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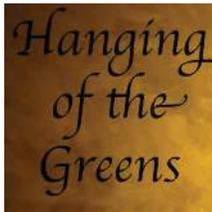


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As we prepare to enter the season of Advent (waiting), Faith UMC will hold a time of preparation for Christ's coming, which includes hanging greenery traditionally associated with

everlasting life. Greens such as cedar for royalty, fir and pine boughs for everlasting life, holly symbolizing Jesus' death and ivy representing the resurrection are used. **Our gathering for hanging of the greens will take place on Saturday, December 1 @ 10 AM.**

CHRISTMAS FOOD BOXES



Every year, the folks of Faith UMC gather to fill food boxes for those who are in need. These boxes are shared throughout the community by sharing these boxes with other non-profits in the city. This event is one that anyone can participate from "kids from 1 to 92." You will see these boxes along the hallway from the sanctuary to the Koinonia Room. As always you can take a box and fill it on your own. Donations are also welcome and can be made by placing an envelope in the offering plate and designated for Christmas Boxes. **The boxes will be filled on**

designated for Christmas boxes. **The boxes will be filled on Saturday, December 15th.**

THE LONGEST NIGHT



We find ourselves where the night outlasts the day...the dark outlasts the night. While this may seem to be the nature of things, as others appear to be joyful and experience the excitement of the Christmas season, there are those among us who find this time of year painful—full of hurt and sorrow. There is no vision of a Norman Rockwell holiday for Christmas. This service is meant to be healing and meditative as we acknowledge we journey in the darkness of loss but still look to the light of Christ who is our hope.

This service will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday, December 21, the Longest Night of the year.



CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve holds many memories for each of us. The anticipation as a child for the arrival of St. Nicholas to the singing of “Silent Night” while surrounded by others holding a candle...spreading light into the darkness of the sanctuary. **We will hold our Christmas Eve service at our traditional time of 7:00 PM.** Invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate the birth of the One who came into the world that the light of grace and love may overcome a world of greed and pain.



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