

## Downtown Happenings

# SpiritFest

A Pre-Parade Celebration of Christmas



Save the Date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual SpiritFest in downtown Clarksville! This free and open to the public, family-friendly event kicks off the Christmas season with fun indoor-outdoor activities and music.

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, starting at 2:00pm, this prelude to the annual Clarksville Christmas Parade will feature a Live Nativity, Inflatables for the kids, Music, Artists' Sale, Food Trucks – and, of course, Santa! The Beagles, on stage at 4pm, will finish up a lineup of live music during the event.

Sponsored by Runyon & Runyon Attorneys at Law, Morgan Contractors, Inc. Two Rivers Company, Tennessee Arts Commission, Edward's, BLF Marketing, Roxy Regional Theatre, Signs Now, Blackhorse Pub and Brewery and Clarksville-Montgomery County Arts & Heritage Development Council, this year's event is sure to be better than ever!

There will be activities at First Presbyterian Church located at 213 Main Street, Trinity Episcopal Church located at 317 Franklin Street, Runyon and Runyon Attorneys at Law parking area at Main Street/Third Street, and the parking lot between the churches on Third Street. This event will feature the following activities:

- Fun for Kids – 2-4pm - First Presbyterian Activities and Outreach Center: Inflatables and face painting, Loaves & Fishes Jingle Bell Food Drive, Pick-up for the Polar Express to the North Pole
- Live Nativity - 2:30-3:30pm - Runyon & Runyon Attorneys at Law front lawn
- Art and Gift Markets – 2-5pm – First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall: Gifts for a Cause (10,000 Villages), Artisans & Artists

- First Presbyterian Church Parking Lot (Third Street parking lot) – 2-5pm – Food Trucks, Christmas music on Stage, local community outreach and organizations, local band “The Beagles” on Stage at 4-5pm
- Trinity Parrish Hall (North Pole) – 2-4pm – Drop-off for the Polar Express, Santa, Hot Chocolate & Cookies, Storytelling
- Trinity Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church sanctuaries Open House – 2-4pm
- Video Presentation: History of downtown Churches – 2-4pm - First Presbyterian Church sanctuary

Highlights of this year’s SpiritFest include:

- Polar Express – get your “golden ticket” to ride the Polar Express to the North Pole to see Santa. Signs will identify pick-up and drop-off locations.
- Loaves & Fishes Jingle Bell Food Drive will feature a Bratwurst “food drive”. Bring non-perishable or canned foods or a cash donation to the Bratwurst table and taste some delicious food while contributing to a worthy cause.

SpiritFest started last year as a collaboration between several downtown churches and featured the “illumination” of the recently installed new stained glass windows that replaced the 1878-vintage windows in the First Presbyterian Church’s bell tower. The churches and downtown stakeholders encourage pre-parade activities to bring families downtown before the start of the Christmas Parade.

Additional downtown parking will be available this year in designated/striped spaces in the APSU/former Jenkins and Wynne parking lots.

The annual Christmas Parade will start at 5pm. Participating in “pre-parade” SpiritFest activities also helps you find that early parking space.

Find much more information and events schedules and maps through the website at [www.SpiritFestDowntown.com](http://www.SpiritFestDowntown.com).

Let’s all support our wonderful downtown! Shopping, dining, cultural experiences - these are all great adventures that you can take advantage of in a small area. As always, please feel free to contact the Two Rivers Company at [tworiverscompany.tn@gmail.com](mailto:tworiverscompany.tn@gmail.com) or (931) 217-6538 with any comments or suggestions you may have.