

# St Stephen's Announcements July 24-30 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

**12-Steps for anyone meeting** Wednesdays 5pm in Parish Hall. Currently reading book on growing spiritually by Eckhart Tolle

1. **Welcome Visitors! We are glad to have you worship with us.** As the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement today, we Episcopalians are committed to proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ; seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbor as ourselves; striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being.” Let us know if you have questions about our church and who we are.
2. **Bill Carswell funeral will be Saturday July 26 at 10am at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Reception will follow the service.**
3. **[NOW Through End of this coming week: School supply collection for the fall term.](#)** Please begin collecting supplies to donate by July 30<sup>th</sup> and put them on the counter in the Porch area. School starts August 4<sup>th</sup>.
4. **1 August 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Film Night – 5:30pm in Parish Hall, Join us for a Salad supper and our movie “Oh God”,** starring John Denver and George Burns in which God chooses a local grocery store manager to share God's words of peace and encouragement with the world in this comedy movie. Join us for salad dinner and watch the movie.
5. **Aug 3rd – Birthday Sunday 11:00am in the Parish Hall!** Come have some cake and wish our August birthday folks a happy birthday.
6. **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.
7. **As summer vacations continue,** remember to try to keep your pledges current over the next few months.

8. **Donations for Huachuca City UMC distribution to people with needs:** You may donate toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder laundry detergent or detergent dissolvable 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. Donations can be placed in the tub/bin in the pew at the back of the church next to the info table.
9. **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.

# Offertory Hymn "Higher Ground" LEVAS II #165

1. I'm press - ing on the up - ward way, New heights I'm  
 2. My heart has no de - sire to stay Where doubts a  
 3. I want to live a - bove the world, Though sa - tan's  
 4. I want to scale the ut - most height, And catch a

1. gain - ing ev - ery day; Still pray - ing as I on - ward bound,  
 2. rise and fears dis - may; Though some may dwell where these a - bound,  
 3. darts at me are hurled; For faith has caught a joy - ful sound,  
 4. gleam of glo - ry bright; But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,

1. "Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground."  
 2. My prayer, my aim is high - er ground. Lord, lift me  
 3. The song of saints on high - er ground.  
 4. "Lord, lead me on to high - er ground."

up, and let me stand By faith, on heav - en's ta - ble - land; A high - er

plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on high - er ground.

Words: Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1860-1948)  
 Music: Charles H. Gabriel (1856-1932)

# Closing Hymn: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

LEVAS II #189

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)

Music: William M. Runyan (1870-1957)