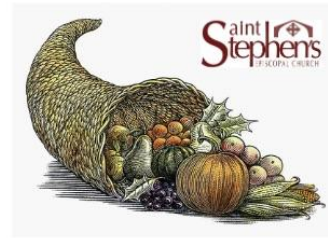


November 22, 2024

Thanksgiving for New Beginnings

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is **Ingathering Sunday!** Bring your **pledge card to church or pick one up on the narthex table** to make your financial commitment to St. Stephen's in thanksgiving for the blessings of your life. We will ask God's blessing on these gifts alongside the bread and wine of the Eucharist, and then celebrate with a **festive coffee hour** after the service.



Stewardship 2024

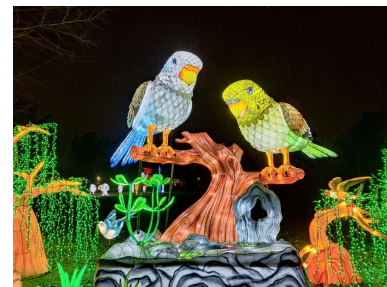
Many thanks to Jennifer Gary for her stewardship reflection last Sunday, in which she shares why "St. Stephen's is where my treasure is and where my heart is also." You can read about her family's remarkable journey over the past two years and their gratitude for the support and friendship of the St. Stephen's community **here**.



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 can 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.

Christmas Eve Services

4:00 pm Carol Sing and Choral Music

Come sing some favorite Christmas carols and enjoy beautiful music offered by the St. Stephen's Choir

4:30 pm. Celebration of the Nativity and Holy Eucharist

Hear the Christmas Story and share in Holy Communion with your faith community

There is no service at St. Stephen's on Christmas Day. Saint Mark's Cathedral offers a Festal Eucharist with Carols at 10 am. More information **here**.



peace to you,

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Sermons @ St.
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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**.

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 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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