



ST. STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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From the Interim Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BCP p. 818



ANNOUNCEMENT OF ST. STEPHEN'S NEW RECTOR by Carol Dockter, Sr. Warden

The Vestry of St. Stephen's was very happy to announce that Rev. Allison Cornell will be our rector starting October 1. The announcement was made at all three services over the Labor Day weekend. The Search Committee and Vestry are pleased that she is a very good match for us as determined from the hopes and wishes of St. Stephen's and the gifts that Rev. Cornell possesses. The decision to call her to serve was unanimous.

Rev. Cornell is presently serving as the Interim Priest at San Raphael in the Valley in Benson. Previously she served as the Interim Priest at All Saints in Safford. Many of you may remember that she also served as an associate for Fr. Sarrazin.

Sunday October 7 at 9:00 a.m. will be her first service with us. We will be saying goodbye to Rev. Julie Williams the weekend of September 29-30.

We look forward to serving St. Stephen's with Rev. Cornell. Her gifts of spirituality, compassion, communications, creativity, leadership and energy will serve us all well. We are most thankful to God for this mutual calling.

FROM THE INTERIM RECTOR

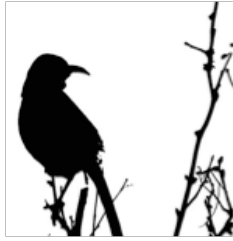
Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

Give thanks and glory to God! Your permanent rector will arrive October 1! Reverend Allison Cornell will be a good and faithful pastor, who will care for you and equip you for your ministries, preach the Gospel, and walk with you through thick and thin, rejoicing and mourning, always following our Lord Jesus Christ. Your prayers were heard and answered!

As I prepare to leave, I do so with a full heart. It is my time to laugh less and to weep more. You received me, a stranger, and welcomed me into your church, your homes, and your hearts. I did not expect you to love me so much. I will miss you terribly, and I will always carry you in my heart.

Please, always believe in yourselves. Never forget that the Holy Spirit lives in you, and that you are capable of doing every good thing according to the will of God. Jesus refreshes you and guides you into the future. Your best days are ahead! Julie+

**A NOTE
FROM THE
EDITOR:**



**OUR
NEWSLETTER**

Dear St. Stephen's Parishioners,

Thank you to all who submitted contributions to this issue of the St. Stephen's Newsletter. Articles, reflections, stories, poems, photos and drawings are always welcome and may be sent (as an attachment) to the newsletter editor, cstoczek@gmail.com, or submissions can be mailed to the church in c/o Newsletter Editor.

The deadline for submissions is the 25th of each month. Mark, our administrator, takes care of posting the newsletter and mailing it to those without computer or internet access. His help is greatly appreciated. Please contact him if you would like to receive the newsletter by mail.

Sincerely,
Charlotte H. Stoczek
Editor

**St. Stephen's
Vestry**

Carol Dockter,
Rector's Warden
Bill Brunell,
People's Warden
Lyle Anderson,
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Sivey Anderson
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Peggy Brown
Gloria Brunell
Sharon Douglas
Jill Holsonback
Valla Miller
Nancy Rea
Charlotte Stoczek

Calendar

ECW Luncheon

Sunday, September 9 12:30

ECW Luncheon

La Casita Restaurant

Bible Study

Wed., September 12 10 a.m.

Bible Study begins

Education Building

For info. contact:

Rosemary Snapp 520-378-9351

HELP Wanted!



Position: Altar Guild Service Helper

Job Description:

Before Service: Set the credence table with wine cup, lavabo bowl and towel, and little spoon. Fill cruets with wine and water and place on tray. Fill basket with bread and wafer container. Put tray and basket on table at back of sanctuary.

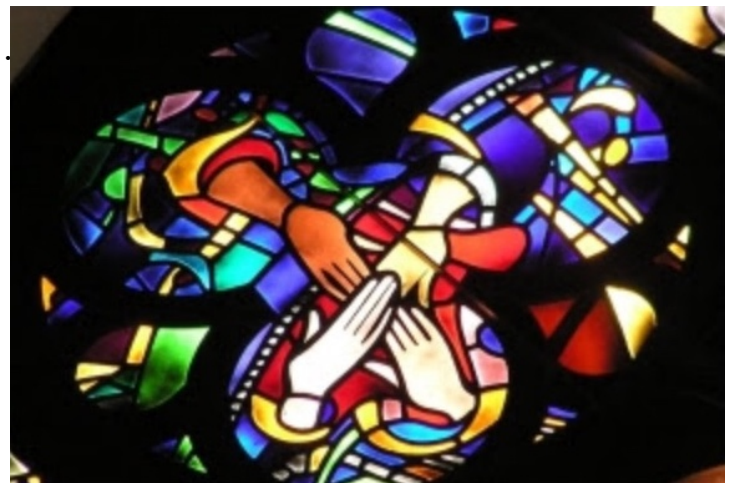
After Service: Clear the credence table. Dispose of leftover bread and wine (bread crumbs to birds – drink or pour wine into piscina sink). Wash the cup, cruets, and lavabo bowl. Place dirty linens in Ziploc by sink.

So, as you can see, if you have set a table and done a few dishes this week, you qualify!

Hours:

About 10 minutes before a service and about 10 minutes after the service.

Currently, there are only three Altar Guild members so coverage for the three services is difficult. You would be a very valued helper. We will be glad to give you personal on-the-job training to help you with these few tasks. Thanks so much for even considering our request. To inquire further, please contact Joan Strom at 520-366-9804 or talk with the member at the service you attend (Saturday 5:00pm, Harriet Kolen at 520-458-2730) or (Sunday 10:30am, Sivey or Lyle Anderson at 520-226-5595).



From Our Interim Rector

Leonidas Eduardo Proaño Villalba was an Ecuadorian [priest](#) and [theologian](#). He served as the [bishop](#) of [Riobamba](#) from 1954 to 1985. He was a candidate for the [Nobel Peace Prize](#) and is considered one of the most important figures in Ecuadorian [liberation theology](#). He died twenty five years ago, on August 31, 1988. John Donaghy, a lay missionary with the Catholic diocese of Santa Rosa de Copán, Honduras, has translated Bishop Proano's poetic interpretation of the Creed.

Julie+

Above all, I believe in God.
I believe in God the Father.
It is he who has given me life.
He loves me infinitely.
I believe in Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh.
According to God's plan, he became poor,
lived among the poor and preached the Good News to the poor.

I believe in the human person that is within me
and that is being saved by the Word of God.
I believe in the human person that is within
all of my brothers and sisters
because this same Word of God was sent to save all of us.

Therefore, I can also say that I believe in hope.
And for the same reason, I believe in justice.
I believe in reconciliation,
and I believe that we are walking toward the Kingdom of God.

I believe in the poor and the oppressed.
I believe that they are tremendously capable,
especially in their ability to receive the salvation message,
to understand it, and to put it into practice.
It is true then that we are evangelized by the poor.

I believe in the church of the poor
because Christ became poor.
He was born poor, he grew up in poverty,
he found his disciples among the poor
and he founded his Church with the poor.



SUBMITTED BY SARAH GUVEN

The spacious firmament on
high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heav'ns, a
shining frame,
Their great original proclaim:
Th' unwearied sun, from day to
day,
Does his Creator's power
display,
And publishes to every land
The work of an almighty hand.

from *Ode* by Joseph Addison

(1672-1719)

TWO MINISTRIES ARE BEING RE-ESTABLISHED

by Carol Dockter, Senior Warden

Charlotte Stoczek, a member of the Vestry and newsletter editor desires to begin a “Sunday School” for St. Stephen’s. Charlotte is gifted in the realm of early childhood education. Now, in order to be successful in this endeavor she would like the support of like minded people in the form of establishing a ministry (committee) to help her plan and implement a program that is tailored to St. Stephen’s. Please seriously consider being a part of what can be an exciting and rewarding ministry. Charlotte can be contacted by phone: 459-1408; e-mail estocek@gmail.com or just catch her at church. Here is something to think about: “A church without children is a dying church.” There is also a belief that “if we build it they will come.” So, let Charlotte know your support and willingness to help her “build.”

Bill Brunell, Junior Warden and member of the Search Committee, is looking for men and women interested and willing to form a **Facilities Committee**. This ministry is not for the everyday maintenance of our buildings and grounds; but, will be tasked with identifying and prioritizing needed improvements to our campus. Some improvements already identified included AC, flooring and kitchen. There are many other improvements that have not yet been identified for listing that the committee should discover. Another component of the ministry will be to determine ways to finance the projects. Of course, the final decision will be made by the Vestry, but they will rely on the recommendation of the committee. Bill can be contacted by phone: 508-9474; e-mail williamb650@gmail.com or just catch him at church.

