



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

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### **Videography on May 31**



**At the 10:30 liturgy on Sunday, May 31**, you may notice a videography crew we have contracted with to help us update our branding and website. They will be as unobtrusive as possible. If you would prefer to not possibly be "on camera," they will not be filming at the 8:00 liturgy that day. For the best results for our purposes, please avoid looking at the camera and act as if they aren't there.

### **Youth End of Year Picnic ~ May 31st**

All youth in rising 6th through 12th grade are invited to celebrate the end of the program year with an afternoon of food, fun, and fellowship at **America the Beautiful Park on Saturday, May 31, from 4-6 pm!**

We'll gather together to enjoy games, conversation, and time outdoors as we wrap up a wonderful year of youth formation and look ahead to summer adventures and the year to come. Families are warmly encouraged to join in the fun as well, the more the merrier!



Bring your picnic spirit, a lawn chair or blanket, and get ready for a relaxed evening of community and celebration. We hope you'll come help us close out the year together!

### **Learn More About Community of Hope**

**Sunday, May 31st at 9:15am  
Rm 211**

The Community of Hope International center at GSSE has these main aspects: spiritual formation, based on the Rule of Benedict and Pastoral Care. We are lay ministers who have gone through a period of training for discernment of a call to this ministry.



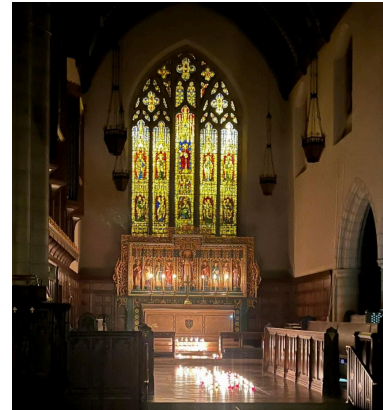
We meet monthly for Circle of Care. Please join us this Sunday to learn more about COHI and plans for future training: we will provide information at the adult formation hour ~ 9:15 am in room 211. Bringing your holy curiosity, we hope to see you.

Foundational to our spiritual growth are the 12 steps of humility. Step 1 is "Recognize that God is God" (and I/we are not!). Humility is the basis for right relationships in life; a community helps us be accountable to each other, to reflect the truth about ourselves and what God is asking us to pay attention to now. We are equipped and grow in skills to be a listening presence to authentically serve another. Please consider joining us.

## Choral Compline

**Sunday, May 31 at 8pm**

For our final Compline of the season, we offer some rarely-heard polyphony of Renaissance Mexico from composers Juan Gutiérrez de Padilla, Francisco López Capillas, and Hernando Franco. Sacred music manuscripts began arriving from Spain in the late 1500s which over time begat the unique musical legacy of New Spain at cathedrals in Puebla and Mexico City. You may hear the beginnings of syncopated dance rhythms first inspired by the regional Native Americans who were skilled drummers and masters of sacred movement. To complement this sound world we are welcoming classical guitarist Isaiah Grip who will offer evocative and reflective Spanish prelude and postlude music in the candlelit nave.



## Save the Date - Ordination of Rev. Michael Fenn



**Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30 pm**

We are very excited to have the Rev. Michael Fenn starting as our Assistant Rector on Monday, June 22. He will be coming to us as a Deacon and will be ordained as a Priest by Bishop Kym Lucas at Grace and St. Stephen's on Wednesday, July 15 at 5:30pm with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

The Episcopal Church (along with Orthodox churches and Roman Catholicism) follows the ancient pattern of the three-fold order for ordinations of deacon, priest, bishop. It is a treasured tradition that reminds the Church (and clergy) that all ordained ministry is rooted and grounded in service and proclaiming the Gospel.

## Jazz in the Garden ~ Look'ee Here

**Friday, May 29th at 7pm  
Memorial Garden**

The newest band from Mango fan Django founder Archtop Eddy, LOOK'EE HERE explores the roots of jazz and blues, featuring a stroll from Piedmont blues to Gypsy jazz to New Orleans swing. With Eddy as your guide we'll connect the dots in an adventure for your ears.



Concerts are free and begin at 7:00 pm in the Memorial Garden (corner of Tejon and Monument streets). Picnics are welcome and lawn chairs or blankets encouraged. Beverages are available.

Special guest appearance: The Josh and John's Scoop Bus!



Concerts move inside in case of rain.

The first hour of each concert is broadcast on Jazz 93.5.

Up next: Tony Exum, Junior on June 12.

As in every season, we are dependent on our sponsors and your donations to pay our wonderful musicians. If you like what we do, please click [here](#) and drop a few dollars in our virtual pitcher. All donations directed to Jazz in the Garden go directly to support the program and the music you enjoy.

## Fence Painting



**Saturday, June 6 at 9am**

We are looking for 6 to 8 volunteers to help paint the wrought iron fence around the garden/fountain area. Our motto is "many hands make for light work." Please email or text [Frank Ohlin](#), 719-659-1450, your willingness to help. We will be starting, if we have enough volunteers, at 9:00 am, Saturday, June 6th.

**Vacation Bible School Registration is Open!**



## Abundant Life Garden Project



### Vacation Bible School



**JUNE 22-26**

**9AM-12PM**

**K-5TH**

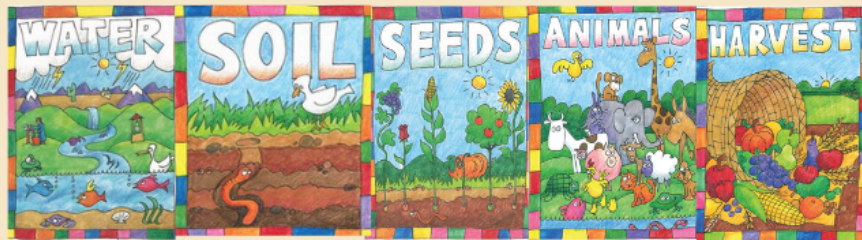
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Children will explore what it means to have and to share the gift of abundant life through interactive scripture-based activities. We'll explore the importance of water, seeds, soil, animals, and harvest as it relates to creation care and our Christian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



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



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### Get Psyched & Sign Up for Pridefest 2026

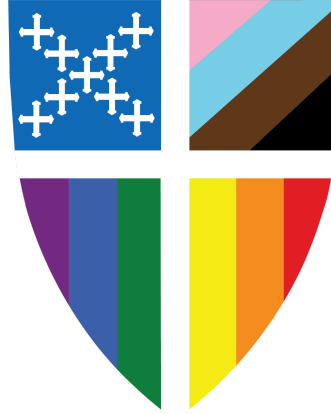
If you've been looking for a way to express empathy to our neighbors, this is a great opportunity!

- 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](#).



## Prayer List



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

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

*Those who have died and those who grieve:* Elizabeth Plano friend of Jazzmin Hurst

*Those in need of ongoing prayer:* Ted Arnn, Laura Bayless, Judy Couchman, Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Staci Fox, Barb Good, John Hough, Annika 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, Alice, Jennifer, Nancy, Nick H., Oliver & Family, Piper, Wes

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

## This Week's Happenings

### Wednesday 5/27

- **Holy Eucharist**, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- **Men's Book Club**, 6pm, Weir Conference Rm

### Thursday 5/28

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Centering Prayer**, 11am, Blaik Library

### Friday 5/29

- **Chanted Noonday Prayer**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- **Jazz in the Garden: Look'ee Here**, 7pm, Memorial Garden

### Sunday 5/31

- **Rite I Holy Eucharist**, 8am, Nave
- **Nursery Available**, 9am -12pm
- **Community of Hope Formation Hour**, 9:15am, Rm 211
- **Rite II Choral Eucharist**, 10:30am, Nave (Incense present for Trinity Sunday)
- **Farewell Reception for Denise Gustafson & John Herman**, 12pm, Parish Hall
- **Youth Group Family Picnic**, 4pm, America the Beautiful Park
- **Downtown Social Group Dinner**, 4pm, contact the office to get connected



- **Compline**, 8pm, Nave

**Monday 6/1**

- **Noonday Prayer with the Anglican Rosary**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

**Tuesday 6/2**

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook

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