

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.

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.

Free Flower Pots

Rod Murrow is cutting back on his flower gardening and has "tons" of flower pots to get rid of. He is making them available to SSUMC members, in exchange for a donation to our Queer Library project. Best options for contact: Facebook messenger, email rodmurrow@gmail.com, or text to 580.732.0463. No calls please. Pick up only at 3610 Ladybank Lane in Norman. Pots have been emptied of soil, but not washed.

Youth Mission Trip

The Youth Summer Mission Trip stock sale begins this week in the Loggia. Stop by the youth table to learn more, ask questions, and purchase stock in the trip to Fayetteville, Arkansas. Stockholders will receive email updates, photos, and stories throughout the week. After the trip, all stockholders are invited to a special Stockholder Dinner hosted by the students, featuring a slideshow and reflections from the youth and adults who participated. Thank you for helping support our youth mission team.

Altar arrangement is by Leslie Cornwell.

Joys and Concerns

We celebrate with

Becky LeClair's grandson, Cole, graduated from high school. He and his family are traveling to Mexico this week to celebrate.

Clark and Crystal Cruz will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary on May 28.

Marty and Melissa Marks' son, Paul, graduated and moved to Adrian, Michigan, for a sound reinforcement job.

Marci Corey is grateful for the many faithful volunteer musicians who have worked hard preparing for the Annual Conference Service of Remembrance on May 28, with a special shoutout to Julie Sondag.

Rick and Julie Sondag's daughter, Audrey, graduated summa cum laude from Webster University with a major in voice and a minor in dance.

We pray with

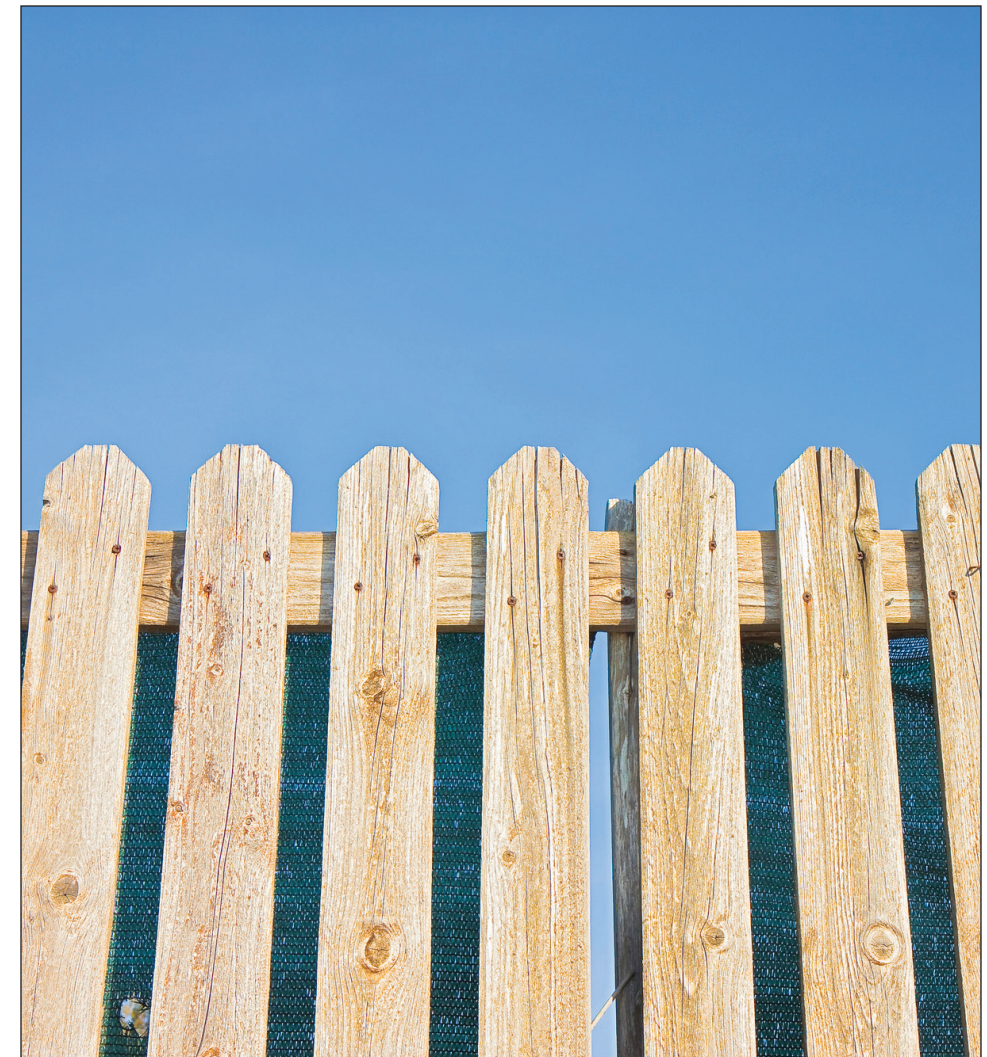
Wil Garcia, whose friend George has been diagnosed with cancer.

Wil Garcia's neighbor's son, Riker, who is in the hospital.

Bryan McDanel, who may need surgery.

Holly VanAuken lifts up the families of the four young adults killed on I-40 by a drunk driver, along with prayers for all those struggling with addiction.

Mary Lee lifts up the family of Cheryl Hollingsworth, who recently lost her son to cancer.



It is good.

May 31, 2026

"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

"The world is big enough for all of us if we make it so."

— Lucy Maud Montgomery

"We are, I think, trying to understand the world as one connected thing."

— Mary Oliver

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

Trinity Sunday

It is good. | Peace With Justice Sunday

Welcome and Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Passing of the Peace and Announcements

◇ Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with all of you.

Amen.

Feasting on the Word

◇ **Hymn** *Creation Sings* Black Hymnal #3018

Words in Music *Special Music*

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

Children's Time Don MacGorman

Offertory Prayer

**For all that you have given us,
we thank you, gracious God.
For day and night, evening and morning,
for land and sea, for fish and birds,
plants and animals, for humankind,
and for your Son, who came among us
with the gift of life abundant.
Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst
and work through our gifts,
that all people may have joy and peace,
in Jesus' name. 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** *I Am Your Mother* Black Hymnal #2059

Scripture Reading Genesis 1:1-2:4a
8:30 Service Jackie Shipp
10:50 Service Rebecca Huskey

Sermon It is good. Rev. Jinx Barber

Reflection

Hymn *Eternal God Transcending Time*
Remain seated Green Hymnal #3030

◇ Benediction

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

Postlude

Liturgists
8:30 Service Dan Snell
10:50 Service Crystal Cruz

◇ Stand in Body or Spirit

Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger.

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