



# Ripley Announcements Advent 2024



## Quilting:

- Quilting - **WEDNESDAY** - Dec. 11th - Fellowship Hall
- NO Soul Stitching on Saturday in December

## Mission Opportunities:

- Ripley's Giving Tree
  - Take a tag(s)
  - List your name and the tag(s) number you took on the clipboard
  - Bring back your item....
    - Adopt a Family Instructions on the back of their tag(s)
  - Cross your name and the number(s) off the list when you have returned your donations
- Christmas Eve Offering - Designated for Veterans of the Cross
- Noisy Offering - Dec. 29th - Storks Nest - Lent Offering for 2025

## Advent Preparations and Plans:

- Order a Poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one to adorn our altar.
  - **\$16.00 each**
  - See Patty to place your order.
    - 319-269-7286 or [pattycalderwood@gmail.com](mailto:pattycalderwood@gmail.com)
  - Poinsettias will arrive from Simply Blooming by Sun. Dec. 8th
- **Announcing** - New Advent Decor for 2024!  
There's still time to put yours on display!!
  - **"Display and Share YOUR Nativity - complete with Memories"**
  - Do you have a special Nativity in your family that you would like to put on display at Ripley through the holidays?
  - Does the Nativity come with special memories you would like to share with the congregation in voice and print during the holiday season? (Voice details to be announced)
  - Our goal is to fill the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall with treasured memories. If you need help getting your Nativity to the church let us know.

## Advent Preparations and Plans Continued:

- Community Ecumenical Christmas Caroling - Sunday Dec. 8th
  - Meet at United Presbyterian Church Gathering Room @ 1:00 pm
    - Will determine the route at that time - bring your suggestions
    - Gather Back @ UPC for refreshments and fellowship - bring a munchie to share.
- Ripley Cookie Swap and Fellowship - Saturday Dec. 14th @ 6:30 pm
  - Join Pastor Jim and Lindsey at the "Parsonage" for fellowship and a cookie swap.
  - Community and Congregation Members are invited.
    - Bring 1 full plate to share and 1 empty plate to fill and take home.
- Christmas Eve Services @ Ripley - Tuesday Dec. 24th @ 7:00 pm
  - Join us for a traditional and musical Christmas Eve worship.
  - If you would like to participate in the "Musical" part of worship please reach out to Pastor Jim.
  - Offering to "Christmas Fund - Veterans of the Cross"
- 12th Day of Christmas Fellowship - Sunday Jan. 5th after worship
  - Join the Deacons for a special 12th Day of Christmas Tea in the Fellowship hall after worship.