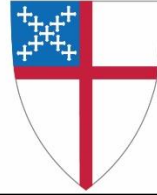




# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



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## From our Rector:

Hello St. Stephen's,

We are very thankful for the rain this monsoon season. All around us things are green and growing ... and needing mowing and weeding! Tim Holsonback our senior warden would like to have a few folks who would be willing to help push the mower around the church to keep the green mowed down. Please contact him to volunteer to help with mowing.



Also, we are planning a garden party to weed the flower beds and spray the weeds in the rocks along the ditch and parking lot. This will be Saturday August 14th at 7am to 11am... rain date would be Sunday 15th August in the afternoon following church, 2pm to 5pm. Bring your gardening gloves, pruning clippers, or trowel to help get our property looking spiffy again. Everyone invited, encouraged to come help out... more helpers means quicker finishing of the work.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be helpers for Sandy Dushensky. She appreciates the help in caring for her in her recovery from surgery. If you can help her with about an hour of your time to run errands, assist with household chores, and other simple things, please contact Tim Holsonback to schedule your day. All visits are around 10am each day.

Hard to believe as I write this that summer is almost over for our school kids and they are soon to be back in school in person. Please keep all our school kids and teachers and coaches in prayer for their health while we are still dealing with the Covid pandemic.

For a bit of fun, we will be having a "Groovy Gathering" at the end of August on August 29th (Sunday) with special 60's and 70's music that harkens back to the Summer of Love and the Hippie Culture. Come dressed in your tie-dyed shirt, sandals, and be sure to wear some flowers in your hair! Music will include songs like "Jesus is Just Alright With Me", "Kum-bye-Yah", and "Put your hand in the hand of the man".

Blessings on you all and keep safe!

Peace be with you,

*Rev. Allison*



### From our Sr. Warden

I hope everyone is doing well during our extraordinary time. On March 16, our 2021 Vestry Members volunteered to contact our parish members. It's important that we all stay in touch with each other.

The Vestry needs to know how the church can help you, how you are doing, or what can you do for the church. If you have not been contacted recently, please call me as listed below.

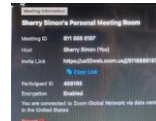
We are practically to Phase 3! Now, we can take communion at the rail; granted, it is self-intinction; but, it is both the bread and wine that is the body and blood of Jesus Christ. We can shake hands, hug, touch elbows, wave, give the peace sign, sing, etc. The only thing still outstanding is wearing a mask per certain conditions. Let us give the glory to God.

Folks, the grass and weeds are abundantly growing on the property. While in August we will have a church clean-up day, if anyone so desires, you may help out with yard maintenance. For instance, I've been mowing the yard with the church push mower. If you feel like helping out, you may use your own tools or the church ones. If you need access to the new shed, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please continue to send in your pledges to the church, either by mail or the donate link on our <https://www.ststephensaz.org>. My home number is 520-459-1937; cell 520-227-4483; email: [Holsonback@cox.net](mailto:Holsonback@cox.net).

May God continue to bless us all during these extraordinary times!!

### From our Jr. Warden



Here is my Zoom meeting room information.

Come one, come all for our church clean-up on the 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> of August, weather permitting. Time will be from 7 – 11 am.

EFM registration is coming soon. For those who wish to attend, let me know so we can have an idea on how many are wanting to take the class this year.

### Coffee Hour helpers needed!

As we return to having a time of fellowship with each other after worship on Sundays, we can use some helpers to set up the coffee and snacks before and clean up after the coffee hour. Please sign up on the sheet on the snacks table.



### Bible Study

Every Tuesday at 5pm join in Zoom for an in-depth review of the Psalms. We use several interpretations for a lively discussion. The zoom link is: 811-888-8197.

We need more Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Alter Guild personnel.

If you are interest in any of these positions, please contact Cheryl Stone at [cheryl.l.stone1@gmail.com](mailto:cheryl.l.stone1@gmail.com)

From our Administrator Mark

Please notify the church office when you move or change phone or emails. If you change your email, please update your sign-on with our website prior to shutting down the old email.

Our office hours have really changed, but with Covid-19 impacts, they have been very flexible.

Standard hours are:

Tuesday and Thursday 9:00am to 2:00pm

Wednesday 11:00am to 2:00pm.

It is that time again where I ask you if you want Giving envelopes. They sure came in handy this past year with all the remote services. If you want Giving envelopes, please let the office know either by calling, emailing, or stopping by and telling me in person.

**Where to sign up for a Covid-19 vaccine?**

Please see the following link which has information for residents of Cochise County:

<https://covid-cochisehealth.hub.arcgis.com/pages/vaccines>

If you need help with registering for a vaccine, our church will help you. Currently only 65 and older plus those in certain priority groups like healthcare workers and teachers are being registered (groups 1A and 1B priority).

All services will be broadcast and in person.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
August 26th**

Birthdays  
10 Aug: Ed Stone  
10 Aug: Greg Lamberth  
23 Aug: Joan Strom  
24 Aug: Timothy Ash



Ministry Team Schedules for August  
**MINISTRY TEAMS FOR August**

**Wednesdays 4, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>,**  
LEM, Lector, Altar Guild – Dottie / Sherry

**Saturday 7th**  
LEM – Jeff Speer    Lector – Sandra Calhoun    Altar Guild – Jill

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>**  
LEM – Ed    Lector – Cheryl Stone    Altar Guild – Ed

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
LEM – Sherry    Lector – Sandra    Altar Guild – Jill

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
LEM – MJ    Lector – Sherry Simon    Altar Guild – Jill

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**  
LEM – Nancy Rea    Lector – Sherry    Altar Guild – Deb Ash

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
LEM – Sherry    Lector – MJ    Altar Guild – Jill

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
LEM – MJ    Lector – Nancy Rea    Altar Guild – Deb Ash

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
LEM – Nancy    Lector – Sherry    Altar Guild – Deb Ash

**Sunday 29**  
LEM – Sherry    Lector – Nancy    Altar Guild – Deb Ash

August						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 am Worship	2	3 Bible Study (Phalms) 5 pm via Zoom	4	5	6	7 5:00 pm Worship
8 10:30 am Worship	9	10 Bible Study (Phalms) 5 pm via Zoom	11	12	13	14 Church Clean-up 7 - 11
15 10:30 am Worship	16	17 Bible Study (Phalms) 5 pm via Zoom	18	19	20	21 5:00 pm Worship
21 10:30 am Worship	22	23 Bible Study (Phalms) 5 pm via Zoom	24	25	26 New sletter Articles Due	27 5:00 pm Worship
28 10:30 am Worship	29	30 Bible Study (Phalms) 5 pm via Zoom	31			