

## St Stephen's Announcements March 27 – Apr 2 2025

<b>Ongoing Weekly Discipleship Opportunities</b>		
<b>Education for Ministry (EFM)</b> – Discipleship program meets August to May in person or on zoom. See Deacon Sherry for information on joining this program.		
<b>Adult Forum</b> – Sat 4pm & Sun 12pm Lenten devotional booklet reading and discussion up to Easter.	<b>Bible Study on Zoom</b> – Tues 4pm Book of Isaiah See Deacon Sherry for Zoom connection	<b>March 8<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup> Saturdays 10-11am</b> “Women of the New Testament Bible Study in the Parish Hall.

- **Pastoral Notice** – Former St. Stephen's members the Garwoods informed us that Jay, brother of Martha (Marty) has passed. Funeral at Hatfields on Friday April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1pm.
- **Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunday food sign-up forms in the Parish Hall.** Please sign up to bring items for our Agape Meal on Maundy Thursday and for potluck on Easter Sunday.
- **We posted ads in the Cochise Trading Post and the Desert Shopper for our Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday worship services.** Help us by inviting your friends, family, or neighbors to join us for those worship days.
- **United Thank Offering Blue Boxes - Bring your blue box collections on Easter Morning for blessing and counting**
- **March 28-29 - Sierra Vista Sings Concert at Faith Presbyterian Church 7pm.** Doors open at 6:30pm. Theme is a tribute to the Greatest Generation and 5 decades of love songs. Come hear our members Harriet Kolen, Peggy Brown, and Theresa Emrie sing in their choral ensembles.
- **April 4 – NO FILM TONIGHT.** Instead make plans to join us at Sierra Vista Mall Movie Theater for Season 5 of “The Chosen” on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:40pm, Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am, and Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm. See flyer for more info.
- **NO 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Supper – Instead Join us April 5<sup>th</sup>** for late lunch at 2:30 pm at Golden Dragon Chinese Restaurant across the hwy from the mall or join us for Potluck Easter Brunch on Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall.
- **April 17 - Agape Meal and Maundy Thursday Service 6pm in Parish Hall** – Join us for a candlelight supper and communion around the table, similar to what Jesus shared with his followers. We will conclude with prayers, quiet, and stripping of the altar in the church. All are welcome, bring a friend. Signup for supper food items in Parish Hall.
- **April 18 - Good Friday worship** with veneration of the cross and symbolic burial of Jesus in the garden 6pm in church.
- **NO WORSHIP SATURDAY NIGHT APRIL 19 – Join us for Easter Sunday Celebration and Potluck Brunch**
- **NEW MEMBER / VISITOR RECOGNITION – On Easter Sunday** we will have a short welcome recognition for some new folks to our worship services to celebrate their joining us in the ongoing new life that Christ offers to each and every one of us.
- **Do you want to be baptized? Do you know someone who wants to be baptized?** We will hold baptism or re-affirmation of baptism vows on Easter Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> during the 10am service. Please let Rev. Allison know if you or someone you know wishes to be baptized.
- **Wilma to bring her Easter Bunny friends and Squeaker the Mouse for Easter Brunch entertainment.** They will be handing out Easter eggs and be available for photo opportunities.
- **Helping hands wanted for decorating the church for Easter on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> 9am** – Deacons and altar guild members appreciate those who wish to help take down Holy Week and put up Easter decorations for the church and parish hall. Meet in the church that morning.
- **Donations for Huachuca City UMC distribution to people with needs:** We are starting a collection bin for toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder laundry detergent or detergent sheets to assist Lay Pastor Sara Evans with folks in Huachuca City. Please put powder detergent into smaller ziplock sandwich bags for easier distribution to people with needs.
- **Rev. Allison's wife Robin will be having spinal surgery 16 April.** Please keep them in prayer.

