## **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**

Typically held from 7:00 - 7:30 PM on December 24. People enter the candle-lit darkness in silence and settle into worship. It's really magical service. After about 10 minutes, a designated reader will stand to read a version of the Christmas story (typically Luke 2:1-14). Another designated person will start the singing of Silent Night near, but prior to, the end of the half hour. The meeting is concluded by a member of Worship & Ministry shaking hands with another meeting member.

Worship & Ministry is responsible for organizing this service. Below is a list of responsibilities to which one or more people should be assigned.
Meeting house will be opened and prepared by: Name
A member of the committee needs to unlock the doors and turn on the heat an hour before the Christmas eve service.
The Clerk of the meeting will be: Name
The clerk should announce the reader of the Christmas story and should conclude the meeting.
Reader of Christmas story will be: Name
Person to start singing will be: Name
We typically sing "Silent Night" near the end of the service.
After meeting refreshments will be coordinated by: Name
After meeting for worship we typically gather in the common room for refreshments including coffee, tea, hot chocolate, cookies, cakes, and other fare. A committee member should take the lead in soliciting and organizing contributions from members. Someone should also be responsible for coordinating table set up, coffee making, and checking supplies.
Committee members volunteering to contribute refreshments are: <u>Names</u>
Front benches will be decorated by: Name
We decorate the front benches with candles, roping, etc. This is typically completed after meeting for worship on the First Day that occurs before Christmas eve. Candles and holders should be located in cabinets underneath benches in corner of the meeting house closest to Court Street and driveway. If more candles are needed, consider purchasing from? http://www.candles4less/
Cleanup will be coordinated by: Name
Additional Notes: