

## St Stephen's Announcements 27 November - 3 December 2025

<b>Ongoing Weekly Discipleship Opportunities</b>		
<b>Education for Ministry (EFM)</b> – Discipleship program meets end of August to end of May in person or on zoom. See Deacon Sherry for information on joining this program.		
<b>Saturday Morning Bible Study</b> – Starting Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup> at 10am in Parish Hall: The Book of Genesis. See Deacon Dottie for more info.		
<b>Adult Forum</b> – Sat 4pm & Sun 12pm “Sermon on the Mount” by Emmett Fox book study	<b>Bible Study on Zoom</b> – Mon 3pm See Deacon Sherry for Zoom connection	<b>12-Steps for anyone meeting</b> Wednesdays 5pm in Parish Hall. Currently reading book on growing spiritually by Eckhart Tolle

- **Welcome Visitors! We are glad to have you worship with us.** Enjoy our service, participate as much as you feel comfortable doing so. Let this worship time be our gift to you and your soul. Don't worry about putting anything in the collection as a visitor. Your being here is your gift to us.
- **Thanksgiving!** We are planning a **Thanksgiving Day, Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, Service at 10am.** Followed by **Turkey Dinner/potluck.** Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to volunteer to bring what is missing.
- **The Office will be closed Nov 27<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.**
- **The Deacons are looking for help on Friday, Nov 28 at 0930** to change colors and prepare for Advent – i.e., hanging the Advent wreath inside and window wreaths outside. Many hands make fast easy work.
- **The Real Wishes Foundation's Annual “Coats for kids” drive is on!** See our post about this drive <https://ststephensaz.org/coats-for-kids-drive-is-on/>. You can donate [here](#). Or see the post in the window at the door
- **The weekend of November 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> is the first Advent weekend!** (Wow! Already?) We will observe Lessons and Carols at both Saturday's 5pm and Sunday's 10am services. Holy Communion will be shared
- **Paula Jones' memorial service will be at St. Stephen's at 1pm on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Please see the posted announcement for details [here \(https://ststephensaz.org/pastoral-care-announcement-paula-jones-memorial-service/\)](https://ststephensaz.org/pastoral-care-announcement-paula-jones-memorial-service/)
- **Keep an eye out for the Newsletter next week.**
- **Please vote for December's First Friday Film Night movie (Dec 5<sup>th</sup>).** We had a wonderful time at November's FF Movie night. Vote here> <https://ststephensaz.org/dec-5th-first-friday-movie-night-vote-page> and join us Dec 5th for another night of wholesome family entertainment! Don't forget to also fill in a suggested Movie for January's FF Movie night.
- **Donations for Huachuca City UMC distribution to people with needs:** You may donate toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder laundry detergent, or detergent dissolvable sheets to assist Lay Pastor Sara Evans with folks in Huachuca City. Please put powder detergent into smaller Ziplock sandwich bags for easier distribution to people with needs. Donations can be placed in the tub/bin in the pew at the back of the church next to the info table.
- **FREE TABLE – Please check each week for items on the Free Table or in the fridge Free Drawer.** If you put something out for others and those items are not taken after two weeks, please take them back and donate them to other organizations in our community.

## **PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER**

Valerie Acroyd, Andrew Anderson , Palmyra Arzaga ,  
Timothy & Debra Ash, Rickie Bentley (11/30).

## **DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER**

- We Pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sara, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop, for our Deacons, Dottie and Sherry, and for Fr. J.J., our Priest.
- We pray also for the clergy and people of All Saints, Safford.

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF**

Edgar Stone (12/14), Debra and Jack Murphy & Family (12/7), Alverita Egbert (12/16), Doris Millard, (12/16) Andy Anderson, Jerry and Susan Fine (12/23), Alma Vasquez (12/30) Deacon Robin Hollis (12/30), Family & Friends of late Rev. John Lutton 12/7), Janet Treder (12/30).

## **SPECIAL PRAYER**

- All victims of recent vicious storms through the UN recently, especially Phoenix area, Globe, Miami AZ. And eastern Sea-board Coastal States (12/14).
- For all those military and government workers who are laid off or working without pay as they struggle to make ends and care for families (12/21).
- Thanksgiving for the recent release of Israel hostages held by Hamas and prayers that the Peace continues (11/30).