

St Stephen's Announcements June 8-14 2023

- **June is Juneteenth Month as well as LGBTQ+ Pride month.** Celebrate our diversity and freedoms!
- **Rev. Allison Birthday lunch 11:30-2pm at Pizzeria Mimosa in Hereford.** Come share this celebration with Rev. Allison and Robin. No gifts... your presence is your present to Rev. Allison.
- **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 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.
- **Salvation Army Community-wide Food Drive: Between now and June 25:** Please donate canned/shelf stable items and Baby food, diapers, and baby formula to help restock our community pantries to help those in need locally. See info table for shopping list ideas of requested items. Drop donations on porch in designated area.
- **School supplies wanted for the most rural and neediest schools in the county** – The church community connections ministry team has selected two kindergarten thru 8th grade rural schools that need help getting ready for the next school year. Please pick up a shopping list and donate items in the coming months thru July 15th. Place donations on porch area designated space.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Father's Day, June 18th: Let us buy you a beer, men of our church!** A ROOT Beer!!! Join us after Sunday's worship for Root beer, Root beer floats, and Red Velvet Cake.
- **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.
- **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!
- **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.
- **Thank you for your generous contributions to our Communion wine!** We are all set for probably the rest of the year and into next year!
- **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.