

AUGUST 17, 2007

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

It's not too early to begin marking our calendars for

AUTUMN EVENTS *at Saint Stephen's*

- ❖ SEPTEMBER 8-9 - **HOMECOMING WEEKEND** - The Program Year Begins

Introduction of "The Year of St. Stephen's"

Honoring the Past - Celebrating the Present - Building the Future

Celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 5:00 p.m., 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. - Angels in Training (Sunday School for Grades 1-4)

10:00 a.m. - Joyful Explorers (Sunday School for Grades 5-8)

10:30 - Our Choir is back with Matthew Whitehouse at the Organ

- ❖ TUESDAY MORNINGS AT 9:00 A.M. - **St. Anne's Guild**
Meeting for Needlework, Crafts & Fellowship

- ❖ WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 A.M. - **Intercessory Prayer**
Followed by **Bible Study** at 10:30.

- ❖ SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 - **Fall Rummage Sale**

- ❖ SAT. & SUN. SEPTEMBER 29-30 - **Celebration of St. Michael & All Angels**

- ❖ FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5 - **Annual Stewardship Dinner**
At the Windemere Hotel - Invitations will be in the mail

- ❖ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 - **Feast of St. Francis, Blessing of the Animals**

- ❖ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7 - **Every Member Visits**

- ❖ SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14 - **All Parish Picnic** at Veteran's Memorial Park

- ❖ FRI.-SAT., OCTOBER 19-20 - **Diocesan Convention** in Phoenix

- ❖ SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 & 28
Ingathering of 2008 Pledges
at All Services

- ❖ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27 - **Annual Holiday Bazaar**

NEW BUILDING UP-DATE

The Building Committee did not meet during the month of July but work has continued. Bruce Dockter (with the Vestry's approval) signed a contract with the civil engineering firm FS&A Development, LLC for our new building site plan. We have given them a \$2,000.00 retainer fee and the work has begun (the total estimate is \$10,000.00). The City of Sierra Vista requires the following to be part of the plan: grading plan, hydrology study, landscape plan and our particular needs. They estimate a four to six month time frame for completion.

Please keep us in your prayers as we work through the technical requirements of the city.

Fr. Vic

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY INQUIRERS

THIS SUNDAY AT 2:00 P.M.

An information session is planned for this Sunday for those interested in learning about EFM – the best adult education course offered by the Episcopal Church – open to all Christians. The course is a four year study offered by trained mentors through the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Participants commit to one year at a time for Bible/Text study, Worship, and Theological Reflection – they receive 18 continuing education credits at the end of each year. The current group will begin meeting in September and we encourage everyone to consider joining us. Come see what excites us about this program.

Dottie Gutwein, Mentor

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN

The E.C.W. is BROKE! And, that's as it should be because it means that the money we made with your help has been given to worthy causes – VICAP, Good Neighbor Alliance, Camp Scholarships, and many others. We now need to start all over . . .

The **FALL RUMMAGE SALE** will be held on Saturday, September 22. So, please put aside items you no longer need and beginning the week of September 16, bring them to the church.

Our annual **HOLIDAY BAZAAR** will be Saturday, October 27, and we need many handmade items for that. Call me or Joan Strom (378-6223) to say you'll help.

Dinah McCreery (378-1138)

All women of the Episcopal Church are members of the E.C.W. – nationwide! At St. Stephen's we meet monthly during the program year and welcome all who wish to attend.

The September meeting of the E.C.W. is Wednesday, September 5 – two weeks earlier than usual because of rummage sale planning. – beginning at noon, following bible study. Bring a brown bag lunch.



UNITED THANK OFFERING'S mission is to expand the circle of thankful people. Your little blue box stands as a reminder that we all have much for which to be thankful.

When something good happens to you, put a coin (or more) in the box as a tangible thank offering to God. In November when we collect the contents (NOT the Blue Box - that stays with you) the money goes to the Diocese and to be forwarded to **UTO** headquarters and given out in the form of grants. Episcopal churches in this country and [Anglican churches around the world can apply for grants to fund projects that will improve people's lives.](#)

BLUE BOXES will be distributed at worship services on the weekend of September 15-16 – contents to be gathered prior to Thanksgiving Day.

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