# Joys and Concerns 10.19.25

We celebrate with...

Rick Sondag had a birthday! Billy Drummond had an interview for a cooking position with Not Your Average Joe and he got it! He starts this Tuesday. Brittany Hochman turns 24! Barbara Holtzclaw shared that her sons-in-law internment, at the Lawton Military Cemetery, was lovely. Mary Lee celebrates The No Kings March and the St. Stephens participants and Rhonda Stock was a speaker. It was a community of love and acceptance and was a peaceful protest all around the country and world. Erin Moore is thankful to be recovering from Covid. Barb Drummond shared that Laundry Love served Midwest City last week. Barb is also very proud of her son, Billy, and very thankful to Not Your Average Joe. Ron Ward presented the opportunity to come and help with the Outside Church Clean-Up on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-Noon. Dale Wares celebrated his 79th birthday last week! Heath and Casey Collins brought 12-day-old Thomas to worship with us! Jen McDanel shared that her 4-month-old granddaughter, Harper Rae, also worshipped with us! Marilyn Nicely is thankful to be back from a 10-day trip to Spain. Linden Moore shared that her elementary group from school would be performing before the Crop Walk. Izzy Paulson shared that her friend celebrated her birthday Saturday!

#### We pray for...

Safe travels for Audrey Sondag as she travels back from Dublin. Jen McDanel's mother, Joyce, has been admitted to the hospital with serious cardiac issues. Traveling mercies as Becky LeClair travels to the West Coast. Valerie Underwood lifts up Jeff's brother, Larry, in Denver who is still hospitalized and has sepsis. Valerie Adair's great aunt, Delores, is on hospice, she is 102 years old. Leslie Bohon-Bothwell's mother, Sarah, fell and has a fracture as well as an upper respiratory infection. Leonard Thomas' mother fell and broke her rib. His sister's horse has a traumatic brain injury and another one of her horses had to be put down. Peggy Risenhoover lifts up the unfolding of the OSU Campus shooting. Lucas Moore lifts up all the Federal Workers who continue to work without pay during the government shutdown. Zannah Nye shared that all of her bunny rabbits have passed away.

# The (Weekly) Shield

The Weekly Newsletter

Sunday - October 26, 2025

# It's a Party!

BridgeKids is planning for our Halloween Party! We need 9 volunteers on Thursday Oct. 30th to come stand behind doors so that kids can trick-ortreat. We ask that volunteers bring some candy and/or small toys (ie bubbles, stickers, bounce ball, etc) to pass out. We need volunteers here at 9:30 to get in place and we should be done around 10:45. This is a super fun and cute event and volunteers are welcome to dress up too! People who want to volunteer need to email us (bridgekids@ststephensnorman.org) so we can be sure we have the right number of people.

Trunk or Treat & Chili Cookoff
Sunday, October 26, 4 – 6 pm

Join us October 26th from 4-6 pm for the annual Trunk or Treat and Chili Cookoff event. This event has grown over the last few years and we want to see everyone. Bring a family reciple chili, set up a trunk and pass out candy, or just come and fellowship, we would love to see you there! Lunch Bunch
will meet on
November 4th.
(It's now on the
1st and 3rd Tuesdays.)



#### Norman Coalition for Refugee Support

\$3433 has been collected for 2025. Thank you!

# **Needs of the NCRS:**

**Housing Coordinator** (housing search, maintenance, etc.)

**Family Liaisons** 

Car donation

Drivers (dr. appts, etc.)

Contact Brent for more info at bsmith103@cox.net

### Fall Roundtable: The Lost Art of Civil Conversation

Potluck dinner and presentation

Sunday, November 9, 4:30 pm

Fran Roberson and Mary Lee

For Children's Sabbath we will be collecting cans of soup for the month of "Souper October."

Please bring your donations to the Loggia. Cans will be used for our food pantry.

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# New position—Children's Music Director

We are hiring a part-time Children's Music Director! In January we will be expanding Sunday Night Live to a weekly program meeting each Sunday from 4 - 6 pm. With the expansion, our



children get to experience fun, educational discovery activities with Miss Jenn and friends AND they'll get children's music programming as well! Know someone who might be just right for the position - apply online at <a href="indeed.com">indeed.com</a> - search "Children's Music Director" in Norman, OK and you'll find the listing.

Our CROP Walk Team!

