

St Stephen's Announcements Oct 14 – 20 2021

- **Dinah McCreery's daughter Caroline sent an update on Dinah.** Dinah is slowing down and frequently becomes disoriented away from home. She does enjoy hearing from her friends here at St. Stephen's and would love to have a note or card from anyone who wants to send her a greeting and a bit of news to her to brighten her day. Dinah's address is: Dinah McCreery, 333 E. Morrison Ranch Pkwy, Quail Park #137, Gilbert, AZ 85296.
- **New Program for giving in Sierra Vista – Better Bucks:** A way to help those in need through donations or purchase of Better Bucks Booklets to give to others. Can be used around town at various places for only authorized items (excluded are alcohol, tobacco, combustibles like lighter fluid, etc...). See website: <https://betterbuckssierravista.org/>
- **Arizona Diocesan Convention Info –** Oct 15-16th Keynote speaker The Very Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of Arizona to give an address and to preach at worship. **Keynote presentation Friday Oct 15 at 4pm, worship service with Rev. Curry preaching on Saturday Oct 16 at 10am. View both keynote presentation and worship at the diocesan youtube page:** <https://www.youtube.com/c/azdiocese1>
- **Sunday Worship time will change Nov 7th to 11am start time.**
- **St. Stephen's and Sierra Lutheran (ELCA) to begin joined ministry with St. Raphael's Benson –** Starting in November, St. Stephen's along with Sierra Lutheran Church will assist with worship and other ministries at St. Raphael's in the Valley, Benson. St. Raphael's is a combined Lutheran and Episcopal congregation and as their current Vicar leaves for new ministry opportunities, Bishop Reddall and Bishop Hutterer (ELCA) have asked for our two churches to minister together with St. Raphael's. Rev. Allison will lead worship alternatingly with the Sierra Lutheran church on Sundays, and she will have office hours in Benson on Tuesdays. Rev. Allison's office hours at St. Stephen's will be Wed, Thurs, Friday. This arrangement will be for a year and then we will assess how it is going.
- **We are grateful for one of our newer church attendees, Anne Roth, for being willing to look into the possibility of helping out as "interim treasurer."** We continue to look for someone willing to be the treasurer for the church on a more regular basis.
- **Vestry Meeting Oct 19th at 5:15pm** in the Ed Bldg and on Zoom. Please let Pat Thralls know of any agenda items you would like to discuss and if you plan to attend.
- **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 not meet Oct 16/17.**
- **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, honoring especially Bonnie Anderson, Ralph Snapp, and Agnes Quain.
- **November 6th – LGBTQ Pride in Phoenix!** St. Stephen's has entered to have one car and several walkers at the parade on Saturday Nov. 6th. We can carry signs, flags, and banners to show there are welcoming and inviting churches for LGBTQ. Please see Rev. Allison to carpool up and back to Phoenix that day.
- **Saturday Evening Worshipers, please recycle** your bulletins for Sunday worshippers if you are not taking them home with you.