

Announcements

Upcoming Dates

June 15-18 - Friendship Camp

The theme for this year's Interfaith Friendship Camp is "All You Need Is Love." Each day the camp will meet 5:30-8 p.m., with a family potluck at 5:30 p.m., June 18. To learn more or to sign up, check out the posters around the building for the QR code.

Ongoing

QueerLit Collective

St. Stephen's UMC is raising funds to provide a free queer library, which will be established to offer unrestricted access to queer literature for 2SLGBTQIA+ community members and allies. *A kind member has offered to match all new donations until we reach our goal!*

Nursery Volunteers Needed

St. Stephen's needs volunteers to work in the nursery (ages newborn-4 years old) this summer, along with Sunday school teachers for K-5th grade. Please contact Jenn at children@ststephensnorman.org.

Liturgists and Scripture Readers Needed

St. Stephen's UMC is looking for volunteers for the 2026 year. Please sign up for the 8:30 or 10:50 service (or both!). Sign up as often as you'd like at <https://tinyurl.com/mtyabzn2>.

NCRS Updates

Current Needs: 1. Housing Assistant to help the Team Lead coordinate housing issues, and 2. drivers for one-time needs.

For other needs see Brent Smith at bsmith103@cox.net.

Updates: The Catholic Reporter recently conducted some anonymous interviews of two parents of our refugee families. Grab a copy of their stories at the Joys & Concerns table. Also, there are two new OU graduates, Jaleel Zubayr (Iraq), Bachelor in Public Health; Galina Brauer (Russian new wife of Ukrainian Sorin Kosia), Bachelor of Music in Organ Performance.

Senior Sunday

Senior Sunday is approaching, and we would love to celebrate your high school senior. If you have a student graduating this year, please contact Alyssa so we can make sure they receive the recognition they deserve.

Altar arrangement is by Susan Arn.

Joys and Concerns

We celebrate with

Jill and Wil Garcia celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on Monday, May 18.

Rachel McDanel will be home soon.

Norah McDanel is enjoying her job at Andy's Custard.

Abraham Carr turned 13.

Dale Wares' family traveled to the Wares Ranch last weekend to celebrate his brother's 90th birthday, with nearly 80 family members in attendance.

Christopher Wilson-Burns graduated from OU.

Don and Venita MacGorman celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary last Friday.

Marci Corey was grateful to have Curt Bauer filling in for Julie on piano and Marty Marks accompanying the choir on bari saxophone for the anthem.

We pray with

Elijah Thomas as he travels to France.

Julie Daine asks prayers for her mother, Kathyne, as she undergoes surgery this week.

We remember Lex Danson, former assistant to the pastor and Care Team leader in the early 2000s, who died May 13 at his daughter's home in San Mateo, California. Lex was 89.



Jesus Wants Us to Succeed

May 24, 2026

"There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside you."

— Maya Angelou

"At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can.."

— Frida Kahlo

"We all have different gifts, so we all have different ways of saying to the world who we are.."

— Fred Rogers

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

Pentecost

Jesus Wants Us to Succeed | Pentecost Sunday

Welcome and Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Passing of the Peace and Announcements

◇ Call to Worship

Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.
Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, all peoples of the world
Sing praises to God most high.

**From the sanctuary of heaven,
God gives life and renews the face of the earth.**

Let the righteous be joyful!
Let them rejoice before God.
Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Feasting on the Word

◇ Hymn *Breath of God, Breath of Peace*
Black Hymnal #3145

Words in Music *Come Holy Spirit Like the Wind*
Words by M. Beall Music by J. Carter

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

Children's Time Jenn McDanel

Offertory Prayer

**Glorious God, everything that is given to us
rains forth out of the abundance of your love,
even Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Bless these gifts and our lives together
that all we are and all we offer give glory to you;
in the name of Christ, who is the way, truth and life. 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 UMH #895

**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.**

◇ Hymn *Living Spirit, Holy Fire* Green Hymnal #3109

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21
8:30 Service Stephanie Parks
10:50 Service Don MacGorman

Sermon Jesus Wants Us to Succeed
Rev. Jinx Barber

Reflection

Hymn *Spirit of God* Black Hymnal #2117
Remain seated

◇ Benediction

◇ **Sending Forth** *Sent Out in Jesus' Name*
Black Hymnal #2184

Postlude

Liturgists
8:30 Service Becky LeClair
10:50 Service Jackie Farley

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◇ Stand in Body or Spirit

Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger.