

St Stephen's Announcements 24-30 Sep 2026

Ongoing Weekly Discipleship Opportunities		
Education for Ministry (EFM) – Discipleship program meets the end of August to the end of May in person or on zoom. See Deacon Sherry for information on joining this program.		
Adult Forum – Saturdays 4pm “A New Kind of Christianity” by Brian D. McLaren book study	12 Steps meeting for anyone: Wednesdays 5 pm in Parish Hall	Bible Study on Zoom – Mon 3pm See Deacon Sherry for Zoom connection
A Healing and Holy Eucharist Service every Wednesday, 9:30AM , by Deacons Dottie and Sherry. Won't you join us in the little chapel at the rear of church?		

- **Welcome Visitors! We are glad to have you worship with us.** Enjoy our service, participate as much as you feel comfortable doing so. Let this worship time be our gift to you and your soul. Don't worry about putting anything in the collection as a visitor. Your being here is your gift to us.
- **This Saturday, Sep 26th, we say farewell to Father Bernal.** It is his last service with us before he heads off to his new calling. Please join us after the service (5:45pm) for a sharing of cake and goodbyes.
- **Birthday Sundays are in need of volunteer bakers for Nov & Dec.** It's a return to the first Sunday of the month. Please sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall. **October's** Birthday Sunday will be combined with the Stewardship Luncheon
- **The 2026 Stewardship Drive starts with a catered luncheon: Sunday Oct 11th** we will hold a luncheon and have a guest speaker, Clyde Kuntz, after service. He will host the 2026 Stewardship Campaign Presentation for 2027. Invitations are in the mail. If you don't receive one with in the next week, please contact the office.
- **The Diocesan Convention: Date October 17, 2026 (One day only)**
 - **Location:** Saint Barnabas on the Desert (6715 North Mockingbird Lane, Paradise Valley/Scottsdale, AZ)
 - **Theme:** One Bread, One Body
 - **Activities:** Worship, community connection, and business decisions to shape the diocese's future
- **Joan Strom's memorial will be Oct 19th @ 10am.** Reception following.
- **Altar Guild:** St. Stephen's needs Altar Guild volunteers. Please help Dottie and Sherry with “The Quiet Service”, working behind the scenes, caring for the soiled linens, washing the chalice and other elements used during worship, assisting with changing of seasonal altar colors and keeping the brass and wood polished. Dottie and Sherry will train and work with the Altar guild volunteers. Please let Dottie or Sherry know if you are interested.
- **Lector and Eucharistic ministers:** St. Stephen's also needs Lector and Eucharistic minister volunteers. Please see Deacon Sherry or Dottie to help fill the roster of volunteers for serving at the altar during the service.
- **Donations for Huachuca City UMC distribution to people with needs:** Donations like toothpaste, toothbrushes, powder laundry detergent, or detergent dissolvable sheets, socks, caps, and gloves to assist Lay Pastor Sara Evans with folks in Huachuca City. Please divide detergent into smaller Ziplock bags for easier distribution. Donations can be placed in the tub/bin in the pew at the back of the church next to the info table.
- **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.

(Over for prayers please)

St Stephen's prayers
PARISH CYCLE OF PRAYER

Elizabeth York, Valerie Ackroyd, Andrew Anderson,
Tim & Debra Ash, Rickie Bentley (9/30)

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- We Pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sara, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Jennifer, our Diocesan Bishop, for Fr. Henri and our Deacons, Dottie and Sherry, and for Fr. J.J., our Priest.
- In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for *Church of Our Saviour Episcopal-Lutheran in Lakeside*.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER

- In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for *The Church of Bangladesh*.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

Sharon Douglas as she heals and rehab at home,
Doris Millard resting at Via Eleganté,
Linda Hunter now moved to Hummingbird Senior resort: address update will be in newest Directory,
Alverita Egbert, and Theresa Emrie (For healing and God's comfort),
Jerry and Susan Fine continuing prayers for healing and peace,
Bill and Mindy Saunders (for continue prayers of healing),
Sam for God's healing after a stroke,

And please hold these church siblings in your prayers for comfort and sympathy in this time of grief for the loss of a loved one...

- Sandra Dushensky who passed Saturday Aug 29th
- And the Strom family for the passing of Joan Strom on Aug 30th