

Joys and Concerns

10.26.25

We celebrate with...

Barb Drummond shared that Laundry Love and Socks of Love served 79 families in Norman this weekend with the gift of clean laundry and fed 150. They also served 63 families in NW OKC and fed 112. Barb is also very proud of her son Billy who is working his first catering job! Marci Corey shared that her son, Christian, married his love, Anika on Saturday. Becki Seay is happy to be back from her Canadian Fall Foliage Cruise. Holly VanAuken lifts up the beauty of the altar arrangement provided by Susan Sime-roth. Alyssa Miller got to perform her first wedding ceremony. Dale Wares reports that Kay Antonorio is recovering well from her knee replacement surgery. Dale Wares is going to a book signing of his book in his hometown of Freedom, Oklahoma in November. Jenn McDanel's mother-in-law closes on her new home on Friday. Brenda Wheelock is so glad to see Lynn Dwyer in church. Brenda also thanks everyone for their support of Crop Walk.

We pray for...

Kathy Brown lifts up concerns for those losing their SNAP benefits. She encourages us all to bring more food to our Little Food Pantry to help fill this need. Julie Sondag recognizes the 46th anniversary of Rick's dad's passing. She is so very thankful for Louie for raising Rick. She is sad she never got to meet him. Becki Seay's daughter's father-in-law, David Carter, is having a port put in for chemo and will be undergoing radiation at the same time. Melissa Duncan's mother's neighbor, Debbie, is nearing the end of her life. Holly VanAuken lifts up Sally Mellon who is suffering from West Nile. Rhonda Stock brought attention to the table in the loggia with notecards. These are for writing to ask for a commuted sentence for a young man to not face the death penalty. Lucas Moore's mother has fallen and fractured her knee. Lucas and his siblings are trying to work together to agree on what the next level of care needs to be for their mother. Jackie Farley lifts up Susan Arn's brother, Steve, as he is starting a new cancer medication. Brent Smith lifts up all immigrants and immigration attorneys. The attorneys are concerned as they see the justice system becoming less concerned with actual justice. Amber Mathis lifts up her sister who works for the VA and is working for no pay. Alyssa Miller's friend, Ashley's ex-husband, Ryan, took his own life. Jenn McDanel's mother was confirmed to have had a heart attack. Jenn McDanel's daughter, Taylor's, new baby is not sleeping at night. Peggy Risenhoover reports that Neil is having knee issues. Peggy Risenhoover is having heart issues. Teresa Capps' son was laid off from Paycom. Teresa's grandbaby is also ill. We pray for our country.

The (Weekly) Shield

The Weekly Newsletter

Sunday - November 2, 2025

Shine Kids Announcements

- November 2nd Sunday Night Live 4-6 PM
- November 16th Sunday Night Live 4-6 PM
- November 23rd Acolyte training.
- November 23rd will be a refresher course for current acolytes and training for new acolytes. We will meet immediately after 2nd service and it will be less than 30 minutes!

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

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

With the loss of SNAP benefits, many local families are really struggling to feed their families. If you would like to sponsor a local family for Thanksgiving, please contact Ms. Jenn at chil-dren@ststephensnorman.org or 405-474-8093.



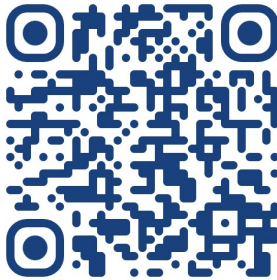
Fall Roundtable: The Lost Art of Civil Conversation

Potluck dinner and presentation

Sunday, November 9, 4:30 pm

Fran Roberson and Mary Lee

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St Stephen's UMC



St. Stephen's United Methodist Church

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Church services Sunday Morning 8:30 am & 10:50 am

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 [indeed.com](https://www.indeed.com) - search "Children's Music Director" in Nor-

Trunk or Treat & Chili Cookoff

