

Announcements

Upcoming Dates

This Week - Friendship Camp

Interfaith Friendship Camp will be held 5:30 to 8 p.m., June 15-18. Registration is still open and we are still looking for sponsors to help offset costs. Decorating for Interfaith Friendship Camp will be at 4 p.m. today; please join us! *Please note:* As part of Interfaith Friendship Camp, an armed security guard will be onsite during camp times. This is provided by the Jewish Federation of OKC.

Find more upcoming events in the Loggia.

Ongoing

QueerLit Collective

We have reached our goal! We owe a big thank-you to each person who donated, and to the creative souls who came up with innovative ideas to help raise funds to get this library started. Now begins the work of making use of the library!

Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed

We're in need of some tech-minded volunteers to help run our new state-of-the-art camera and sound equipment. You don't need to have any experience, just a willingness to learn. Reach out to Jinx or email office@ststephensnorman.org to learn more or to sign up.

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.

Youth Mission Trip

The Youth Summer Mission Trip stock sale continues 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.

Joys and Concerns

We pray with

Roger Frech who is dealing with some health issues.

Cheryl Frech's sister who is also dealing with health issues.

Sally Melon is dealing with health issues and waiting for diagnostic tests.

Rita Petit took a fall last week.

Dale Wares shares his wife, Kim, is dealing with a health issue.

Don MacGorman is driving to Dallas on Thursday to meet a new neuro-ophthalmologist. He will review the MRI and plan a path forward with treatment.

Mari Corey's new pup, Reo, starts a painful & rigorous treatment for heartworm this Tuesday. Prayers would be appreciated.



Why We Dream Big

June 14, 2026

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."

— Eleanor Roosevelt

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

— C.S. Lewis

"The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man."

— George Bernard Shaw

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

Sunday Morning

Why We Dream Big | Third Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Passing of the Peace and Announcements

◇ Call to Worship

Worship the Lord with gladness!

We come into God's presence with singing.

For the Lord our God is good..

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Feasting on the Word

◇ **Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH #89

Words in Music *Fear Not* by Karen Marroli
Evelyn Combs, Viola

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

Children's Time Erin Moore

Offertory Prayer

Good and holy God,
for your steadfast love and faithfulness
we give you thanks and bless your name.
Let our whole lives become songs
of gratitude, joy, and praise
so that all the earth may know
that we are your people
and you are our God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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** *Faith Is Patience in the Night*
Black Hymnal #2211

Scripture Reading Genesis 18:1-15
8:30 Service Tim Duncan
10:50 Service Dale Wares

Sermon Why We Dream Big Rev. Jinx Barber

Reflection

Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
Remain seated Black Hymnal #2153

◇ Benediction

◇ **Sending Forth** *This Is the Day* UMH #657

Postlude

Liturgists
8:30 Service Melissa Duncan
10:50 Service Helen Flowers

Altar arrangement is by Caroline Hand.

◇ Stand in Body or Spirit

Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger.

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