

St. Stephen's Announcements Mar 29-Apr 11 2023

- **Vestry approved a change to Sunday Worship hour to be 10AM starting May 7th.** Many asked if we could move our worship time on Sunday to an earlier time now that Rev. Allison is no longer supporting St. Raphael's in Benson. The unanimous vote was for a 10AM service on Sundays.
- **Spring Cleaning of outside church property** – Please come on Saturday April 1st 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..
- **Holy Week Schedule in early April:** April 2nd is Palm Sunday 11 am, April 6th is Maundy Thursday 6pm with Agape Meal worship service, April 7th is Good Friday 6pm with new stations of the cross, April 8th is Easter Vigil at 5pm, and April 9th is Easter Sunday with Easter Brunch in Parish Hall.
- **NO Christian 12 Step group meeting Wed April 5th.** See you after Easter!
- **Easter Decorating of the Church** – We will be changing the church from Holy Week to Easter decorations on Saturday April 8th 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.
- **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!
- **Next Singalong will be songs that reflect April Showers and May Flowers on April 28th** at 6pm - Email Rev. Allison (revallison@ststephensaz.org) with your favorite songs about rain and flowers (or names of flowers, such as “Build me up, Buttercup” or “Daisy Jane”) and we will put them on the list. Join us and bring a friend for the singalong night!
- **No Supper for April Second Saturday of the month** – Because the 2nd 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.
- **“Getting your affairs in order” workshop** – Coming May 13th 11am to 2pm with lunch: Does your family know what you want if you become unable to make known your healthcare and end of life decisions for yourself? RSVP to sign up for a workshop that will provide you with information and templates to complete your Advanced Healthcare Directive, Power of Attorney, and Funeral arrangements. Your family will appreciate that you have determined what you want to have happen and relieve them of the burden of trying to figure out what to do. RSVP so that we know how many copies of documents to have available and how much lunch to provide.
- **Coffee Hour Coordinator wanted** – We would like to have someone who can arrange/ask 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.
- **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.