St Stephen's Announcements

Week of Dec 17-23 2020

- **Kids and Youth Coat Drive** Kids and Youth Community Coat Drive extended to the end of the month... More coats needed in our community especially larger sized youth or young adult coats. Please put in the red box on our church porch through the end of December.
- Stewardship Estimated Giving Campaign We have received approximately 80% participation so far in our stewardship campaign and are about \$20,000.00 short of our goal of \$134,000 for our budget. Please consider whether you can increase your pledge for the coming year.
- Blue Christmas Service Sunday Dec 20th at 4pm If you have had a loss of some sort that makes the Christmas Season hard to get into the "holly jolly" mood that others enjoy, maybe you would appreciate a special service to have a "Blue Christmas" moment. This service is to recognize that sometimes the holidays are challenging to get through without a special someone.... And that is okay, too.
- Christmas Eve 5pm and Christmas Day 10:30am Christmas Eve will start outside with masks, distancing, and singing first verses of 11 Christmas Carols with Mike on keyboard. We will then go inside for the service and return outside at the end of the service for singing "Silent Night" before going home. Christmas Day will have music provided by Mike during the service without singing inside. You may choose either service to attend.
- Dec 26th no 5pm service, Dec 27th Due to change in Rev. Allison's plans, there will be a regular worship service with communion at our normal time of 10:30am
- Church office closed for the week of December 28 to Jan 1st.
- Annual Meeting of the Church Sunday January 24th at 1pm via zoom. We will have vestry elections and the presentation of the annual budget for approval at this meeting. Please make plans to attend via zoom or in person in the Ed Bldg... no more than 20 in the Ed Bldg allowed.
- **Bishop Reddall to visit (virtually) with St. Stephen's on February 21**st. This will likely be on zoom again this year much like it was last April.
- Coming in the new year: An online zoom course on "How Jesus teaches us to meet and overcome challenges in our life... 1) Situations that Worry Us, 2) Death and Taxes, 3) People who annoy us, 4) Fear of the unknown."