

This week at St. Stephen's

And Ministries Schedule:

❖ Monday, January 15

- 2pm (approx.) – 5pm: Judith+'s office hours
- 9am – 4pm: Jan's office hours
- 5:30-6:30pm: Stone Soup Suppers

❖ Wednesday, January 17

- 9am – 5pm: Judith+'s office hours
- 9am – 4pm: Jan's office hours
- 10:30-11:45am: Adult Study Group
 - The topic this week is Esther. There are two biblical versions of her story: the Old Testament book of Esther, originally written in Hebrew; and the Greek version of Esther, which appears in the Apocrypha and is 150 verses longer than the original Hebrew version. The Greek version changes the character of Esther in significant ways. If at all possible, please take the time to read both versions, paying careful attention to the differences in the way that Esther is portrayed in each as well as to the role that God plays in the story.
 - Some questions to consider as you read, bearing in mind that your answers might not be the same for both versions!
 - Who is the hero of the story?
 - How is God involved in what happens?
 - In what ways is Esther a stereotypical female? In what ways does she challenge stereotypes?
 - Please bring your questions and reactions too! I'm looking forward to seeing you and hearing what you have to say. *Judith+*
- Noon: Holy Eucharist, celebrating Antony. Never heard of Antony? Join us for Eucharist and find out who he is.

❖ Friday, January 19

- 6:30pm – Game night. Bring your board games, cards and enthusiasm for an evening of fellowship and games. Potluck dessert, and bring your own beverage.

❖ Sunday, January 21

- 11am – Holy Eucharist
 - Ministries of the day:
 - Martha+ Wallace will Preside and Preach; Judith+ will be attending the annual meeting of St. Luke's
 - Jan – Eucharistic Minister
 - Tia and Clay – Lectors
 - Steve and Gloria – Ushers
 - Tia – Altar Guild
 - Tia and Clay – Coffee

- Nicky Sampson and _____ – Offertory Counters

❖ **REMINDERS:**

- Our annual meeting and potluck will be held immediately following our service on Sunday, January 28; we hope as many of you as possible will be able to attend.
- Please let Jan in the office know if you will be able to contribute toward the five dozen cookies we have been asked to provide for Project Homeless Connect; cookies need to be delivered to St. Stephen's by Wednesday, January 24

❖ **PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS**

- Joyce, Judith+'s mother, who has been moved from ICU to the cardiac ward;
- Matteo, recovering from the flu and medication reactions;
- Norm, recovering from the flu, and Jean, recovering from her fall
- Deacon Senitila, on medical leave recovering from an acute heart condition

Peace,

Jan

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