



GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S
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Guest Clergy, June 14th ~ The Rev. Dr. Deonna Neal

The Rev. Deonna D. Neal, Ph.D., is a scholar-practitioner whose work lies at the intersection of ethics, theology, and leadership. She serves as Deputy Head of Human Capital Management and Director of Faculty Operations at the United States Air Force Academy, where she is also an Associate Professor of Philosophy (Affiliate). Prior to her assuming her position at the Air Force Academy, Deonna was the interim rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Montgomery, AL.



Deonna is a graduate of the Air Force Academy and holds advanced degrees from the General Theological Seminary (M.Div), the University of Oxford (M.Phil), and the University of Notre Dame (PhD). She is also nearing completion of a masters degree in clinical mental health counseling as well.

Her research and teaching explore moral decision-making, professional ethics, moral injury and trauma, and the moral dimensions of war and peace. She has published in *The Living Church*, *The Washington Post*, the *Encyclopedia of Cyberwarfare* and in other academic venues on ethics and military leadership.

Deonna is also an FAA certified glider flight instructor (CFI-G) and instrument rated private pilot in single-engine airplanes, and trains for triathlons in her free time.

Parish Administrator Opening



If you know of someone who might be a good fit for the [Parish Administrator position](#), please share the job posting with them and encourage them to apply by submitting their resume to our [HR Committee](#).

Pridefest 2026 ~ This Weekend!

Pride Fest is this weekend! We would love to see you there. **We need help** at our booth and would love to have you join us for the parade on Sunday!

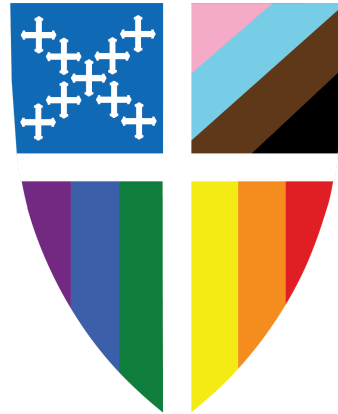
- Sat., June 13 & Sun., June 14 10am-7pm

Our booth: will be facing Nevada on the north-east section of Alamo Square Park (near the petting zoo and mechanical bull.) Park at the church & ride the ZEB (free bus to the site) or use the city parking garage that is less than a half block away (\$1 an hour on Saturday and free on Sunday.) Even if you can only come for an hour, we would love to see you there!

For the Parade: We'll line up right by the church on E. Monument St. Please be there by 9:30am as they will have us start walking at 9:45am.

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](#).



Community of Hope



Why use the Rule of Benedict? I don't live in a monastery, my culture and context are very different from 16 centuries ago! In Community of Hope International (COHI), we learn to appreciate the value of the rule through other sources and commentaries. The Psalms and other Scripture are frequently quoted. Probably about a third of Benedict's rule is about humility. The second rung of the ladder is "we love not our own will". Recognizing God is God and I am not,

we become willing to consent to "God's will be done", or like John the Baptist, "He [God in me] must increase and I must decrease."

This, of course, is a lifelong process for all followers of Christ. Yet in a community, we are challenged to become more aware about our interactions with others, our motivations in caring for others, who we authentically are, to persevere in our faith journeys, etc. We become equipped to love and serve others in a variety of ways, being present in a non judgemental way that is not directive, allowing space for the Holy Spirit to work, heal, provide, and encourage.

If this sounds interesting and you want to learn more, Community of Hope has a training scheduled for August: this is a period for discernment about a call to this ministry.

To learn more about this upcoming training, please contact [Cindy Page](#).

Play Date in the Park

Families with young children are invited to a play date on **Friday, June 12th at Nancy Lewis Park.**

Contact Helen Hazelton: (719) 229-5791 for more information.

Meet us at 2pm at [Nancy Lewis Park](#).



Vacation Bible School is Almost Here!

**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.

Westside Social Group

The next Westside Social Group Gathering will be **Friday, June 19th at 6:00 pm** at the home of Bobbie and Vic Bradford. The co-host is Linda Thompson. Please contact [Marsha Fogarty](#) to RSVP.



Salsa Dancing @ GSS with Lambarado



Discover the joy of Salsa dancing — no experience or partner needed. Join professional instructor Ry'El (church member Henry Velandia) in this beginner-friendly class where you'll learn basic steps, timing, turns, and partner work in a welcoming, low-pressure environment. Our goal is simple: to share the beautiful art of partner dancing with our community.

When: **Tuesdays, 5:20–6:20 PM, starting June 9th**

Where: Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Parish Hall

Cost: \$12 – \$25 sliding scale (pay what you can)

Payment: Venmo or Zelle; credit card accepted through the Lambarado's website

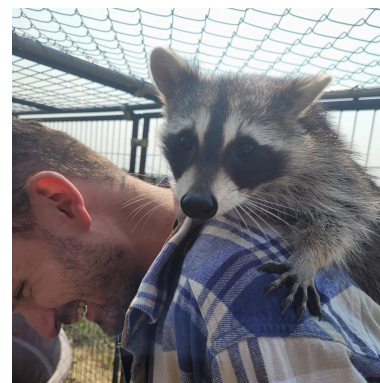
Doors open at 5pm – Practice time is available before and after each class so you can warm up. Come and dance !

Save the Date - Ordination of the 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.



Prayer List

Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Grace Ash, Sally Beattie, Joseph Field, Maggi Johnson, Alex Lindberg, Leigh MacHaffie, KJ Ramsey, Frank Shelton, Anne Trinajstich

Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; persevere in prayer.

ROMANS 12:12



Those who have died and those who grieve: Jane Green, former parishioner and beloved in Christ

Those in need of ongoing prayer: Ted Arnn, Laura Bayless, Judy Couchman, Conni Eggers, Stuart Eyman, 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, Sinnikka Pember-Coulter, 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 6/10

- **Holy Eucharist**, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Thursday 6/11

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

Friday 6/12

- **Chanted Noonday Prayer**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- **Play Date in the Park**, 2pm, Nancy Lewis Park
- **Jazz in the Garden: Tony Exum, Jr.**, 7pm, Memorial Garden



Saturday 6/13

- **Pikes Peak Pride**, 10am-7pm, Alamo Square Park

Sunday 6/14

- **Rite I Holy Eucharist**, 8am, Nave
- **Nursery Available**, 9am -12pm
- **Rite II Choral Eucharist**, 10:30am, Nave
- **Pikes Peak Pride**, 10am-6pm, Alamo Square Park

Monday 6/15

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

Tuesday 6/16

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Salsa Dancing with Lambarado**, 5:20pm, Parish Hall

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