

## < *What's Happening at Hope* >

+ **Coffee hour/Sunday Luncheon:** There is a sign-up list on the whiteboard in the parish house for those who want to provide lunch. The entire year is listed on the sign-up pages. The last Sunday of the month is our monthly PotLuck, plan to bring your favorite dish to share!

+ **Christmas Flower Donations:** This is the last Sunday to turn in Christmas Flower Memorials for the bulletin. If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Poinsettias, you may do so via the offering plate or use the online giving QR code in your bulletin. Poinsettia dedication forms are available on the table in the back of the church and are due back by December 14th.

+ **Blue Christmas:** For some, Christmas can be a painful, difficult, and lonely time of year because of the recent loss of a loved one or painful memories. The Liturgy of the Longest Night, also known as “Blue Christmas,” is symbolically held around the Winter Solstice. This service creates a sacred space to lift up our grief and lament to God as we wait together in hope and longing for the Eternal Word Made Flesh to be born anew in our weary hearts and world. Mark your calendars for our Blue Christmas service on **Monday, December 22nd at 6:30 PM.**

+ **Christmas Eve Service:** Join us for our Traditional Christmas Eve service on **Wednesday, December 24th at 7:00 PM.** During the service there will be a special Children's Message and candle lighting. Following the service, we will gather for cookies and hot cocoa in the Parish House.

+ **Food Bank Donations:** This month's food drive theme is the Reverse Advent Calendar. If you don't have a copy, you may pick one up from the table in the back of the church. It's not too late to start!

### **Coming up at Hope:**

12/14	Poinsettia Donations Due
12/21	Vestry Meeting
12/22	Blue Christmas - 6:30 PM
12/24	Christmas Eve Service - 7:00 PM
1/25	Annual Meeting

### **Next Sunday's Worship Servers**

#### **December 21st**

Ushers: Steve Norton, Tom Brown  
Lectors: Steve Palmer, Stephanie Seaman,  
Prayers of the People: Kathleen Peach  
LEM: Bob Sims  
Crucifer: Liam Peach  
Acolyte: JD Hynick  
Altar Guild: Lynette Brown