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- Bake cookies (6, 12, or 18 dozen—or more!).
- Set up for the event on Thursday, December 1, 4-8pm.
- Work at the event itself on Dec. 2: 3:45-5:30pm or 5:15-7pm.
- Post flyers around town before the event. (Available in the Common Room).

### Want to Bake?

- Please make festive holiday cookies (the plain ones, as tasty as they may be, just don't sell as well).
- Please use recyclable containers.
- Make sure they are well-protected and attach the name of the cookies. Please label clearly! If the cookies have nuts please say what kind.
- Drop off your cookies on Thursday, December 1, between 10:30am and 8pm. If you need to arrange a separate time, please email Christine at [office@uusg.org](mailto:office@uusg.org).

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