

Announcements

Upcoming Dates

July 3

The office will be closed July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

July 7

Lunch Bunch will meet at noon.

July 12-18

Youth Mission Trip

Ongoing

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.

Joys and Concerns

We celebrate with

Peggy Risenhoover who is feeling much better.

Faith Henry is enjoying her new job and moving to a better home.

We pray with

Joy Hampton as her kitten, Oreo, has ringworm.



A Cold Cup of Water

June 28, 2026

“How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world.”

— William Shakespeare

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.”

— Aesop

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed.”

— Maya Angelou

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

A Cold Cup of Water | Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Passing of the Peace and Announcements

◇ Call to Worship

I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord,
and proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

Your steadfast love endures forever.

Your faithfulness is as high as the heavens.

Happy are those who sing your praise

and extol your righteousness all the day.

Feasting on the Word

◇ Hymn *Jesu, Jesu* UMH #432

Words in Music *We Resist* by Mark A. Miller

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

Children's Time Erin Moore

Offertory Prayer

**Faithful God, we give you thanks
that you have entrusted us with
the gift of hospitality and generosity,
and that you have set us free
to be generous givers
of the gifts you so freely give to us.
May our offerings this day
draw us closer to you
as we share them with others
for righteousness' sake. 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 *Together We Serve* Black Hymnal #2175

Scripture Reading Matthew 10:40-42
8:30 Service Ron Mullan
10:50 Service Holly Van Auken

Sermon A Cold Cup of Water Grace Valentine

Reflection

Hymn *When The Poor Ones* Black Hymnal #2126
Remain seated

◇ Benediction

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

Postlude

Liturgists
8:30 Service Kevin Hochman
10:50 Service Jackie Farley

Altar arrangement is by Holly Van Auken.

◇ Stand in Body or Spirit

Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger.

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