## Hanging of the Greens A Note From Pastor Greg

Why are we changing the Hanging of the Greens service? Here is some background information that may explain this exciting new worship opportunity.

As people's lives have gotten busier, recruiting volunteers has become harder across the board here, and across the country.

Each Hanging of the Greens service requires about 70 participants for both a rehearsal and a service. Multiply that by three services on Sunday, in addition to two Saturday services, and that is a LOT of people...at a very busy time of year! Several of those people must commit to being present for <u>ALL 5 services</u>. This has understandably become harder and harder to pull off. Over the years, we've pared back and eliminated some processions to reduce the number of volunteers needed.

This "ONE SERVICE" idea allows us to have more robust processions, and greatly simplifies both the logistics and the time commitment, which helps us fill all 70 slots – and gives us an opportunity to "decorate our house" TOGETHER, as one family.

Just as this time of year brings families together at home, we love the warm, cozy, family feeling of celebrating Advent together as one church family. I hope you'll join us!