

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **E-Window reminder**

It has come to Nancy's attention that some of our readers of the E-Window don't always read the entire note. If it is a longer newsletter you may see a message that says "view entire message." If you click on this it will open up the rest of the newsletter. The last block of this weekly newsletter is the UCC logo. We would love to see the open rate above 38%. If you are not receiving this please let Nancy know so she can add your email to the subscriber list.

## **We need some extra hands!**

The Art Committee is planning a work bee to create "stars" for the holiday decorations. We invite anyone who would like to join us. Tomorrow (Nov. 26) morning 9:30 until noon in the art room. There will be a follow up if needed to finish on Wednesday morning, same time. Linda Kiniry 479 9563

## **Advent Readers**

We are looking for people to do Advent Readings this season on the Sundays of December. This involves lighting an advent candle and leading the congregation in a reading. If you and a family member or friend are interested, please speak with REv. Bert. Together we will prepare the way for Christ's coming.

## **December 9-Holiday Potluck**

Bring your favorite holiday dish to church on Sunday, December 9 for a time of fellowship. Turkey, Ham and gravy will be provided. Those interested in going Christmas Caroling after the potluck please talk to Rev. Bert or Marjorie Wheeler or sign up on the Potluck sheet in the narthex.

## **Save the Dates**

**Saturday, Dec. 8** (time not yet set) - Christmas Tree decorating

**Sunday, Dec. 9** - Holiday Potluck and Caroling

**Christmas Eve Services 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 30**- Union Worship Service at First Congregational Church of Berlin

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### **Community Christmas Dinner**

If you are interested in assisting with the planning of a Christmas Dinner for those who may be alone on Christmas Day, the next meeting is set for Tuesday, November 27 at 10:30 in the conference room at our church. The Council on Aging is no longer providing this event, but the local churches are working on a plan to still provide a meal. Hedding Methodist has a dinner and we are looking at offering on-sight meals at North Barre Manor and Tilden House. More information coming soon, but think about volunteering in some way for this important ministry. There will be many ways to volunteer before and or on Christmas day or donate something to this Christmas dinner.

### **Advent Bible Study ~ What's Good About This News?**

Rev. Bert is organizing an Advent bible study. To try to accommodate as many of you as possible, we will meet together for the first session on a Sunday after worship, then have a daytime and an evening group on Tuesdays during December leading up to Christmas, then an all-group wrap-up on Sunday January 6 (Epiphany). The hope is that you can commit to all of the meetings, but if you can attend most of them that would be fine. The study will focus on the lectionary Gospel readings for the Sundays in Advent. These will not be pastor's lectures, but rather participatory in-depth explorations of the biblical texts, with Rev. Bert as guide and resource.

The proposed schedule is as follows:

Sunday November 25, 11:30 am

Tuesday December 4, 10:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday December 11 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Tuesday December 18 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

and a wrap up on Epiphany Sunday, January 6, 11:30 am

PLEASE let us know if and when you are interested in attending. We will post a sign-up sheet in the narthex as well.