

St Stephen's Announcements Week before May 31, 2020

- **Post-poned re-opening of church** – Due to recent increases in new cases of Covid-19 in Cochise County, we will wait to reopen the church. Bishop Reddall and Rev. Allison will continue monitoring the new case numbers and when Cochise County has achieved at least 14 days of decreasing numbers, we will look at re-opening again.
- **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** asks Episcopalians to observe Monday, June 1, as **A National Day of Mourning and Lament**, a day marked by moments of silence, lowering of flags, interfaith vigils, ringing of bells, and civic memorials.
- **Fr. Donne requests waiting for late summer celebration of his birthday.** We want to wait for better results from the Covid-19 epidemic to allow safer travel for his son and daughter and also for us to perhaps have a nicer party.
- **July 5th 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 35 now and I think that will do for us for a while. We also have 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) 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.