

St Stephen's Announcements May 29 – June 4 2025

Ongoing Weekly Discipleship Opportunities		
Education for Ministry (EFM) – Discipleship program meets August to May in person or on zoom. See Deacon Sherry for information on joining this program.		
Adult Forum – Sat 4pm & Sun 12pm “Sermon on the Mount” by Emmett Fox book study	Bible Study on Zoom – Tues 4pm Book of Isaiah See Deacon Sherry for Zoom connection	March 8th – May 31st Saturdays 10-11am “Women of the New Testament Bible Study on hiatus, Dottie out of town

- **June Newsletter now available for your reading pleasure.** Copies on the table and also in your email or on our website.
- **CONGRATULATIONS to our new EFM GRADUATES** – Jill Holsonback, Judy Davis, and Linnaea Schmidt successfully completed all four years of the EFM (Education for Ministry) program! See Sherry Simon or Peggy Brown to learn about this amazing and transformational learning opportunity called EFM.
- **Tellers needed!** If you would like to help our church with counting the weekly collection and preparing the deposit for the bank, please see Nancy Rea and she will be happy to answer questions and train you to assist in this way.
- **Coffee-Hour Helpers wanted** – Can you set up a coffee pot, put out some refreshments, and do a bit of clean up after fellowship time on Sundays? Then you too can be a coffee-hour helper. See Wilma to volunteer.
- **Bishop Reddall recently remarked that having a “Rectory” – a house for the Priest of the church to live in – would help attract candidates for the position of Rector/Vicar of St. Stephen’s.** This would ensure new Priests (and family) would have housing provided by the church (and the church would be responsible for its upkeep and maintenance). If you own a house and would like to leave it to the church, contact Rev. Allison for a discussion on how to make the transfer of property to the church.
- **Birthday Sunday, June 1st** – Join us for cake and wish our June birthday people Happy Birthday!
- **First Friday Film Night – June 6 at 5:30 pm “Footloose” (1984) w/ Kevin Bacon.** Ren, a high school senior, moves to a rural town where dancing is forbidden by law and citizens want daily life to be dictated by conservative Christianity. Ren tries to fight back and win the hearts of the town. Salad supper before the movie. Bring a friend.
- **2nd Saturday Supper – June 14th, 6:30 pm, Bright Spot, Hereford, 10989 E Highway 92, Hereford.** We invite you to join us for dinner! Once a month, our church has dinner out together for fellowship and fun. Come meet with us and let us get to know each other better.
- **Happy Father’s Day – Sunday, June 14th.**
- **Juneteenth – June 19th is known as Juneteenth,** a celebration of the last enslaved people discovering they were now free. The proclamation took place in Texas on June 19th, 1865.
- **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.
- **FREE TABLE – Please check each week for items on the Free Table or in the fridge Free Drawer.** If you put something out for others and those items are not taken after two weeks, please take them back and donate them to other organizations in our community.
- **As summer vacations start up,** remember to try to keep your pledges current over the next few months.
- **COMING IN JULY: School supply collection for the fall term.** Each year we like to collect all types of school supplies for kids from 1st through 12th grades and provide them to the schools that are in the far reaches of our county as they are less likely to benefit from such collections that happen in more populated areas. This year we will be helping schools in Bowie, AZ. Please begin collecting supplies to donate by July 30th. School starts August 4th.
- **Groceries 4U appreciates your donations** – We budgeted \$4320 for this year to buy “Better Bucks” for people struggling to make ends meet during this time of inflation. The needs have outgrown our budget and we expect to need to buy more “Better Bucks” in late July. Each booklet of Better Bucks costs \$6.00 and they cannot be used to buy alcohol or tobacco products. The people we have registered in the Groceries 4U program are usually elderly and disabled folks who are on a fixed income. Please indicate your donation by designating it for “Groceries 4U”.