

St Stephen's Announcements Nov 17-23 2022

- **Thank you to all who have turned in your 2023 Estimated Giving Cards** – If you have not yet done so, please continue to prayerfully consider what you would like to give and complete your cards by November 30th.
- **Christmas Bundles for Border Kids** – We have re-ordered nylon bags as all the original bags were taken (Thank you!) and some people missed getting bags and some people wanted to do more than one bag. Shopping lists will be inside the bags for suggested items to include... note: we do not expect all items on the list to be purchased... simply there to give you ideas).
- **Thanksgiving Day – Worship 10am and Dinner 12pm noon at Church.** Signup sheet in Parish Hall for items to bring for our church dinner together and also to indicate how many people you will have with you. This will give us an idea of how many to prepare food for.
- **Hosting 8 service men and women for Thanksgiving Dinner** -We signed up to host some of the service men and women from Ft. Huachuca to join us. Be sure to welcome these men and women who serve our country.
- **Helpers needed to change the church to Advent Season** – Meet at church at 10 am on Friday November 25th to take down Creation Care and decorate for Advent/Christmas. All helpers appreciated!
- **Next Singalong Nov 25th at 6pm to 7pm in Ed Bldg** – Come and singalong to favorite songs of pop groups and artists whose name begins with “B”... Beatles, BeeGees, Beach Boys, BTS, Bachman Turner Overdrive, Bob Seger, Barry Manilow, and more plus a few songs about being thankful... All for fun! Bring a friend.
- **Advent begins November 26th-27th** – We have Advent devotional booklets that will be available November 20th. The theme for this year’s Advent is “Practicing Simplicity”. Advent discussions open to everyone will be on Saturday mornings at 9am with coffee and donuts/snacks. **First discussion November 26th 9am** in Parish Hall.
- **First Friday Film Night December 2nd at 5pm** – We will watch “A Charlie Brown Christmas” and “The Grinch Who Stole Christmas”. These long-standing traditional Christmas specials have messages about “simplicity” relevant to our Advent devotionals this year. Light supper of soup is offered. Bring your own beverage. All are welcome! Bring a friend!
- **Christmas Piano Concert Dec 3rd at 2pm in the Church by our own Doreen Oberg** – Please come and hear our wonderful pianist Doreen perform her own compositions and some Christmas classics in this 45-minute concert. We ask for a free-will donation that will benefit The Good Neighbor Alliance – our local homeless shelter.
- **Second Saturday St. Stephen's Supper group will meet Saturday December 10th 6:30pm** – Following the 5pm service (about 6:30pm) meet at Manda Le Restaurant, 3455 Canyon de Flores, Sierra Vista, AZ behind the Papa's 50s diner, same shopping center). Menu link: http://places.singleplatform.com/manda-le-restaurant-and-lounge/menu#menu_1800362 . All are welcome, invite your friends.
- **Christmas Party!** - Bruce Hardt has offered to host a Christmas party at his home in Hereford this year. It will begin Sunday afternoon at 2pm and go until 5pm on December 18th. Bring your own beverage and some appetizers/finger foods to share. Wear Red and Green to make the day festive!
- **Photos Wanted** – Please send Mark any photos of events or happenings around our church to Mark for him to have in refreshing our photo library. Can be photos of various activities around the church or decorations or even flowers/trees on our property.
- **Please give Mark Sowards your birthday info (month and day, not year)** – We want to include your birthdays in our member files and newsletters to celebrate your day.