

St Stephen's Announcements Nov 30-Dec 6 2023

- **First Friday Film Night** – Friday Jan 1st at 5:30pm we conclude season 3 of “The Chosen” with episodes 7-8. Red Lentil Soup for dinner. Bring your own beverage. Invite a friend!
- **Second Saturday Supper** – Saturday Dec 9th at 6:30pm we will dine at the La Sierra Grill in Hereford, 7196 AZ-92, Hereford, AZ 85615 . Website: <https://lasierragrillsteakhouse.com/>
- **Christmas “Go Bags” for Foster Kids** – We are down to the last few bags to be filled for the Foster Care Kids. If you want to join together with another person to fill a bag that would be a great way to get the last of these done.
- **Coats for Kids** - Please drop off gently used or new coats for kids by 15 December.
- **12 Steps for Christians meets on Wednesdays at 5pm in the Parish Hall.** New book “12 steps to a compassionate life” by Karen Armstrong will begin December 6th. Copies available from Rev. Allison for \$8.00.
- **Advent devotional books to use in your daily prayers are available for you on the back table.** Sat and Sun adult forum will discuss the weekly reflections and share our own thoughts. Wednesday worship at 9:30am will also use the reflection for the homily/sermon time.
- **Community Christmas Concert** – Dec 1-2, Friday and Saturday at the United Methodist Church doors open 6:30pm. Come hear three of our community choruses as they present a variety of Christmas themed choral pieces to celebrate the season. Tickets are \$10 in advance or at the door. Free will offering to support the Warrior Healing Center which assist veterans with the help they need.
- **“I’ll have a blue Christmas without you” – For those who are missing loved-ones this Christmas, we are having a Blue Christmas Service Saturday December 16th at 5pm.** This is the worship service for that Saturday. We will remember those we said goodbye to this year: Bill - Doris’s gentleman friend, Margaret – Andy Anderson’s daughter, Danny – special friend and neighbor of Sandra Calhoun, Maryhelen Henthorn, Phyllis Fortenberry, Tim Ash Jr, and May Sowards – all members of St. Stephen’s. Bring your broken heart, let flow your tears, remember their place in our lives. Invite anyone who you know is also grieving this Christmas.
- **New Women’s Lectionary in use during the coming year:** Bishop Reddall has approved for our use a new Lectionary that explores some of the lesser known or used Scripture passages in the Bible that highlight women’s stories and also has a translation that tries to express God’s name and character in more neutral ways.
- **Please continue to drop off your aluminum cans and pull tabs** – We will continue to take to Animal Shelter to donate for them.
- **Christmas worship services:** This year 4th Advent falls on the same Sunday as Christmas Eve. We will have 4th Advent on Saturday Dec 23rd (with music) at 5pm but **no Sunday morning worship on Dec 24th**. We will have Christmas Eve service on Sunday Dec 24th at 5pm. We will also have a Christmas Day service on Monday Dec 25th at 10am with a short brunch to follow in the Parish Hall.
- **The Church Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years Day.** You can still call and leave a message or send an email if you have an urgent need to contact Rev. Allison or the church office. We will be monitoring those communications in case of emergency. After hours (7pm to 7am), please call Rev. Allison at her home number: 520-335-2436, her cell phone is turned off at night.