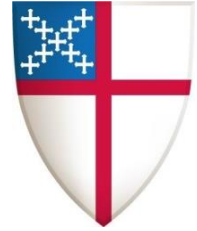




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SAINT'S DAYS IN OCTOBER

Francis of Assisi

(1181 or 1182-Oct. 3, 1226).

Thirteenth-century saint and founder of the Franciscan order.

He was born in Assisi in central Italy and named Giovanni Bernardone. His father changed his name to Francesco, "the Frenchman," after a visit to France. Francis's gradual conversion began in the spring of 1205. He gave generously to the poor and became devoted to "Lady Poverty." Francis stressed absolute simplicity of life marked by poverty, humility, and contemplation of Christ. Others gathered around him, and on Feb. 24, 1209, the Order of Friars Minor (Fratres minores), sometimes called Minorites, was founded. In England they were popularly called Grey Friars because of the color of their habit. The Second Order of St. Francis, known as the Poor Clares, was established for nuns in 1219. The Third Order for lay men and women was founded in 1221. Francis is especially remembered for his writing, "The Canticle of Brother Sun." The Hymnal 1982 includes two hymn texts written by Francis, "All creatures of our God and King" (400) and "Most High, omnipotent, good Lord" (406-407). The hymn text "Lord make us servants of your peace" (593) is based on a prayer attributed to Francis. He died in Assisi. Francis is commemorated in the Episcopal calendar of the church year on **Oct. 4.**



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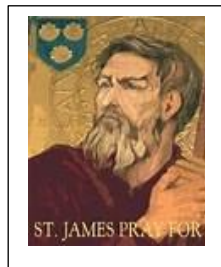
Luke the Evangelist, Saint

(St. Luke was a Gentile, and the traditional author of the Gospel According to Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. He was a physician and is identified with the church's ministry of healing. In Col 4:14, he is described as "the beloved physician." Many Episcopal hospitals have the name of St. Luke because he is the patron saint of healing and the healing professions. His uniqueness is seen in his detailed description of the birth of Jesus, possibly deriving from information given him by Mary, the Lord's mother. It is in the Gospel According to Luke that we have the texts of the earliest Christian hymns, Magnificat, Benedictus, and Nunc dimittis. Only this gospel has the parables about the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son. Luke gives special emphasis to the worth and status of women. He stresses the inclusivity of the compassion and love of God. Luke is often symbolized as a winged sacrificial ox holding a gospel book. This symbolism is taken from the Gospel According to Luke, which begins with Zechariah sacrificing in the temple and which describes the sacrifice of Christ. Luke is sometimes pictured as a painter making Christ known through art. Luke accompanied Paul on his second missionary trip from Troas to Philippi, and on the third missionary trip from Philippi to Jerusalem. He also went with Paul to Rome. Luke's life and work as a physician, historian, and evangelist is commemorated on **Oct. 18.**



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James of Jerusalem Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ



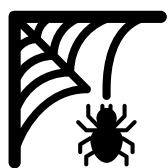
(James the Just). In the gospels According to Matthew and Mark, and in the epistle to the Galatians, James of Jerusalem is referred to as the brother of Jesus. According to 1 Cor 15:7, he witnessed an appearance of Christ after the resurrection. Some scholars argue that he is a cousin or half-brother of Jesus, and that the word "brother" is used in a generic sense to describe his relationship to Jesus. Roman Catholics who uphold the perpetual virginity of Mary do not acknowledge that James was the son of Mary and Joseph. James was clearly a leader of the church at Jerusalem. He presided at the Council of Jerusalem which dealt with issues that divided Jewish and Gentile Christians. James was put to death in Jerusalem by the Sanhedrin in 62. James is traditionally acknowledged as the author of the epistle of James in the NT. James's authorship of this epistle has been challenged, but not conclusively refuted. Hegesippus, an early church historian, referred to James as "the Just" for his piety, and claimed "that he was holy from his mother's womb." James is commemorated in the Episcopal calendar of the church year on **Oct. 23**.

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Simon and Jude, Saints and Apostles

These are two of the apostles. Very little is known about them. Simon is known as Simon the Cananaean and Simon the Zealot. He was probably a member of the political sect known as the Zealots, which was violently opposed to the domination of Palestine by Rome. Tradition claims that he carried the Christian faith to Egypt, Cyrene, Mauritania, Armenia, and Persia, and that he died in Persia by being sawed in half. Jude, also known as Thaddeus and Lebbaeus, was probably the author of the epistle of Jude. By the twentieth century Jude had become popular as the "patron of hopeless causes." According to tradition, Simon and Jude labored and died together. They are commemorated in the Episcopal calendar of the church year on **Oct. 28**.

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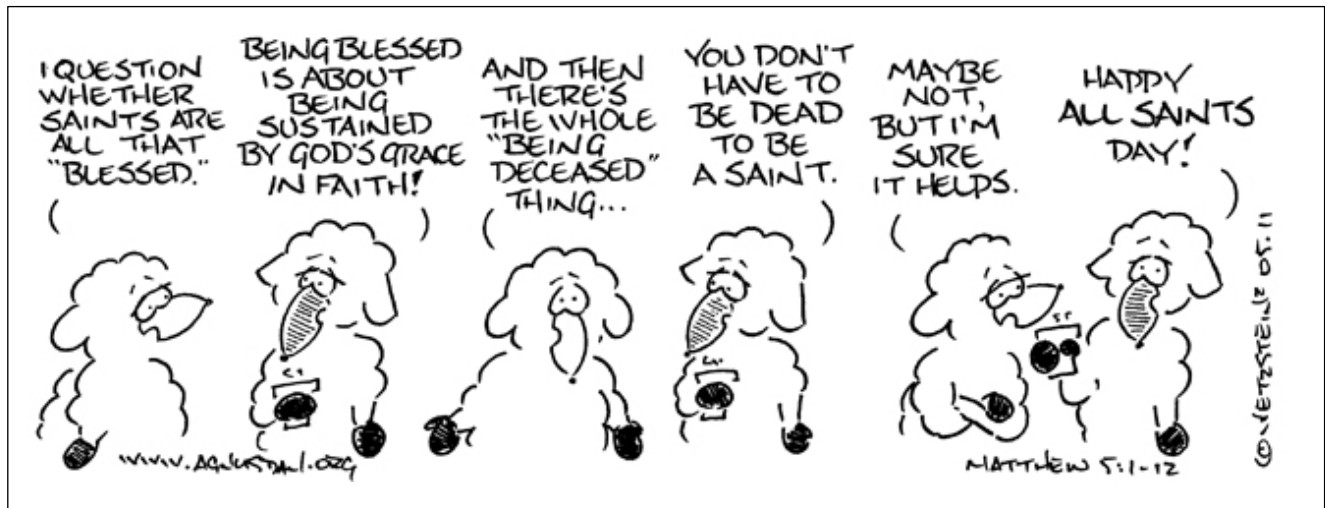
All Hallows' Eve

All Hallows' Eve is the evening of Oct. 31, which precedes the church's celebration of All Saints Day on Nov. 1. The service on All Hallows' Eve with the Prayer for Light, and it includes two or more readings from scripture. The options for the readings include the Witch of Endor (1 Sm 28:3-25), the Vision of Eliphaz the Temanite (Jb 4:12-21), the Valley of Dry Bones (Ez37:1-14), and the War in Heaven (Rv 12:[1-6]7-12). The readings are followed by a psalm, canticle, or hymn, and a prayer. The BOS notes that "suitable festivities and entertainments" may precede or follow the service, and there may be a visit to a cemetery or burial place.

The popular name for this festival is Halloween. It was the eve of Samhain, a pagan Celtic celebration of the beginning of winter and the first day of the new year. This time of the ingathering of the harvest and the approach of winter apparently provided a reminder of human mortality. It was a time when the souls of the dead were said to return to their homes. Bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. Samhain was a popular festival at the time when the British Isles were converted to Christianity. The church "adopted" this time of celebration for Christian use by observing All Saints' Day on Nov. 1, and All Hallows' Eve on the evening of **Oct. 31**.

All Saints' Day

Commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on Nov. 1. All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism. All Saints' Day may also be celebrated on the Sunday following **Nov. 1**.



All Faithful Departed, Commemoration of

This optional observance is an extension of All Saints' Day. While All Saints' is to remember all the saints, popular piety felt the need to distinguish between outstanding saints and those who are unknown in the wider fellowship of the church, especially family members and friends. Commemoration of All Faithful Departed did not appear in an American Prayer Book until 1979, and it is celebrated on **Nov. 2**. It is also known as All Souls' Day. Many churches now commemorate all the faithful departed in the context of the All Saints' Day celebration.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST - Third Wednesday of the Month

A Contemplative Eucharist is a simplified Eucharist, punctuated with silence — silent space for being and listening, for contemplation and for receiving the Spirit. This service is pared down — only one reading from Scripture, and another from Holy Women: Holy Men, simplified homily with invited response. We sit in a circle for the liturgy of the Word and stand for the Offertory and Eucharistic prayer. It is a peaceful way to mark the middle of the week. (As practiced at The Advocate, An Episcopal Church)



INTERCESSORY PRAYER – 9:30 Wednesdays

Intercession Prayer for another or others. Intercession “brings before God the needs of others. An Intercessor is one who prays on behalf of another or others. An intercessor is one who prays an intercessory prayer. The term may indicate one who leads the prayers of the people, which are prayers of intercession (BCP, pp. 383-395). Jesus is known as the heavenly intercessor who prays for us. The hymn "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!" includes the phrase, "Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me" (Hymns 460-461).

GREETINGS FROM REV. ALLISON

Rector's Greeting: October 2019



“For who has stood in the council of the Lord so as to see and to hear his word? Who has given heed to his word so as to proclaim it?” – Jeremiah 23:18

Dear St. Stephen's,

The latter part of the year, for many, brings a certain despondency as days grow shorter and daylight lessens. Nature is heading toward winter dormancy. Colors flare briefly in reds, golds, oranges and then fade into brown, bare branches and bare fields.

I have always loved fall and the cooler weather. I love the autumn colors. I like the evening coming sooner – to urge me into a quiet time, an inside time, a reflective time. For me fall is a time of home-coming, harvests, family, and thanksgiving.

In our Arizona diocese, we hold our annual diocesan convention in October which, in a way, is our home-coming or church family time. People from churches far and wide come together to celebrate our friendships, our ministries, and our love of God and one another. It is also a time to work together on proposals for the benefit of the diocese and church universal.

I have submitted my name to be considered for the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Arizona. This will provide me an opportunity to give of my time and talents as a voice from a rural parish which may not always be heard at the Diocesan level. I ask your prayers for God's will in the election for the Standing Committee and for all of us who will attend and participate in the Diocesan Convention Oct 18-19 in Phoenix.

Peace,
Rev. Allison+

HELLO FROM SENIOR WARDEN CHERYL STONE

From our Sr. Warden

Happy Fall! It seems the cooler weather is finally arrived.

The month of September was bitter sweet. We paid off the mortgage, praise God, and said good by to John Dushensky.



We have many things going on at St. Stephen's for you to be part of. The Brotherhood of St. Andrew, ECW (Episcopal Church Women), Informal Men's Group, etc. There are many opportunities for Christian Education Formation such as "Thursday Brown Bag Lunch Lessons", Saturday Thursday lessons are repeated. Spiritual Formation class meets monthly on Saturday morning, October will be about prayer beads. We are starting a Foyer Group (Supper Group). Will you be part?

Please check the directory to make sure we have the most recent and accurate information. We are adding birthday and anniversary as well. Please let us know your birth month and day, anniversary month and day.

November we will begin our Stewardship(planned giving) season.

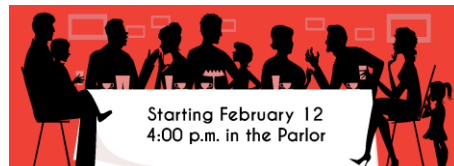
God bless you all,

Cheryl Stone

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

- **Spiritual Practices Saturday October 12th at 9am** – We will explore and discuss how prayer beads and rosaries have been used for centuries to aid people in their prayer lives. After the discussion, each person will make an Anglican Rosary and learn how to use it. Supplies provided. Free event and open to the public. Invite someone to come with you.
- **Discipleship Classes** – We continue to have classes on Thursday at 11:30am and Saturday at 4pm on a variety of topics. Coming up in October:
 - ❖ Oct 3 & 5 – Stump the pastor: Ask any question you like
 - ❖ Oct 10 & 12 – A short history of how we got the Episcopal Church
 - ❖ Oct 17 & 19 – No Class, Leadership will be at Diocesan Convention.
 - ❖ Oct 24 & 26 - Halloween, Day of the Dead, All Saints Day and All Souls Day discussion
 - ❖ Oct 31 & Nov 2 – What about “The End Times”? Is there such a thing as “the Rapture?” Saturday session only will include showing of the movie “Left Behind” (2000, 1 hr 35 mins long) in Ed Bldg. We will start movie at 2:30pm. Popcorn provided, bring your own beverage.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS



Spring Foyer Groups

Foyer Groups are a fun and easy way for parishioners to come together on a regular but informal basis for purely social reasons – to enjoy one another’s company, to meet new members, and just to get to know other people who share a common interest in our church.

Foyer Groups are dinner groups that range in size from 6 - 8 couples, meeting monthly in couple’s homes where there are no programs, no projects, and no assigned topic of conversation, to build friendly relationships while sharing in a meal together.

All those who are interested, please sign up and you will be placed into groups.

If there are any questions, please see or contact **Ed or Cheryl Stone**

Ed (254-317-1148); Cheryl (270-348-7020) or chedstone@yahoo.com



49 people voted for the **logo** they liked best to be placed on polo shirts. This was the winning design with 17 votes. 2 others were close with 13 votes each.



Combined Men's Group and ECW Meeting

All women of St Stephen's Episcopal Church are AUTOMATICALLY members of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW). We meet monthly and the date & time will be in the monthly newsletter and the weekly Church Bulletin. All ladies are invited to join us for the next get together. The October meeting will be a joint gathering with the Men's Group for a Pot Luck Breakfast at the Church **on October 12th at 8:30 am**. Let's all plan to go, enjoy a surprise breakfast and fun fellowship! Plan to join us, even if you aren't able bring a dish! See you there!

Submitted by Nancy Rea

P.S. Ed Stone would like an idea for how many are planning to attend – chedstone@yahoo.com



The Brotherhood of St. Andrew

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will meet **Thursday, October 3 at 6:30 pm** at Bruce and Carol Dockter's home, 2455 Willow Bark Lane. There will be an Opening Service and determination of officers for the balance of the year.

We will discuss Chapter 2, "Guidelines for Hearing from God" in "Hearing God: Developing a Conversational Relationship with God" by Dallas Willard. *Submitted by Bruce Dockter*



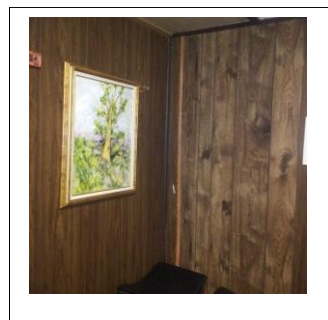
Blessing of the Pets
October 5th at 9am
at New Frontier
Animal Medical
Center – Bring your dog or cat or bird or other pets

(suitably leashed or contained) to be blessed in honor of St. Francis' Feast Day. St. Stephen's will be joined by Sierra Lutheran Church and Sky Islands Unitarian Universalist Church in conducting a fun service honoring God's creation and our pets. Each pet will be blessed and receive a blessing card. Landmark Café to provide refreshments. Goodie bags for owners/pets.



Columbarium Expansion

New cabinets are to be installed first week of October after a couple of delays due to the cabinet maker, Adam, asking for additional time (he is a Sierra Vista fireman who works extended shifts). There is only one month left to reserve a niche at the old price of \$300/person. On November 1st the price will go up to \$450/person. We have recently received new reservations for 7 people in the new niches.



This is the space that will contain the new niches

Annual Planned Giving Season
Nov 1st thru Nov 30th

YAHOO!

Soon a group of people with great ideas and great devotion to God and God's people will be meeting to discuss next year's financial plans. In the past year, we have, as a church, done quite a lot with what you have entrusted us with. We thank you for that support. More about this coming soon.

Thank you for giving



The Mortgage on the Education Building has been paid off.

thanks, God

Diocesan Convention
October 18-19
in Phoenix

Your Rector, Wardens, and Delegates are soon travelling to the annual diocesan convention with our new Bishop. You may wonder what happens at the convention? Each church/mission of the diocese sends its leaders and representatives to gather together for worship, fellowship, sharing about our ministries, and the governance of the diocese. We elect lay and clergy to committees. We discuss and vote on changes to diocesan policies and procedures. There are booths of sellers of religious items or providers of information about Episcopal related ministries. Anyone who is interested may attend (need to pay the registration fee). Please keep: Rev. Allison Cornell, Cheryl Stone (Snr Warden), Sherry Simon (Jr Warden), Nancy Rea (Delegate), Ed Stone (Delegate), and Priscilla Burrows (Delegate) in your prayers (as well as all who are participating in the convention).

Submitted by Rev. Allison

Discernment Update – After meeting several times with their Parish Discernment Teams (PDTs), Cheryl Stone is taking some additional time (the coming year) to further clarify her call to the Diaconate. Dottie Gutwein has been affirmed in her call to the diaconate by her PDT and will be going forward in the process to the next step. The Vestry will sign a form that approves the PDT affirmation and send that to Bishop Reddall and the Commission on Ministry. Dottie will be next forwarding some personal information and medical history to the Commission on Ministry and await an invitation to a Regional (Southern Arizona) Discernment Team, RDT, in Tucson in November-December. If the RDT affirms her call, Dottie will then meet with the Commission on Ministry in Phoenix.

Submitted by Rev. Allison



November 15-16: Combined Estate Sale and Rummage Sale

St. Stephen's will hold a combined Estate Sale and Rummage Sale with the Cactus Estate Sale company. They will bring in items, price, display, and sell things from their inventory along with our rummage sale items. By combining efforts, we benefit from their advertising, set-up, and salespersons. In return, we get 60% of sales on our goods (not on their inventory) plus a donation for the use of our space.

Submitted by Rev. Allison

A MINI BIO ABOUT THE ASHES

Tim and Debra Ash first visited Sierra in 1983, when Tim was stationed here at Ft. Huachuca from 1983 – 1985. During this time, they attended St. Stephen’s sporadically and visited other churches here in Sierra Vista area and Tucson. After stints of duty in Wilkes-Barre, PA and Germany, Tim and Debra returned to Sierra Vista in 1994, this time with two beautiful children, Tim Jr. and Alesia ages five and three. Not long after their return, they decided to call St. Stephens their church home. In November of 1995, Tim and Debra were blessed with another child, Joseph aka “Joey”.



Tim Jr, Alesia, and Joey attended PDS Elementary, Apache Middle School and Buena High School, where they participated in Band, and Athletics (Football, Basketball, Diving, Track and Field). They each enjoyed learning and practicing Tae Kwon Do where Tim went on to earn his Black Belt. Other interest during school years include Odyssey of the Mind/Robotics and Alesia’s tour on the Sierra Vista Youth Commission. Tim Jr., Alesia, and Joey attended St. Stephen’s Sunday School and were members of Youth Group. Tim Jr. and Joey now lives in Phoenix where Tim Jr. is employed at Cruise, an American self-driving car company. Joey is a student at Grand Canyon University (GCU) and is employed at Adventure ABA where he applies Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy in working with autistic children. Alesia is married to Justin Stancil an Army Service Member at Ft. Huachuca. They have two sons Aidan and Josh. Alesia has been an intern and Congressional Staffer for Congressional District 2 under Gabriel Giffords, Ron Barber, Martha McSally, and presently Ann Kirkpatrick. She has also served on the Sierra Vista City Council from 2015 – 2018 and is currently enrolled in Graduate School at U of A with hopes of soon enrolling in Law School.

Tim Sr. is a VP locally at NCI Information Systems and Debra works for a local Behavioral Health Agency. Tim’s hobbies include listening to music and playing golf. Debra enjoys live music, collecting decorative plates, bells, and reading. Tim is a member of the choir, has served on the Vestry, has led the Children and Youth Ministry for over 10 years and an Education for Ministry (EFM) graduate. Debra has supported the Children’s Nursery, Sunday School. Debra now serves as a Greeter and member of the Alter Guild and St. Stephens Book Reading Club.

Our hope for St. Stephens is continue in our Anglican traditions and order of service while being more active in the community and introducing innovative prayers, music, plays, and other events to draw new members and families of all ages and demographics.

Editor’s note: Thank you very much Tim and Debra!!!

Just learned this week that long time (40 plus years) member and Lay Leader of St. Stephen’s Ron McCreery was selected (posthumously) for inclusion on the Veterans Wall at Canyon Vista Medial Center for the year 2019-2020. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, 7 November at 5:30 p.m. at the Canyon Vista Medical Center. He is well deserving of this honor. *The Dockters*

