

St. Stephen's E-Scene

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MOTHER'S DAY at St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales

That day all mother's are honored with a special gift bag filled with appropriate goodies. If you would like to donate items like small lotions, colognes, jewelry, etc., you can drop your gift into the basket at the back of the church for delivery by Alverita on Thursday, May 7th.



Mother's Day Weekend at St. Stephen's

SATURDAY, MAY 9 - Beginning at 10:00 a.m. - In the Parish Hall

SIERRA SEVEN ARTISTS Arts & Crafts Sale

Percentage of all profits designated for St. Stephen's Building Fund. The 9th, is the day before Mother's Day and will feature gifts to delight mothers everywhere. Refreshments to be served - Don Yadusky at the piano.

SATURDAY EVENING at 6:00 p.m. in the Church

Acclaimed Guitarist - MICHAEL GRANDE in Concert

Michael has played everywhere from Carnegie Hall to County Thunder, with musicians such as: Richie Havens, James Taylor, John Lee Hooker, Jose Feliciano and Trisha Yearwood. Now a Christian, he plays benefits and very special occasions. **Free will offering during the performance.**

SAVE THE DATE . . . Saturday, May 16th - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

A STEWARDSHIP DISCERNMENT PROCESS

TIME ■ TALENT ■ TREASURE

HOW BEST TO USE GOD'S GIFTS?

Be a part of the discussion - Complimentary lunch - RSVP Cate Hesser (520) 678-3978

2009 Time & Talent Survey – So far, 30 people have completed this survey. Paper copies of the survey are available at all services. Please complete this brief survey next time you attend church and deposit it in the designated box at the rear of the church.



MANY THANKS to all the people who helped make the March Rummage Sale such a success. Twenty one people helped in various ways and we made over \$1,530.00! The money will go toward camperships to help defray the cost for our young people who want to go to the Diocesan Camp at Prescott. ECW members feel this is a good way to show our young people that we value their presence among us. **Dinah McCreery**

UNITED THANK OFFERING INGATHERING will be Saturday and Sunday May 16 & 17. Please count the money in your BLUE UTO Box, write a check, or put bills in an envelope (with your name) and place it in the offering that weekend. Remember . . . this is tax deductible just like your pledge. **What are you thankful for today?**

THE FORUM, an adult study group, meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Fr. Vic's office. The group has just begun *Church History in Plain Language* by Bruce L. Shelley, a classic that has become not only the first choice of many lay people and church leaders but the standard text in many college classrooms. Why not join in on Sunday mornings to read together and discuss this twenty-first exploration of contemporary developments in the religious world?

Celebrating April Birthdays

Joseph Summers, Georgia Bernheim, Alex Bocek, Ken Leibner, Susan Puttkammer, Peggy Haines, Ron McCreery, Timothy Ash, Jr., Pat Wick, Glenn Emmons, Carol Roselli



MY TWO BITS – by *Pat Wick*

Whether your church pledge or weekly donation is large or small, we all participate in the passing of the offering plate when we attend a worship service at St. Stephens.

For some time I contemplated my participation and how it caused me anxiety and confusion. If I hadn't written a check for my pledge, and the plate was coming my way I felt very awkward about how to respond – actually, how to stop it from coming any closer – I could shake my head indicating I didn't have anything to give or put up a hand to deflect it from coming any closer – both of these actions bothered me.

The more I thought about it, the more I decided there was a simple solution – I resolved to have something to put into the offering plate every time it came my way. Whether it was a full months' pledge, a \$5 dollar bill, a single or even a lonely quarter, I didn't want to feel compelled to refuse or shun the collection plate ever again. I came up with this idea last year and have been happily participating in the offering without exception every since.

I have put in a quarter and I would put in even a penny from the bottom of my purse...and do so happily, proudly because it supports my belief that **I have something to give – ALWAYS!**

I invite you to share in my solution – (yes, we Tellers aren't big on counting pennies – but that is beside the point) and I do believe you have something to give every time you are present!