

Announcements

Upcoming Dates

July 7

Lunch Bunch will meet at noon.

July 10

WIAA Unhoused Committee, 10:30 a.m.

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 to learn more, or drop off your gift at the office and make sure it's marked Silent Auction. We appreciate you!

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.

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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/mtwabzn2>.

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

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!

We pray with

Melissa Duncan's mother who is experiencing health issues.



My Yoke Is Easy

July 5, 2026

"Rest and be thankful."

— William Wordsworth

"Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished."

— Lao Tzu

"Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you."

— Anne Lamott

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

My Yoke Is Easy | Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Passing of the Peace and Announcements

◇ Call to Worship

Come, all you who carry heavy burdens,
and Christ will give you rest.

**For he is gentle and humble in heart:
in him we find rest for our souls..**

Feasting on the Word

◇ Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* UMH #451

Words in Music *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*
Melissa Duncan, Vocals Tim Duncan, Banjolele

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

Children's Time Cheryl Frech

Offertory Prayer
Compassionate God,
we ask that you bless and multiply these gifts,
that they may be used to proclaim
the glory of your kingdom
and make known to all people
the power of your saving acts.
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 *Come Away With Me* Black Hymnal #2202

Scripture Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
8:30 Service Jackie Shipp
10:50 Service Rebecca Huskey

Sermon My Yoke Is Easy Grace Valentine

Reflection

Ritual of Holy Communion
8:30 Service Black Hymnal #2257
10:50 Service Jeannie Himes
Dan Peil

Hymn *Place at the Table* Green Hymnal #3149
Remain seated

◇ Benediction

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

Liturgists
8:30 Service Becky LeClair
10:50 Service Cheryl Frech

Altar arrangement is by Kay Antinoro.

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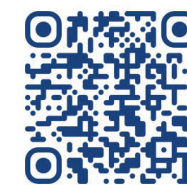
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