

**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!**

- **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.
- **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 26<sup>th</sup> no 5pm service, Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 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.** Office hours resume Jan 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am.
- **Our Benefit concert Songs of Harvest and Hope raised \$800.00** for the Foster Care program of Cochise County. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause.
- **Thank you from Deacon Roger Babnew for donated toys, games, puzzles, balls for families in Nogales.** The donated items were part of their December 19<sup>th</sup> Posadas Celebration and have made roughly 264 boys, girls, and parents happy this Christmas.
- **Annual Meeting of the Church** - Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup>.** 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.”