

St Stephen's Announcements May 25--31 2023

- **REMEMBER STARTING SUNDAY MAY 7th: NEW SUNDAY WORSHIP TIME IS 10AM!!!!**
- **Sign-up for helping with "Fellowship & Refreshments" on Sundays** – Wilma and Mary Helen have put a signup calendar in the Parish Hall for folks to sign up to help with Sunday refreshments and getting things set up and cleaned up Sunday mornings. Please pick a date to help out... or we will miss our refreshments on days when no one signs up...
- **Rev. Allison will be out of town** for her niece's high school graduation May 22-26.
- **MAY 27-28 PENTECOST – Remember to wear RED** for this day of the Holy Spirit coming as tongues of flames above the disciples heads...
- **Memorial Day Weekend Cookout May 28th after Sunday services** – Stick around after worship on Sunday May 28th for a cookout of burgers and hotdogs, chips and sodas. Invite your friends and family to come and celebrate the unofficial start of summer. **Signup in the Parish Hall.**
- **First Friday Film Night June 2nd at 5pm** – We will watch "The Five People You'll Meet in Heaven" – Based on Mitch Albom's book of the same title. It follows the life and death of a ride mechanic named Eddie who is killed in an amusement park accident and sent to heaven, where he encounters five people who had a significant impact on him while he was alive. Light supper of salad is offered. Bring your own beverage. All are welcome! Bring a friend!
- **June 18th** – Our own Tim Ash will guest preach this Sunday in honor of Juneteenth celebration (June 19th). Tim did such a great job last year, we want to hear from him again about the significance of Juneteenth in light of our present day work to improve our communities with respect to African Americans and other ethnicities struggling for equality.
- **Community-wide Food Drive organized by the Salvation Army to restock local area food pantries June 18-25:** Please donate canned items such as: vegetables, fruits, tuna, stew, meats, pasta, beans, soup, chili, spaghetti sauce and boxed items such as: mac and cheese, potatoes, stuffing mix, milk, crackers, cookies, ramen, hamburger helper, oatmeal, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, powdered drink mix, cooking oil, pasta, beans, rice.
- **Robin will be having her second hip replacement surgery June 27th.** Rev. Allison will not have regular office hours that week as she helps care for Robin post surgery. She will work from home.
- **Coming July 8-9** – Deacon Kim Crecca will join us for worship and a presentation on prison ministry and capitol punishment.
- **Making Wildflower Seed Bombs - Early July date tbd:** Come get your hands dirty making small dirt and seed balls (bombs) to then cast into our property as the Monsoon season begins. Each ball will have seeds, dirt and clay to hold it together, rolled into small balls, dried in the sun and ready for casting around our property for the rains to activate. Part of our Creation Care Ministry.
- **July 23rd** – Special guest preacher/presider The Rev. Canon Laura Adelia, Canon for Veteran's Ministry of the Diocese of Arizona will be with us. Come and hear about opportunities to minister to/with our members of the Armed Forces.
- **July collection of school supplies for the most rural and neediest schools in the county** – We ask that you begin donating school supplies (paper, notebooks, pencils, crayons, markers, etc...) in July so that we can get them to the schools in our county which need them most by start of school in August. The schools in the smaller towns and which don't get much attention are the ones we are hoping to help this year.
- **Communion wine needs donations** – We use Ruby Port (not Tawny Port) as our communion wine, and we are running low on our supply. Please feel free to donate a bottle for our communion in worship.