

Program

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really living. My older adult gave me my 'why' for years to come. This was such a great experience. I hope other students can continue this program," said Bailie Fleming, an SRU junior health care administration and management major.

"I am very grateful I was given this opportunity. It was one of my favorite projects throughout my entire college career. This year has been hard on everyone and it was great to be able to be there for someone and for them to be there in return. I will cherish how we were able to share life experiences and overall create an inter-generational relationship," said Maria Josselyn, an SRU senior public health major.

Another goal of the pilot program is to get more young people interested in fields that involve working with and supporting older adults.

"SRU is committed to preparing students who have an interest in addressing the needs of older adults and providing services for this population," said Adelle Williams, professor of public health and social work, department chair and coordinator of the gerontology program. "This program enables students to better serve the needs of older adults. It also enhances our students' awareness and understanding of the challenges and opportunities that older people from varying socioeconomic backgrounds and functional abilities experience."

"It's a privilege for SRU and our students to be able to collaborate with the Department of Aging in an effort to serve our community's at-risk older adults," said Betsy Kemeny, associate professor of parks, conservation and recreational therapy. "This is a win-win for our students to have an opportunity to learn and for older adults to learn and benefit from one-on-one, virtual interactions with our students. I am thrilled that this project will support so

many people who are socially isolated while also allowing our students the chance to apply and reflect on what they are learning in the virtual classroom about recreational therapy assessment and interventions for older adults."

SRU and PDA began discussing a pilot program following PDA's presentation of the idea to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) in early April 2020, when PASSHE shared the department's interest with the 14 universities in the state university system. The increased risk of social isolation among seniors as a result of the pandemic put the program on the fast track.

"The Department of Aging is pleased to have partnered with Slippery Rock University to kick off this program. It's important for seniors to be engaged and connected to help prevent social isolation and the resulting adverse impacts. The program offered an opportunity for older adults to interact with the students and proved to be valuable for everyone involved. It also was a wonderful learning experience for us as a department. The pilot program not only helped us to discover how we can further support older Pennsylvanians, but to get feedback from the faculty and the students involved on what worked and what did not, and how we can improve on it moving forward," said Secretary of Aging Robert Torres.

PDA is hoping to expand this program for the spring semester and is currently connecting with other universities that initially expressed interest in the program to inform them of how it was received through SRU. The department is also contacting other universities across the commonwealth to explore inclusion of the program in their curriculums.

Learn more about the various programs offered by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging at <https://www.aging.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

Farmers' market lands 2 grants

The Adams County Farmers Market Association (ACFMA) was recently awarded two major grants: a USDA Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP) grant and a South Mountain Partnership Mini-Grant.

The combined total of these two grant awards will equal \$108,817 when both projects are completed, according to a release from the Adams County Farmers Market.

ACFMA's FMPP project titled Forging a Stronger Market: Capacity-Building to Support Growing Initiatives with the Adams County Farmers Market Association was awarded \$93,697 from the USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service to be used over a three-year project timeline, according to the release.

The multi-faceted project will be aimed at strengthening some of ACFMA's initiatives including an expansion of food assistance programs, development of the market's e-commerce platform, facilitating farm-to-chef relationships, and working towards an extended farmers market season. Each aspect of the project will support the overarching goal of achieving greater sustainability for the organization. ACFMA was the only 2020 USDA FMPP award-ee located in Pennsylvania.

The South Mountain Partnership (SMP) Mini-Grant award to ACFMA, \$15,120, will be used primarily for strategic planning and board development during 2021, according to the release.

In addition to board development, the project will also include robust cross-promotion of SMP's various partners and initiatives, such as the Appalachian Trail Museum and the Watershed Alliance of Adams County. Cross-promotion is expected to include educational programming on-site at the farmers market during the 2021 farmers market season to create a more vibrant and interesting shopping experience for customers.

ACFMA's SMP project is titled Strategic Planning and SMP Partner Cross-Promotion.

Together, these grants indicate significant advancement for the Adams County Farmers Market and regional agriculture.

"These are both really important achievements that I believe will help elevate our community farmers market to the next level," said Market Manager Reza Djalal. "These awards clearly demonstrate that the Adams County Farmers Market is suc-

cessfully achieving its mission of increasing food access and strengthening the bond between agriculture and the community. I'm excited to see the positive effects these awards will have on our organization when the projects are under way."

Since its inception, ACFMA has had a positive impact on the regional economy as a small business incubator.

"I am thrilled that both proposals were funded," said ACFMA Board Chair Kathleen Glahn. "This is a very competitive process. However, each proposal clearly stated the organization's growth, goals and challenges. A thriving farmers market delivers what many stakeholders are passionate about: economic support for agriculture, cross promoting agritourism, supporting new business startups and assisting underserved communities."

These funding projects will assist ACFMA in its work to support and sustain small businesses.

Through strong community partnerships, ACFMA has also had an important impact on community health and wellness.

"Not only does ACFMA make sure that it serves the whole community regardless of their income, it also provides a place where residents can purchase local, healthy produce," said Kathy Gaskin, executive director of Healthy Adams County. "We have partnered with ACFMA for many years to support the voucher programs that assist those who are food insecure while promoting healthy eating."

These awards, while beneficial to the advancement of ACFMA's mission, do not decrease the importance of other fundraising initiatives such as corporate sponsors, individual donations, and vendor fees, according to the release.

Both grants require matching funds equal to or in excess of the award amount. Resources that may contribute to the match requirement include cash-on-hand generated through fundraising, funding committed by community partners, and in-kind volunteer board hours.

Funds earned by ACFMA during the Giving Spree fundraising event earlier this year, totaling a little over \$7,300, will be used towards the required matching funds for the SMP grant. ACFMA's current operating revenue is greatly outpaced by its health and wellness resources administered.

Christmas Worship

"The Gettysburg Ministerium is a network of local churches who support the Gettysburg community and each other through outreach, partnership and mutual worship expressions."

We know that many people are looking for safe ways to worship with the faithful. Many churches offer online worship services for those who would choose to stay home and stay safe this season. Whatever you choose to do, our prayer is for you to find God's love, joy and peace as we worship this Christmas!

Below you will find many diverse and creative opportunities to worship!

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60 E. High Street
717-334-7266

www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org

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Monday - Friday 10AM-Noon

Sundays in December
10:30 AM Facebook Live
www.gettysburgtrinityucc.org

Advent Festival "12 Days of Christmas"
Daily Prayer Services (Outdoor/High Street)
Noon and 6PM (Dec. 12th - 23rd)

Lessons and Carols
Pre-recorded and available on our Webpage

Christmas Eve
8:00 PM Facebook Live Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH

109 York Street, Gettysburg
717-334-2012

StJamesGettysburg.com/GburgChristmas

Christmas Eve on Stratton Street

Outdoor worship services with lights, music, and Christmas Message. 5:00pm, 7:00pm and 9:00pm.
All are welcome! Masks and physical distancing is required.

GREAT CONEWAGO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (AT HUNTERSTOWN) OFFERS THIS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

May the joy of this season fill our hearts...

May our hope in the goodness of humankind encourage us...

May the peace of Jesus born of Mary guide us in the New Year of 2021.

Our congregation has cancelled the 2020 Christmas Eve Worship Services this year due to the risks of COVID -19.

We worship each Sunday at 10:00 AM at
174 RED BRIDGE ROAD
GETTYSBURG, PA 17325

Phone: 717-337-3954

Website:

www.greatconewagopresbyterianchurch.org

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Corner of Baltimore & West High Streets
717-334-6463
www.gettysburgepiscopal.org

Tuesday, December 22 7 PM
Festival of Lessons and Carols

Thursday, December 24 4 PM & 7 PM
Pageant and Christmas Eve Liturgy

All services are online.

We extend our wish for the Blessings of the Season to you and to all whom you hold dear.

GETTYSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Christmas Eve Worship Opportunities

3PM Drive-In Worship at Battlefield Harley Davidson's (Gettysburg) back pavilion!

"Journey to the Manger: Illuminating Darkness"
A 45 min. service.

Parking Lot opens 2:15 p.m. (NOTE: Use V-Twin Drive entrance to back pavilion NOT Cavalry Field Road entrance.)

5PM Live-stream service can be accessed through the church website
www.gettysburgpresbyterian.org

The carols, candles, & brief message can be watched any time after 5PM.
Call 717-334-1235 for more information.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas at Christ!

Christ Lutheran Church
30 Chambersburg Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325

717-334-5212

Christmas Eve
Outdoor Worship at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Gather in front of Christ Lutheran along Chambersburg Street

Virtual Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candlelight - www.christgettysburg.org

Virtual Christmas Pageant
www.christgettysburg.org

LOWER MARSH CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1865 Knoxlyn Road
Gettysburg, PA 17325
717-642-5332

Christmas Eve Services in person at 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM or Join our online services on our website at www.lmcpcc.org

THE INTERSECTION CHURCH

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December 23rd and 24th at 7pm

(717) 334-8855

Visit our website
intersection.church

Online services will be streamed at 7pm each night at intersection.church/livestream
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