

## St Stephen's Announcements Aug 17 - 24 2023

- **This Weekend: Sat & Sun August 19-20:** We will welcome Joe McDermott, organizer of the BetterBucks, BetterWorks, and BetterLearn programs in Sierra Vista to share how these efforts are helping less advantaged people in our community.
- **St. Stephen's will be collecting monetary donations in the Rector's Discretionary basket for Maui between Aug 16 and Sept 30<sup>th</sup>.** Let our gratitude and blessings be a blessing to the people of Maui. Donations will be sent to Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) Disaster Relief Fund at the end of Sept.
- **Mark hip surgery update** – Mark is at “The Haven” for rehab and hoping to go home by Friday Aug 18. Will let you know more as it happens.
- **Please keep Maryhelen in prayer for recovery from a couple of heart procedures.** They found cancer and she will begin a chemotherapy soon. She hopes to come home to Sierra Vista from Northwestern hospital later this week.
- **First Friday Film Night – Restarts on Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm** with Season 3 of The Chosen. We will watch two episodes. Salad dinner. Bring your own beverage.
- **Yard cleanup day Saturday Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30am to 10:30am** – Bring your gardening gloves, clippers, etc... We will have donuts and coffee/tea for you. Looking to weed and trim around the church.
- **Registration for Diocesan Convention is now open.** Church wardens, delegate, clergy and others who are interested in attending the convention in October should visit the website: <https://azdiocese.org/2023-diocesan-convention/> for information on the convention dates, times, agenda, etc... and to register. Carpools to Phoenix will be arranged later for the convention.
- **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.
- **We need additional people to assist with our tellers who count the offering and make the deposit for the church on Sunday afternoon.** Anyone who would like to help is encouraged to see Nancy Rae or Anne Roth for more information and training. It takes about 30 minutes to do after worship on Sundays.
- **Please continue to drop off your aluminum cans and pull tabs** – We will continue to take to Animal Shelter to donate for them.
- **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.
- **Rev. Allison and Robin will be on vacation September 4-12 in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada.** Wed, Sat, and Sun Services will continue with morning and evening prayer liturgies.
- **Pine Cones for Wilma** – If in your yard or daily walks you come upon some pine cones laying around, please save those in good shape for a craft project that Wilma will be doing before Christmas to turn these pine cones into small Christmas Tree decorations.
- **Adult Christian Education** – Saturday at 4pm and Sunday at 12 noon. Coming Soon: Book discussion on “The Road Less Travelled” by M.Scott Peck. The author, a practicing psychologist, integrates traditional psychological and spiritual insights aimed at showing the reader how to embrace reality and achieve serenity and fullness in life. To reserve your copy, please let Rev. Allison know of your interest in joining this study. We will begin this fall.
- **New Outreach Ministry:** Those interested in Brainstorming ideas for engaging 30-40 yr olds in our community to discuss their spiritual journeys and dissatisfaction with churches, please see Rev. Allison.
- **Monster Mash** – Church Potluck Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> after worship in the Ed Bldg... Wear a Halloween costume as we celebrate autumn, harvest, All Souls and All Saints, as well as Halloween.
- **Annual Hymn Festival** – Oct 29 at 2pm at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Come hear and sing along with your favorite hymns. Community-wide choir, Pastors' chorus, and more.