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THE HUDDLE

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"Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at St. Stephen's!"

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DEC. 13 FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE @ 10:30 AM



It's our monthly Family Sunday! Elisa Webster, Family & Youth Minister, will be delivering the homilies this Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. (She will also be doing a homily at the 8 a.m. service.)

"Waiting on Christmas" adult homily
"The True Meaning of Christmas" children's homily

The December 13 Holy Eucharist Service will be live-streamed only with NO in-building, in-person. So that families may watch the service together, we will not be holding the 9:00 a.m. Zoom classes for Kingdom Kids (ages 7-9) or Mountain Movers (ages 10-12) this Sunday, December 13. Zoom classes for Kingdom Kids and Mountain Movers will resume regular time on Sunday, December 20.

Attention, Families! On the 20th, using Zoom, we will be making Chrismos, tree decorations with symbolism. Families will also be invited in the same Zoom class on the 20th to make Christmas cards for the Deer Creek residents, who are currently in lock-down due to a COVID-19 outbreak. Families should have received their arts and crafts materials by mail. If you have not, or if you a parishioner who would like to also help make cards for the

Deer Creek residents, contact [Elisa Webster](#). (See separate *Santa Mailbox* article in this issue for more card making details.)



DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES & CAROLING

We continue to plan for in-building, in-person Christmas Eve services for Thursday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m., and 9:00 p.m. Reservations are required. We have now reached full capacity for the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service and are no longer taking reservations. There are still spots available for the 4:00 p.m. service, which will include the Children's Pageant and be held in the Sanctuary. There are also still spots available at the candlelight 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in the Chapel. Holy Eucharist will be served at all three services. Click the button below to make your Christmas Eve Service reservation.

[RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW](#)



No reservations are needed for Christmas Eve caroling. All are invited to join us at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 24 in the Courtyard. We will be singing our favorite Christmas hymns. Remember to wear your face mask and social distance.

2021 PLEDGE COMMITMENTS UPDATE

Since we last reported to you in November, we have received additional 2021 pledge commitments. To date, we have 100 pledge commitments totaling \$398,295. This amount remains short of 2020's commitments, however, we remain hopeful that between now and the end of the year, our Members will step forward and continue to support St. Stephen's as their circumstances allow. Please keep us in mind as you make your way through to Christmas. We urge you to [fill out the Pledge card](#) by the end of this calendar year.



COMMUNITY OF HOPE MAKES ROUND OF HOLIDAY CALLS

The members of St. Stephen's Community of Hope (COH) and volunteers are currently completing another round of touching base with our members to simply let you know that your St. Stephen's family is here and available to help should you need.



If you have not heard from COH by the end of the month, and would like to talk with someone, please contact [Sharon East](#) or [Connie Maverick](#). We very much would like to know how you are doing.



TAKE 5: ADVENT SERIES Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 10 a.m. CST

TAKE 5 Host Allen Hennig is offering a special Advent Series, which airs Tuesdays and Thursdays this month. Twice the fun!

Please note that the TAKE 5 episodes may be viewed in any order and as often as you would like. Each episode makes a wonderful spirit-filled five minute music break.

SHOWING NEXT

Tuesday, December 15 @ 10 a.m., ***"Away in the Manger Medley"***

Thursday, December 17 @ 10 a.m., ***"Once in Royal David's City"***

Watch your e-mail's inbox for the [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) links on the morning of each airing. All TAKE 5 episodes are also accessible through the [church website](#) and may be enjoyed in any order.

GODLY PLAY ADVENT SERIES: TRAVELING TO BETHLEHEM



Darelle Jordan is offering a captivating Godly Play Advent series to help us travel virtually to Bethlehem. You can join her on YouTube and Facebook each Advent Sunday and on Wednesday, December 23 at 10:00 a.m. CST. This Sunday, December 13, we will meet the shepherds, sheep, and angel of the Lord. Watch your email's inbox the morning of each episode's showing for YouTube and Facebook links or click the buttons below.

[YOUTUBE: GODLY PLAY ADVENT 3](#)

[FACEBOOK: GODLY PLAY ADVENT 3](#)

SANTA'S MAILBOX READY FOR DEER CREEK CARDS



The Kingdom Kids (ages 7-9), the Mountain Movers (ages 10-12), and Teens are making Christmas cards for the residents of Deer Creek. Other parishioners are certainly welcome to make cards as well. The residents, who are currently in lock down due to an outbreak of COVID-19 cases, would certainly welcome cards at this time.

Deadline to turn in the cards is: Tuesday, December 22.

Simply drop off your card in the Santa's mailbox on the table by the side of the Chapel before or on Tuesday, December 22. Elisa Webster will be delivering the pile of Christmas cards to Deer Creek.

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