

- **Phase I extended to March 14th** – Due to high rates of infection and limited vaccines and new virus variants, we will extend our Phase I until March 14th. We will continue with online Sunday worship.
- **Ash Wednesday is Feb 17th** – We will have a 12pm noon and a 5:30pm services on Wed Feb 17th. The noon service will be on Facebook Live and on our website. We will also have limited (less than 15 per service) in-person attendance. Covid protocols remain in place. Those who remain home can pick up ashes for administering at home, just call the office after Monday Feb 8th to arrange pick-up.
- **Lenten devotional readings available online** – Rev. Allison recommends two free online devotionals for Lent 2021: Episcopal Relief and Development Lenten Devotional (<https://www.episcopalrelief.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Lent-2021-English-Color.pdf>) or Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Lenten Devotional (<https://www.pts.edu/UserFiles/File/PDFs/Lent%20Devotional%202021/Lent%20Devotional%202021%20-%20Print.pdf>). Call the office to request a printed copy.
- **Sunday Lenten Reflection on the Episcopal Relief and Development Devotions** – Starting Feb. 21st, Rev. Allison will facilitate an online discussion of the ERD Lenten readings of the previous week. To attend the discussion, use the following Zoom link: Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86935184063?pwd=M0ZhWEc3NEVRVncvQUY5VjZSa2hlUT09>
Meeting ID: 869 3518 4063 Passcode: 923037
Or Dial in by your location [+1 346 248 7799](tel:+13462487799) US (Houston) [+1 669 900 6833](tel:+16699006833) US (San Jose)
- **We recommend everyone get their Covid vaccine as soon as you can.** The Arizona Dept of Health Services has an ambitious timeline to complete vaccines by the end of the summer this year. The main delimiter now is availability of enough vaccines to distribute.
- **Episcopal Diocese of Arizona helping churches get solar power panels** – Rev. Allison attended a zoom meeting with the Rev Canon Pam Hyde from the diocese on Tuesday to hear plans for AZ churches to be able to install solar panels at their churches. The diocese is doing the initial work to find the best deal on installers, find suitable financing, and provide a no-obligation on-site assessment for each church to determine best location for panels. St. Stephen's is looking for a few individuals to be the church "Solar Team" for this effort. Jr. Warden Sherry Simon has already agreed to be part of this team. The team will coordinate with the diocese for the site visit and will present the information about this plan to the vestry/church when completed.
- **Mike Gilman, our Music Director, and his partner Maurice are donating a number of collectors' dolls to St. Stephen's for the church to sell and use the proceeds to help our budget.** The dolls are Barbie, Ken, and GI Joe, new in boxes that collectors may find valuable. Liz York has agreed to help look into the best way to offer these dolls to collectors to see if we can get a good price for them. If you have information that may help the church with selling these dolls, please contact Rev. Allison. More on this as it happens.
- **Coming Soon:** Spring church cleanup day in March, Holy Week and Easter service plans.