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Christmas at the Cloister

The colorful decorations, a sip of hot cider, and the sounds of seasonal music fill the air—these are the memories of *Christmas at the Cloister* one of the most beloved programs at the historic site. Since 1966 the Ephrata Cloister Associates, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, and the Ephrata-Akron Area Churches have offered this program as a start to the holiday season. We are pleased that you will be able to join us this year. Whether you have been to the program before, or this is your first time, we would like to offer a few hints on how the program works.

❖ Each program starts **promptly** at the time stated on your ticket. The doors for each program will open about 15 minutes before the start of the program. Lines for entrance begin to form about 15-20 minutes before the doors open. The waiting lines are outside. Be prepared for cold and wet weather.

❖ The historic Saal (Meetinghouse) has one entrance door. It's old, creaky, and is the center of attention when it is opened. So that the program is not disturbed by anyone arriving late, ***those individuals who arrive after the program has started will not be admitted through the main door.*** There are no back doors to enter the main hall quietly. Instead, late arrivals will be escorted to seats in a small adjacent room, not the main hall.

❖ There are no reserved seats. As you enter, the Ephrata Cloister Chorus will be on the balcony to your right.

❖ Please **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY** inside the historic building. The flash is disruptive to the reverent nature of the program.

❖ The program celebrates the joys of the Christmas season and its significance to Christians around the world. We ask that you enter in silence and reverence and exit in silence. Before the start of the program special music will be performed for your enjoyment and reflection.

❖ The seating is tight, and in some corners a bit dark. You may wish to bring along a small flashlight to aid in reading the program and words to the carols.

❖ There are no refunds or exchanges for purchased tickets. If you cannot use a ticket, we encourage you to share it with a friend who may enjoy the program.

Best Wishes for you and your family during the holidays, and in the coming New Year.
Ephrata Cloister Associates and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission