

St Stephen's Announcements Oct 17-23 2024

- **Sunday October 20th – SUNDAY WORSHIP IN THE PARK OUTDOORS WITH PICNIC POTLUCK TO FOLLOW.** No worship service Sunday the 20th at the church. Go to Ramada #1 before 10am. Worship then picnic. Bring your own chair and something to share for food.
- **Donations for Hurricane Disaster relief** – The gratitude basket collection in October will be sent to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund for Hurricane disaster relief.
- **Monthly Art and Meditation Hour – October 16th at 11am in Parish Hall (monthly 3rd Wed at 11am)** join us for a quiet reflective time to engage in your preferred creative endeavor ... needlepoint, cross-stitch, drawing, coloring, painting, zen-tangles, writing...
- **Tutors for kids in grades 1-3 (6-8 yr olds) Needed! Helping Hands Tutoring program** at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon from 2:45-4:30pm. POC to inquire or volunteer is Dixie Lee Larson 520-236-8903 or Email larsen 1967@protonmail.com. Anita Hancock of St. Stephen's already is a tutor. You can talk with her about the program.
- **October thru Nov 3rd - Special prayers for our nation, election process, and elected officials** to ask God's Spirit to guide, protect, and inspire peace among us as we conclude the election cycle.
- **Rev. Canon Anita Braden Oct 27th and the "Day of Discovery"**. Come hear Rev. Canon Anita preach and preside over worship at 10 am then join with the church for a Potluck lunch at 11:30 and discussion at 12 noon about next chapter in the life of St. Stephen's. Whole congregation is encouraged to attend and participate in discussion. Potluck and discussion in the Ed Bldg.
- **TRUNK or TREAT in Church Parking Lot – Thursday Oct 31st, 4:30-6:30pm.** Come with candy to give to the kiddies and decorate your trunk or back of your car. Wear a costume to make it even more festive. Invite your friends to bring their vehicles and goodies to hand out too!
- **Looking for a Treasurer Assistant** – Anne Roth has been serving as our treasurer for about 4 years and would like to train someone to take her place. Primary duties are to create checks to pay our bills, work with our bookkeeper, and prepare an annual budget (with vestry and bookkeeper) and annual report for the Diocese (fill in form sent by Diocese).

Coming Up:

- **Birthday Sunday – Sunday November 3rd:** Mexican hot chocolate Cake! Come celebrate our November birthdays 11:00am after worship on Sunday.
- **Stewardship Campaign** – November 1-30th we will hold our annual Stewardship season. We so appreciate everyone who provides us with a pledge card with your planned giving for the coming year. It makes it much easier to plan our budget when we have those pledge cards. We ask that you return your card to us by November 30th.
- **First Friday Film Night – November 1st 5:30pm.** We will be watching "Geronimo: An American Legend" for Native American Heritage Month (Nov). Geronimo comes to breathtaking life in this explosive epic Western as the fearless warrior who was the last Indian leader to surrender to the white man. Meet in the Parish Hall. Soup and bread for supper. Bring your own beverage and invite a friend.
- **Second Saturday Supper – November 9th 6:30pm,** we will meet at Gunny's Barbecue (BBQ), 5043 S Hwy 92, Sierra Vista, AZ. Menu link: <https://gunnysbarbeque.com/our-food/> Invite a friend and join us.
- **Celebration of Life for Alan Bole during Saturday 5pm evening worship on Nov 24th** – Alan was a member of our church for the last several years and he died recently from complications of cancer. We will have some special prayers for him and a time to remember him during the Saturday evening service which he usually attended.
- **THANKSGIVING WORSHIP AND DINNER – November 28th at the church.** Please RSVP how many people in your party and what you plan to bring. Sign up Sheet will be available early November.