

St Stephen's Announcements June 29 – July 5 2023

- **Robin's hip surgery went very well** – Thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts. She will be in recovery mode for about 6 weeks. I will be back in the office next week but may have odd hours due to Robin's appointments.
- **Diane Yancey our new Newsletter Editor** – Ed Stone has recently had to let go being our newsletter editor as he enters into the discernment process for becoming a Deacon. Diane has graciously offered to try out being the new editor. This announcement is a call for submissions. Please send short announcements, funny stories, inspirational quotes, items of interest, recipes, etc... to Diane at dianeyancey@gmail.com.
- **Organ repair options discussion** – Following a discussion on which option seems best for the church, you have collectively decided that purchasing an updated digital piano with multiple voices (instruments) seems the best option for us by way of cost savings, maintenance, and expanded technology upgrades. We will shop for a new digital piano in the coming months and let you know which one we think addresses our needs. I am currently leaning towards a Clavinova CVP 805.
- **Step up to the plate to help with Sunday refreshments and fellowship hour** – Come a little early to get coffee and snacks ready and stay a little after to help clean up. Volunteer to bring a snack. See the calendar on the wall to sign up in Parish Hall.
- **Koffee Kitty** – We appreciate donations for the coffee and snacks and decorations for our refreshments and fellowship hour. Consider dropping a little cash in the koffee kitty container.
- **Coming July 15-16** – Deacon Kim Crecca will join us for worship and a presentation on prison ministry and capitol punishment.
- **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.
- **Vestry Meeting** – Vestry will not meet in July.
- **Thank you for all your donations to the Community Food Drive** – Salvation Army was very appreciative of our donations. They shared that they will be helping county-wide pantries with the incoming donations.
- **School supplies wanted for the most rural and neediest schools in the county** – The two schools we are helping are McNeal Elementary and Double Adobe Elementary. Please bring your donations through the 16th of July. Monday the 17th we will pass them off to the Cochise County School Board representative for distribution to the two schools.
- **First Friday Film Night July 7th at 5pm – We will watch "Seven Pounds"** – A man with a fateful secret embarks on an extraordinary journey of redemption by forever changing the lives of seven strangers. Starring Will Smith. Light supper of salad is offered. Bring your own beverage. All are welcome! Bring a friend!
- **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.
- **SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CANS AND PULL TABS!** – Sierra Vista's Animal Shelter accepts crushed cans and pull tabs to help fund shelter needs. We will have a trash barrel to accept your rinsed, crushed cans and tabs and will drop them off when the barrel gets full. Help care for pets and animals at our shelter.
- **Change for change** – Coming soon, want to get rid of that loose change on your dresser, in your car, or between your sofa cushions? The United Thank Offering (UTO) blue boxes will be available soon to receive your change in order to help others change their communities and fund various ministries seeking to make positive changes. Take a blue box and fill it with your loose change as a way to help others around The Episcopal Church.

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glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the

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Words: Psalm 118:24

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