

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Newsletter December 2018

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Advent/Christmas Events at St.

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### The Nativity Story - Friday Film and Family Fun Night the 14th

When: Friday December 14th at 6pm Where: St. Stephen's Educational Building.

What: We invite you and your kids to come watch this movie together and see a historical dramatization of Mary and Joseph's journey in faith to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus. We will have a pizza dinner, popcorn and hot chocolate for the movie, and a short sharing about the movie afterwards. Bring camp chairs, beanbags, pillows to get comfy and watch the movie.



#### "I'll have a blue Christmas without vou" -

For some of us, the Christmas holidays are not always "Merry and bright". We may be missing a loved one during this time of heightened attention to family and togetherness. The United Methodist Church will be having a special Christmas service of healing and support for those who find themselves blue or grieving those who are no longer present during this season known for its joy and hope. You are invited to attend the "Blue Christmas" service on December 8th at 2pm at the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church and be comforted and among others who struggle with loss this season.

## Addendum 1





O Holy Night – Come worship with us on this sacred and mystical night remembering Christ's birth over 2000 years ago. Christmas Carol Sing at 5pm, Christmas Eve Service at 5:30pm. Champagne/Sparkling Cider and Hors d'oeuvres will follow the service as we wish each other a Merry Christmas.



**Altar Guild Request:** We need a few folks to learn how to set up and clean up the altar for our worship services. We have only a couple of people now who serve in this manner and it would be good to have a few more people to help out. It takes only about 15 minutes to set things up or to clean things up after worship. If you would be willing to help our church with this simple service that enhances our worship, please see Rev. Allison or Dottie Guttwein for a short training session.



#### Sermon Reflection on the Advent Names and Titles of the Messiah:

During the Advent season, we will have opportunities to explore the names and titles (descriptions) of the Messiah as predicted or stated in our Advent lessons. Rosemary and Nancy will hold discussions in the Wednesday Bible Study and Sunday morning forum. Rev. Allison and Deacon Ben will host post worship discussions of their sermons after the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 10:30am services. We invite you to come/stay and share your thoughts on what you hear in these discussions.

#### Baptism of Joan Strom's Great-Grandson, Theodore Roy Harm

On Thanksgiving Day we celebrated the baptism of Joan Strom's great-grandson Theodore Roy Harm. He was a perfect gentleman during the service and we were blessed to welcome him officially into the household of God.



We welcome new friends who have joined our St. Stephen's family since October: Ed and Cheryl Stone, Charles and Meghan Rouse (and Juniper and Arwen their daughters), and Deacon Ben Wetherill. If we missed your name, please be sure to pass along your contact information so that we can add you to our church membership and directory.





Sorting blankets for Bylas. Submitted by Dottie Gutwein.