

## St Stephen's Announcements Dec 1-7 2022

- **Christmas Piano Concert Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- **Christmas Bundles for Border Kids** – December 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for getting your bags filled and returned to the church. If you want to do more than one, extras are available on the porch. Filled bags go on the floor, bags to take to fill are on the table.
- **Giving Envelopes for 2023 are in.** Pick up yours in the church Parish Hall.
- **First Friday Film Night December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!
- **Advent Devotional Discussions Saturdays 9am in Parish Hall** – We have Advent devotional booklets for everyone and 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. **Next discussion Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> 9am** in Parish Hall.
- **Second Saturday St. Stephen's Supper group will meet Saturday December 10<sup>th</sup> 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](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 18<sup>th</sup>. Bring your own beverage and some appetizers/finger foods to share. Wear Red and Green to make the day festive! **Bruce's address is: 6920 S. Rainbow Vista Ln, Hereford, Az 85615** Directions>>>>>>>



- **December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service 5pm & 25<sup>th</sup> 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.
- **Next Singalong Dec 30 at 6pm to 7pm in Ed Bldg** – Christmas begins with Christmas Eve/Day so we will have a Christmas song singalong (some of those favorites that we don't necessarily sing in church). Bring a friend and have some fun singing our seasonal favorites.
- **Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 5pm New Year's Eve service and Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 11am New Year's Day service** – Be sure to have your black-eyed peas, greens, and cornbread to bless the new year!
- **Annual Meeting Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> 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.