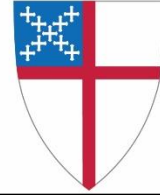




# St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



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## From our Rector:

Hello everyone,

As I return from a good, relaxing, friends and family vacation, I hope you are all doing well. It is now October and the days, weeks, and year continues to slip by... sometimes feeling like it is rushing by. And our world continues to change, sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse...



Things that happen far away from our little corner of Arizona still have affects on our lives. Threats of nuclear war, rising authoritarianism/fascism in countries, shortages, gas prices are high, inflation continues, potential recession is on the horizon, just to name a few. And while these are worrisome things that impact our lives, I take comfort in some of our Scriptures when I get to feeling too stressed out...

In Ecclesiastes 1:8-9: "All things are wearisome, more than one can say. What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun." Throughout human history, people have faced similar situations. In our own lifetimes you and I have been through these sorts of things before. It is not new. And I believe that since we successfully got through it before, we can do so again.

In John's Gospel, Jesus tells us "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me." And he then promises us that we are not alone, we have God's Holy Spirit abiding within us – to comfort and guide us. Jesus also tells us that we cannot add a single day to our lives through worrying.

So let us be thankful for the blessings that we have and enjoy our family, friends, and loved ones who bring us joy and happiness. Let us continue to do good and show love, compassion, and generosity to those around us. And let us always lift up to God in prayer all the concerns of our hearts, for Paul instructs us "Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere."

As the 60s song lyrics says, "To everything - turn, turn, turn, there is a season - turn, turn, turn, and a time to every purpose under heaven." This is just one more season. It will eventually pass into a new season. Keep the faith.

Autumn Blessings to you,

*Rev. Allison*



**Senior Warden**

Fellow Parishioners

Autumn is here which also brings cooler weather and kids dressing up in costumes. Please be on the watch as they are out and about at the end of this month.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE  
October 24th**

**Sunday's service will be In Person and Live Stream.**

**Saturday Evening Worshippers:**

Please recycle your bulletins for Sunday worshippers if you are not taking them home with you.

**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.**

**Photos Wanted** – Please send Mark any photos of events or happenings around our church to Mark for him to have in refreshing our photo library. Can be photos of various activities around the church or decorations or even flowers/trees on our property.

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

If you are interest in any of these positions, please contact Robin StClair at [rscinca@gmail.com](mailto:rscinca@gmail.com)

**Duplicate Bridge Club** to begin meeting at St. Stephen's in Ed Bldg on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12 noon to 4pm. Classes for new players offered. Any interested please contact Bob Walton at [publius92@yahoo.com](mailto:publius92@yahoo.com) or phone 520-249-6635.

**First Friday Film Night Oct 7th at 5pm** – We will be watching the movie "What Dreams May Come" Butternut soup for dinner. Bring your own beverage. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

**Second Saturday St. Stephen's Supper group** will meet Saturday Oct 8th 6:30pm – Following the 5pm service (about 6:30pm) meet at The German Café On Fry Blvd. All are welcome, invite your friends

**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.

**October 11th 6pm** – National LGBTQ Coming Out Day Service at our church, we offer encouragement and support to our LGBTQ friends and family who are ready to let others know of their LGBTQ identity.

**New Program for giving in Sierra Vista – Better Bucks:** The vestry voted Tuesday to shift our Groceries 4U program to using the Better Bucks booklets to give to those who need some assistance with food, clothing, and other necessities. Please donate to the church to buy the booklets or donate booklets for us to use. Cannot be used for alcohol or tobacco. website: <https://betterbuckssierravista.org/>

**Are you curious about what the 12-steps used in various support groups are all about?**

Come and learn how the 12-steps have a Christian and specifically Episcopal history in their formation and how they can be used for anyone in any situation. They are not confined to those in recovery from addiction. The 12 steps are helpful for everyday life. Join us on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall at 5pm til 6pm as we explore these 12 steps through our Christian perspective. Open to everyone.

**Junior Warden:**

Monsoon season has ended. The winds and rain have subsided. With the cooler weather coming in, all the leaves that have been on the trees will find their way to the ground. Let's all come together to ensure the outside of our church looks just as lovely as the inside.

**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.

**Birthdays**

13 Oct: Debra Ash  
20 Oct: Harriet Kolen  
21 Oct: Doris Millard  
21 Oct: Marietta Conley  
22 Oct: Jill Holsonback  
30 Oct: Maryjane Mahland



November we will focus on celebrating God's creation as part of our stewardship is to take care of our beautiful planet. Readings and Liturgy will be creation focused during the month.

**November 24th** – Thanksgiving Day Service and Dinner at Church, we will be hosting a service and dinner at the church for our church members, and we hope to have some of the Fort Huachuca service men and women who are unable to be with family with us. Sign up for side dishes to bring.

**October 29th 9am** – Pet Costume and Blessing at New Frontier Vet Clinic, bring your pet in a costume (and you can dress up too), prizes for most original pet costume, best coordinated owner and pet costume, scariest pet costume. Receive a pet blessing.

**Re-starting our outreach ministry team, "Community Connections"**. Looking for those who would like to be part of the team to identify community needs that our church may be able to help meet. Please add your name to our signup sheet if you are interested in helping out!

**November Stewardship Campaign** – We will kickoff our annual stewardship campaign which will last the month of November. We humbly ask you to continue and/or increase your estimated giving for the coming year to allow us to build our budget of income and expenses for 2023 as we faithfully look ahead to live into our joy of loving and serving each other and our neighbors.

**Christian Ed Forum** – Study of the Book of Revelation continues Sat 4 pm. Sunday Adult Forum is reading "How to Read the Bible & Still Be a Christian: Struggling with Divine Violence from Genesis through Revelation" by John Dominic Crossan. Copies of the book are \$12.00/ea from Rev. Allison.

**Lay Ministry Teams**

If you are unable to serve at the appointed time and day, you are responsible for finding a replacement. Please notify Robin of substitutions.

**Now forming a Pastoral Care Team (also known as Eucharistic Visitors)** – volunteers to be trained to take communion to people unable to come to church and visit with them for a bit. If you are interested, please sign up for this ministry.

**November & December** – Food collection at a local grocery store to stock local food pantry shelves for the holidays, we will ask some of you to volunteer to man our table at a local store for an hour where we will ask shoppers to pick up one, only one, item from a list to donate as they exit for the local food pantry.

**November 11th** – We invite you to participate in a Veteran's Day celebration at Veterans Park to honor those who have served in our Armed Forces to protect our nation.

**December 24th** Christmas Eve Service 5pm & 25th Christmas Day Service 10am – Celebrate once again with joy the coming of Jesus into our world, the Messiah, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

October						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
						1 5:00 pm Spoken service with Holy Communion
2 11:00 am Worship In person and Live Stream	3	4 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm via Zoom	5 9:30 am Spoken service with Holy Communion	6	7 	8 6:30 pm German Cafe on Fry Blvd
9 11:00 am Choral service with Holy Communion	10 	11 	12 9:30 am Spoken service	13	14	15 5:00 pm Spoken service with Holy Communion
16 11:00 am Worship In person and Live Stream	17	18 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm via Zoom	19 9:30 am Spoken service	20	21	22 5:00 pm Spoken service with Holy Communion
23 11:00 am Choral service with Holy Communion	24 New sletter Articles Due	25 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm via Zoom	26 9:30 am Spoken service with Holy Communion	27	28	29 5:00 pm Spoken service with Holy Communion
30 11:00 am Worship In person and Live Stream	31 					

### Ministry Teams Schedule for October

**Wednesdays 5, 12, 19, 26**

 LEM, Lector, Altar Guild – Dottie / Sherry
 

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**Saturday 1**

LEM – Robin StClair      Lector – Sandra Calhoun      Altar Guild – Robin StClair

**Saturday 8**

LEM – Ed Stone      Lector – Judy Davis      Altar Guild – Ed Stone

**Saturday 15**

LEM – Tim Holsonback      Lector – Jeff Speer      Altar Guild – Jill Holsonback

**Saturday 22**

LEM – Jeff Speer      Lector – Tim Holsonback      Altar Guild – Robin StClair

**Saturday 29**

 LEM – Robin StClair      Lector – Sandra Calhoun      Altar Guild – Robin StClair
 

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**Sunday 2**

LEM – Nancy Rea      Lector – Peggy Brown      Altar Guild – Sherry Simon      Deacon – Dottie Gutwein

**Sunday 9**

LEM – Peggy Brown      Lector – MJ Mahland      Altar Guild – Deb Ash      Deacon – Dottie Gutwein

**Sunday 16**

LEM – MJ Mahland      Lector – Nancy Rea      Altar Guild – Robin StClair      Deacon – Dottie Gutwein

**Sunday 23**

LEM – Robin StClair      Lector – Sherry Simon      Altar Guild – Deb Ash      Deacon – Dottie Gutwein

**Sunday 30**

 LEM – Sherry Simon      Lector – Peggy Brown      Altar Guild – Deb Ash      Deacon – Dottie Gutwein
 

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**Tuesday 11**

LEM – Dottie Gutwein      Lector – Sherry Simon      Altar Guild – Sherry Simon