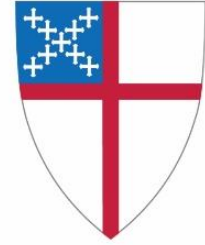




*St. Stephen's  
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*From our Rector*



Lazy, hazy, dog-days of August Greetings,

Well, this summer has been a scorcher here, there, and everywhere. We still have a couple of months to go where heat may be a real concern. I hope you are all taking care to stay hydrated and out of the sun. On the plus side, due to a lack of rain as of this writing, we haven't had to mow the property much. We do have some weeds that need attention, but I hesitate to set up a "yard-work day" because of the extreme heat. Stay tuned for possible yard-work day if the heat decreases or rain increases.

Robin is recovering from her second hip surgery and is now driving herself, so my office hours are back to "normal". That said, Mark and May will continue to need sitters for May or errands run for them both in mid to late August. Mark will be having his own hip surgery August 7th and then will stay at a rehab place immediately after. May will be spending a couple of weeks at "The Haven" being cared for there while Mark recovers from surgery. Mark plans to have May come back home when he himself is allowed to go home. Keep them both in prayers in early August. Let us know if you would be willing and able to sit with May or run errands for Mark when they come home again.

Deacon Dottie is out of town through most of August as she attends a class in Massachusetts at Adelynrood retreat center and then spends some time with family back east. It is her first vacation since before the Covid pandemic.

Our accompanist, Doreen, is also taking some time off for the summer. We may have Autumn fill in for her or we may have recorded music to sing along with during the early August Sundays.

Lastly, Robin and I will be on vacation in early September, going to Sudbury Ontario in Canada. Robin has a conference there. We hope the fires in Canada will have diminished or ended by then.

I hope you all have opportunities to take some time off this summer and relax. We all need "Sabbath" time to de-stress, play, reconnect, re-energize, and refresh. God set aside the 7th day as a day of rest... and we don't know how long God's days are... so please take time for yourself to rest... God says we should... it is good for us to do so.

Sabbath-ly yours,

*Rev. Allison*

**Thank you all for your donations to the Community-wide Food Bank Collection sponsored by the Salvation Army in June.** We filled our entire countertop with shelf-stable items liked canned and boxed and bottled items including pastas, soups, vegetables, meats, rice, beans, and peanut butter. The Salvation Army folks were very appreciative of all that we donated and said it would help food pantries across our county to restock on needed items.



**Thank you to all who donated school supplies for the two elementary schools in McNeal AZ.** We filled the counter and also several boxes with pencils, paper, notebooks, markers, crayons, glue sticks, erasers, and other miscellaneous items. Cochise County School Board Members who collected our donations were thrilled to have so much to distribute to those two schools.



**Saturday and Sunday July 15-16, St. Stephen's welcomed Rev. Deacon Kim Crecca to speak about our diocesan prison ministry and specifically about efforts to end capital punishment, also known as the death penalty, in Arizona and across our nation.** She spoke of several Bible passages that indicate God has asked us not to kill and that we should leave final judgment to God, to allow the time and space for a person to repent, or in the case of wrongful convictions for justice to prevail and free innocent people. We thank her for her time in visiting with us and for her ministry. If you would like to participate in the effort to repeal capital punishment in Arizona, please contact Rev. Crecca or notify your state elected officials directly. The Episcopal Diocese of Arizona Prison Ministry website is found here: <https://azdiocese.org/prison-ministry/>

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**On Sunday July 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Stephen's was excited to have Rev. Laura Adelia, the missioner for Veteran's ministry in the Diocese of Arizona and Deacon Michael Douglas, diocesan member of the veteran's ministry come and share about this ministry with our church.** They talked a bit about how this ministry recently began and how we can serve those who have served our nation. A former military chaplain with the Air Force, Rev. Adelia has only recently accepted the role of missioner for this ministry and is busy discovering the various organizations and support structures that are available or needed that our churches can partner with to add our help. Deacon Michael Douglas served during the Vietnam War era in Vietnam.

On Monday July 24<sup>th</sup>, a small group of us, Rev. Allison, Rev. Laura, Deacon Michael, Chaplain Keith, and Deacon-in-training Sherry, all had a tour of the Warrior Healing Center in Sierra Vista – a large multi-use building that houses several different support organizations in our community whose focus is on helping veterans. In addition to service organizations having offices located there, we saw a support dog training facility, art therapy room, music room where Native American Flute and drumming classes are held, a military library, a food pantry, a kitchen for preparing ready to eat meals for veterans, legal documents assistance, work or job training assistance, a lounge area with drinks and snacks, two on-the-air studios for interviews or programs for veterans, a computer lab, and an outdoor vegetable, flower, herb garden with a brand new water feature. The outdoor area hopes to be expanded to include a deck and covered area for outdoor gatherings or relaxation. For more information about what the Warrior Healing Center has to offer, see their website: <https://www.warriorhealingcenter.com/>

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**Save the Date! On August 19-20<sup>th</sup> St. Stephen's welcomes Mr. Joe McDermott** to share with us how the Better Bucks program (that our church supports) is doing in our community. He will also tell us about the two spinoff programs Better Work and Better Learn are getting started and what the hopes are for all of these programs that are in our town. Better Bucks are dollar coupon booklets that can be used in several local businesses to purchase food, hygiene, and clothing. They cannot be used for alcohol or tobacco products. St. Stephen's purchases these booklets to distribute to people who contact our church for assistance. Better Work is a program that wants to provide opportunities for people who truly want to work and get hired for jobs by giving them counsel, short duration jobs, and if those who participate show by their efforts and reliability, possible referrals to companies looking for new hires. Better Learn hopes to provide opportunities for those who need some special skills to be able to work effectively in new jobs. Classes may include how to use a computer and its programs or other specialized skills in such areas as construction, mechanical, or agricultural. To read more about the Better Bucks program, visit their website: <https://betterbuckssierravista.org/about-us>. You can read about the new Better Works program in this article: <https://www.kgun9.com/news/local-news/sierra-vista/better-works-program-transforms-lives-of-homeless-in-sierra-vista>

**From Our Treasurer** - After more than a year, our final accounts with Wells Fargo were closed, and the last \$9,050.19 was deposited in the main checking account at National Bank of Arizona. Considering ALL that we spent this spring on fixing up the Church, and then some of the remaining monies that were transferred into the Building Maintenance Savings account, we are in very good shape thanks to all you generous people! Anne Roth

## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm Via Zoom	2 9.30 am Spoken Service With Holy Communion	3	4  No Film Night During August	5  5.00 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion
6  10.00 am Choral Service with Holy Communion (Also live stream)	7	8 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm Via Zoom	9 9.30 am Spoken Service With Holy Communion	10	11	12  Supper 6.30pm At Tombstone West End Brewery *Details below
13  10.00 am Choral Service with Holy Communion (Also live stream)	14	15 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm Via Zoom	16 9.30 am Spoken Service With Holy Communion	17	18	19  5.00 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion
20  10.00 am Choral Service with Holy Communion (Also live stream)	21	22 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm Via Zoom	23 9.30 am Spoken Service With Holy Communion	24  <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	25	26  5.00 pm Spoken Service with Holy Communion
27  10.00 am Choral Service with Holy Communion (Also live stream)	28	29 Bible Study (Psalms) 5 pm Via Zoom	30 9.30 am Spoken Service With Holy Communion	31		

\* Tombstone West End Brewery, 332 N Garden Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. Mon-Sat 11am to 10pm  
Website for menu etc... <https://tombstone.beer/tombstone-brewing-west-end/>

### **AUGUST 2023 - Lay Ministry Teams Schedule**

**NOTE: If you are unable to serve at the appointed time and day, you are responsible for finding a replacement. Please notify Robin of substitutions.**

<b>Wednesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 30<sup>th</sup></b>		
LEM, Lector, Altar Guild – Sherry Simon		
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		
LEM – Tim Holsonback	Lector – Sandra Calhoun	Alter guild – Jill Holsonback
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
LEM – Robin StClair	Lector – Tim Holsonback	Alter Guild – Robin StClair
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		
LEM – Jeff Speer	Lector - Sandra Calhoun	Altar Guild – Jeff Speer
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
LEM - Tim Holsonback	Lector - Jeff Speer	Alter Guild – Jill Holsonback
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<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		
LEM – MJ Mahland	Lector – Wilma Swartz	Alter Guild – Nancy Ra
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
LEM – Sherry Simon	Lector – Nancy Rae	Altar Guild – Sherry Simon
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		
LEM – Nancy Rae	Lector – Sherry Simon	Altar Guild – Deb Ash
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
LEM – Robin StClair	Lector – Peggy Brown	Altar Guild – Deb Ash
<b>Deacon Dottie Gutwein will be out of town from July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup></b>		



MAJ Stephen Taylor, NETCOM Chaplain, Thought for the week:

Sometimes doing the right thing comes with negative consequences. 80 years ago, our Nation was deep into the II World War. Most families had at least one member in the fight and every American did their part to support the troops through sacrifices, volunteerism, prayer and community service in the absence of so many of their Soldiers and Sailors. Americans were united in their pursuit of victory. Following the terrible attack on Pearl Harbor that brought a reluctant America fully into the war, President Roosevelt had this to say on December 8, 1941:

*"No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."*

Obviously, this fight would take all the energy of every able-bodied man in America, regardless of color or creed. However, America and our Army were yet to be fully integrated. Nonetheless, scores of valiant African Americans served with honor and distinction, even if they were separated into their own units. A costly victory on both fronts of the war was finally secured in 1945 but there was still a long way to go within our nation. One Caucasian Corporal decided that he would take a stand against the Army's segregation policies, and he sat down for a celebratory meal with his friend, an African American Soldier. He didn't hide it and later would write in his memoirs that it was one of his proudest accomplishments of his 96 years of life.

The Corporal was ridiculed and knocked down in rank to a Private, but his character on that day foretold the man he would become.

**We honor that Soldier today, the legendary Tony Bennett who went to his heavenly address last week. We thank him for his sacrifice and service to the nation and for a lifetime of class and excellence. He was one of a kind!**

May we all choose the hard right over the easy wrong, even when the immediate results will not favor us!



## WILMA'S POTPOURRI SALAD/SOUP

### INGREDIENTS

Pure Olive Oil Medium in Flavor  
100% Lemon Juice  
Ground Cloves  
Cilantro Leaves  
Spanish Paprika  
Thyme  
Parsley Flakes  
Basil Leaves  
Garlic Powder  
American Cheese  
1 bag of baby tomatoes  
4 Yellow Peppers  
3 Red Onions  
1 bag of Broccoli Spears  
2 cans Whole Kernel Corn  
OPTIONAL: Green beans  
OPTIONAL: Sweet Peas  
OPTIONAL: Carrots

### EQUIPMENT

Blender  
Large oven pot  
Oven  
Sharp cutting knife  
Large spoon

### METHOD

Slice up ½ the bag of baby tomatoes into small pieces and put at bottom of pot.

Slice up the 4 Yellow Peppers and place in blender with sliced up red onions. Depending on how you like it, set blender to either "Food Chop" or "Smoothie". If blender will not mix, add a dash of olive oil.

Once blended, pour contents on top of the tomatoes in the bottom of the pot.

Next put the contents of the Broccoli Spears into the blender and mix them then pour the contents on top of the onions and peppers.

Next slice up the remainder of the baby tomatoes and put them in the blender and mix.

Pour the contents on top of the Broccoli Spears.

Now add a sprinkle of Garlic Powder, sprinkle of Parsley Flakes, sprinkle of Thyme, sprinkle of Spanish Paprika, cover contents with Ground Cloves, Cilantro Leaves, and Basil Leaves.

Add 2 cans of Whole Kernel Corn (You can add the Optional ingredients at this time if you so desire together or separately).

Now stir the contents thoroughly until mixed then add a ¼ cup more of Olive Oil and a ¼ cup of Lemon Juice and mix thoroughly again.

Top contents with American Cheese then bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Cheese will cover contents and melt around the contents.

BON APPETIT

Submitted by Wilma Swartz



To

Edgar Stone	August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Greg Lamberth	August 10 <sup>th</sup>
Chet Yancey	August 18 <sup>th</sup>
Joan Strom	August 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Tim Ash	August 24 <sup>th</sup>

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### From your new (and still learning) editor!

We've had a wonderful (though a little hectic) week or so with my younger daughter, her husband and their two little boys, who are visiting us from England. We haven't been able to see them (except on Facetime or Zoom) for the past two years so we're trying to pack a lot in during the two weeks they are able to be here! We are so pleased that they sharing our love of the mountains, the Arizona sunsets and especially the sunrises. One of my favourites was on the summer solstice this year, pictured below. Another favourite was on Christmas morning 2022.

If you would like to submit something for the newsletter, perhaps an inspirational quote or poem, a favourite recipe, a funny story etc. or anything else you'd like to share with us I'd be pleased to receive it.

The deadline for entries is by the 24<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month ( so by the 24<sup>th</sup> of August for the September edition and so on) or earlier if you can manage it (I'm a bit slow at the moment!)

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Looking forward to hearing from you,

Diane

