

November 15, 2024

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, we welcome the Rev. Danáe Ashley as our preacher and teacher at a forum after church on Saint Hildegard von Bingen. Danáe+ served as associate rector from 2014-2016 and as interim rector from 2016-2018 at St. Stephen's. Come learn about the gifts and wisdom of St. Hildegard von Bingen, a



German Benedictine abbess who lived from 1098-1179, from **11:30-12:30 in the Parish Hall.**

Stewardship Season is Underway:

This is a time of gratitude for all the blessings in our lives and parish, so we offer "Thanksgiving for New Beginnings."

Please return your pledge card by November 20 so it can be included in the offertory on Ingathering Sunday, November 24. Contact Monty McGovern with questions.

Thanksgiving for New Beginnings



Stewardship 2024



Advent Spirituality on Sunday, December 1 from 11:30-12:30

Advent is a time of preparation and wonder as we anticipate Christ's birth -- the one who brings light and life for the world. Come reflect on Advent symbols and traditions and learn about spiritual practices that could nurture you and deepen your faith that "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

St. Stephen's @ Zoo Lights! On Tuesday, December 3rd at 5:30, join fellow parishioners for the Wildlanterns art and light display at the Woodland Park Zoo. Tickets can be purchased online here. There is a discount for seniors on December 3rd and all ages are welcome. Feel free to invite friends and family members. We will meet just past the West Gate entrance ticket takers.



Please email **Kathy Graunke** and **Jennifer Gary** to let us know you are coming. Kathy's phone number is 206-321-0189 and Jennifer's is 206-854-6271. Call if you are running late or can't find us. There will be options for food and drink, details TBD. If you need or can offer transportation, please email us. We look forward to seeing you!

Sharing Our Bounty with Neighbors at Sand Point Community Housing

For Thanksgiving, St. Stephen's will be using Benevity funds to provide turkey dinners for 83 residents of Santos Place and Phyllis Gutierrez Kennedy Place. If you have a Safeway discount coupon toward a future purchase, we can use it to stretch our donation. Please bring it to church and give it to Jack Irby.

For Christmas, St Stephen's will write greeting cards that include a generous gift card from Fred Meyer. Donations of \$50 gift cards or funds to purchase them are most welcome. Be part of the card-writing on Sunday, December 8th at 11:30 in the Parish Hall.

Advent Party and Carol Sing: Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 15, the third Sunday of Advent. Also known as "Gaudete Sunday," we will share our joy over the coming of Christmas with a carol sing and soup party after church from 11:30-12:30 pm. Please contact Jennifer Gary if you would like to help with hospitality.

peace to you,

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Sermons @ St. Stephen's

Community Engagement

Bring Christmas to a Seafarer!

Every year, the Seattle Seafarers Center (Mission to Seafarers) provides over 1,000 ditty bags stuffed with basic personal necessities to merchant seafarers. These bags are one way we give thanks for these essential and often hidden workers, and help seafarers celebrate the holidays while they are far from home. Help make a seafarer's Christmas by providing them with a ditty bag to say thank you!

You can participate by making drawstring bags or knit hats, or purchase basic supplies (shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste) and drop those off at the Center. Financial gifts for supplies are deeply appreciated, too! Visit SSC's website here or email the Center.

Laurelhurst's

"Emergency Communication Hub" is hosting a FREE class...



Bleeding is the leading cause of preventable death after injury.

A person can bleed to death in < 5 minutes.

Emergency responders will arrive as quickly as possible,
but bystanders are almost always there first.

Learn how to save a life.

Monday, Nov 18 7pm to 8pm St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (4805 NE 45th Street, 98105)

A national program of:



Seats are limited. Register here...



Coming Up at St. Stephen's

Sundays 10:00am Holy Eucharist (Nave/Church) and Coffee Hour (Parish Hall) Sundays 3:00pm Youth Group Food Program (Narthex) Wednesdays 6:30pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

November 17 11:30 am Forum on Hildegard of Bingen (Parish Hall)

November 24 11:30 am Ingathering Sunday Festive Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)

December 3 5:30 pm Parish Event at Zoo Lights (Woodland Park Zoo)

December 1 11:30 Advent Spirituality (Parish Hall)

December 8 11:30 am Card-Writing and Gifts for Sand Point Comm. Housing (Parish Hall)

December 15 11:30 Carol Sing and Advent Party (Parish Hall)

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