

St Stephen's Announcements Nov 24-30 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.
- **Saturdays in Advent starting Nov 26th thru Dec 17th at 9am in Parish Hall** – Advent reflections discussion with coffee/hot chocolate and donuts. Come share your thoughts on the Advent readings/reflections in our Advent devotional booklets.
- **Friday Nov 25th 10 am, Helpers needed to change the church to Advent Season** – Meet at church 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.
- **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!
- **December 24th Christmas Eve Service 5pm & 25th Christmas Day Service 10am** – Celebrate once again with joy the coming of Jesus into our world, the Messiah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Christmas day service come in pajamas (if you want) and stay for light brunch of egg casserole, potatoes, fruit, pastry.
- **Dec 31st 5pm New Year's Eve service and Jan 1st 11am New Year's Day service** – Be sure to have your blackeyed peas, greens, and cornbread to bless the new year!
- **Annual Meeting Saturday January 21st 3pm in Ed Bldg with Chili potluck early dinner** – Everyone is encouraged to come and attend the annual meeting to review the 2023 budget, elect new members of the vestry, and thank all our ministry folks for their time and talent in the preceding year. We will need two new folks to be on vestry as Andy Anderson rotates off and we did not fill the other vestry vacancy last year. Please see Rev. Allison if you are interested in serving on the vestry for a two year term.
- **Clergy retreat Jan 24-26** – Rev. Allison and Deacon Dottie will be away at clergy retreat in Prescott at Chapel Rock.
- **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.