

# Get in the holiday spirit with Elon's campus events

*In the days before December break, students will gather together to celebrate the spirit of the upcoming holiday season*

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Reporter

Beginning today and continuing until winter break, Elon's campus will be filled with holiday spirit by celebrations and festive activities intended to entertain and enlighten. The types of activities taking place during December range widely, including everything from hot chocolate and Christmas carols to poetry and Moravian buns.

The Truitt Center for Religious and Spiritual Life will host the Holiday Celebration with Luminaries at 6:30 p.m. in Scott Plaza today.

This annual Holiday Festival of Lights will include hot chocolate, carols, and the lighting of hundreds of lights along Elon's pathways, as well as a tree lighting.

"I went last year and it was really fun," noted sophomore Allison Pariani. "It gets you in the Christmas spirit."

Today, the Truitt Center will present a special Moravian Christmas Love Feast and Candle Service at 5 p.m. in Elon Community Church. This traditional service is particularly interesting due to its historical relevance—the Christmas customs were brought to Old Salem, North Carolina by Moravian settlers from Germany.

The Moravian Christmas Love Feast and Candle Service will include the singing of a children's Christmas carol called "Morning Star," the sharing of coffee and Moravian buns, and the lighting of pure beeswax candles.

Also today, The Elon University Camerata, Elon's choral ensemble, will perform in Whitley Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The concert, called Celebration of Light, is directed by Stephen Futrell and sponsored by the Department of Music. The group's a cappella performances, will also be accompanied by a poetry reading of the works of T.S. Eliot, holiday decorations, and a candlelight procession.

Finally, the North Carolina Symphony will perform a Holiday Pops concert in Koury Center at 8 p.m. on Dec. 10. The North Carolina Symphony will be performing well-known, favorite holiday songs and carols.

Off-campus, the Greensboro Jaycees Holiday Parade, on Dec. 10, will attract many to the streets of downtown Greensboro from noon to 2 p.m.

The Polar Express is showing at Raleigh's IMAX theatre from until Jan. 5, and Raleigh's Carolina Ballet is staging shows of the Nutcracker from Dec. 16 to Dec. 23.

The Children's Museum of Winston-Salem, from Dec. 6 to Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., will be celebrating National Cookie Week with the invitation to decorate and eat a holiday cookie.

Finally, until Jan. 8, The Green in Charlotte will host holiday ice skating, for a \$5 fee and a \$3 skate rental fee.

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The community gathers around the fountain outside of Alamance and waits for Christmas lights to be turned on during the Holiday Celebration with Luminaries last year.

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