

## St Stephen's Announcements    Week before May 24, 2020

- **Re-opening plans have been drafted. We are awaiting Bishop approval and infection rates to be in our favor.** Currently the Bishop has said that increases of 2-3 on any one day are not statistically significant to our County numbers and that we would need to have a major jump of 5 or more on any one day to be considered a spike or if we have several days of increased numbers from our ones and zeroes to cause us to stop our re-opened in-person worship. So far, we are on track to open May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> pending Bishop approval of our reopen plans.
- **Pentecost Party Cancelled.** Due to the Diocesan guidelines that prohibit our having food or beverages together (requiring removal of masks and touching of many objects (coffee pots, creamer, etc...)).
- **Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup> Birthday Car Parade for Fr. Donne Puckle:** Fr. Donne will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 21<sup>st</sup> and we plan to honor his birthday milestone with a drive-by parade at his house. This will enable us to celebrate with a bit of pomp and circumstance. More details coming soon, but plan to have signs, cards, and other decorations on your car to drive by his home at 2pm (we will line up a block away) and drive by to wish him Happy Birthday!
- **July 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00pm Benefit Concert by Music Director Mike Gilman:** Mike will play an hour of various piano music selections to raise money for two humanitarian needs in Arizona: The families seeking asylum in Nogales and the Navajoland peoples hit very hard by the Covid-19 virus. In person seating limited to 25 and it will also be shown on Facebook Live. Donations to these two causes will be collected online on our website.
- **Thank you to all our mask makers!** We have about 30 now and I think that will do for us for a while. We have also ordered some disposable masks.
- **We appreciate your maintaining your pledges so that we can stay current with our obligations** – Please mail, drop off, or submit your pledges online (see donate button on our website).
- **St. Stephen's office hours** will return to "normal" the week of 25 May. Mark and Rev. Allison will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- **Rev. Allison can be reached** via home phone: 520-335-2436 (after hours/emergency), or cell: 562-743-3784 if you need/want to speak with her.
- **SIGN UP ON OUR WEBSITE** – If you have not already done so, please go to our website ([www.ststephensaz.org](http://www.ststephensaz.org)) and create your own account with your email address. Mark sends our church information, notifications, announcements via our website members. If we don't have your account info, you may miss out on important information. Please make sure the office has **prior knowledge** of your email address: send us an email to either <office or mark.sowards> @ststephensaz.org so that I can recognize and approve your UserID request.
- **Rev. Allison is planning to be out of town June 1 to June 14.** Worship on June 6-7 and 13-14 will be Evening Prayer and Morning Prayer led by one of the church members.
- **Coming this summer: Preaching Class** – Anyone who would like to learn the fine art of preaching is asked to sign up to learn and practice being a lay preacher. Successful completion of the preaching class and practicum will lead to licensing as lay preacher in the diocese.
- **Coming this Summer: Summer Bible Study** on either Books in the Apochrypha or Isaiah. May be a mix of Zoom and in person. More information coming soon.

