

- **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.
- **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 setup 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 meet on Sept 4-5.** We will then be off for 3 weeks while Rev. Allison is away.
- **September 4th-5th and 8th worship services will be in honor of Sept 11th, the 20th anniversary.** We will do this a week before the actual dates to avoid conflict with the events planned in the community at Veteran's Park the following weekend.
- **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
- **Groceries 4 U.** Thank you very much! The well did not dry up completely, *but we are very low on funds*; to continue the program we need a few more generous donations. To recap the **Groceries 4 U** program donates \$30 to needy individuals and \$50 to families monthly, there is a yearly cap of \$300 and \$500 respectively and we have helped 119 local people since 2018: that's 22 families (with a total of 51 Family members) and 68 individuals since 2018--- **While writing this announcement four clients came in; we are now dry again.** Thank you so very much and if you can, please donate to continue this program. 😊