St Stephen's Announcements 26 Nov – 2 Dec 2026 --Updated with Christmas Schedule

Ongoing Weekly Discipleship Opportunities		
Education for Ministry (EFM) – Discipleship program meets the end of August to the end of May in person or on zoom. See Deacon Sherry for information on joining this program.		
Advent Book Study – Saturdays 4pm & Sun 12pm: Led by Dottie & Sherry on Max Lucado's "In the Manger"	**12 Steps meeting for anyone**: Wednesdays 5 pm in Parish Hall	**Bible Study on Zoom** – Mon 3 pm. See Deacon Sherry for Zoom connection
A Healing and Holy Eucharist Service every **Wednesday**, **9:30 AM**, Lead by Deacons Dottie & Sherry. **Search Committee News:** We are in the process of interviewing for a new Vicar **Stewardship Committee**: Reminder all **pledges for 2027 were due by Nov 30th**. You can still do it online!		

- **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.
- **Advent Book Study** Saturdays & Sundays every week in Advent: **Sat 4PM Sun 12PM** Both are held in the ED bldg.. Led by deacons Dottie and Sherry: "In the Manger" starting this week 11/ 21
- **Nov. 28 9AM** VOLUNTEERS: please join Deacons Dottie and Sherry to change the colors of the church for **Advent** and hang the Advent wreath. and the outdoor Christmas Wreaths. Thank you!
- **December Schedule:**
  - 4th & 5th Advent 2 will be Lessons & Carols service
  - 12th & 13th Advent 3 Holy Eucharist; 19th & 20th Advent 4 Holy Eucharist
  - Christmas Eve Dec 24th 5P Candle light service
  - Christmas Day Dec 25th 10 AM followed by a Breakfast (hosted by the Deacons, not a potluck)
  - Dec 26th Saturday NO SERVICE
  - Dec 27th Sunday Feast of St. Stephen, Holy Eucharist
- **Still looking for a Sunday Morning hostess**. Can you spare some time to set up coffee, cookies, and crackers for the Sunday fellowship after service? Please contact Deacon Dottie and she will give you the details.
- **Altar Guild:** St. Stephen's needs Altar Guild volunteers. Please help Dottie and Sherry with "The Quiet Service", working behind the scenes, caring for the soiled linens, washing the chalice and other elements used during worship, assisting with changing of seasonal altar colors, and keeping the brass and wood polished. Dottie and Sherry will train and work with the Altar Guild volunteers. Please let Dottie or Sherry know if you are interested.
- **Lector and Eucharistic ministers:** ***Saturday Services*** are in urgent need of Lector volunteers to read the lessons and Lay Eucharistic Ministers (LEM) who process with the Cross and assist the deacons and priest at the altar, and lead the Prayers of the People. We especially need LEMs for both Saturday and Sunday services. Please contact Deacon Sherry with your preferred service so she can schedule you accordingly.
- **Donations for Huachuca City UMC distribution to people with needs:** Donations like toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder laundry detergent, or detergent dissolvable sheets, socks, caps, and gloves to assist Lay Pastor Sara Evans with folks in Huachuca City. Please divide detergent into smaller Ziplock bags for easier distribution. 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.

(**Over for prayers please**)

St Stephen's prayers

PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

Peter Criscuolo, Joe De Paul, Dominic & Evelyn , Sharon Douglas,
Alverita Egbert, Dale & Hermila Elliot (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 Fr. Henri and our Deacons, Dottie and Sherry
- In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for ***All Saints' Church & Day School in Phoenix***.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for ***Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.***

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

Charles Warner has left Haven Health and is recovering at home.
Wilma Swartz as she fights an infection in her legs
Doris Millard resting at Via Eleganté,
Linda Hunter and Rickie Bentley living at Hummingbird Senior Resort,
Theresa Emrie mending at home,
Alverita Egbert (For healing and God's comfort),
Jerry and Susan Fine, continuing prayers for healing and peace,
Bill and Mindy Saunders (for continued prayers of healing),