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*St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church
Newsletter
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St. Stephen's
Welcomes
Our
New Rector:
**The Rev.
Allison
Cornell**



Allison's Story in Her
Own Words. . .

I was raised on the East Coast, living in Greensboro, NC; White Plains, NY; Nashville, TN; Richmond, VA; and Northern VA between 1963-2007. Most of my time was in Virginia where I finished high school in 1981, graduated with a BA in Geography from Mary Washington College in 1985, and worked for the Department of Defense as a Geospatial Intelligence Analyst and Staff Officer for 20 years.

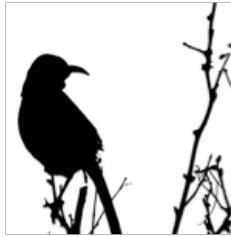
I left government service in 2005 to switch careers and become a French teacher, and that eventually led to a different kind of teaching in a call to the priesthood. My ordination process began in Los Angeles in 2009 and I was ordained a priest in January 2015. My first ministry as a clergy person was as a Chaplain Resident at the Veterans Administration Hospital in San Diego for a year.

Upon completion of that year, my wife Robin and I moved to Arizona in September 2015. The Diocese asked me to serve as Interim Vicar for All Saints Episcopal Church in Safford, AZ starting January 2016. I completed that ministry at the end of August 2017. I next accepted a call to interim Vicar for St. Raphael in the Valley, Benson, AZ.

My ministry and formation over the years has been in many different types of churches. I have been active in large program sized churches, a brand-new church plant, suburban churches, downtown churches, and rural churches. Two of my churches had Episcopal-Lutheran congregations.

Outside church life, my wife, Robin, and I have been together since December 2002. We had a commitment ceremony in 2004 and were legally married on our 10th anniversary in 2014. We live in Sierra Vista with two dogs and three cats.

**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

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IUMen of St. Stephen's to Visit Hospital 10/ 27
by Bruce Dockter

The next meeting of the Informal, Unorganized Men of St. Stephen's will convene on Saturday, October 27 at 9:45 at Canyon Vista Medical Center for a tour of the Hospital. We will have a pay-as-you go lunch from the Cafeteria after. And as soon as a coordinator is found we will request approval for a "Helping Hands Ministry" within the church.



by Nancy Rea

The Adult Forum has resumed its schedule and meets at 9:00 am EVERY Sunday, except on Unified Service Sundays, in the new building's Library for one hour. We are going to be discussing The Parables. No experience needed! No books to read! Nothing to buy! Hand-outs available. Come join the fun discussions, invite your friends (they don't have to be Episcopalians!) and, hopefully, learn something new! Contact Nancy Rea for more information.

All Faiths Blessing of the Animals

**When: Wednesday, October 3
from 5 to 6:30 p.m.**

**Where:
New Frontier Animal Medical Center
2045 Paseo San Luis, Sierra Vista, AZ**

**Reverend Allison Cornell will be
conducting the blessings.**

Evensong

Join us on October 3 at 7 p.m. for our
second Evensong--a music and scripture
service immediately following the Blessing
of the Animals.



Announcements

Sunday, Oct. 7 we will have **one service at 9 a.m.** We will **welcome Allison Cornell, our new rector.** A **brunch will be held after the service** at 10 a.m. Please sign up for the brunch on the sign up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Fall has arrived and that means the annual **Stewardship Campaign** is starting. You will receive a pledge form and letter in the mail this coming week. You can also complete your pledge online at the church web page, just click on the 2019 Stewardship Campaign logo.

The **Air Conditioning Fund** needs our support. There is a time limit of January 31, 2019 to reach our goal. If the goal is not met, contributions will be returned to donors. Check with Bill Brunell (520-508-9474) for more information.

The next **rummage sale** will be Oct. 13. Please contact Gloria Brunell about details (520-678-1661) or brunellgloria3@gmail.com. She has requested help in setting up the sale and pricing items prior to the sale--on Friday Oct. 12.



Update from our Senior Warden, Carol Dockter

THE DIOCESAN CONVENTION is being held on October 19th and 20th in Phoenix and St. Stephen's will be represented by Senior Warden Carol Dockter, Junior Warden Bill Brunell and delegates Bruce Dockter, Nancy Rea, Peggy Brown, and Pat Wick. Alternates this year are Gloria Brunell and Dottie Gutwein. The most important and exciting event will be the selection of our new Bishop. There are three candidates: The Rev. Dr. Dena Mareel Cleaver-Bartholomew, Rector of Christ Church (Manlius, NY), Diocese of Central New York; The Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall, Rector of Church of the Epiphany (NY, NY) Diocese of New York; and The Rev. Andrew Wallace Walter, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church (Silver Spring, MD) Diocese of Washington. Even though several of our delegates have taken advantage of the "walk about" to meet the candidates your input is very important in helping determine who will be the best bishop for Arizona. So, do you research and let our representatives know your choice.

It is that time of year again – Fall – and what does that mean? Well, **STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**, of course. October 1st is the "kick off" date of this annual event at St. Stephen's. A letter from the vestry and a pledge form will be coming to you via snail mail. Please read and prayerfully consider your response. We are at an exciting time in our lives together and it will take all of us in large and small ways to show our support for our parish. Sunday, October 21st will be the ingathering and that will determine our budget and identify our ministries. Now, if you are very interested in pledging online, Mark, Administrative Assistant, is posting the information on our webpage. Thank you all for your sincere and thoughtful consideration of St. Stephen's.

Please thank these wonderful cooks and contributors to the **Farewell Dinner for Rev. Julie**: Cate Hesser, Gloria Brunell, Alverita Egbert, Carol Dockter, Dottie Gutwein, Priscilla Burrows, Mindy Saunders, Fred Orman, Paula Jones, Rosemary Snapp, Liz York, Jill Holsonback, Charlotte Stoczek and Sherry Simon. We are truly blessed to have so many talented and generous cooks. If you have an idea of another type of fellowship, let Carol Dockter know. All ideas for fellowship are welcome along with ideas for implementation.

Another huge thank you is for **Sandra Calhoun** (7:30 p.m. church goer) who has graciously accepted the appointment of Treasurer. When you see her be sure to offer a "high five" or hug. She is taking on an important ministry for our church.

