

Joys and Concerns

11.16.25

We celebrate with...

Judy and Richard Collins as they go to Florida for the winter. Dan and Katie Snell celebrate the 40th anniversary of their first date. Becky LeClair had a wonderful trip to the west coast. She also stayed with her brother to help with her sister-in-law who fell and broke her hip. Melissa and Tim Duncan celebrate their 36th anniversary of their first date. Melissa Duncan also celebrates OU's awesome win over Alabama! Marci Corey shares her thanks and joy to Curt Bauer for playing the piano for the offertory. Alyssa Miller, Grace Valentine and Sam Stoll as they traveled to Austin, Texas to attend the Progressive Youth Ministry Conference. Rod Murrow was thankful his home was not affected by the power outage in Norman Saturday night. Becki Seay as her grandson played his final high school football game. Jackie Farley and Susan Arn are setting sail again this upcoming week through Dec. 6th. Crystal Cruz is thankful that Gov. Stitt granted clemency to Tremaine Wood and is grateful to all the St. Stephen's family who signed the petition. Don MacGorman shared that Linden is playing the part of a Lost Boy in the production of Peter Pan at Art Works. Janene Evard is very thankful that her son and daughter-in-law are in town visiting her from the East Coast.

We pray for...

Lucas Moore as his mother is moving to a new assisted living facility and is battling health concerns in the hospital. Curt Bauer shared that Kelly's dad, Landon, is struggling with severely declining dementia. Helen Flower's brothers are both struggling with health issues. Alyssa Miller lifts up her former softball players Amelia, and her husband, Josiah, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is now in hospice. Joan Berryhill lifts up her friend who was diagnosed with breast cancer.

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

The (Weekly) Shield

The Weekly Newsletter

Sunday - November 23, 2025

Hear our children sing Dec. 14th!

Our children have been working on a Christmas anthem during their music time on Sunday mornings. They will get a chance to sing for the congregation at our Service of Lessons and Carols on December 14th at the second service. We will have an important run through in the sanctuary on December 7th during Sunday school time. I hope you'll add these dates to your calendar! The kids have been working hard and they sound beautiful!

Lunch Bunch

will meet on

December 2nd.

(It's now on the

1st and 3rd Tuesdays.)

Shine Kids Announcements

November 23rd immediately after 2nd service will be Acolyte Training for all 3rd to 5th graders who currently serve or want to serve as an acolyte. Please join us for training in the sanctuary.

Needs of the NCRS:

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

Contact Brent for more info at
bsmith103@cox.net

Come join in the fun of our Bell & Instrumental Christmas Concert!

Calling all clarinet and flute players! I'm putting together a clarinet choir ensemble and Venita is helping to find a piece for a flute ensemble. If you have a flute or a clarinet and you can make some noise - you are invited to join in the fun! We have parts for all skill levels. I'd also love to have a variety of other instrumental solos and ensembles so if you're interested in playing for the concert, please let me know!! You can reach me at music@ststephensnorman.org or catch me at the church on Sunday.



Join us for a fun afternoon of Christmas Cookies & Crafts!

November 30, 2025 - 5pm - 6:30pm
St Stephen's UMC | 1801 W Brooks | Norman
Questions? email children@ststephensnorman.org

Everyone is
invited!!

Pledge cards are ready!

Pledge cards have been mailed.

**If you are going to change your online pledge,
you will need to fill out the bank draft info.**

Turn them in by Sunday, November 23.

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St Stephen's UMC**



Dear St. Stephen's Family and Friends,

Each church in the conference is asked to remember our District Superintendent, Dr. James Kim, and his administrative assistant, Chanel Burdex, with a Christmas gift contribution. Dr. Kim and Chanel do a lot of work to help us succeed as a congregation. If you are able, please make a contribution by check or via the church website to thank Dr. Kim and Chanel. Deadline for this gift: December 15.



Join us for the 2025

BELL & INSTRUMENTAL CONCERT

DECEMBER 7, 2025 • 7:00 PM
ST. STEPHEN'S UMC
1801 W BROOKS, NORMAN OK 73069
www.ststephensnorman.org

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 in-deed.com - search "Children's Music Director" in Norman, OK and you'll find the listing.

Calling all bakers!*

We are looking for several people who would be willing to bake and donate cut out sugar cookies for our intergenerational cookie decorating & crafts fun day on November 30th. Marci has a great recipe that you can use or you can use your own! We'd need to have them baked, cooled and ready to decorate by 4 pm on November 30th. You can use whatever fun Christmas or winter themed cookie cutters you have or Marci and Jenn can lend you some! If you have sprinkles or other fun cookie decorating items that you'd be willing to donate to the event we would be grateful to have those as well. You can email Marci at music@ststephensnorman.org or Jenn at children@ststephensnorman.org or catch us at the church on Sunday!

Dear St. Stephen's Friends and Family,

At this time each year, we invite you to make a financial contribution so that our hard-working St. Stephen's staff can receive a Christmas bonus. You can leave a check with "Staff Bonus" in the memo line in the plate or in the Church Office, or give one to any SPRC member. You can also make an online gift and note the Staff Bonus in the "Note" section under "Donate" on the ststephensnorman.org website. Our staff include:

Jinx Barber, Senior Pastor	Jenn McDanel, Children's Ministry
Mary Moon, Care Ministries	Sharon Ringrose, Office Manager
Marci Corey, Music Ministries	Alyssa Miller, Youth Ministries
Grace Valentine, Youth Assistant	Mykhail Rybakov, Facilities Manager
Julie Sondag, Pianist & Choir Accompanist	

Thank you for thanking our staff in a meaningful way this holiday season. Please make your gift by Dec. 15 at the latest. SPRC Members: Valerie Underwood, Ron Mullan, Jackie Farley, David Wilson-Burns, Stephanie Parks, Martha Ogilvie, Robby Greenlee, Mary Gann, Cheryl Frech