



2018 Summer/Fall Lantern

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S?

Weekly and Monthly Events On Going

Mondays:

- Living With Loss 9:30AM
- Men's Bible Study 11:00AM

Tuesdays:

- Super Staff Meeting 9:30 AM (Second Tuesday of the month)

Wednesdays:

- Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel) 10:00AM
- Choir Practice 4:00PM-5:30PM Church (Starts September 5, 2018)

Thursdays:

- Women's Bible Study 9:30AM (Starts August 23rd, 2018)

Saturdays:

- Bargains and Bookstore 8:00AM to Noon
- Women's Club Meeting (Second Saturday of each month 12:30PM)

Sundays:

- English Service 9:00AM
- Spanish Service 11:15AM

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ALL THE UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. CHRISTOPHERS!

◆ **AUGUST: 2018**

- ◆ Women's Club Luncheon 8/11 12:30PM at Brothers in Peoria
- ◆ **All St. Christopher's Women are invited.**
- ◆ Parish Forum 8/12 10:30AM
- ◆ P.O.W.W.O.W. 8/18 6-9AM
- ◆ Women's Bible Study, 8/23 9:30AM

◆ **SEPTEMBER: 2018**

- ◆ Boxes for Christmas Child will be available to be taken and filled
- ◆ Choir Practice Starts 9/5 4:00PM

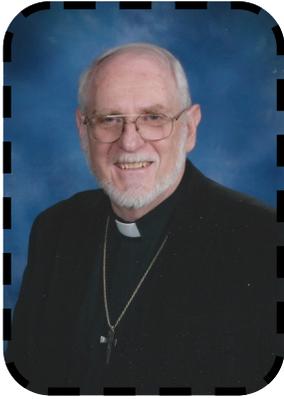
◆ **OCTOBER: 2018**

- ◆ Women's Club Adult Briefs Drive starts 10/1 and continues to 10/21
- ◆ Parish Pot Luck 10/28 5:00PM

◆ **NOVEMBER: 2018**

- ◆ Operation Christmas Child collection 11/12 to 11/19

Always check the online calendar and the calendar in each Sunday
Bulletin for any additions and corrections!



The Bishop is Coming! The Bishop is Coming!

Bishop Smith will be with us on **Sunday, September 30** for his last official Episcopal Visitation to our parish before retiring. He will officiate at Confirmations, Receptions and Reaffirmations of Baptismal Vows for those who would like to prepare for the occasion. It is a great opportunity for you to be a participant, rather than a spectator, at the service. Perhaps a review is in order...

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is a pastoral rite in The Episcopal Church. You become a full member of the Church through Baptism. At Confirmation, you receive the laying on of hands by the bishop, thereby affirming your own faith and visibly connecting you to the broader Body of Christ.

What is the difference between Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation?

Confirmation, as defined in The Book of Common Prayer, is "a mature and public affirmation of faith and commitment to the responsibilities of Baptism".

Reception is appropriate for those who have been active in other denominations. Those who have made mature public professions of faith, including confirmation, in traditions such as the Lutheran or Roman Catholic Church, will often choose to be **Received** into The Episcopal Church.

Reaffirmation is a re-statement of your commitment to Christ within The Episcopal Church, honoring your growth in faith throughout your spiritual journey, which may have taken you in and out of other denominations. **Reaffirmation** is a way to affirm your previous public commitment as an adult, while also making this definitive sacramental gesture.

Points to Ponder:

Q: "I was baptized as a child in another denomination, and then my family stopped attending Church. I only began attending again as an adult with my family. I want to join The Episcopal Church, but I don't know if I need to be confirmed, reaffirmed, or received."

A: Confirmation would be appropriate, because you have not made a mature affirmation of faith. Your Baptism, once registered in the parish register, makes you a full member of The Episcopal Church. In terms of the sacraments, Confirmation is a way for you to reaffirm your faith and remain deeply connected to the Baptism of your childhood.

Q: "I was baptized as an adult in another denomination. Should I be confirmed in The Episcopal Church?"

A: Being received into The Episcopal Church would be appropriate. Since Confirmation is a "mature and public affirmation," it would really be redundant for you to make another mature and public affirmation; provided you made such an affirmation at your Baptism. And, The Episcopal Church honors your commitment to faith. Reception would mean that the bishop publicly recognizes the faith that has been present in your life, and you'd be formally welcomed into The Episcopal Church through the laying-on of hands.

Q: I was confirmed many years ago, and don't remember much about it. My faith has changed and is stronger now. Do I need to be "Reconfirmed"?

A: No. If you were confirmed in the Episcopal Church, or by laying-on of hands by a Bishop in Apostolic succession in another denomination, there is no need to be reconfirmed. You may be Received or may want to consider Reaffirmation if you feel your faith has grown substantially in the past few years.

Remember that Confirmation is a pastoral rite of the Church, so its sacramental nature should connect with your present relationship with God.

Q: What is the meaning of the bishop laying hands on those who are confirmed, reaffirmed, or received?

A: The bishop is the individual who, symbolically, represents the unity of the entire diocese. The basic "unit" of The Episcopal Church is the diocese, and the bishop is a visible means of reminding us of our common bond in Christ within The Episcopal Church. When the bishop lays hands on your head during the service, it is a very tangible way for you to experience your own faith journey being welcomed into the larger journey of the Body of Christ. For many people, this portion of the sacramental service is very meaningful. A sacrament is "an outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace, given by Christ as sure and certain means by which we receive that grace." In this way, the touch experienced in the laying on of hands forever remains in your memory as an experience of grace through the Church.

Q: Am I a "full member" of The Episcopal Church without being confirmed?

A: Yes. The Book of Common Prayer defines Baptism as "full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble." Confirmation is a pastoral rite not in an initiatory rite. This means that the sacramental nature of confirmation connects with our growth in faith and in relationship with God. Through Holy Baptism, we join Christ's Body, either as infants or adults.

Q: Is confirmation ever required to participate in certain aspects of the Episcopal Church?

A: Yes. God may call some individuals, through the Church, into positions of guidance and leadership. For example, The Canons of The Episcopal Church state that Confirmation is required for certain leadership positions, such as Vestry members, and for some service positions such as Eucharistic Visitors, but this in no way precludes an unconfirmed individual from being considered a full member of the Body of Christ. Confirmation, in cases of leadership and guidance, emphasizes one's public affirmation of faith within the tradition of The Episcopal Church.

Q: What are the prerequisites?

Be an **adult member** of the church (at least 16 years of age)

Be **baptized** with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit in any Christian tradition

Complete an appropriate program of **instruction** in preparation for Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation

Q: Where can I find this program of instruction?

A: There is no "one-size-fits-all" approach, and it works best to tailor our sessions together to your background and availability. Please contact me about your interest in being confirmed, received or reaffirming your Baptismal Vows. Then we can finalize plans and schedules for classes in May and June.

Please let me know of your interest in being among those presented to the Bishop for Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation at St. Christopher's on September 30!

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Peter⁺

¡Viene el Obispo! ¡Viene el Obispo!

El Obispo Smith estará con nosotros **domingo, el 30 de septiembre** para su última Visita Episcopal Oficial a nuestra parroquia antes de jubilarse. Tiene la intención de Confirmar, Recibir o Reafirmar los Votos Bautismales de los que están preparados a recibir esta bendición. Será una oportunidad para ser parte de un grupo presentado al Obispo para Confirmación, Recepción, y Reafirmación de los Votos Bautismales. Revisaremos un poco...

¿Qué es la Confirmación?

Confirmación es un rito **pastoral** en la Iglesia Episcopal, que significa que no es un rito que denota alguna iniciación más plena en la Iglesia, el Cuerpo de Cristo. Uno es miembro pleno de la Iglesia a través del Bautismo. En la Confirmación, uno recibe la imposición de manos del obispo, afirmando así su propia fe y visiblemente conectándole con el cuerpo más amplio de Cristo.

¿Cuál es la diferencia entre la Confirmación, Reafirmación y Recepción?

Confirmación, tal como se define en el Libro de Oración Común, es "una afirmación madura y pública de la fe y del compromiso a las responsabilidades del Bautismo".

Recepción puede ser utilizada para personas que han estado activos en otras denominaciones. A menudo, personas que han hecho una profesión de la fe madura y pública en una tradición como la Iglesia Luterana o Católica Romana pueden elegir ser **recibidos** en la Iglesia Episcopal.

Reafirmación significa que uno elige afirmar de nuevo su compromiso con Cristo en la Iglesia

Episcopal, honrando su crecimiento en la fe a lo largo de su viaje espiritual, incluso en otras denominaciones. **Reafirmación** es una manera de honrar su viaje y su compromiso público anterior en la edad adulta, en forma definitivamente sacramental.

Puntos a considerar:

P: "Yo fui bautizado cuando era un bebé en otra denominación, y luego mi familia dejó de ir a la iglesia. Empecé a asistir de nuevo como un adulto con mi familia, y deseo unirme a la Iglesia Episcopal, pero yo no sé qué necesito... ¿Confirmación, Recepción o Afirmación?"

R: La confirmación sería apropiada, porque no ha hecho una afirmación madura de la fe. Su bautismo, una vez inscrita en el registro de la parroquia, hace uno un miembro de pleno derecho de la Iglesia Episcopal. En términos de los sacramentos, Confirmación es una manera de reafirmar su fe y seguir profundamente conectado con el Bautismo de su infancia.

Q: "Fui bautizado como adulto en otra denominación. ¿Debo ser confirmado en la Iglesia Episcopal?"

R: Ser recibido en la Iglesia Episcopal sería apropiado. Dado que la Confirmación es una "afirmación madura y pública", sería realmente redundante hacer otra afirmación madura y pública, si ya hizo tal afirmación en su Bautismo. Y, la Iglesia Episcopal honra su compromiso de fe. Recepción significaría que el obispo reconoce públicamente la fe que ha estado presente en tu vida, y te da formalmente la bienvenida a la Iglesia Episcopal a través de la imposición de manos.

Q: Fui confirmado hace muchos años, y no recuerdo mucho de ello. Mi fe ha cambiado y es más fuerte ahora. ¿Tengo que ser "reconfirmado"?

R: No. Si se ha confirmado en la Iglesia Episcopal o por la imposición de manos por un obispo en la sucesión apostólica en otra denominación, no hay necesidad de ser reconfirmado. Es posible ser recibido o tal vez considerar Reafirmación, si siente que su fe ha crecido sustancialmente en los últimos años.

Recuerde que la confirmación es un rito pastoral de la Iglesia, y su naturaleza sacramental debe conectarse con su relación actual con Dios.

Q: ¿Cuál es el significado de la imposición de manos por el obispo sobre aquellos que son confirmados, reafirmados, o recibidos?

A: El obispo es el individuo que, simbólicamente, representa la unidad de toda la diócesis. La "unidad" básica de La Iglesia Episcopal es la diócesis, y el obispo es un medio visible que nos recuerda de nuestro vínculo común en Cristo dentro de la Iglesia Episcopal. Cuando el obispo impone sus manos sobre la cabeza durante el rito, es una manera muy tangible para experimentar su propio camino de fe, siendo recibido en la más grande senda del Cuerpo de Cristo. Para muchas personas, esta parte del servicio sacramental es muy significativo. Un sacramento es "un signo externo y visible de una gracia interna y espiritual, dado por Cristo como medio seguro y determinado por cual recibimos esa gracia." De esta manera, el toque experimentado en la imposición de las manos se queda para siempre en su memoria, como una experiencia de gracia a través de la Iglesia.

Q: ¿Soy un "miembro pleno" de la Iglesia Episcopal sin ser confirmado?

A: Sí. El Libro de Oración Común define el bautismo como "la iniciación completa en el Cuerpo de Cristo, la Iglesia, por agua y el Espíritu Santo. El vínculo que Dios establece en el Bautismo es indisoluble." La confirmación es un rito pastoral, no un rito de iniciación. Esto significa que la naturaleza sacramental de la Confirmación nos conecta con nuestro crecimiento en la fe y en nuestra relación con Dios. A través del Santo Bautismo, nos unimos con el Cuerpo de Cristo, ya sea en la infancia o como adultos.

Q: ¿Hay situaciones en cual la confirmación es requerido para participar en ciertos aspectos de la Iglesia Episcopal?

A: Sí. Dios puede llamar a algunos individuos, a través de la Iglesia, a posiciones de dirección y liderazgo. Por ejemplo, los cánones de la Iglesia Episcopal dicen que la Confirmación se requiere para ciertas posiciones de liderazgo, como los miembros de la Junta Parroquial (Vestry), y para algunos puestos de servicio, tales como Visitantes Eucarísticos, pero esto de ninguna manera implica que un individuo no confirmado no sea considerado miembro de pleno derecho el Cuerpo de Cristo. Confirmación, en los casos de liderazgo y orientación, enfatiza la propia afirmación pública de fe en la tradición de la Iglesia Episcopal.

Q: ¿Cuáles son los requisitos?

Ser un miembro adulto de la iglesia (al menos 16 años de edad)

Ser bautizado con agua en el Nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo en cualquiera tradición cristiana

Completar un programa adecuado de instrucción en preparación para la Confirmación, Recepción o Reafirmación

Q: ¿Dónde puedo encontrar a este programa de instrucción?

A: Hay variedad de opciones, y funciona mejor para adaptar nuestras sesiones a sus experiencias y disponibilidad. Por favor, póngase en contacto conmigo acerca de su interés en ser confirmado/a, recibido/a o reafirmar sus promesas bautismales. Entonces podemos finalizar los planes y horarios de clases en mayo y junio

Por favor ¡déjenme saber de su interés en estar entre los presentados al Obispo para Confirmación, Recepción o Reafirmación aquí en San Cristóbal el 30 de septiembre!

*En la Paz de Cristo,
Pdre. Pedro+*



SR. WARDEN Diane
Plein

Colossians 3:15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Many of you are away during the summer, vacationing or visiting friends and family, and I hope you are having a wonderful time.

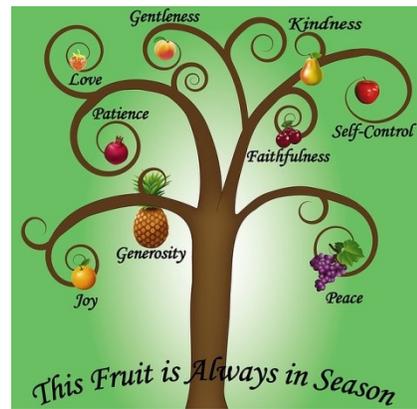
Members who are here during these hot months are continuing to be the heart, hands and feet of Jesus welcoming all to worship and serving those in need to the glory of God.

The POWWOW event in June was a huge success, serving approximately 240 people with 70 pounds of produce per person; and we are planning to do it again in July and August.

The water drive is bringing in so many cases of water that the stage area completely filled up one week after the Phoenix Rescue Mission picked up 82 cases on June 21. People in the community are seeing our sign and newspaper articles and bringing more cases of water to help too.

Your Vestry is also continuing God's work for St. Christopher's by approving a Solar Service Agreement for solar panels to be installed on our roof; and working to establish a Building and Grounds Committee under the authority of our by-laws.

Thank you all for being a part of St. Christopher's church family and for being involved in God's



Women's Bible Study is starting up for Fall on Thursday August 24th.

We are going to re-visit

“Living Beyond Yourself; Exploring the Fruit of the Spirit”.

All women are welcome to join us for this 11 week program.

There is no charge to take the class except for the workbook that can be purchased at Lifeway Christian Bookstore on the corner of Bell Road and 75th Avenue for less than \$20.00.

The sign-up sheet for the class will be in the Narthex starting August 12th. If you've never taken a Bible Study, this is a great beginning one!

Please feel free to invite a friend or two. This class is open to women of every religious denomination!!

If you have a questions, please ask Barbara Fabre.

We hope to see you in the best 11 weeks you've ever spent!

Parish Forum, August 12, 2018 – How to Proceed with Patio Project?

Early this year, a dedicated group of parishioners came together to develop a plan to help restore the unsightly weather-worn and stained walls of the patio, which had deteriorated over the years, transforming it into a place that would invite relaxation, meditation and small gatherings – in short, **welcoming and inviting**. The idea of creating such a peaceful space caught on immediately. Chris Sauser prepared two sketches as a preliminary vision of what it could look like:



At that point, I approved of the concept, with the idea that paint colors and other details would be refined – so the walls were power-washed to prepare them for painting, and swatches of paint began to appear so that the ultimate choices of colors could be made.

The team that worked so diligently to bring the idea to fruition included Chris Sauser, Amy Schultz, Mona Guarino, Jane Meyers, Ruthie Bratcher, Judy Schneider, Marj Kassien, Keith Meyers, Bill Masters, Stacie Peters, Lourdes Rios and Bill Lynn, among many others. They contributed of their time, talent, and treasure in a strong effort to make their vision a reality for the benefit of all.

Patio Continued:

As additional paint samples appeared on the walls, it became obvious that there were significant differences of opinion about the colors themselves – too bold for some, too soft for others, completely the wrong colors for some, the perfect colors for others... That should have been a signal to pause and go back to the drawing board to obtain wider congregational input, but I did not recognize it as such, and encouraged the project to continue to unfold with what I thought had been a consensus.

Sprucing up the patio – great idea, right? What could possibly go wrong? Naïveté on my part!

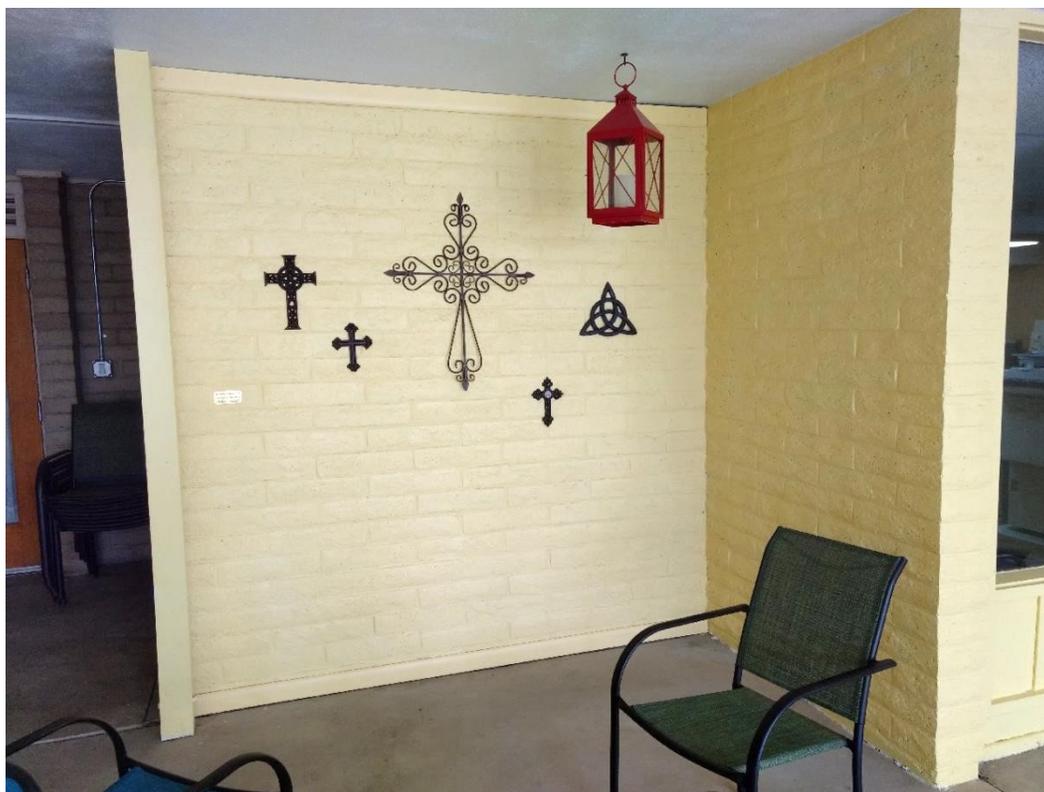
By the end of April, most of what is currently painted was completed and large blue rain barrels were installed to collect rain runoff. Passions for and against what had been done to date were running high, and the end of April Vestry Meeting was fraught with confrontation about the state of the patio and the continuation of the project.

Contrary to our normal practice of not making major decisions at Vestry without Vestry members being provided a “vote-ready resolution” at least a week before the Vestry meeting to allow for review and comment, I immediately stopped further progress on the patio project and put it on hold through the summer so that we could resume with a clearer sense of direction in the fall, specifically with more adequate congregational input and involvement.

Understandably, those who worked so hard to bring the patio project to that point felt very disappointed and let down. It was a crushing blow.

Rather than leave everything in mid-brush stroke, so to speak, I did approve of finishing the memorial wall area that was already near completion, with a display of unique crosses, as well as completing the painting of sections of wall and ceiling that were partly painted.

As shown in the following picture, the memorial wall turned out beautifully, and will now serve as the anchor point for whatever else is to follow:



The primary purpose of the August 12 Forum is to bring parishioners up to speed on what has been done with respect to the renovation of the patio, open it up to comments and questions; and solicit input on how best to proceed from here. It will be an information-gathering opportunity, not a time to make any final decisions about how to proceed. **Your** input is essential!

At this point, the remainder of the patio renovation is a blank canvas.



Please plan on attending the forum and providing your input. Everyone's input is important!

In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Peter+

WOMEN'S CLUB

THIS SUMMER IN AUGUST 2018 THE WOMEN'S CLUB WILL CELEBRATE ITS FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY. SO MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED DURING OUR FIRST YEAR!

These are most of this year's projects:

- * Supported the Outreach backpacks for schools
- * Distributed Halloween candy bags
- * Christmas gift shop and bake sale
- * Shoebox ministry – children's Christmas boxes
- * Donated \$200 to Outreach Thanksgiving dinners
- * Offered the UTO project to the congregation
- * Donated monies to boost Father Peter's Discretionary Fund
- * Baby and toddler diaper drive
- * Had the Chapel interior painted
- * Donated money for Forward Movement daily devotional booklets
- * Distributed 75 Easter baskets
- * Gave \$300 to buy shoe gift cards for children
- * Sponsored the Latina Fiesta for our parish
- * Purchased two of the four new bulletin boards and paid for shipping of all four boards
- * Sponsored Code Red water/hygiene supplies for Phoenix Rescue Mission
- * Supported P.O.W.W.O.W.
- * Planning an adult diaper drive for fall 2018
- * Dedicated \$1,600 to future purchase of window treatments

ONE YEAR
AND
COUNTING

All women who attend St. Christopher's are invited to join in the ongoing work and fellowship of this organization. We have been abundantly blessed by God and continue to offer Him praise and glory!



CHRISTMAS ISN'T THAT FAR AWAY, OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Now is the time to start

- ◆ collecting toys,
- ◆ hygiene products (no toothpaste)
- ◆ coloring books, colored pencils (no crayons),
- ◆ school supplies and fun things for children(no food)

We will be supplying boxes in September if you need them and collecting the boxes Nov 12 - 19. Please plan to fill a box or two for a needy child and help out during collection week. It's fun and very rewarding. Please see Jane Meyers with your questions. Merry Christmas!"



St. Christopher's Women's Club has a drive going for Water and Hygiene Products for Phoenix Rescue Mission

To date 4556 Bottles of water and three boxes of hygiene products, have been donated from St. Christopher's Church that equals 37,248 ounces of water. Great Job!



WATER AND HYGIENE DRIVE, CONTINUES UNTIL September 30!

OUTREACH!



Back Packs and School Supplies for Local Schools
Also supplies for teachers!

More than 30 Back Packs filled with supplies were
Delivered to Country Meadows and Cheyenne on
Tuesday August 7. Thank you all great job as usual!



Summer 2018

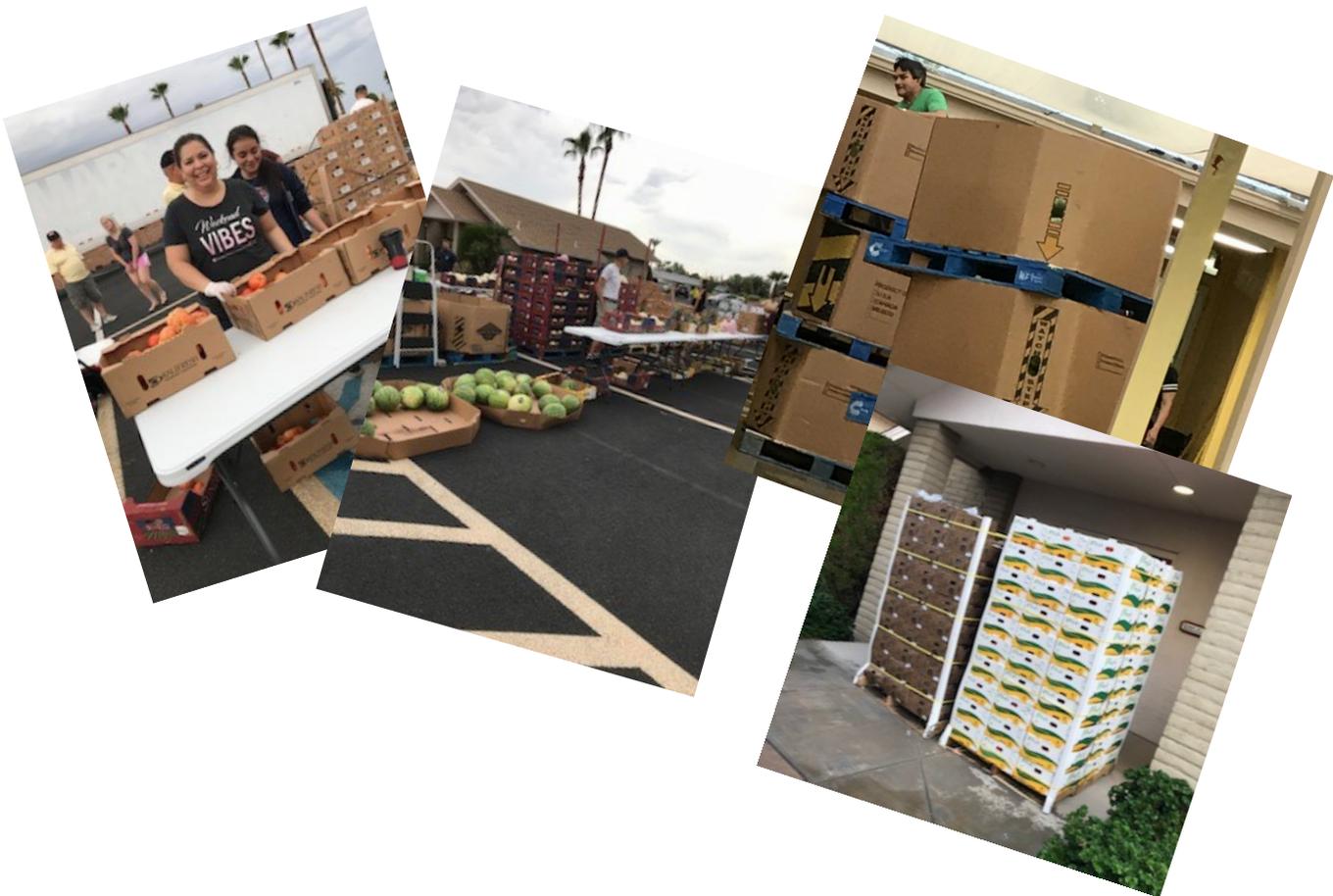


St Christopher's started a new Ministry Called P.O.W.W.O.W. in June 2018, It was a successful even though the weather did not cooperate in June and July, we are not sure what August 18 will bring.

The fellowship between the two services has been great, working side by side in the wind, dust and rain everyone keeps saying what fun they are having.

At this time we are not sure if this will continue into the fall and winter, but even if it doesn't WE did good!

A **huge** Thank you to all who have volunteered for this ministry. A few pictures :



August

	Day
Mona Guarino	August 01
Rosemary Cochrane	August 05
William Craine	August 07
Louis Van Scoter	August 08
Elvira Vásquez	August 11
Jacinto Nieco	August 12
Lillyanna Castañeda	August 16
Kathryn Frantz	August 22
Raul Zamora	August 23
Mauricio Nieco	August 31

Birthdays!**September**

	Day
Samantha Martinez	September 01
Sabrina Martinez	September 02
Esther Zamora	September 03
Barbara Kimball	September 10
Andrea Miranda	September 10
Cindy Schwab	September 14
Ann Gay	September 17
Roberto Pérez	September 17
Ruthie Bratcher	September 18
Joanne Mola	September 20
Bob Powley	September 21
Martha Pulsford	September 21
Avian Perez	September 22
Kenechukwu (Ken) Anako	September 24
Aurelio Valles	September 25
Bill Masters	September 27

October

	Day
Ana Martinez	October 03
Barbara Welsh	October 03
Carolyn Bellerive	October 04
Carmen Borda	October 10
Andrew Daughters	October 11
Harold Hammond	October 12
Denisse Rios	October 13
Nnaemeka Anako	October 17
William Bisig	October 19
Reynaldo Borda	October 21
Breanna Valenzuela	October 26
Sharon Anson	October 27
Rafael Rodriguez	October 27
Gina Rocha	October 28
Mary Duvall	October 30
Patricia Emanuelson	October 30
Sofía Sanchez	October 31
Natalee Sanchez	October 31



Happy Anniversary



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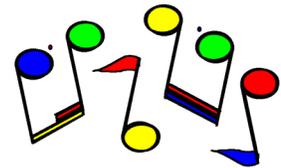
Carol and Dudley Dickey August 14

September:

Bonnie and Al Franco September 1

Rose and Willie Harris September 15

Minister of Music



Hope everyone has been enjoying the summer break from singing whether you've gone to cooler weather or just enduring the summer AZ heat.

Choir rehearsals will begin Wednesday, September 5th at 4 pm after the Labor Day holiday. We look forward to your safe return and if we have any new people interested in joining the choir, please see or contact me (Don Palm) after the 9 am service.

We'd love to have additional voices in all sections for this new season.

Thanks

Don Palm

Minister of Music



Always Check on line calendar for any changes in events or services!