

- **We need a new church treasurer!** We thank Cheryl for her help as our outgoing treasurer and her time and talents. Please keep Cheryl in prayer for her arm/shoulder which need surgery. The treasurer oversees our bookkeeper, tellers, and finances for the church. They attend vestry meetings to present information about our in gathering and expenses. Please see Rev. Allison for additional information or to volunteer. This is one of the positions of leadership in the church that we have to have filled.
- **Our Groceries 4U program depends on donations from you, our congregation.** We provide grocery gift cards to people in our community in need of a little assistance to buy groceries. If you can, please put a donation in the plate to allow us to buy more cards. Thank you.
- **Assistance needed for our incoming Afghani allies** - Episcopal Migration Ministries (EMM) is busy trying to assist our incoming large numbers of Afghani allies who are being granted visas to resettle in the USA. They need a variety of volunteer help as these families and individuals are screened and evaluated for resettlement. Tucson is one of several resettlement areas and we are in proximity to Tucson to offer our help. If you are interested in helping this effort, please see the video on the EMM website:

<https://vimeo.com/593490579> . To sign up to help or donate please use this form:
<https://episcopalmigrationministries.org/volunteer-community-interest-form/> .

- **Coffee Hour helpers wanted.** Our coffee hour is moving back to the porch and will be simplified. We would appreciate folks helping with the set up of the coffee hour and clean up after on Sundays. There is a sign-up sheet on the snack table at church. Please sign up for a weekend or two.
- **Our Adult Forum on Jesus and the Buddha will not meet until Oct 2-3.**
- **Rev. Allison's last vacation for the year will be Sept 11-25.** Worship services on Sept 11-12 and 18-19 and 25 will be evening and morning prayer. **Rev. Allison will return for worship Sunday Sept 26th.**
- **Next Red Cross Blood Drive will be Sept 30th in the Educational Building.** Sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org .
- **Newcomer Welcome for some of our new folks who have been worshipping with us will be on Oct 2-3.** Get to know our new folks and introduce yourselves.
- **October 10th, Sunday, at 5pm St. Stephen's will hold a service of welcome and acceptance in observation of the National Coming Out Day for LGBTQ persons** to celebrate the amazing persons that God created them to be and to allow anyone who feels ready to do so to tell God, their family and friends, and themselves that they are part of the LGBTQ community.
- **Diocesan Convention Oct 9th and Oct 15-16** – St. Stephen's leadership will be representing you online and in person. See the diocesan webpage for convention information: <https://azdiocese.org/meetings/diocesan-convention.html>
- **October 31st: All Saints/All Souls** – Remembering those we lost during the past 20 months of Covid shutdown. We will gather to have a combined remembrance of those who died during the past year and half
- **On a personal note:** I want to sincerely thank St. Stephen's for their pouring out of support and love for me and my family in this time of heart break for us. I was truly humbled by your turn out to my father's memorial service and I humbly thank every one of you! Thank You 😊 *Mark Sowards, your humble Parish Admin.*