



WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S EDITION
of the
Weekly Email Update/News & Notes for
December 1, 2024

HANGING OF THE GREENS SUNDAY – 1st Sunday of Advent

Attached please find the Worship Resource for this Sunday. It is intended for your use at home on your own or by joining us through our **Facebook Live** broadcast.

- Our service is broadcast live on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/ruth.hainsworth>
 - Do note that sometimes our technology does not cooperate and we are unable to broadcast the service. Keep checking back!!!
- As always on the first Sunday of the month, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion! Kindly note that all who find meaning in the sacrament are welcome to partake of our elements, GF bread and “new wine” (aka grape juice).

THE CHURCH CALENDAR for the weeks ahead...

- **THURSDAY, November 28 – Thanksgiving Holiday, office closed.**
- **Saturday, November 30 – REMINDER! NO BAZAAR!**
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 – 1st Sunday of Advent – Hanging of the Greens!!!**
 - *Rev. Ruth will be out of town for a few days. Please contact Deacons for any pastoral emergencies! She will be back on Thursday, December 5.*
- **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 – 3rd and Final Bazaar!!!!**
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent – NEW MEMBERS!**
 - Memorial Service for Alice Dessaulles @ 1:30pm
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 – 3rd Sunday of Advent**
- **Tuesday, December 17 @ 6:30pm – Trustees via Zoom**
- **Thursday, December 19 @ 5pm – Longest Night Service in the Labyrinth**
- **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 – 4TH Sunday of Advent – Lessons & Carols**
 - **Poinsettias on display! Orders must be in to Jerin by December 8!!!**
- **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 @ 4pm – Christmas Eve Service!!**

KINDLY NOTE! CHANGE OF PLANS FOR NEW MEMBERS! THEY WILL BE RECEIVED ON SUNDAY, DEC. 8. Please join us for this joyful and exciting Sunday!!!

Our annual Christmas “Adopt-A-Family” Mission project continues!! We have agreed to provide Christmas gifts for a family with six children through Operation Fresh Start. Thanks to the wonderful response last week, only a few tags are still available. They can be found in the Christmas Basket on the baptismal font. The deadline for gifts to be returned is Sunday, December 15. Thanks!

IT’S NEVER TOO LATE TO TURN IN A PLEDGE!! Pledge forms for our 2025 budget year are available near the offering plates!!!!

Take care and please know even when we can’t be with each other on Sundays, we are always close in prayer and in each other’s hearts!

Blessings, R

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