

## Joys and Concerns

2.15.26

We celebrate with...

Barb Drummond reports that Laundry Love served 67 families in southwest OKC and they will be in Norman this weekend. Volunteers are always needed. Jenn McDanel shared that Rachel is going to be a residential mentor at The University of Denver next year. This will cover all of her housing! Congrats young lady! Rhonda Stock and Crystal Cruz shared the very successful event held by Women in Action last Monday evening. They hosted a feast with Latino women in Norman. There were over 80 in attendance. Rod Murrow announced there will be an Anti-Ice rally on Rock Creek Road Bridge over I35 at 2:30pm today. Marci Corey lifts up Jena Barber as Jena steps into the role of Chairman of the Reconciliation Committee. They sponsored the Valentine's Day Dance last Friday evening. The event was loads of fun and Laurel Wulfekotte's band was fantastic. Kathy Brown is joyful and thankful for the rain and the serenading of the birds this morning. Annie Campbell shares that school is going well, she got an A on her last test and had a great day of significance this weekend. Brent Smith is grateful for all of the pro immigrant support. Brent also announced that his wife, Kim's, son and his wife, will be having their first baby in August. Dale Wares reports that he is 7 weeks into his bathroom remodel and tile is on the agenda this week. Joan Berryhill is so thankful for everyone for their support during her journey with colon cancer. Alyssa Miller and Amber Mathis announced the birth of their great niece, Evelyn Faye, who was born on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. Jenn McDanel's daughter-in-law is having a baby on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Janene Evard is thankful for her Seekers Sunday School Class. Leslie Bohan -Bothwell thanks everyone for their support during the death of her mother and their illnesses. Teresa Capps shared that her son, Jeremiah, has job interviews this week. Brenda Wheelock is thankful for everyone's prayers for her mother during her cornea replacement surgery. Barbara Holtzclaw celebrates her daughter, Pam's, 70<sup>th</sup> birthday!

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# The (Weekly) Shield

The Weekly Newsletter

Sunday - February 22, 2026

**Lunch Bunch  
will meet on  
March 3rd.**

**(It's now on the  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays.)**



### Needs of the NCRS:

1. Bookkeeper
2. Housing Chair & Housing Assistants
3. Prayers for the NCRS refugee families and volunteers
4. Drivers (dr. appts, etc.)

Contact Brent for more info at  
bsmith103@cox.net.

### Sunday Night Live

4:30—6:00 pm in Community Hall

Join us for Music, Snacks and  
Discovery Time!

**Sunday March 1st after 2nd service will be Acolyte Training.**

This is for ALL kids from 3rd-5th grade. Even if you have had training, this is a refresher and we need everyone to join us. (kids have requested pizza lunch and it will be provided for them). Training should take about 30 minutes.

### Liturgists and Scripture Readers Needed

St. Stephen's UMC is looking for **Liturgists and Scripture Readers** for the 2026 Year and we are inviting you to sign up! Liturgists and Scripture Readers are needed at both the 8:30 and 10:50 Services. Please feel free to sign up as many times as you like. Thanks!

<https://tinyurl.com/mtwabzn2>

Help us establish a free queer library at St. Stephen's UMC.

Donate now!



What's the ask?

QueerLit Collective is a Tulsa based nonprofit organization with a simple mission: to establish unrestricted access to queer literature for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and its allies.

As they grow and expand into OKC, we'd like to establish a FREE library at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church.

The total cost is \$2,500 to establish a new library.



Show Your Support

The national and state political landscape is not supportive of queer Oklahomans. Take this opportunity to show your support for the 2SLGBTQIA+ community!



Gain a New Perspective

One established, St. Stephen's library would be accessible at all hours the church is open. Books available will share the perspectives and experiences of queer authors as well as allies who have supported queer family members.

Ready to Donate?



https://tinyurl.com/Queer-Library

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

For our Youth!

Spring break retreat will be fast approaching. Our dates are going to be Thursday March 19th through Sunday March 22nd. Alyssa will need male sponsors for this trip, so if you are interested and have any questions, please reach out to her.



Have a green thumb?

We need a new plant care person. Please contact the church office if you can help!

Church Work Day

March 14, 9 am

Joys and Concerns (continued)

We pray for...

Rod Murrow prays for all those Oklahoma High School students who have been marching in protest to ICE. Becky LeClair lifts up Elaine Hunter whose jaw was locked up due to osteoarthritis. She had a successful procedure and is recovering at home. Chris Suit is loading up and will make the final move to Connecticut. We lift up Jenn McDanel and her family at the passing of Jenn's dad. Herman Coleson passed on Tuesday, February 17th in Texarkana, Texas.

Contemplative Service

Every Thursday during Lent

Starts February 26, 6:30 pm

A quiet service in which those attending read Scripture, join in prayer and sing simple repetitive "prayer songs".

Please turn in your pledge cards!

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