

## Joys and Concerns

9.14.25

We celebrate with...

Barb Drummond as Laundry Love served in Moore this weekend and provided 38 families with the gift of clean clothes. Valerie Adair is celebrating surviving a heart attack 3 years ago where she coded for 3 minutes. Mary Lee lifts up Valerie and Mark Adair for their deep involvement with the youth program here at St. Stephen's decades ago. Brent Smith thanks everyone who attended the Prayer Vigil for immigrants. There were 48 people in attendance. Judy Collins had a dear friend, Anita, visit during first service on Sunday. Julie Sondag is joyous that Audrey has accepted a job as a choral section leader at the United Methodist Church in Kirkland, Missouri. It is a very progressive church and Audrey loves it already. Don McGorman is happy to be able to stand on both feet again after surgery to repair his broken ankle. Maci Corey lifts up her sister-in-law, Amy Corey as well as her sister Amy, who celebrated their birthdays last week! Dale Wares got to see the annual migration of the white pelicans while kayaking at Lake Thunderbird. Dale Wares also reported that he had a fabulous time at Porchfest here in Norman this weekend. Janene Evard celebrated her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday last week and Susan Arn and Jackie Farley took her to a lovely birthday lunch! Jenn McDanel reports that Rachel has found a reconciling church in Denver and loves it. Jen thanks St. Stephens for their constant and loving support of Rachel. Cassidy Culp-Quinnnett reported that he had a wonderful time at the Weird Al Concert last week. Phillip Bohan-Bothwell reports on his son's 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday and Leslie's birthday both last week! Sam Stoll was happy to have several OU students from the Wesley Foundation come and join in worship with us during 2<sup>nd</sup> service. Chris Suit is going to Connecticut later this week to celebrate Sally's birthday! Mary Moon is so happy to be celebrating her 1-year anniversary here at St. Stephens!

We pray for...

# The (Weekly) Shield

The Weekly Newsletter

**Sunday - September 21, 2025**

### Disciple Bible Study

Those who have signed up for Disciple Bible Study will have their first discussion group meeting in room 12 at 4-6 pm Sunday, September 21.

Would you like to schedule time to meet with the pastor? Call Sharon in the church office at 405-321-4988.

### Sound Immersion

Come and relax to the soothing sounds of a variety of vibrational instruments. Enjoy the silent auction, book sale, and refreshments while supporting upcoming **Norman Cultural Connection** programs.

Saturday, September 27, 1:00—3:00 pm

Community Hall

Bring what you need to be comfortable relaxing on the floor or sitting in a chair

Fee: \$25

Space limited—Registration Required

<https://tinyurl.com/4uvm3unv>

# DISCIPLE

BECOMING  
DISCIPLES  
THROUGH  
BIBLE  
STUDY

Study Manual  
Second Edition



**Norman Coalition for Refugee Support**

### Needs of the NCRS:

**Housing Coordinator** (housing search, maintenance, etc.)

**Family Liaisons**

**Car donation**

Contact Brent for more info at  
[bsmith103@cox.net](mailto:bsmith103@cox.net)

## SHINE KIDS IMPORTANT DATES

- 09/21 Sunday Night Live 4-6 pm
- 10/05 Sunday Night Live 4-6 pm
- 10/19 Children's Sabbath

For Children's Sabbath we will be collecting cans of soup for the month of "Souper October." Please bring your donations to Room 10. Cans will be used for our food pantry.



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Nancy VonBargen at the passing of her 97-year-old mother. Julie Sondag as Rick is still suffering terrible sciatica pain related to his recent knee replacement. Holly VanAuken's friend Vince, who has recurring cancer, and is having surgery this Wednesday. Ron House is still experiencing pain from his knee replacement. Joan Hines' son-in-law and grandson are going skydiving. Annie Campbell is having her first nursing exams this week and is a bit nervous. Barbara Holtzclaw's son-in-law, Bryan, has passed away after being in hospice for 2 weeks. Barbara's daughter, Pam, has also moved into her own apartment at Sooner Station. Jim Osborne reports that Jane fell and has a fracture on her spine. With that fall they are having to cancel their cruise.

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Church services Sunday Morning 8:30 am & 10:50 am

## Propagation Celebration

Join us on September 21, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm in the Community Hall for a (free) plant exchange. Bring clippings from your indoor plants in water or soil, divided bulbs or potted plants, a plant that you are struggling with that another gardener might be able to rescue....even surplus harvest of vegetables or herbs! Tables will be set up on the East end of the Community Hall and participants can begin setting out their plants at 8:15. If possible, label your plants so that everyone will know what they are looking at. If you have any questions, contact Katie Campbell at 405-249-3859.

## Be a Hunger Fighter!

### Join us for the Oct. 19 CROP Hunger Walk

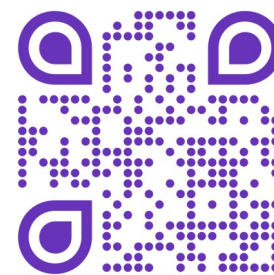
You can help fight hunger locally and globally by participating in the 42nd annual Cleveland County CROP Walk to Stop Hunger at 2 pm Sunday, Oct. 19, at a new location—the Adult Wellness and Education Center, 602 N. Findlay Ave.

You can register to raise funds or donate online at our St. Stephen's team page at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/st-stephens-norman>. You can also register or donate using sponsor envelopes at the CROP Walk table in the loggia each Sunday preceding the event.

## GREAT EXPECTATIONS!

Did you enjoy last year's pledge kickoff potluck dinner? Then you won't want to miss this year's! Mark your calendar for **Sunday, September 28th at 5:30 pm** for delicious food, musical entertainment, and Great Expectations for 2026.

## Scan to Donate to St Stephen's UMC



## Walk With Us

2025 Cleveland County CROP Walk

**Sunday, October 19**

**Norman Adult Wellness  
and Education Center**

**Go To [Clevelandcountycropwalk.org](http://Clevelandcountycropwalk.org) for  
details or to register your team**