December 1 & 2, 2018 ......Rev. Allison Cornell Presiding Sat 5pm & Sun 10:30am

### Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT HOLY EUCHARIST



ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH





#### 1 & 2 December 2018

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

2750 E. Cardinal Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Our Website: http://ststephensAZ.org Phn: 520-458-4432

Today's Celebrant: Rev. Allison Cornell

Deacon: Ben Wetherill
Organist: Wes Moulton

Sunday's Hymns (10:30 am)

Processional Hymn: Come, Thou Expected Jesus
Advent Candle Lighting Song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Sequence Hymn: Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

Offertory Hymn: Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

Doxology:

Communion Hymn: I Come with Joy Recessional: The King Shall Come

**Organist:** Wes Moulton

Today's Readings & Readers

Lesson 1: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

Lesson 2: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Eucharistic Minister: 5pm Sat
Jeff Speer

Joan Strom

**10:30am Sun** Dottie Gutwein

Priscilla Burrows

Lector: Acolyte:

#### **Announcements**

- Employee Purse: Every year we like to give our hard working employees a little something for their "Christmas Stocking". This little something is in the form of an appreciation bonus. So, let us show them how much we need and appreciate them by contributing to the "employee purse" that will be shared among our 4 employees. Please annotate on your checks that you are giving to the "employee purse". Thank you
- Thank you Ed and Cheryl, Pat, and David for showing your support for St. Stephen's during the upcoming year. There is still time for others to fill out a form and let us know your support financially and with your time and talent. God bless us all.
- Advent Names and Titles of the Messiah Forum: Each week following the sermon, we
  invite you to offer your thoughts, comments, questions about the sermon in the Parish Hall
  over coffee and refreshments. Your preachers want to hear what you think about Jesus' prophetic names or titles and understand who Jesus is for you
- Remember there is a second Blanket run. Please leave blankets on the side pews they will be Blessed during the Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> service and taken to Bylas on Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>

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- If you want to donate to the food boxes for Bylas please call Dottie 520-249-1311.
- CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: On the entry porch, there are flower cards that you can make memorial or thanks giving dedications. Please include your name and the amount of your donation. Please mark the checks with "Christmas poinsettias". They need to be received by December 16<sup>th</sup> to give time to make and print a dedication list of donors for that weekend bulletins.
- The Forum meets at 9:00 am every Sunday in the Library for 1 hour. We are going to be discussing The Parables. No experience needed! No books to read! Nothing to buy! Handouts available. Come join the fun discussions, invite your friends (they don't have to be Episcopalians!) and, hopefully, learn something new!
- This Saturday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> @ 0800 we need gardening volunteers to help prepare the St. Stephens gardens for winter.
- Next ECW meeting is December 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at The Dockter's home- 2455 Willow Bark Lane Sierra Vista. A light lunch is planned; if you wish you can contribute sandwiches or a salad, so please RSVP Contact Gloria (520/508-9474) or Carol (520-458-1807). All women from St. Stephen's are considered members and are most welcome
- Family Film and Fun Night We invite you to bring the family and come have a pizza dinner and watch the movie "The Nativity Story" a dramatic historical movie about Mary, Joseph and the birth of Jesus. Popcorn for the movie and cookies after, while we talk about the movie. Bring your own folding camp chair, beanbag, or pillow. Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm dinner and movie starts at 6:30pm.
- O Holy Night Christmas Eve Service Monday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> with Carols at 5pm and Holy Eucharist service starting at 5:30pm. Champagne/sparkling cider and hors d'oeuvres to follow.
- "I'll have a Blue Christmas without you" Are the holidays hard for you because of a missing loved-one? If you find yourself grieving instead of merry making, you are invited to find compassion and healing at the Blue Christmas Service on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church, 3225 St Andrews Dr., Sierra Vista, AZ.
- Don't forget the **AC fund**. We are with in 90% of our goal of \$17,400. If you have ever felt too cold or too hot during our summer services this improvement will remedy that. Check with Bill Brunell (520-508-9474).
- Thank you, Thank you so very much for your generous and continued support of the **Groceries 4** U **program**. New Food Cards were purchased last week and this week we can start handing them out to the 12 families that have signed up and see St. Stephen's as a source of comfort and support. Thank you.
- There are many events happening at St. Stephen's, if you or your group want to place an announcement in the bulletin, please write the article you want printed and submit it by e-mail by Wednesdays to <a href="mark.sowards@ststephensaz.org">mark.sowards@ststephensaz.org</a>. Thank you for your interest in "getting the word out.
- On a different note—the baskets that hold the bulletins have been missing for 3 weeks if anyone knows where they are hiding please tell the office or guide them home. Thanks.

# This Week at St. Stephen's

Wednesday Dec 5

9:30a Prayer Group, Church 10a Bible Study, Ed. Center Saturday Dec 8

8a Flower & Tree Čleanup, Grounds 11a Woman's NA meeting, Ed. Center 5p Holy Eucharist, Church

**Sunday Dec 9** 

9a Adult Forum, Library 10:30a Holy Eucharist /w Choir, Church 12:30p Men's Group, Parish Hall 6p New Be Clean, Ed. Center

#### Looking forward

- Family Film & Fun Night Dec 14
- Christmas Eve Service Dec 24
- New Years Day Service Jan 1

Use your Smart phone's QR app (to the right) to visit St. Stephen's Activities calendar.



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#### Welcome Visitor!!!

Please leave your name and contact info below. If you'd like to speak with someone, please check here

Or you can also use the QRC here to fill this out online.

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