

St Stephen's Announcements Dec 5-11 2024

- **Looking for a Treasurer Assistant** – Primary duties are to create checks to pay our bills, work with our bookkeeper, and prepare an annual budget (with vestry and bookkeeper) and annual report for the Diocese (fill in form sent by Diocese). See Rev. Allison.
- **Calling for new vestry members** – We have openings for three new vestry members to serve a two-year term (two at-large members and one to be Clerk of the Vestry). Vestry members meet to discuss and make decisions for the church as leadership of the church. Meetings are once a month for about 1.5 hours each meeting.
- **Advent Devotionals and “Word of the Day”** – We have some items to help you through the Advent and Christmas season with keeping focus on “the reason for the season”: Jesus and our faith life. On the table at the back of the church you can pick up a devotional booklet, an Advent calendar with ideas for observing the Advent season, and a “Word of the Day” with a specific word to reflect upon and what that word means for you and your faith. We will be posting to our church Facebook page about those words each day and invite your own thoughts or pictures for each of those words.
- **Christmas Outreach** – We have a family of 5 kids, mom, dad, and grandma that we will be helping this Christmas who live in Sierra Vista. Two of the kids are special needs kids. There is an angel tree with paper ornaments in the back of the church/parish hall. On the back of the ornament is the name, age, size, and thing that we ask you to buy for the family member. Once purchased, please wrap it up and put the name of the individual on the gift and bring it back to the church for us to collect and deliver to the family for Christmas. Please have all gifts back to the church by Sunday December 22nd at 12 noon.
- **Birthday Sunday** – Sunday January 5th – Vanilla Raspberry Poke Cake! Come celebrate our January birthdays 11:00am after worship on Sunday.
- **First Friday Film Night** – December 6th 5:30pm. We will be watching “The Polar Express”: On Christmas Eve, a young boy embarks on a magical adventure to the North Pole on the Polar Express, while learning about friendship, bravery, and the spirit of Christmas. Meet in the Parish Hall. Soup and bread for supper. Hot chocolate included! Otherwise bring your own beverage and invite a friend.
- **Second Saturday Supper Dec 14th – 6:30pm Vinny’s NY Pizza**, 1977 Frontage Rd, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635-4606. Menu Link: <https://www.menupix.com/menudirectory/menu.php?id=827586> . Join us for dinner out together and bring a friend.
- **Third Wednesday Art and Meditation Hour – Dec 18th 11am to noon**. Bring your art/craft project to work on while we have a quiet time of reflection and calm in the midst of our Xmas season. Let your mind be at peace and listen for God’s still small voice.
- **Dec 24 Christmas Eve 5pm service and Dec 25 Christmas Day 10am service with light brunch following.**
- **Church office will be closed between Christmas Day and New Year’s Day as the staff take this time off during the holidays.**

Coming in January:

- **Annual Meeting of the Church** – January 19th at 11:15am with Pizza ordered in for lunch. Let us know your preferred pizza flavor/toppings. All members are encouraged to attend for vestry elections, state of the Church address, and presentation of the 2025 budget.
- **Sherry Simon is getting ordained to the Holy Order of Deacons January 25th in Phoenix at the Trinity Cathedral.** Anyone who wants to go, we will carpool up for the service and reception to follow.
- **New Vestry Retreat** – January 31st - Feb 1st in Parish Hall.