

Announcements

Upcoming Dates

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! 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.

OU Wesley Meal - Tuesday, Aug. 25

Please sign up in the loggia to contribute food items or volunteer.

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. Reach out to Jinx or email office@ststephensnorman.org to learn more or to sign up.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

Please contact Jenn at children@ststephensnorman.org.

New Carpet

Help us protect our new Sanctuary carpet. Only water in closed containers is allowed in the Sanctuary. All other beverages, please leave in the loggia during the services.

NCRS Refugee Needs

New Needs: please see Brent Smith for more info at bsmith103@cox.net.

- Donated or reliable used car (young Afghan couple, recent OU Geology grads need a car)
- Volunteers needed to stuff backpack school supplies (St. Michaels, Tue, Aug 4 at 2:00pm, probably take an hour)
- Drivers (refugee families have recent driving permits and need practice driving, they have a car and car insurance, just need practice driving)
- Need 4-bedroom house to rent in Sep/Oct (under \$1,700/mo, must accept Section 8 housing; Overlook Apts. being sold, Afghan family lease ends Sept 30)

Joys and Concerns

We celebrate with

The family of Lex Danson as they were here celebrating his wonderful life.

Diane and Jeff Peters as their 2 month old granddaughter has begun to become vocal.

Jackie and Susan's friend, Patty and her kids were here visiting and swimming at their home.

Crystal Cruz's mom is recovering from her thumb surgery.

Janene Evard was in worship Sunday after her brief hospitalization last week.

Grayson Vidrine has been accepted to two of the colleges he is interested in Missouri.

Peggy and Neil Risenhoover are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Leonard Thomas and Sharon Ringrose celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary.

Leonard Thomas celebrated his 65th birthday!

Rob and Michelle Carr celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

The Daily Oklahoman ran an awesome piece on our Interfaith Camp.

Marci Corey is thankful for the 7-piece bell choir that performed at both services Sunday.

Rick and Julie Sondag shared that Evie and her fiancé moved into a 1 bedroom apartment in NYC. Evie is also traveling to Scotland!

Dan Snell shared that he heard St. Stephen's radio spot on KGOU on his way into church Sunday!

April Greenlee, and her mother, Loretta Adams, were in worship Sunday. April reports Robby is at home recovering and is doing well.

Becky LeClair celebrates St. Stephen's being her home and family.

Nancy VonBargen shared that her daughter-in-law received her doctorate in Biomedical Engineering.

Valerie Underwood shared that she really enjoyed her trip to Flagstaff to visit her cousin.

Wil Garcia enjoyed his trip to visit family in Puerto Rico.

Tim Duncan's art was sold in the gallery in Vero Beach, California.

Tim and Melissa Duncan got to see their grandkids last weekend and experience the "Touch a Truck" event in Tulsa!

We pray with

Cathy Suttle as her mom had a heart procedure last week and has now had a stroke.

Rob Carr's uncle, Owen Weber, has had a stroke and we pray for him and his family.

Michelle Duncan's bff, Donna, has a 6 year old grandson, Everhett, was accidentally hit in the eye with a bat. He needed 4 stitches.

Kathryn Adkins friend, Kim, was recently diagnosed with cancer on her spine. Prayers for healing and peace.

Barbara Holtzclaw as she fell last week but is recovering at home.



Wrestling Jacob

August 2, 2026

"Out of difficulties grow miracles."

— Jean de La Bruyère

"Scars are not signs of weakness, they are signs of survival and endurance."

— Rodney A. Winters

"The world breaks everyone, and afterward many are strong at the broken places."

— Ernest Hemingway

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

Wrestling Jacob | Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome and Sharing of Blessings

Passing of the Peace and Announcements

♦ Call to Worship

God meets us in our greatest need
and satisfies us with divine presence and provision.

In gratitude, let us worship the Lord our God.

Feasting on the Word

♦ Hymn

Surely the Presence of the Lord

Red Hymnal #328

Words in Music

Special Music

Marks Family

Sing to Our Kids

Where Children Belong

Black Hymnal #2233

Children's Time

Cheryl Frech

Offertory Prayer

**We thank you, our God, that you have empowered us to
participate in the miraculous multiplying ministry of your
Son.**

**Receive now these gifts you have provided us out of your
abundance that your miracle ministry may multiply to satisfy
the hungry of this world today; 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

**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

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Red Hymnal #496

Scripture Reading

8:30 Service

Genesis 32:22-31

Ron Mullan

10:50 Service

Crystal Cruz

Sermon

Wrestling Jacob

Rev. Jinx Barber

Reflection

Service of Holy Communion

Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

Remain seated

Black Hymnal #2268

♦ Benediction

♦ Sending Forth

As We Go

Green Hymnal #3183

Postlude

Liturgists

8:30 Service

Becky LeClair

10:50 Service

Cheryl Frech

Altar arrangement is by Kathryn Adkins.

We are pleased to have Melissa Marks as our pianist today.

♦ Stand in Body or Spirit

Nursery is available for children 4 years and younger.

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