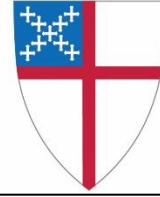




St. Stephen's Episcopal Church



November 2022

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From our Rector:



Greetings St. Stephen's members and friends,

We welcome you to our combined Creation Care and Stewardship season at the church. The Episcopal Church and our diocese have been actively promoting attention for how we care for God's creation which God entrusted to us as stewards. Churches observe a "season" (several weeks) focused on ways that we can be better caretakers of God's creation. We have chosen to celebrate our creation care season in conjunction with our stewardship season because they are intimately tied together. As we will hear in Genesis, God asked Adam and Eve and their descendants to be God's stewards of the creation...so, along with our stewardship of our church, we also have stewardship outside the church for the lands, waters, and animals.

Autumn is a season that calls attention to creation for the harvest of fruits and vegetables, the changing of the seasons and the vibrant colors of the leaves, and the abundance of blessings of homes, families, friends, feasts, and fellowship. Part of our stewardship is noticing those who lack certain necessities and making provision out of our blessings for them to be cared for. During the next month, our worship will emphasize Creation in readings, prayers, and songs. Our message is one of celebrating the glory of God found around us in nature and working to ensure that all creatures great and small are cared for.

May we all remain mindful of the beauty of the earth and all that it supplies for us. May we stay vigilant to those around us who can benefit from our abundance. May we continue to show love for God and one another as we build up our church as a place of faith and fellowship and future generations.

With peace and love,

Rev. Allison



Senior Warden

Fellow Parishioners

November is a time when we give thanks for all we have and have been given. Be thankful to one another because this is what God wants us to do.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
November 25th**

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

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 or phone 520-249-6635.

First Friday Film Night November 4th at 5pm – We will watch "Pay it forward"- movie in which Haley Joel Osment plays a 7th grade boy who, inspired by his social studies teacher, comes up with a way for people to practice random acts of kindness, which he hopes will lead to the world becoming a better place. Light supper of soup is offered. Bring your own beverage. All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Second Saturday St. Stephen's Supper group will meet Saturday November 12th 6:30pm – Following the 5pm service (about 6:30pm) meet at Hana Tokyo restaurant for teppanyaki dinner. 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.

November 6th – 9am breakfast in the Parish Hall. Egg casseroles, coffee, juice. No need to bring anything. All is provided by Pastoral Care team.

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:

Cooler weather is here. The leaves have or are still falling from the trees. We are truly thankful for the church and all those who attend. Let's continue to keep the outside of our church as beautiful as the inside as we are truly thankful for what God has provided for us.

**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.

November 27th – 1st Advent Sunday.

November 6th – 2pm Hymn Fest at St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

December 3rd – Doreen O'berg Christmas piano concert – 2pm in the church. Donations to benefit local charity.

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.

November						
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 	5 5:00 pm Spoken service with Holy Communion
6 11:00 am Worship In person and Live Stream	7	8 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm via Zoom	9 9:30 am Spoken service with Holy Communion	10	11 	12 6:30 pm Hana Tokyo restaurant for teppanyaki dinner
13 11:00 am Choral service with Holy Communion	14	15 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm via Zoom	16 9:30 am Spoken service	17	18	19 5:00 pm Spoken service with Holy Communion
20 11:00 am Worship In person and Live Stream	21	22 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm via Zoom	23 9:30 am Spoken service	24 	25 New sletter Articles Due	26 5:00 pm Spoken service with Holy Communion
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Ministry Teams Schedule for November

Wednesdays 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

LEM, Lector, Altar Guild – Dottie / Sherry

Saturday 5

LEM – Sherry Simon Lector – Judy Davis Altar Guild – Sherry Simon

Saturday 12

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

Saturday 19

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

Saturday 26

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

Sunday 6

LEM – Nancy Rea Lector – MJ Mahland Altar Guild – Sherry Simon Deacon – Dottie Gutwein

Sunday 13

LEM – Peggy Brown Lector – Nancy Rea Altar Guild – Deb Ash Deacon – Dottie Gutwein

Sunday 20

LEM – MJ Mahland Lector – Sherry Simon Altar Guild – Robin StClair Deacon – Dottie Gutwein

Sunday 27

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

Thursday 24

LEM – Robin StClair Lector – Sherry Simon Altar Guild – Robin StClair