

# St. Stephen's E-Scene

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## **DON'T FORGET . . .**

**Contemplative Eucharist, Sunday, August 2, at 5:00 p.m.**

**Please join us for a simple quiet service of scripture, meditation, and sharing the Lord's Table.**

## **Wednesday Morning Bible Study**

*It was an impressive sermon. The priest connected and interpreted the reading from Paul's Corinthian letter to the present conditions in the life of the small Maryland church. With Paul's message of God's Good News he lifted their anxiety over transition and change into a context of hope.*

*The young man next to me said he did not understand much of what was said.*

*This same young man lives a life of the values which he assumes come from the Bible. He is in a culture and a political world that is permeated with the history, literature, worship and philosophy from that anthology*

*So are we! Shouldn't we then be more aware of how the Bible shows us who we are and how we think about this world?*

**The 10:00 AM Wednesday Bible Study is done by a group of fellow seekers on the journey who ponder and play with the questions that arise. We grapple with the God revelation our ancestors received – and the meaning and the call of that revelation for us to today.**

**We meet on the porch at 10 a.m. Intercessory prayer and meditation is at 9:15 in the church.**

We begin a new program year on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, when we will be engaging the Hebrew testament with DVD lectures by Professor Amy-Jill Levine of Vanderbilt University Divinity School. **For information call Rosemary Snapp 378-9351.**

## **AN E.C.W. UP-DATE**

Since we had such a great response to our **End of Year Luncheon**, we will plan to do it again next year. Thank you to everyone who came. Our next ECW meeting will be the **FIRST** Wednesday in September, September 2. Our next Rummage Sale will be September 12. Because of our money making activities, we sent nine of our young people to Chapel Rock Diocesan Camp at half the cost to their families.

**This Spring's United Thank Offering (UTO)** totaled \$417.45 at the ingathering on Pentecost. That is nearly double our previous collections. Your little Blue Box is a reminder that even in these difficult times we have much for which to be thankful. Our coins and dollars go all over the Anglican Communion as well as in the United States to help individual churches. Please continue the good work. The next ingathering will be around Thanksgiving.

## **ANNUAL BLANKET DRIVE for San Carlos Apache Reservation - November/December 2009**

It is **HOT** and **SUMMER** and **SWIMMING** and **COOL REFRESHMENT TIME!** But--Winter is coming and when you live in sub-standard housing without good heat supply, even Arizona winter can be bitter cold and unforgiving. That is why All Saints Episcopal Church in Safford sponsors a food drive every year the weekends before Thanksgiving and Christmas.

We here at St. Stephen's and St. John's, Bisbee, have been sending good used blankets to add to the food boxes for each family. Last year, we supplied nearly 200 blankets. We ask that you leave those gently used blankets, flannel sheets, sleeping bags, bedspreads, and comforters on the side pews of the church. They will be picked up and stored each week until delivery November 21 and December 19. Thank you for your continued support of our Apache Brothers and Sisters. **Dottie Gutwein**

## **St. Andrew's Children's Clinic in Nogales**

Alverita Egbert returns to the clinic on Thursday, August 6. Here's list of their current, urgent needs: Newborn size diapers ★ Benefiber ★ Blenders (good, used, o.k.) ★ Disposable bibs ★ Breakfast drinks (powder or can) ★ Ground flaxseed meal ★ Eyeglass frames (children's used) ★ Hearing aids (used) ★ Hearing aid batteries ★ Milk of Magnesia ★ Peanut Butter Pediasure (generic accepted) ★ Powdered milk ★ Physio balls (30 or 40 cm) ★ Prune juice (small cans) ★ Receiving blankets ★ Umbrella strollers (Wal-Mart) ★ Vitamins (Children's chewable with iron) ★ Adult vitamins ★ Wheelchairs (child size only). We are asked to leave our gifts for the children in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you all!