

## St Stephen's Announcements Mar 16–22 2023

- **Parking Lot resurfacing – March 9-10:** The church parking lot will not be available for a few days while we have cracks filled and the surface resealed and repainted.
- **Second Saturday St. Stephen's Supper group will meet Saturday March 11th 6:30pm** – We are going to Denny's, 2397 Fry Blvd, across from Safeway shopping center. We won't be able to all sit at the same table, but we can try to sit near each other. All are welcome, invite your friends.
- **Rev. Allison office hours will be intermittent during March and April** – due to Robin's hip replacement surgery, Rev. Allison will work some from home to be available for Robin as needed.
- **John Denver Songs Singalong Session – Friday Mar 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Ed Bldg.** Since we showed "Oh God" with John Denver March 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will showcase John Denver's greatest hits as our singalong this month. Email Rev. Allison ([revallison@ststephensaz.org](mailto:revallison@ststephensaz.org)) with your favorites and we will put them on the list. Join us and bring a friend for the singalong night!
- **Holy Week Schedule in early April:** April 2<sup>nd</sup> is Palm Sunday 11 am, April 6<sup>th</sup> is Maundy Thursday 6pm with Agape Meal worship service, April 7<sup>th</sup> is Good Friday 6pm with new stations of the cross, April 8<sup>th</sup> is Easter Vigil at 5pm, and April 9<sup>th</sup> is Easter Sunday with Easter Brunch in Parish Hall.
- **Do you desire to be baptized? The next date for baptisms is on Easter Saturday or Sunday.** Please let Rev. Allison know if you wish to be baptized then. There is a baptism class to be completed beforehand for those who want to be baptized.
- **Friday Film Night April 14th at 5pm** – We will watch "The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel" about several people who move to India to start new chapters of their lives and their reactions to this change. Light supper of soup is offered. Bring your own beverage. All are welcome! Bring a friend!
- **No Supper for April Second Saturday of the month** – Because the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday is on the night of Easter Vigil and the next day is Easter Sunday with brunch, we invite you to join us for the Easter Brunch on Sunday for a time of fellowship and feasting. Invite your family and friends.
- **Episcopal Church 101 class** – We have some newer folks who are not as familiar with the Episcopal Church and who may have questions about our history, traditions, customs, theology, etc... To provide a forum for learning about these topics, we will have some classes to bring those questions and find some answers coming after Easter. Please sign up if you are interested in attending these sessions and what day and time would be good for you.
- **Coffee Hour Coordinator wanted** – We would like to have someone who can arrange for volunteers to get our Sunday morning coffee hour set up and cleaned up each week, and to note when we need coffee hour items like, well, coffee, tea, creamer, sweetener, napkins, plates, pastries, etc... Please see Rev. Allison if interested in being the coordinator.
- **Spring Cleaning of outside church property** – Please come on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> from 9am to noon to help with weeding, trimming shrubs, mowing, etc... Let's get our church looking nice for the Easter season! Bring your trimmers, gloves, etc..
- **Easter Decorating of the Church** – We will be changing the church from Holy Week to Easter decorations on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9am to 10:30am. We appreciate having volunteers to help change banners, altar hangings, flowers, polish the brass, etc... for our Easter celebration. Coffee and donuts provided.
- **Throughout this year, we are looking at the theme of "Spiritual Journeys"** – Where are you on your spiritual journey and what helps to bring you closer to God or what prevents you from coming closer to God? We will be offering different activities to explore footsteps on our pathways to God that will expand our ideas and experiences of self-care, prayer & meditation, nature & creation, and other topics. Stay tuned for workshops and other activities that you are invited to join and which will be led by members of our church and community.