Announcements

Upcoming Dates

TODAY
4:30 p.m.
This Sunday, November 1,we will return to our regularly scheduled Sunday Night Live 4:30 to p.m. Please make sure your children wear comfortable clothing and bring a small blanket!
ShineKids is still in need of a few volunteers on an “as needed basis,” for Sunday School and nursery during worship. This would simply be a situation where we could pull you in on a day when we have the need. If you are willing to help and be on our list, please let Ms. Jenn know.

Nov. 8, 2 p.m.
Join us for the Fall Roundtable: A dialogue, Sunday, November 8, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. No potluck meal at this Roundtable. The program is a dialogue between Imam Haris Ali and Rabbi Vered Haris, with a Q & A. The title of the roundtable is “Challenges Facing Islamic and Jewish faiths in Oklahoma." Armed security will be provided.

Nov. 15, Noon
There will be a brief interment service for Carol Marks at the Columbarium.

Ongoing

Committees
If you would like to serve on a committee, contact the church office.

NCRS Refugee Needs
New Needs: please see Brent Smith for more info at bsmith103@cox.net.
• Donated or reliable used car (young Afghan couple, recent OU Geology grads need a car)
• Drivers (refugee families have recent driving permits and need practice driving, they have a car and car insurance)

Advent Greenery Needed
If you plan to prune any evergreen plant in your yard, please wait and share your cuttings for the advent workshop build-your-own centerpieces on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 29. Holly with berries, any short-leaf pines, nandina berries, small pine cones, etc., would be terrific. Text Holly Van Auken 405-326-1999 to tell us what you can give, no matter how small. We can cut or pick it up! Thank you!

Joys and Concerns

We celebrate with
Jim Eller and Jeannie Himes traveled to Portland and made it back home.

Crop Walk was very successful. St. Stephens had 40 walkers and have raised $8,000 through online donations so far.

Holly VanAuken’s brother and his husband were here visiting during the 10:50am service.

Cheryl Frech shared that the Clergy Appreciation reception would be immediately following the 10:50am service in the loggia.

Julie Sondag shared that she and Rick really enjoyed hosting the Choir Retreat at their home on Saturday.

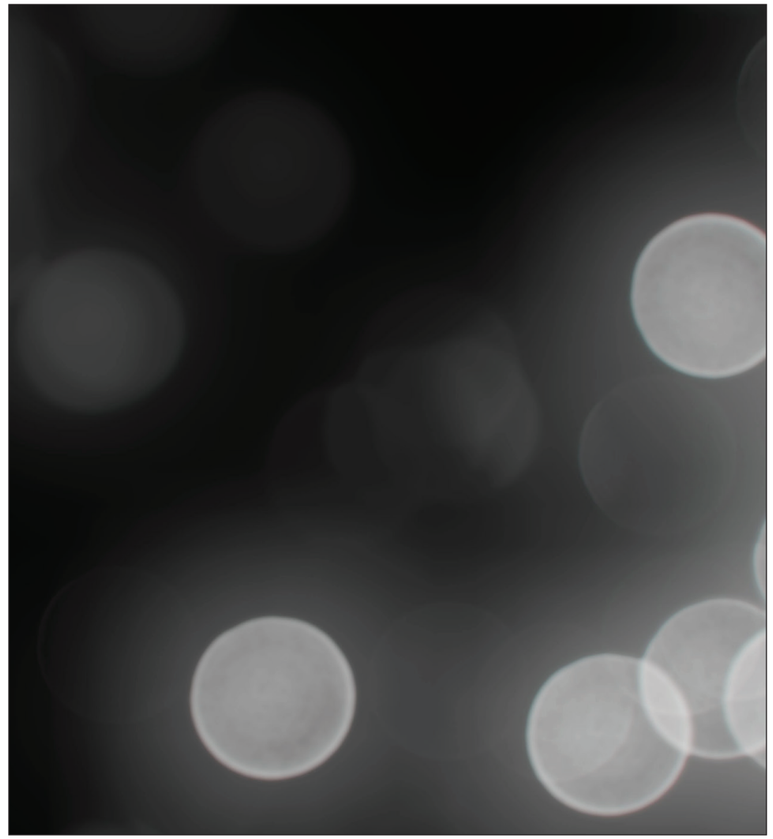
Tim and Melissa Duncan’s favorite holiday is Halloween and they are both looking forward to our Truck or Treat event!

Rita Pettit shared that she and Greg, their daughter and her significant other, are headed to Disneyland! They will also enjoy some In and Out burgers

We pray with
Susan Arn as she continues her battle with cancer.

Jackie Farley had cataract surgery on Monday. Jackie’s brother continues to battle health issues.

David Wison-Burns mother is having knee replacement surgery.



Grief Is Like Glitter

November 1, 2026

“You will lose someone you can't live without, and your heart will be badly broken, and the bad news is that you never completely get over the loss of your beloved.”

— Anne Lamott

“Grief, I've learned, is really just love. It's all the love you want to give, but cannot.”

— Jamie Anderson

“The deeper that sorrow carves into your being, the more joy you can contain.”

— Khalil Gibran

St. Stephen’s United Methodist Church is a progressive Christian church that is open and affirming of all ages, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, economic brackets and walks of life. We celebrate the diversity within our congregation, and see ours as a safe church for open thought.

Order of Worship
All Saints Sunday
Grief Is Like Glitter | Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Sharing of Joys

Passing of the Peace and Announcements

◊ Call to Worship
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in God.
With hearts and hands and voices,
Let us praise the Lord.

Feasting on the Word

◊ Hymn *For All the Saints* Red Hymnal #711

Words in Music *The Journey Home* Music by Craig Courtney
Lyrics by Pamela Stewart Evelyn Combs, Viola

Sing to Our Kids *Where Children Belong*
Black Hymnal #2233

Children's Time Cheryl Frech

Offertory Prayer
We magnify your name, O God,
and together exalt your name,
for you are so good to us
and gracious beyond measure.
In this life you lead us, comfort us, guide us,
and redeem us in countless ways.
In death you usher us to even greater blessing,
bringing us through the great ordeal,
embracing us in your endless light,
and welcoming us to your table of goodness and plenty.
These gifts we bring are but a token of our thanks,
seeds to be planted for the growing of your kingdom,
in which we have sure and certain hope.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Feasting on the Word

Offering Ourselves, Our Tithes, Gifts and Prayers

Offertory

◊ Doxology Red Hymnal #94

Prayer for One Voice & The Lord's Prayer
Our father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen
Amen. Red Hymnal #895

◊ Hymn *For All the Saints* Black Hymnal #2283

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12
8:30 Service Ron Mullan
10:50 Service Fran Roberson

Sermon Grief Is Like Glitter Rev. Jinx Barber

Reflection

Service of Holy Communion *Red* Hymnal #13
Remain seated.

◊ Benediction

◊ Sending Forth *Peace, Salaam, Shalom*
Green Hymnal #3181

Postlude

Liturgists
8:30 Service Dan Snell
10:50 Service Cheryl Frech

Altar arrangement is by Kay Antinoro.

◊ Stand in Body or Spirit

Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger.

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