



GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S  
✦ EPISCOPAL CHURCH ✦

### Grace Notes ~ May 20, 2026

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### **Little Pantry**

Summer is upon us and many of us are preparing for excursions away from home – some of us farther than others. All look forward to a time of relaxation with family and friends. That's what summer is all about – for most of us. This may not be true for our unhoused neighbors. For those of our neighbors who depend upon our Little Pantry for personal care items and for easily prepared food items, summer is no different than winter – except the nights are warmer. Our Little Pantry provides for these needs for a portion of the Colorado Springs unhoused population.



Would you like to help provide these basic necessities? It's easy! Simply drop a check in the collection plate clearly marked "Little Pantry", scan the QR giving code in the pew and give directly thru our website (select "Little Pantry" from the dropdown menu) or bring items to church with you on Sunday. Your Outreach committee will see that these items get put in the pantries. Items may be left in the baskets by any of the Sanctuary doors or may be put in the "Donation Station" (the gray set of drawers on the south wall of the Parish Hall). Shopping lists may be picked up at the Donation Station. If you would like, items may be put directly into one of the Pantries in front of McWilliams House.

Thank you in advance for helping to meet the needs of our unhoused sisters and brothers.

### **Graceful Sowers Seedling Sale & Vegetable Garden**

🌱 Graceful Sowers Seedling Sale Returns May 24 🌱

Looking to add some fresh vegetables (or flowers) to your garden this spring while supporting a great cause? Join us for the Graceful Sowers Seedling Sale on Sunday, May 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Parish Hall.

This year's sale will benefit Wild Ones Front Range Chapter, a local initiative dedicated to sharing seeds, encouraging native planting, and promoting sustainable growing practices throughout our community.

The Graceful Sowers vegetable gardens also continue their mission of growing fresh produce for donation to Food to Power, helping provide nutritious food to neighbors in need.

Interested in getting involved in the gardens this year? Volunteers are always welcome! For more information about helping with the Graceful Sowers gardens, please contact [Anna Johnson](#).

Come shop for seedlings, support local sustainability efforts, and help grow something good in our community! 🌱



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## Adult Formation

We have some thought provoking Adult Formation offerings coming up in the next few weeks!

### Wednesday Nights, 6-7pm

- May 20: Exploring the Sunday Liturgy with Fr. Robert

### Sunday Mornings, 9:15-10:15am

- May 31: Community of Hope Presentation
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## Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!



## Abundant Life Garden Project



### Vacation Bible School



**JUNE 22-26**

**9AM-12PM**

**K-5TH**

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Children will explore what it means to have and to share the gift of abundant life through interactive scripture-based activities. We'll explore the importance of water, seeds, soil, animals, and harvest as it relates to creation care and our Christian faith.



**Free to Register (Donations Welcome):**  
<https://www.gssepiscopal.org/give>



[Click here](#) to register.

### Volunteer for Jazz in the Garden 2026

**Are you a people person? Do you enjoy good jazz music? Have we got a gig for you!**



Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is gearing up for another wonderful Jazz in the Garden season, and we could use a few helping hands to make it a success! Volunteers are needed for setup, greeting guests, serving drinks, and cleanup. Whether you can help for part of the event or the whole evening, your time and energy are greatly appreciated.

Jazz in the Garden is a joyful community gathering filled with music, fellowship, and summer atmosphere and it all comes together thanks to volunteers like you. If you'd like to lend a hand, please [sign up here](#).

Questions? Contact [Chuck Theobald](#) for more info.

Come help us make the garden swing!

## Get Psyched & Sign Up for Pridefest 2026

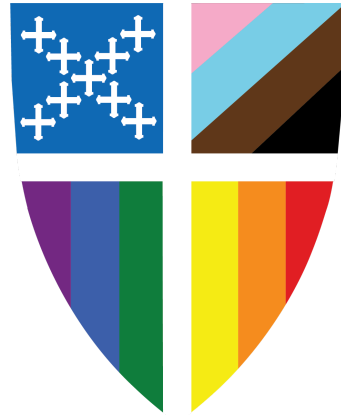
If you've been looking for a way to express empathy to our neighbors, this is a great opportunity!

- Sat., June 13 & Sun., June 14 10am-7pm
- Alamo Square Park around the Pioneer's Museum (park at the church & ride the ZEB, free bus to the site!)

Around 40,000 attendees are expected at Pikes Peak Pride 2026. With your help, Grace and St. Stephen's will be there once again to show our community and the world that all of God's children are welcome, especially when they are being told they are not.

**Sign up** now for Saturday or Sunday -- or both -- and join us, enjoy the festivities and help us make a real difference in our community!

For more information, please contact [Thom Andreas](#).



## Pomona College Glee Club Concert



**Tomorrow night, May 21st - 8pm**

The celebrated Pomona College Glee Club, led by Donna M. Di Grazia, presents a rich tapestry of unaccompanied choral music on May 21, 8pm at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. The program illuminates the work of Ethel Smyth, Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, and Clara Schumann alongside several prominent women composers of today—Caroline Shaw, Lucy Walker, and Reena Esmail—in addition to music by Arvo Pärt, John Tavener, and others. The concert is free and open to the public (no tickets required). For more information, visit [pomona.edu/glee-tour](http://pomona.edu/glee-tour).

## Helen J. Smith Scholarship Grant

**Scholarship Deadline is coming up fast!**

Helen J. Smith Scholarship Grants are available to students who are members in good standing at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and who are enrolled or intend to enroll in a college, university, vocational school, or trade school. All funds will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning you plan to attend. Recipients will be notified by the middle of July; amounts may not be known until later. Priority will be given to students attending a school of divinity.



All application materials must be received by the Helen Smith Scholarship Grant Committee, Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, via email of

[SmithScholarship@GSSEpiscopal.org](mailto:SmithScholarship@GSSEpiscopal.org) or hand-delivered to 601 North Tejon St., Colorado Springs, CO 80903 by **June 1, 2026**.

Please visit the [Grace & St. Stephen's website](#) for full application and details. Please note, students who have been recipients of this scholarship in the past that will be enrolled in an eligible program this coming fall are encouraged to apply again!

Questions may be directed to the Helen J. Smith Trust Scholarship Grant Committee at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. You may call David Brockway, Committee Chairman, at (719) 963-0790 or email [SmithScholarship@GSSEpiscopal.org](mailto:SmithScholarship@GSSEpiscopal.org).

## Prayer List

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.  
ROMANS 12:12



*Those in crisis of health or circumstance:* Stuart Eyman, Leigh MacHaffie, Sinnikka Pember-Coulter, KJ Ramsey, Anne Trinajstich

*Those in need of ongoing prayer:* The Rev. Canon Jon Anderson, Ted Arnn, Laura Bayless, Judy Couchman, Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Staci Fox, Barb Good, John Hough, Annika Johnson, Maggi Johnson, Sheilah Johnson, Dorothy Kipp, Al Larson, Devon Mack, John McVicker, Debra Millsap, Br. William Marion Page, Elizabeth Phillips, Ed Quinn, Edie Reichert, Kitty Taylor, Carol

Townsley, Jill Wasinger, Pam White, Susan Willet, Henry Velandia, Alice, Jennifer, Nancy, Nick H., Oliver & Family, Piper, Wes

*Those in harm's way:* Mark Jaskot, Frederich Jones, Bill Mack, Rachel Pearson, Adam Tahyar, Nicholas Wolf

## This Week's Happenings

### Wednesday 5/20

- **Holy Eucharist**, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- **Communal Supper**, 5:30pm, Parish Hall
- **Exploring the Sunday Liturgy w/Fr. Robert**, 6pm, Parish Hall
- **Men's Book Club**, 6pm, Weir Conference Rm

### Thursday 5/21

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Centering Prayer**, 11am, Blaik Library
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 4pm, Blaik Library
- **Pomona College Glee Club**, 8pm, Nave

### Friday 5/22

- **Chanted Noonday Prayer**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

### Sunday 5/24

- **Rite I Holy Eucharist**, 8am, Nave
- **Nursery Available**, 9am -12pm
- **Singing Rooster Haiti Coffee Sales**, 9am, Parish Hall
- **Sunday School**, 10:15am, Lower Level
- **Rite II Choral Eucharist**, 10:30am, Nave (Incense present for Pentecost)
- **Kid's Pentecost Celebration**, 12pm, Memorial Garden

### Monday 5/25



- **Noonday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- **Office Closed for Memorial Day**

**Tuesday 5/26**

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Jazz in the Garden Steering Meeting**, 5:30pm, McWilliams House

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