

December 13, 2024

The third Sunday of Advent is "Gaudete Sunday," and this Sunday we will light the Advent wreath rose candle that represents joy over the coming of Christmas. After church, we'll gather in the Parish Hall from **11:30-12:30 to sing carols and enjoy a soup lunch.**



Thank you to those who have volunteered to bring soup and to help set up before the 10:00 service. Please contact **Jennifer Gary** to help out. If you can contribute other items, **please bring the following based on your last name:**

A-G: beverage

H-P: bread or crackers

Q-Z: salad or fruit

Contributions for Christmas Greens and Flowers

St. Stephen's parishioners have a tradition of supporting the Flower Fund during Advent. Your contributions help make our **Christmas decorations a glorious expression** of God's abundance and love.

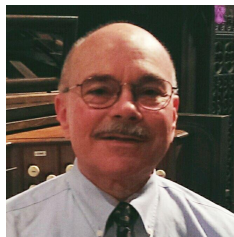
If you would like to contribute to the Flower Fund, please turn in **this form** by **December 20th**. Drop a check payable to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church with "Christmas Greens/Flower Fund" in the memo line either in the offering plate or the mail. You can also email **Laura Lambert**.



Greening of the Church

Please help with the annual greening of the church for Christmas **after coffee hour on Sunday, December 22!** It should take about an hour. Volunteers welcome! Several groups will be doing tasks and more hands are welcome. Bring gloves. Questions? Call Debby Kearnes at 206-612-3857.

Community Updates



Organist Howard Wolvington to Retire: Our fantastic organist, Howard Wolvington has decided to re-retire and move to Nevada; his last service with us will be Christmas Eve, We will **celebrate his ministry among us at coffee hour on Sunday, December 22.** Howard and his daughter Sandra are planning special music on the 22nd as well.

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