

# Announcements

## Upcoming Dates

### July 12-18

Youth Mission Trip

### July 13

WIAA, 6 p.m.

### July 14

Fiction Club, 7 p.m.

### July 15

Adult Ed, 12:30 p.m.

### Aug. 30, Sept. 6 & 13

Reconciling Committee Silent Auction

## Ongoing

### Call for Silent Auction Items

The Reconciling Committee is now accepting donations for our Silent Auction benefiting Sisu Youth Services! If you're an artist or maker, we'd love to include one of your creations. We also welcome themed baskets, lessons or experiences, and other new or gift-quality items. If you know a local artist, maker or business that might like to contribute, we'd love your help making that connection! Reach out to Jena Barber or Carol Mason or email [somethingmoveme@gmail.com](mailto:somethingmoveme@gmail.com) to learn more, or drop off your gift at the office and make sure it's marked Silent Auction. We appreciate you!

### OU Wesley Meal

Sunday School classes (and individuals!) have been requested to provide a burgers & hot dogs meal for Tuesday, Aug. 25. If you'd like to contribute, please reach out to Sharon in the office or talk to your Sunday School class.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:bsmith103@cox.net).

## Joys and Concerns

### We celebrate with

Rhonda Stock was given an award by Women of Note for her tireless work with Women In Action for All.

Joy Hampton's children are traveling to Japan.

Lena Frost has a 3 week old grandbaby named Hattie!

Our youth, who are about to do great things in service to others!

### We pray with

Melissa Duncan's mother who is experiencing health issues.

Robby Greenlee has had a small stroke. He will be in starting rehab soon and will be there for while.

Thomas Collins, 9-month-old son of Heath and Casey Collins, was hospitalized with viral meningitis. As of Tuesday evening he is recovering at home.

Brian Wickers' dad has passed. Brian and Angela are headed to Florida for the service on Friday.

All of those affected by the July 4 storm and power outage, and the accompanying heat.

Our youth, who are traveling on their mission trip.



## Living In the Spirit

July 12, 2026

"Instructions for living a life: Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it."  
— Mary Oliver

"The privilege of a lifetime is to become who you truly are."  
— Carl Jung

"The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet."  
— Frederick Buechner

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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

Living In the Spirit | Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

### Welcome and Sharing of Joys & Concerns

### Passing of the Peace and Announcements

#### ◇ Call to Worship

Your word is a lamp to our feet  
and a light to our path.

**Your word is our heritage forever,  
the joy of our hearts.**

*Feasting on the Word*

◇ **Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451

**Words in Music** *How Can I Keep From Singing?*  
Katie, Annie, & Lily Campbell Arr. by Adam & Matt Pod

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

**Children's Time** Venita MacGorman

### Offertory Prayer

**Giver of life,  
we do not want the cares of the world and the lure of wealth  
to choke your word among us.  
As the sower casts seeds abundantly, hopefully,  
so we long to participate in your seeding of the world.  
Receive these gifts as tokens of our lives.  
Send your cultivating Spirit to work among us  
until we yield and grow in grace,  
for we pray in the name of Jesus,  
who came out of love for the world. Amen.**

*Feasting on the Word*

### Offering Ourselves, Our Tithes, Gifts and Prayers

#### Offertory

10:50 Service Neal Risenhoover, Guitar

◇ **Doxology** Red Hymnal #94

**Prayer for One Voice & The Lord's Prayer** UMH #895

**Dear one,  
Exalted one.**

**Our example,  
Our friend.**

◇ Stand in Body or Spirit

**Daily bread,  
Open hands.**

**Forgiven people,  
Grace shared.**

**Hard lessons,  
Wisdom earned.**

**Your world,  
Our inheritance,  
Our responsibility.**

**Amen.**

◇ **Hymn** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness* vs. 1, 3 & 4  
Black Hymnal #2120

**Scripture Reading** Romans 8:1-11  
8:30 Service Becky LeClair  
10:50 Service Susan Arn

**Sermon** Living In the Spirit Erin Moore

### Reflection

**Hymn** *Spirit of the Living God*  
*Remain seated* UMH #393

### ◇ Benediction

◇ **Sending Forth** *Shalom to You* UMH #666  
**Postlude**

### Liturgists

8:30 Service Stephanie Parks  
10:50 Service Crystal Cruz

Altar arrangement is by Leslie Cornwell.

Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger.

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