

Joys and Concerns

10.5.25

We celebrate with...

Ash Mendoza celebrated her 30th birthday! Kathryn Adkins' cousin, Marcia Henne, is visiting today. Judy Collins' daughter and family AND 3 dogs are visiting from Florida. Mary Moon got to ring the "cancer free" bell earlier this week...she is 5 years cancer free! Becki Seays' nephew, Lindel Fields, was appointed by the Governor as the new Oklahoma State School Superintendent. Patrick Meirick and Christina McDougall celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary. Don MacGorman attended the Flute Festival in Medicine Park where Amber and Venita both performed. Julie Sondag shared that Audrey is going to travel to Dublin, Ireland with her boyfriend. Annie Campbell got an A on another nursing exam and started her clinicals at SW Integris in Oncology. Chris Suit is headed back to Connecticut this week to celebrate his granddaughter's 1st Birthday! Jen and Bryan McDanel's grandbaby turns 3! Bryan McDanel's mom's house sold and she has a contract on a new home. Heath and Casey Collins are having their 2nd baby boy Monday, October 6, 2025! Neil Risenhover performed Sunday evening at The Depot. Amber Moore auditioned and received an awesome part in the Chess Board for the Medieval Fair this upcoming Spring. Katie Campbell shared that Kip turns 5 on Wednesday!

We pray for...

Terri Sarsycki's brother-in-law, Mark, as he is grieving the loss of his wife Charlene. Becky LeClair lifts up our military and leaders of our country. Marci Corey's husband, Lance, received the diagnosis of MS this week. Marci Corey's dog, Noelle, came face-to-face with a skunk and got sprayed right in the face. Julie Sondag's nephew, Ethan, was furloughed. Her cousin, Neil is going through a divorce and is on the path of starting over. Ron House is having dental issues and will be needing several implants. Prayers for Velma as she is nursing him through this. Becki Seay's niece, Catherine, had successful heart surgery but has a long road to recovery. Marty Marks lifts up all those affected in the Latter Day Saints shooting in Michigan. Holly Van Auken's 99 year old friend, Dee, is having a heart procedure. Holly's other friend, also named Dee, has serious pneumonia. Holly also lifts up the immigrants taken from their homes in Chicago. Rick Sondag lifts up the band director at his school who was in a car accident and broke his leg. Barbara Holtzclaw shares they will be having a Celebration of Life for her son-in-law, Brian Williams, soon. Darcy Schmidgal has several academic interviews this week. Sarah Culp-Quinnett has a broken pinky finger in 3 places. Chris Suit reports that next Saturday there will be the Memorial Celebration of Life for Ben Southerland. Jen McDanel is having some health tests for some ongoing health issues. Brenda Wheelock's dad, Charlie, will be having full knee replacement Monday. Rebecca Huskey lifts up the Federal Workers who are furloughed and are working without pay. Joan Hines lifts up her dear friend, Phyllis Dawson, who is hospitalized in Oklahoma City and has had cancer for several years. Michelle Carr's friend, Lisa, is hospitalized with liver failure. Erin Moore lifts up Linden's 10-year old friend, Amelia, who is recovering from a brain bleed.

The (Weekly) Shield

The Weekly Newsletter

Sunday - October 5, 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-or-treat. 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 recipe 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

October 21.

(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

SHINE KIDS IMPORTANT DATES

- 10/19 Children's Sabbath



Scan to Donate to
St Stephen's UMC



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

Join Us Sunday, Oct. 19 Cleveland County CROP Walk

1:30 Check-In, 2 p.m. Step-Off
Adult Wellness and Education Center
602 N. Findlay Ave.

Parking in Norman Regional Lots on Porter & Findlay

Live Music • Kids Activities • Post-walk Cookout

CROP Hunger Walk proceeds support Norman's Food & Shelter Inc. and the international development, refugee assistance and relief efforts of Church World Service

Join Our Team or Donate at

<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/st-stephens-norman>



Questions? Call Brenda at 405-620-1305

