

St. Stephen's E-Scene

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Please note: No Sunday School this Sunday - May 4

St. Stephen's New Mission Statement

Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, Saint Stephen's is called to: live the love of Christ and one another, dedicate ourselves to serve the needs of the people, and promote spiritual growth

"Visions & Dreams"

An Overview of the Vestry/Ministry Coordinator Retreat

Thursday, May 8 - Beginning at 6:30 in the Parish Hall

A Presentation on Strategic Planning for St. Stephen's Future

Please sign up - And, bring a plate of your favorite dessert finger food to share

Purpose Statement - In accomplishing our mission we purpose to:

Continue expanding and enriching our worship experience

Develop a more comprehensive outreach program

Establish and implement internal operating procedures

Implement a more comprehensive education, training and spiritual formation program

Create a strategic planning committee who will prepare and implement a plan for our growth as a congregation, the development of our facilities and professional staff

Develop and implement an effective marketing strategy

SUNDAY, MAY 11 - PENTECOST,

LAST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL and TIN CAN WEEKEND (Please bring lots of food!)

Join the Fun - Celebrating the Birthday of the Church.

Our Young People will host a Hot Dog Luncheon following the 10:30 Eucharist

... with dessert for all!

Russ Egbert writes:

"This will be my last day as the Angels in Training leader. I am formally resigning and will not return in the fall for 2008-2009.

This is in no way a negative reflection on the kids in the program. I have enjoyed my three years as their leaders, but the time has come for me to step down and use my time to pursue other endeavors, and I pray that each one of the children will continue to learn and grow spiritually.

Sincerely, Russell W. Egbert

U.T.O. INGATHERING - WEEKEND OF MAY 17-18

Count the contents of your little BLUE BOX, and write a check to St. Stephen's, memo "U.T.O." Please don't hand in the box, but start filling it again. Each time you are thankful to God, remember to put a coin (or bill) in the box. Your money is used to help churches in the U.S. and around the world.

No BLUE BOX? Your check is good! There are boxes and literature on the table at the back of the church.

Fort Defiance Service Vacation - August 4 through 11

All who are interested in participating in the Good Shepherd, Fort Defiance Service Vacation this year may sign up on porch now. Cost of the trip is \$18.00 per night per person to stay at Hozho Retreat House. Cost of food for the week will be divided at end of the trip. Travel expenses are on our own. For further information, please contact Dottie Gutwein, 515-0679.



COME ONE! COME ALL!

MASS OF THE ASCENSION - At St. Stephen's

This Thursday, May 1 - Beginning at 6:30 p.m.