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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. CHRISTOPHER'S?

Weekly and Monthly Events On Going

Mondays:

- Men's Bible Study 11:00AM
- Second Monday of the Month Make Lunches for Salvation Army in Surprise

Tuesdays:

- Outreach Meeting 10:00AM (once a month)
- Super Staff Meeting 9:30 AM (Second Tuesday of the month)

Wednesdays:

- Eucharist & Healing Service (Chapel) 10:00AM
- Choir Practice 4:00PM

Fridays:

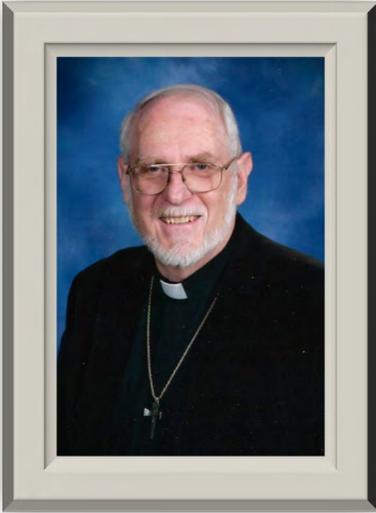
- Lunch Bette's Roost 11:00AM
- St Christopher's Bowling, Lakeside Lanes 12:00PM

Saturdays:

- Bargains and Bookstore 8:00AM to Noon
- Voter Registration 8:00AM-Noon (Last Saturday of the month) except February
- Men's Club Prayer Breakfast (Mercer's) 8:00AM fourth Saturday of the Month
- Make Lunches for Salvation Army in Surprise 9:00AM Parish Hall
- Women's Club Meeting 12:30PM (Second Saturday of each month)

Sundays:

- English Service 9:00AM
- Spanish Service 11:15AM
- Sunday School 11:15AM (except last Sunday of the month)



A Message from Fr. Peter

When should I have communion brought to me at home or in the hospital?

This is a great question that came up recently when our Lay Eucharistic Visitors went to the home of a parishioner to visit and pray together. The short answer is that you can request communion be brought to you **any time** you are unable to come to church to receive communion due to circumstances beyond your control. In essence, when you can't come to church, our Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) will be glad to bring the church to you! Examples would be if you are in the hospital or homebound for any number of reasons, including health challenges, lack of transportation, or the need to stay at home to care for someone else.

The Eucharistic Visitor ministry is defined in the Episcopal Church Canons in this way: **“A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration”** [Title III, Canon 4, Sec. 7].

Having communion brought to you is **not** something reserved only for those who are critically ill or facing death. For such extreme circumstances, a pastoral visit from the clergy, that may include communion and/or what was once referred to as “Last Rites” or “Extreme Unction”, would be appropriate. A Eucharistic Visit is **not** “Last Rites”, nor anything equivalent to it!

On the other hand, if you are recovering from an accident or illness at home or in a rehabilitation center, you are every bit as worthy to receive communion as those who are able to attend church on a given Sunday. A Eucharistic Visit is an opportunity for you to connect with the church and receive the sacraments when you cannot otherwise attend.

Please don't hesitate to contact the church or our Lay Eucharistic Visitor ministry leader, Betty Roddy, to request a Eucharistic Visit when needed.

*In Christ's Peace,
Fr. Peter+*

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR SENIOR WARDEN



A Special Celebration for Erick Alemán

On January 19, Erick celebrated his quinceañero on his actual birthday with a dedicated service at St Christopher's and then a reception in Harte Hall. Congratulations to him and his family!

This is only our second quinceañero. The celebration is usually for girls when they turn 15 years old. It's quite unique to have this celebration for a boy. Erick's is even more special because Father Peter baptized him here at St Christopher's. The quinceañero is both a religious and a social event emphasizing the importance of family and community. Erick was accompanied by family and friends as his godparents presented him to the congregation, thanking God for His blessings.

The reception began after the service. There was plenty of food, music and fun to celebrate Erick's special day!

Una celebración especial para Erick Alemán

En diciembre, Erick celebró su quinceañero en el día de su cumpleaños con una misa en la iglesia y luego una recepción en Harte Hall. ¡Felicitaciones a él y a su familia!

Este es sólo nuestro segundo quinceañero. La celebración suele ser para niñas cuando cumplen 15 años. Es bastante único tener esta celebración para un joven. Lo de Erick es aún más especial porque Padre Pedro lo bautizó aquí en San Cristóbal.

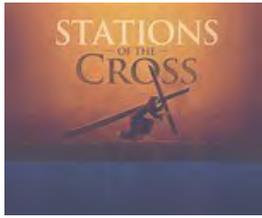
El quinceañero es un evento religioso y social que enfatiza la importancia de la familia y la comunidad. Erick fue acompañado por familia y amigos cuando

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Sus padrinos lo presentaron a la congregación, agradeciendo a Dios por sus bendiciones. La recepción comenzó después de la misa. ¡Había mucha comida, música y diversión para celebrar el día especial de Erick!



THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



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PERFUME OR FRAGRANCES,

Some people have an adverse reaction if exposed to perfume or fragrances. A sensitivity or intolerance is different than an allergy. Please think of this when getting ready to come to church. We have several in the congregation that have this sensitivity. Thank you

Bookstore



Your Bookstore

continues to be grateful for all the donations from parishioners and the community, thankful for the hard working volunteers, and blessed by all the warm friendships formed in our midst.

We have several volunteers from the community that volunteer weekly and several volunteers from the parish that help us monthly. We would love to have your help too. Join us when you can and share in the warm and friendly Outreach that is your Bookstore.

Then you too will be grateful, thankful and blessed. See Charlotte Powley or Jane Meyers for more information on this very rewarding "job".

In our goal towards a greener planet, we are using coffee mugs in the Bookstore instead of Styrofoam.

So if you have an extra mug or two, will you donate it/them to the Bookstore?

Thank you



Sunday School

Reenacting the Baptism of Jesus

on January 12, 2020

"Growing Our Faith"

The Sunday School children and teachers have been very busy. Our lessons have been very animated and our work on the Lord's Prayer is going very well. Last

Sunday we were all part of "God's Eyewitness News team". We interviewed each other with badges from our network and real microphones. Some of the children were a little shy at first, but really got into it after watching some of the others interviewing their fellow classmates and teachers. It was a fun way to encourage the children to be good and faithful witnesses for God.

Our team of teachers is working to make the children's Christian education memorable. Thank you for making this experience one that the children and teachers will never forget. Thank you Jesus! Amen"



ATTENTION ALL PRAYER SHAWL MAKERS; there is a brand-new batch of yarn in a plastic box on the wire shelves in the parish hall. Please feel free to help yourselves to your favorite colors for your next shawl project! Thank you for all your work in our ministry. You are a blessing to many!

2020

St. Christopher's Outreach Committee Projects

January **Caring Hearts Girls'** School, Kenya (Days for Girls)
Collected Over \$400 to Send to Kenya

February **Eve's Place** (Victims of domestic violence)
The Outreach Committee's focus during February is Eve's Place, a non-profit that helps victims of domestic, sexual and teen dating abuse. Eve's Place is located right here in Sun City (10446 W. Coggins Drive). They not only help victims of domestic violence in the West Valley but in far away places like Quartzite and the Navajo Nation.

Our plan is to buy \$20 Fry's gift cards and donate them to Eve's Place to give to their clients. Last year we raised \$240 and gave them twelve \$20 gift cards. The most critical need is for gas to get to support group meetings. If you would like to help with this effort, please earmark your check for "Eve's Place."

March Cans for CAN (Community Assistance Network)

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May "Light Up the Rez" (Solar panels for homes without electricity on the Navajo Reservation)

June Justa Center (Homeless Seniors-55+)

July School supplies & donations for kid's shoes

August School supplies & donations for kid's shoes

September HART (Helping At Risk Teens) Pantry

October Operation Christmas Child

November Thanksgiving food bags

December Christmas food bags

Note: Summer collection of water for Code Red (Phoenix Rescue Mission) and monthly collection of food for Valley View Community Food Bank will continue as in the past.

Watch for more information on the above projects as dates progress

Outreach January Days for Girls



During January, we will be raising funds for Days for Girls. The money will be sent to Caring Hearts High School in Kenya where it will be used to upgrade the high school's Life Skills Center with new sewing machines, buy needed materials and train their students to make Days for Girls kits for girls in rural Kenya. The school hopes to eventually make several thousand kits per year. Earmark your check "Days for Girls".

Days for Girls is a global movement that prepares and distributes sustainable menstrual health solutions to girls who would otherwise miss school during their monthly periods. The nonprofit organization was founded in 2008 by American woman, Celeste Mergens, who developed the idea of creating washable, reusable pads and providing the girls with a personal kit of all they would need to continue their schooling with hygiene and dignity. By 2018, Days for Girls kits (designed to last up to three years) had reached more than **1.3 million girls** and women in **125 countries**.

There is a local Days for Girls team in Sun City West that makes kits. Here is the information:

Email suncitywestaz@daysforgirls.org

Lead Shari Jones

Activity We meet regularly and encourage new volunteers to join

Other Information Lord of Life Lutheran Church 13724 W. Meeker Blvd. Sun City West, Az 85375 We meet the 2nd Friday of the month from 8:30 to 11:30 am.

Update on "Days for the Girls"

During January we raised funds for "Days for Girls", a program that provide feminine hygiene supplies for girls in third world countries.

So far we have received **\$420**. \$170 of this amount was donated by non-church members in response to a newspaper article about our project.

We were also able to facilitate the donation of a sewing machine and cloth to a team in Sun City West that makes the "Days for Girls" kits.

We will continue to receive donations for "Days for Girls" through 2/15/20.



Outreach



Eve's Place
Community Services™
EMPOWERING VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC, SEXUAL & TEEN DATING ABUSE



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Winter Coats



Bargains thrift store had a number of coats and wind breakers that were not selling. On 2/3/20 we delivered 19 coats to Justa Center, a day shelter for homeless seniors. The timing was perfect! That very night there was a cold snap and temperature dropped to near freezing. Some of homeless seniors were a little warmer because of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church.

First Sunday/ Food Slips



On the first Sunday of each month, "food slips" are distributed to the congregation. You are asked to bring that food item or items to church during the coming month and place it in the food basket in the church entryway. At the end of each month, the collected food is taken to Valley View Community Food Bank.

Looking Ahead to Lent—"Cans for CAN"

Lent will be here before we know it—February 26th. Again this year, we are asking parishioners to rinse out a vegetable can or soup can and toss all of your loose change into the can during Lent. On Easter morning, the cans will be collected and all of the money given to Sun City Community Assistance Network (Sun City CAN) to provide transportation to low income seniors who no longer drive.



Last year this program raised over \$1,000. This provided over 250 rides to the doctor, grocery store or some other destination for some of our home bound neighbors.

Sun City CAN is a 501(c)3 non-profit charity. Its mission is to connect people with resources to improve their standard of living. All services are free and are provided by volunteers.

February**Day**

Frank Schlichting	February 10
Susan Barnette	February 11
Willie Harris	February 13
Rose Harris	February 14
Jereme Perez Valenzuela	February 15
Eva Quiles	February 17
Amy Schultz	February 17
Janet Cairo	February 19
Bonnie Franco	February 20
Betty Roddy	February 22
Rosemary Lynch	February 25
Nelson Lawry	February 27
Luz Elena Salinas	February 27
Lyberthad Xynayth Aguirre Salgado	February 28

**March****Day**

James Dunkelbarger	March 01
Kabrina Slaten	March 04
Carmen Garcia Zepada	March 05
Dorothy Meyers	March 05
Charlyn Balabanis	March 06
Jocelyn Valles	March 08
Marie Dunkelbarger	March 10
William Alburez Fabian Jr.	March 16
Joell López	March 19
Dasyre Roddy	March 22
Wilma Hammond	March 25
Virginia Swisher	March 25
Ashleigh Johnson	March 28
Jason Luna Guerrero	March 30

**February**

Schlichting, Frank & Sue	February 10, 1964
Masters, Bill & Carol	February 26, 1969

March

Cooley, David & Jane	March 20, 1965
Sanchez, Verónica & Aurelio Valles	March 22, 2002



INVITES YOU TO A CONCERT SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020 AT 1PM

10233 W. PEORIA AVENUE, SUN CITY, AZ 85351

“Olde Folk” in concert. The Chaffees (Clark & Ellie), Tony Miller, and Jody Yeomans will treat you to an hour of beautiful vocal harmonies from and inspired by the 60s folk explosion, supported by live acoustic instruments - no tracks.



Olde Folk has performed locally in the west valley and at folk festivals around Arizona since 2015.

Come and be inspired again, sing along, be uplifted by traditional American folk music. Featuring music by Peter, Paul & Mary, the Kingston Trio, Harry Belafonte, Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, The Mamas & Papas, and more.

Family fun. Happy memories revisited

Why our name is

“Olde Folk”?

- ◆ All five of us are in or near retirement.
- ◆ We all love folk music that sparked the Folk Explosion in the 60s. We love the music of that era. We love newer music inspired by traditional folk.

CONCERT (free will offering)

February and March Events

Mark Your Calendar

- * **SHROVE TUESDAY, MEN'S CLUB, PANCAKE SUPPER** February 25, 2020 at 5PM
- * **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES** February 26, 2020 Noon and 6PM
- * **Stations of the Cross, Fridays** February 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 .
- * **OLDE FOLK CONCERT** Saturday, February 29, 2020 1PM
- * **WOMEN'S CLUB LUAU** Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 4PM. We will need volunteers. Please contact Sue Schlichting or Betty Roddy
- * **SONORAN SOUNDS CONCERT** Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 3PM
Always check the on line Calendar and the bulletin for changes!

Vestry

Senior Warden: Beth Mayhew

Interim Clerk: Jane Meyers

Junior Warden: Bill Lynn

Treasurer: Jane Cooley

2020 Killy Balabanis

2021 John Card
Jane Meyers
Mona Guarino
Ana Martinez
Bill Masters
Frank Schlichting

2022 Tim Murray

