchini come from a wild gourd found in the Ozarks.

Corn

- Corn was domesticated in Mexico over 8,000 years ago and spread to the United States by 4,000 years ago, reaching eastern North America by 200 B.C. It originated from teosinte, a wild grass in Mexico and Central America.

Cranberries

- Cranberries originated in New England and were named "craneberry" by European settlers who believed the plant resembled a crane. In the 1600s, they were also known as "bearberries" because bears ate them. American Indians initially used cranberries for food, medicine, and dye.

https://www.si.edu/spotlight/thanksgiving/thanksgiving-foods

A Message from the Director

As we enter the holiday season, I find myself reflecting on all that I am grateful for.

First and foremost, I am thankful for our incredible staff. Every day, they show compassion, dedication, and a genuine commitment to helping others. Their care and willingness to go the extra mile make a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve, and I am grateful to work alongside such an amazing team.

I am also deeply thankful for our Board of Directors. Their guidance, support, and trust have helped our organization continue to grow and serve our community. I am personally grateful for the confidence they place in me as Executive Director and for their ongoing commitment to our mission.
To our volunteers and community partners, thank you. Your generosity, collaboration, and support allow us to reach more people and strengthen our impact throughout Wexford County.

Most importantly, thank you to the individuals and families who trust us. Whether you come to us for assistance, guidance, or simply a listening ear, it is a privilege to be part of your journey. We never take that trust for granted.

As the year comes to a close, I encourage you to take a moment to reflect on what matters most and the people who make a difference in your life. Gratitude reminds us how connected we truly are.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving, a joyful holiday season, and a happy New Year.

-Georgie

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New!

OFFICE BUSINESS HOURS BEGINNING JANUARY 2027

To better support our team while continuing to provide the high-quality service you expect, our office hours will change beginning in January 2027.

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
FRIDAY: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thank you for your continued trust and support. We look forward to continuing to serve you!



Happy Thanksgiving - Community Meals

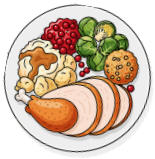


📍 **Location: Salvation Army** **725 Wright St, Cadillac, MI 49601**
🦃 **Date**: Thanksgiving Day
🕛 **Time:** 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
A warm and welcoming Community Thanksgiving Meal at the Salvation Army. Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving meal, fellowship, and the spirit of gratitude with friends, neighbors, and community members. Everyone is welcome!

📍 **Location: Mesick AMVETS** **3669 N 9 Rd, Mesick, MI 49668**
🦃 **Date**: Thanksgiving Day
🕐 **Time**: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
💲 **Cost:** By donation
Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Mesick AMVETS on Thanksgiving Day. Everyone is welcome to attend.



📍 **Location: Manton Senior Center** **302 W Main St, Manton, MI 49663**
🦃 **Date:** Saturday, November 21, 2026
🕛 **Time**: 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Dine-In or Take-Out
💲 **Cost:** Donations are not required but are graciously accepted and appreciated.
Join Hearts and Hands of Manton for a Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone is welcome.
For more information, **contact:** Ivy Thompson: 615-414-1021 or Sherry Sisco: 231-342-8866



📍 **Location**: **Cadillac Senior Center** **601 Chestnut St, Cadillac, MI 49601**
🦃 **Date:** Thursday, November 19, 2026
🕛 **Time**: Noon
💲 **Cost**: $6.00 per person
Enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving dinner catered by Chartwells, complete with turkey, classic holiday trimmings, and dessert. Gather with friends and neighbors for a delicious meal and celebrate the season of gratitude together. 🍂 Reservations are encouraged; please call 231-779-9420



🎁 Give a Gift Certificate

Looking for a meaningful gift for a friend or loved one? The Wexford County Council on Aging offers gift certificates that can be used toward our Foot Care Program or applied to other COA services on someone's behalf. It's a thoughtful way to support the health, comfort, and well-being of a senior in our community. For more information or to purchase a gift certificate, please contact our office.



🎄 Christmas in the Park (Downtown)

- **Date:** Friday, November 27, 2026 (Black Friday)
- **Location**: Cadillac Commons (Downtown)
- **Timeline & Events:**

5:30 PM: Festivities kick off with holiday music and caroling.
6:00 PM: Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive via a horse-drawn carriage to officially light the city's Christmas tree. Following the lighting, children can visit with Santa.
6:15 PM: A holiday drone light show features 100 synchronized drones forming animated holiday shapes over the park, paired with mobile audio.

- **Perks:** The Salvation Army offers free hot chocolate, while local vendors such as Primos BBQ and nearby coffee shops provide warm drinks and food. They also offer a free book giveaway for children inside the Market building.

🎄 Cadillac West Christmas Tree Lighting

- **Date:** Saturday after Thanksgiving, November 28th
- **Location:** Point West Mall corridor (Cadillac West area)
- **Timeline & Events:**

4:00 PM: Family activities begin, featuring holiday music, crafts, cookie decorating, and ornament making.
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Free coffee and hot chocolate are served, and characters like Caddy Bear passing out free coloring books to kids.
6:00 PM: The ceremonial tree lighting takes place, accompanied by a visit from Santa, and local corridor businesses join in with holiday sales and open houses during the event

Manton Area, Christmas in the Park
Saturday, December 5th from 6 PM- 8 PM.
Always located at the Manton Station in downtown Manton.
THE EVENING WILL BE FULL OF EXCITEMENT WITH:
- A lighted parade around the square
- Meet & greet with Santa Claus & his Elves
- Music and Caroling
- Snacks & Hot Cocoa
- Food Vendors
- Campfire



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- **Nov. 4: 10am–6pm**

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Join the Fun! Local Events & Activities

5th Annual St. Ann School Craft Show

- **Date & Time:** Saturday, November 7, 2026, at 9:00 AM
- **Location:** St. Ann School, **800 W 13th St, Cadillac. MI 49601**
- **Details:** An annual holiday craft and vendor fair featuring local artisans, handmade crafts, and various vendors.

Band Booster Hobby & Craft Show

- **Date:** Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 9:00 AM
- **Location**: Hosted at Fox Ford of Cadillac **1450 N Mitchell St, Cadillac, MI 49601**
- **Details**: A great stop to begin holiday shopping, featuring diverse vendor booths that support Cadillac's middle and high school band programs.

Holiday Treasures Craft & Vendor Show

- **Date**: Saturday, November 14, 2026 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- **Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Cadillac **221 E Harris St, Cadillac, MI 49601**
- **Details:** This festive market showcases unique, handcrafted treasures from local artists and crafters

Beach Glass Christmas Trees Workshop



- **Date:** Thursday, November 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM
- **Location:** Up North Arts, Inc **601 Chestnut St Suite C, Cadillac, MI 49601**
- **Details:** Get festive with a $60 structured crafting workshop. Participants are guided through making a beautiful 9-inch holiday tree.

Club Cadillac 2nd Annual Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser

- **Date:** Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 12:00 PM
- **Location:** The Market at Cadillac Commons **117 W Cass St, Cadillac, MI 49601**
- **Details:** Sample homemade chilis cooked up by local restaurants. Attendees can vote for categories like "People's Choice," "Most Unique," and "Hot & Spicy."

Manton PTO Craft Show



- **Date:** Saturday, December 5th**.**
- **Location:** 5th Street Gym, **105 Fifth St, Manton, MI 49663**
- **Time:** 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

International Holiday Market

- **Date:** Saturday, December 6, 2026, from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
- **Location:** Cadillac Farmers Market, **117 W. Cass St. Cadillac MI 49601**
- **Details:** Experience a festive global celebration featuring European carols and live African drum rhythms while shopping for unique seasonal gifts.

Celebrate The Season Concert

- **Date:** Sunday, December 6, 2026 at 4:00 PM
- **Location:** First Presbyterian Church of Cadillac **221 E Harris St, Cadillac, MI 49601**
- **Details:** Enjoy an evening of timeless Christmas music featuring a sanctuary performance with a bell choir, instrumentalists, vocal solos, and audience sing-alongs.
  Admission is free, with donations accepted for local charities.

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Need groceries or a meal but don't feel like making the trip? Home delivery services make it easier than ever to have everyday essentials and restaurant favorites brought directly to your door. Services like Walmart Spark, Instacart, Shipt, DoorDash, Uber Eats, and Grubhub connect customers with local stores and restaurants, helping save time, reduce travel, and add convenience to busy schedules.

The goal of these platforms is simple: Make shopping and dining more accessible! Whether you're managing a hectic day, experiencing limited mobility, recovering from an illness, or simply looking for a more convenient way to shop, home delivery services allow you to browse, order, and receive items without leaving the comfort of your home.

While delivery services may include membership fees or slightly higher prices than in-store shopping, many users find the added convenience well worth the cost. Discounts, promotions, and larger orders can help maximize value. Grocery delivery services may also accept EBT payments, expanding access for many households! For countless seniors, home delivery is more than just a convenience. By reducing the need for shopping trips and transportation arrangements, it supports independent living while ensuring groceries, meals, and everyday essentials remain within easy reach. The next time you need to make a trip, consider home delivery as an option instead!

If you are unsure where to start or are looking for assistance signing up for a home delivery service, call our office! We'd be happy to give you some tips or help you sign up for our Digital Companion Class where individuals 60 and older can get personalized help from CTC Digital Media students to confidently use their devices. In a world that is always changing, we are here to help you navigate each step of your journey!





NPalliative: Compassionate Healthcare Where You Live

For many adults and individuals living with chronic illness, getting to a traditional medical office can be difficult. NPalliative brings healthcare directly to you, providing both in-home and in-facility care throughout Northern Michigan. Our goal is simple: to make quality healthcare more accessible, more convenient, and more personal for people who may have difficulty with transportation or simply prefer receiving care in the comfort of their own home or facility.
Our Palliative Care services focus on helping people live as comfortably and independently as possible while managing chronic or serious illnesses. Our board-certified practitioners provide in-home and in-facility symptom management for conditions such as dementia, COPD and other lung diseases, congestive heart failure (CHF), cancer, diabetes, physical limitations, and many other chronic or complex conditions. Palliative care can help address symptoms, medications, changes in health, and quality-of-life concerns while working alongside the patient's existing healthcare providers. Our goal is to treat the client and support the caregivers as well.

NPalliative also provides Primary Care in the same convenient settings. Primary care is focused on your overall healthcare needs, including routine medical care, prevention, treatment of common illnesses, medication management, and monitoring your health over time. In-home services may include annual wellness visits, blood draws, x-rays, ultrasounds, flu shots, advance directive discussions, and other routine healthcare needs. We also offer access to podiatry, mental health counseling and cognitive assessments, helping bring more of the care patients need together in one familiar setting.

It is important to understand that palliative care is not the same as hospice care. Palliative care can be provided early on and at any stage of a serious or chronic illness and does not require someone to be nearing the end of life. Patients can receive palliative care while continuing treatment for their underlying condition. Hospice, on the other hand, is specialized end-of-life care for individuals who meet hospice eligibility requirements and have chosen a comfort-focused only approach to care in last 6 months.

Whether you need ongoing primary care, help managing symptoms from a chronic illness, assistance with medications and changing health needs, or simply want the convenience of having a healthcare practitioner come to you, NPalliative is here to help. We believe healthcare should meet people where they are, not require people to overcome unnecessary barriers just to receive it.
NPalliative accepts insurance, and our team would be happy to answer your questions and help determine whether our services may be appropriate for you or a loved one.
To learn more or get started, call our Intake Specialist at 231-421-6921. We would love the opportunity to help make healthcare a little easier, more accessible, and more personal for you and your family



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HONORING OUR HEROES:
The Legacy of Veterans Day.

Every year on November 11, our nation comes together to observe Veterans Day. This special day is dedicated to honoring and thanking the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. Across generations, these brave individuals answered the call to serve, often leaving behind family and the comforts of home to protect the freedoms we enjoy today. Their dedication, sacrifice, and commitment to our country deserve our deepest gratitude and respect.

The Origins of November 11: The history of Veterans Day is closely tied to the end of World War I. **Major hostilities were** formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, when the Armistice with Germany took effect. Originally known as Armistice Day, it was created by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919 to remember the sacrifices of those who fought in the Great War. In 1954, following the aftermath of the World War II and the Korean War, Congress amended the law to replace 'Armistice' with 'Veterans' so that all American veterans could be celebrated.

Veterans Day vs. Memorial Day: People often confuse Veterans Day with Memorial Day, but they serve distinct purposes. Memorial Day, observed in May, honors those who died while serving their country. Veterans Day, on the other hand, honors all living veterans who have served, regardless of when they served. It's an opportunity to express gratitude for their sacrifices and the lives of those who served in generations past, as well as to remember their family members who continue to be with us.

How We Can Give Back: Showing appreciation does not require grand gestures. A simple, sincere 'thank you for your service' can mean the world to a veteran. Sharing stories, attending community parades, or supporting veteran organizations are powerful ways to keep their legacy alive. By taking time to listen to their experiences, we ensure that their contributions are never forgotten.

VETERANS DAY TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Q1: What was Veterans Day originally called when it was established in 1919?
Answer: Armistice Day, marking the end of World War I.

Q2: How many official uniformed branches are there in the U.S. Armed Forces today?
Answer: S1X including Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force

Q3: What is the main difference between Veterans Day and Memorial Day?
Answer: Veterans Day honors all living veterans who served honorably, while Memorial Day specifically honors service members who passed away during their military service.

Q4: Which iconic red flower is worn as a symbol of remembrance for military service?
Answer: Red Poppy



Veterans Coffee Hour

Come Join in on Monthly Veterans coffee hour for an any veteran who would like to attend, hosted by Wexford Courtney Airport on celebration with Wexford County Veterans Services.

Dates: November 11th & December 9th

Location: Wexford County Airport Community Center.

Time: 9:00 AM.



Duration: Approximately 1 hour (may run longer). For questions or sponsorship opportunities for donuts and coffee, please contact Keith Newell 📞 (231) 968-1976

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Medicare Monday Class Dates

Join us for the upcoming Medicare Monday classes at **4** pm.

November 2
December 7
January 4

These educational sessions are designed to help participants better understand Medicare and available options.

To register, please call Wexford Council on Aging at **231-775-0133**.

Space is limited, so early registration is encouraged.

Open Enrollment Reminder

If you've submitted your Open Enrollment form, don't worry; we've received it! One of our amazing Options Counselors will be reaching out to go over your plan and answer any questions you may have. Because of the increase in scam calls, especially targeting seniors, many people are hesitant to answ unknown numbers. To help with that, please answer your phone or call us back if you see a missed call. You'll be hearing from Kim, Autumn, John & Barb so feel free to save our number: 231-775-0133 in your phone to avoid seeing "Unknown Caller." We're here to make this process easy, safe, and personalized for you!



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Santa Claus is Coming to Town

It's that time of year again, Christmas shopping season. While online shopping has transformed how we shop over the last 30 years, it's important to be careful and not fall for a bad elf's trick. Let's discuss a few ways to be safe around the holiday season.

Do you remember Cabbage Patch dolls and all the fights that broke out when supply didn't meet demand? Now, instead of going to the store, many of us sit on our comfortable couch, shop from home, and have it shipped right to the house with no hustle or bustle. Online shopping is great, but it can pose a few risks. Only purchase from reputable sites and always make sure you are on a genuine website. Websites can be cloned (or simply be fake sites), and they are trying to gather credit card data before being taken down. And if you do get something in the mail, it might not be the good quality that you had expected—If it seems too good to be true, then it probably is. The same goes with sites like Facebook Marketplace - you might be handed a genuine iPad box, but there's a bag of 99-cent pasta inside, and they just drove away with your cash. Check your merchandise before paying for it! And as always, never click on an online ad you see on social media sites; many times those are scammers as well, just trying to steal your information.

For a safe shopping experience online, the best way is to shop with a credit card and avoid using a debit card that is linked to your checking account. Credit card purchases do not immediately affect your bank account, giving you time to dispute any bogus charges. If a fraudster starts to run amok with your debit card, they could drain money straight out of your checking account and tie up funds needed to pay the bills. Always keep close track of what you are spending and double-check your online account to make sure nothing is amiss.

Be safe out there.



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🎄 The Golden Giving Tree Returns for 2026 🎄



The Wexford County Council on Aging is excited to bring back our Golden Giving Tree for the 2026 holiday season!
This special project helps brighten the holidays for local seniors by connecting them with caring community members. Each Golden Giving Ticket represents a wish, need, or simple holiday request from a senior in our community. Individuals, families, businesses, and organizations can select a ticket and purchase a gift to help brighten the season.

Thanks to our community's incredible generosity, last year's Golden Giving Tree was a wonderful success. This year, we're hoping to help even more local seniors experience the joy and warmth of the holiday season.

We anticipate having the Golden Giving Tree on display at the Wexford COA office beginning around Thanksgiving week. As we continue gathering requests and preparing tickets, availability may vary throughout the season. If you're interested in participating, please call our office to check on available Golden Giving Tickets and learn how you can help.

To get involved or check ticket availability, call us at **231-775-0133**.
Together, we can make sure our seniors feel remembered, valued, and cared for this holiday season





Winter Weather Reminder

As winter weather approaches, we want to remind clients and families that our office, Adult Day Center, and services do not automatically close when local schools are closed.

Because we serve individuals throughout the county, service decisions are made based on local conditions and the safety of our clients and staff. If weather conditions impact services, transportation, or staff availability in your area, those affected will be notified directly.

If conditions at your home are unsafe due to snow, ice, or other weather-related concerns, please contact our office as soon as possible. This helps us ensure the safety of both our clients and our staff before sending workers to your home.

Likewise, if you are unable to travel safely to the Adult Day Center or another scheduled service, please let us know. If road conditions are poor, we encourage you to call the office before making the trip. Our team can often assist you more quickly and safely by phone.

Travel safely, stay warm, and remember: if services are affected, we will notify you directly.

Staying Steady on Your Feet This Winter

Here's something I want every older adult to hear: balance is not something you either have or you don't. It's a skill, and like any skill, you can train it at any age.

Falls are the leading cause of injury for adults over 65, and winter in northern Michigan doesn't do us any favors: icy sidewalks, darker days, and months of moving a little less than we did in summer. But here's the encouraging part: the body stays remarkably trainable, well into our 80s and 90s. In a small 2026 study, adults aged 60 to 90 who practiced yoga three times a week for six months improved their strength and fitness. It's never too late to start.

As an occupational therapist, I think about steadiness in three parts: strength, balance, and calm. Here's a simple version of each you can do at home.

- **Leg strength: the sit-to-stand**

The single best predictor of whether you'll get back up after a fall is whether your legs can lift you. Practice it directly: sit in a sturdy chair, cross your arms over your chest, and stand up without using your hands. Sit back down slowly. That's one. Try five, rest, and repeat. If you need your hands at first, use them and notice the day you don't.

- **Balance: a few minutes at the counter**

Stand at your kitchen counter with your hands resting lightly on it. Lift one foot an inch off the floor and see how long you can stand comfortably. Switch sides. As that gets easier, try it with just a fingertip on the counter. A few minutes a day teaches your ankles and feet to do their job again.

- **Calm: your nervous system matters too**

Here's the part most balance programs skip: tension makes us wobbly. When your body is braced and holding its breath, your balance gets worse. Before your balance practice, take three slow breaths in through your nose, then a long, slow exhale out through your mouth. Research published this year found that older adults who joined a program focused on confidence and self-care felt more sure-footed afterward. Steadiness isn't only physical; feeling safe in your body counts.

Put it together into a five-minute daily routine: five sit-to-stands, one minute of counter balance per side, three slow breaths. That's it. Small, daily, doable.

Two safety notes: always have something sturdy within reach while you practice, and wear supportive, closed-toe shoes, not socks on a smooth floor. If you've fallen recently or feel dizzy when you stand, check in with your doctor or therapist before starting anything new.

Winter will do what winter does. But you can meet it steadier than you were last year, one sit-to-stand at a time.



Hi, I'm Jessica Loose, an occupational therapist and yoga teacher serving northern Michigan. I help adults 40+ build strength, improve balance, and maintain their independence through movement, wellness, and healthy aging practices. I also teach gentle yoga classes in Kalkaska and Traverse City.

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NEW! Gentle Yoga at Cadillac Senior Center with Jessica Loose. This welcoming class focuses on improving balance, flexibility, strength, and overall wellness through gentle movement designed for all experience levels. **Classes will be held every Monday at 11:15 a.m. An introductory class will take place on Monday, November 10, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** 🧘‍♀️🌿

Where Do Christmas Trees Come From?



The tradition of decorating Christmas trees began in Germany during the 1500s, when families brought evergreen trees into their homes and decorated them for the Christmas season. Evergreen trees were chosen because they stay green all year long, symbolizing life, hope, and the promise of spring during the cold winter months.

Over time, the tradition spread throughout Europe and eventually to America, becoming one of the most beloved Christmas customs. Today, millions of Christmas trees are grown on tree farms and carefully cared for before finding their way into homes, churches, and community spaces each holiday season.

More than just a decoration, the Christmas tree has become a symbol of family, celebration, and the joy of the holiday season. 🎄

Dingbats – Christmas Edition

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CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH

Find These 6 Christmas Words

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Christmas Word Wheel

This Christmas-themed word wheel is made from a 9-letter Christmas-themed word. Try and find that word, then make as many words of any length as you can from these letters. You can only use each letter once, and each word must include the letter F.





Answers

1. Noel
2. Three Wise Men
3. Kisses under the Mistletoe
4. Last Christmas
5. Little Donkey
6. Mince Pies
7. Away in a Manger
8. Leftover Turkey
9. Holy Night
10. Opening Presents
11. North Pole
12. Jack Frost
13. White Chirstmas
14. Seasons Greetings
15. Peace on Earth
16. Pigs in a Blanket
17. Donner
18. Decorate
19. Carols
20. Presence over presents

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