

## YOUR FAMILY CHRISTMAS SPARKLE BOX

You may have noticed the Sparkle Box on the altar at church this Advent Season. This box is a special present for baby Jesus and holds all the things we have done this year for others in the name of Jesus. We will be opening it at our Family Christmas Eve service at 4:30 PM on December 24 and talking about what is inside.

Each church family is encouraged to create their own Christmas Sparkle Box at home, putting notes inside of things that are done for others. Have the family open the box on Christmas morning and talk about the gifts given to the baby Jesus and why they are so special.

## GIFT SUGGESTIONS FOR YOUR SPARKLE BOX

- Help prepare a family meal
- Visit a long-lived person
- Write a letter to a loved one
- Shovel the sidewalk of a neighbor
- Invite a friend for cocoa and conversation
- Go caroling in the neighborhood
- Bake cookies and give a dozen away
- Babysit for someone with a small child
- Read the Christmas story to a person with poor sight
- Write Christmas cards to shut-ins
- Take a person shopping who doesn't drive
- Eat simply and give the extra money to a charity
- Bake bread and give a loaf away
- Volunteer in a soup kitchen
- Make Christmas ornaments that can be given away
- Vacuum the house
- Deliver food baskets to those in need
- Share gently-used toys with community agencies
- Bring a small decorated tree to someone who doesn't have one.
- Make favors to be used on hospital trays
- Have a family cleaning day and cooperate together to prepare  
for the Christmas "Guest"
- Share a smile and a friendly word with a sales clerk
- Pray for each member of the family
- Invite neighborhood children over to play games
- Become a pen pal with someone in another country