

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

PARTICIPATION

- 1,081** Average total visits per month by adults, youth, and guests
- 628** People attended 27 different private events
- 1,932** People attended 28 different community events
- 258** Guest visits
- 2,495** Youth visits
- 10,214** Adult visits

MEALS

- 6,639** Adult Meals (Shelby Public Schools/Ladder)
- 2,001** Youth Meals (Shelby Public Schools/Ladder)
- 8,369** Total meals served

VOLUNTEER HOURS

- 5,482** Community volunteer hours (from **82** volunteers)
- 1,340** Staff volunteer hours
- 6,822** Total volunteer hours



HERO

HIT THE MARK

Dart Tournament & More!

SAT, FEB. 18
9:30AM–12:30PM

at



67 N. STATE STREET, SHELBY
(231) 259-0211

MEN 12 YRS & OLDER: FOR \$5 YOU WILL:

- EAT A HUGE MAN-SIZED MEAL!**
- THROW DARTS!**
- HIT ALL KINDS OF TARGETS!**
- TAKE HOME A SHIRT & A TON OF LOOT!**

Event is limited to 60 men.
English registration: <https://qrco.de/bdKcU8>
Spanish registration: <https://qrco.de/bdeWR8>

or scan the QR code

SIGN UP
TODAY!



SCAN ME
English



SCAN ME
Spanish



Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

DONATION OPTIONS:

- One time gift \$ _____
- I/We want to invest monthly:
 - \$100 \$50 \$25
 - \$10 \$5 \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
The Ladder Community Center
or TLCC

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

The 12 Days of Christmas

By Jodi Byers & Michelle Deuling

“Happy Birthday, **JESUS!**” and “Merry Christmas!” rang throughout The Ladder during our “12 Days of Christmas” events in December. The 12-day countdown was filled with laughter, joy, and birthday celebrations for our LORD.

The first day of Christmas started off with the Christmas Fam Fest (See article on Page 2 of the newsletter). It was a remarkable evening filled with family Engagement and “happy birthday, Jesus” activities.

The Celebrate CHRISTmas Luncheon was also a memorable event this year. We were blessed to have Judie McGovern (pianist) and Beth Pranger (vocalist) kick off the luncheon by leading the Christmas Carols. The Shelby Public Schools Kitchen provided a delicious meal with many choices and lots of leftovers, serving approximately 115 people. The food, fun, and fellowship were a beautiful thing to behold as we celebrated Christ.

As the meal was served, Ruthie Eilers provided beautiful vocals and skilled piano playing, in addition to presenting encouraging stories for the 92 people in attendance. We were reminded that the celebration is not about the gifts, but about the gift we have been offered from God. Through Ruthie’s personal testimony, we were encouraged to refocus this season: keep the world’s gifts in perspective, and make Jesus Christ our true focus.

Some other highlights noted by the members include the Christmas crafts, where they painted and created beautiful ribbon Christmas trees and cards; Christmas bingo; an ornament exchange, where members were able to share stories about their favorite ornaments from years gone by; and Christmas trivia, where folks tried to recall unique Christmas facts.

Even though some of the activities were canceled or postponed due to weather, we are happy to announce that we will be moving our cookie decorating activity to our Valentine’s Day Party on Wednesday, February 8 (stay tuned for more information).

As the Christmas season concludes, we reflect upon and appreciate the cherished times that we were able to celebrate togetherness this year. We are grateful for all those who participated in the “12 Days of Christmas” events.

Our love is bold for **JESUS**, and it is our prayer that **JESUS** leads your path in 2023!

Our Youth & Men’s Coach, Troy, welcomed everyone to the Celebrate CHRISTmas Luncheon with stories of how God is moving at The Ladder.



Staff and volunteers served food from a buffet, which included ham, turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, green beans, and more! We had so much food that most folks took their pumpkin pie to go!



Twenty people came to make Christmas crafts. They loved it so much, they asked us if they could do it more often at The Ladder!



Left: Twenty-two people had a blast making their own Christmas cards.

Far Left: Ladder member Debbie made four beautiful cards!

Right: The 16 people who exchanged ornaments had many laughs passing them around the table as Ladder staffer Michelle read a story with word prompts to pass the ornaments.

