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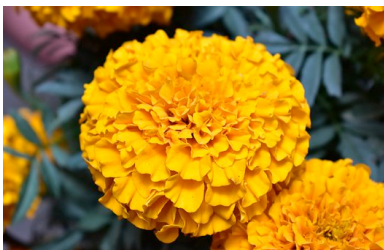
*A Letter to St. Stephen's
from
The Reverend
Allison Cornell*



Hello St. Stephen's,

I am writing you this note from my Credo conference in Richmond Virginia. The purpose of a Credo conference is to explore areas of transition and transformation for priests in their calls. Of course, I have just had one transition on October first when I accepted the call to be your new rector. The past few weeks have been filled with learning your names, your hopes, your fears, your dreams. I have met with some of you already to get to know you and to hear some of your ideas and to begin planning how we can work together in ministry to re-enliven, renew, restore, or re-imagine our faith and ministry at St. Stephen's. If you have things you want to discuss with me about your dreams, concerns, questions, or ministry plans, please contact me to set up a time and day when we can get together and talk. I am really excited to see where God is leading us next. We are in for a roller coaster ride of fun and faith. Hang On!!!!

In God's Name,
Rev. Allison



A Prayer of Thanks and Gratitude

Father in Heaven, Creator of all,
and source of all goodness and love,
please look kindly upon us
and receive our heartfelt gratitude
in this time of giving thanks.

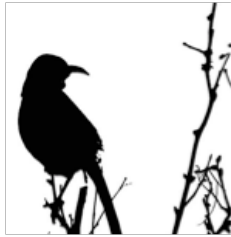
Thank you for all the graces and blessings
You have bestowed upon us,
spiritual and temporal:
our faith and religious heritage,
our food and shelter, our health,
the love we have for one another,
our family and friends.

Almighty Father, in Your infinite generosity,
please grant us continued graces
and blessing throughout the coming year.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

(submitted by The Rev. Allison Cornell)

**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. If possible, please use Times New Roman, 12 point with one space between sentences.

The deadline for submissions is the 25th of each month. Mark, our administrator, takes care of posting the newsletter on our website 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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Men's Group

by Bruce Dockter

Thanks to those who came to our get together on Sunday, Oct 29. We had a successful meeting and were glad to welcome Ed Stone to our community. Ed and his wife Cheryl just transferred from Ft. Hood where they attended St. Christopher's in Kileen. Cheryl joined the choir and Ed came to our meeting on their first day. Exciting to see new people and feel the excitement as the church is awakening again with the arrival of Rev. Allison as our permanent rector. We finalized the plans for the Helping Hands Ministry and a proposal will be given to the Vestry for consideration at their November meeting. More details to follow.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Dec 9 at 12:30 PM in the Parish Hall. For this meeting after our fellowship time we will help Junior Warden Bill complete some of the long list of minor repairs needed around the Church. Bill will give us a list of supplies before the meeting. (note: we don't normally do this but this is a way for us to help spruce up the facility in anticipation of the Christmas season). Ed expressed an interest in a monthly or twice monthly men's breakfast group where we gather together in prayer and enjoy a simple breakfast together. The first one will be on Saturday, Jan 12 at 8:00 at the Country House. I will reserve their back room for this event.

More details on all of this to follow. Hoping more of you will join us as we move forward.

The Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall Chosen VI Bishop of the Diocese of Arizona at 58th Diocesan Convention in Phoenix



The Rev. Jennifer Anne Reddall was chosen VI Bishop of the Diocese of Arizona during the 58th Annual Diocesan Convention held at All Saints' Episcopal Church & Day School in Phoenix. The first woman to be elected bishop in the Diocese of Arizona, Reddall is currently the Rector of Church of the Epiphany in New York, NY, the Diocese of New York, and was one of three candidates. In order to be elected, a candidate needed to receive a simple majority of votes from both the clergy and the lay delegates, voting separately as orders in the same balloting round. Reddall was elected on the first ballot, receiving 75 of 136 clergy votes and 172 of 304 lay votes.

Speaking with The Rt. Rev. Kirk Smith, who called to notify her of the election, Reddall said, "I am awed by your love and confidence in me, and praying deeply to the Holy Spirit to endow me with the gifts you need and deserve in a bishop. Thank you. Your ministry and your faithfulness in following Jesus' call has inspired me, and the Diocese of Arizona is going to continue to inspire people all around your state as we share the Good News of Christ's love through word and action together. My son Nathan and I are both so excited to move to Arizona and begin this new ministry with you."

Reddall grew up in California, and after graduating from Yale University with a degree in Theater Studies, she joined the Episcopal Urban Intern Program in Los Angeles. She graduated from the General Theological Seminary in New York City with a Master of Divinity degree in 2002. Reddall's parents moved to Tucson in 2016.

Pending consent of a majority of the bishops with jurisdiction and the diocesan standing committees, Reddall will be ordained and consecrated on March 9, 2019, at the Church of the Nations in Phoenix. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preside.

St. Stephen's Founded in 1958

by Carol Dockter

Talking about being 60 YEARS OLD – St. Stephen's was founded in 1958; however it started on November 18, 1956 (the year Sierra Vista became a city) when a small group of Episcopalians met for Evening Prayer on Fort Huachuca led by Reverend Lewis and assisted by Lt. Colonel Motz. Even though there were only twelve in attendance they planned to hold services at different times to draw more people. Ground was broken for the existing building on November 13, 1960 and the first service was held sixty-nine days later.

This is part of a prayer used during the early days: "O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying foot, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door to this house the gateway to Thine eternal kingdom. Amen."

St. Stephen's was granted parish status at the Diocesan Convention at Prescott in October 1992. Reverend Steve Carroll was the last vicar and the first rector.

Announcements

Our **stewardship campaign** is still ongoing and a huge thank you goes out to the following pledging units: Allison and Robin, Alverita, Andrew, Bruce and Carol, Nancy, Charlotte, Doris, Dottie, Elizabeth, Harriet, Hilda, Jean, Jill and Tim, Joan, Mark, Mary, Marietta, Mary and Joseph, Nancy, Priscilla, Sharon, Sherril, Sherry and Renee, Tim, Valla and Wendy. You can also show your support for our parish by dropping a completed pledge form in the collection plate or mailing one to the church or online by clicking the 2019 Stewardship Campaign logo. All support large or small is greatly appreciated and is helpful in determining our Ministry Support Program for 2019. Please continue keeping St. Stephen's in your prayers.

There is another request for your consideration. We still have a mortgage of close to \$17,000.00 on the education building and our goal is to have this paid off in 2019. Thanks to the continued support in this effort we have come a long way to our goal; however, we have started to dwindle in our support. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge to assure us our goal will be met. **Capital Campaign pledge** forms can be found in the entry porch. *Submitted by Carol Dockter, Senior Warden*

San Carlos Apache Reservation **Blanket Drive** is in full swing; thank you all for the donations received so far. **The Child Christmas Boxes drive** is also ramping up (don't forget to pick yours up today – they're in the parish hall) both the blankets and boxes are due **Nov. 11**. Dottie Gutwein will be joining those in the Safford church with delivering the blankets, hats and scarves being donated. If anyone would like to join her in that effort, please give call: 249-1311.

Mark thanks contributors for their generous support of the **Groceries 4 U program**. So far this year we have made a positive impact in the lives of **12** families here in Sierra Vista. This program provides \$50 of grocery gift cards to needy families once a month (with a limit of \$500 per year). Mark reports, "Yesterday we gave out the last of the grocery cards and I have started turning recipients away, so if you can donate any amount to replenish the fund it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks!!!"

From Rev. Allison: **Thanksgiving Day Worship Service with Baptism!** Come worship on Thanksgiving Day at 10:30 am with St. Stephen's as we remember with gratitude all the blessings in our lives and to especially give thanks for the blessing of the life of a new child. Joan Strom's great-grandson will be baptized that morning! Refreshments will follow the service. Come celebrate and welcome the newly baptized!

Veterans' Day Remembrance of those who have served our country in our Armed Forces in defense of our freedoms will be held during worship Oct 10th and 11th. Please bring photos or keepsakes of those you would like to remember and place them on the altar. These will be blessed and recognized for the sacrifices that have been made on our behalf.

All Saints and All Souls will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday Nov. 3-4 with Fr. Donne leading us in those times of remembrance of those who have died and gone before us.

