



GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S
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Grace Notes ~ April 22, 2026

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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

- April 22: Military Chaplaincy and Just War with Rev. Katie
- April 29, May 6, 13 & 20: Exploring the Sunday Liturgy with Fr. Robert

Sunday Mornings, 9:15-10:15am

- April 26: How the Church can support Individuals & Families with Special Needs with Nicole Hensel
- May 3: Anglican Identity: History with Fr. Robert
- May 10: Anglican Identity: The Prayer Book Tradition with Fr. Robert
- May 17: Anglican Identity: Theological Foundations with Fr. Robert

Military Chaplaincy & Just War



Military Chaplaincy and Just War with Rev. Katie Wednesday, April 22, 6pm, Parish Hall

Explore the unique role of military chaplains as they provide spiritual care in complex and often challenging environments. This class will also introduce the principles of Just War theory, offering space for thoughtful reflection on faith, ethics, and the realities of conflict.

Supporting Individuals & Families with Special Needs

How the Church Can Support Individuals & Families with Special Needs Sunday, April 26, 9:15am, Rm 211

This offering explores practical, compassionate ways churches can create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for individuals with special needs and their



families. Together, we'll discuss simple accommodations, meaningful ministry opportunities, and ways to foster a culture of belonging, dignity, and support within the life of the church.

This class will be presented by Nicole Hensel, vestry member.

Graduating Seniors & Stepping Up to Youth

If you have a graduating senior (high school, trade school, or college) in your household, please send that information to **Father Robert** by April 23 so that they can be celebrated on Youth Sunday (May 3). Even if they are not able to be present that day, we want to celebrate their accomplishments.

If you have a 5th grader in your household who would like to be recognized on Youth Sunday (May 3) as part of our "Stepping Up to Youth Group" celebration please contact **Sr. Marcella** by April 23. Even if they are not able to be present that day, we will want to celebrate this milestone.



Volunteers for Vacation Bible School



If you have a heart for children and are looking for an opportunity to serve please consider becoming a VBS Volunteer! Vacation Bible School is June 22-26, 9-12pm. Adults and teens are welcome. For more information contact **Sr. Marcella**.

Ushers Needed!



Do you love to welcome people and make them feel at home? As an usher, you'll greet guests, hand out bulletins, help people find seats, and assist with the offering.

To learn more or sign up:

Contact **Melody Pugh** to volunteer as an ushers at worship services (Sundays and special services)

Contact [Bobbie Bradford](#) to volunteer as a Concert Usher (Taylor Concerts, Compline, Evensong)

Realm Update Information Stations



Over the next three Sundays (April 26 & May 3), staff and volunteers will be set up in the Parish Hall to check in with folks to make sure we have the most up-to-date contact information for parishioners. Please stop to visit with us! If you can't come to the information stations on Sunday, please feel free to give us a call at the office: (719) 328-1125 to chat and confirm your contact details.

We'll see you on Sunday!

National Faith + Climate Forum



Join us at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for the 2026 National Faith + Climate Forum—registration is now open!

We're honored to serve as a host site on Saturday, April 25, in partnership with All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church. As the only host site in Colorado Springs, we

welcome participants of all faiths to this inspiring day of learning and connection.

This year's keynote speaker is Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson, author of *What If We Get It Right?* and a leading voice in climate action, justice, and community engagement.

With the theme "The Future We Choose: Faith in Action for a Thriving Tomorrow," the forum invites us to explore how faith communities can lead with courage, compassion, and hope. Through workshops, conversations, and storytelling, we'll learn, connect, and spark meaningful action for a more sustainable and equitable world—whether you're new to this work or deeply engaged.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday, April 25, 2026
- Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Location: Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 601 N. Tejon Street, Colorado Springs
- Light lunch, snacks, and beverages provided

Registration is free and easy:

Visit <https://nationalfaithandclimateforum.org>, choose "Attend in person at a designated host location," and select Grace and St. Stephen's in Colorado Springs.

We hope you'll join us for this meaningful and transformative day!

Life Line Screening






**You're invited to a
Life Line Screening event!**

Where: Grace and St. Stephens Episcopal Church
601 N Tejon St. Colorado Springs, CO 80903
When: Thursday April 23, 2026

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Prayer List



Those in crisis of health or circumstance: Al Larson, Scott Larson

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, 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 4/22

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

- **St. Nicholas Choir**, 5pm, Children's Music Rm
- **Communal Supper**, 5:30pm, Parish Hall
- **Military Chaplaincy and Just War w/Rev. Katie**, 6pm, Parish Hall
- **Men's Book Club**, 6pm, Weir Conference Rm



Thursday 4/23

- **Lifeline Screening Event**, 8am, Parish Hall
- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Centering Prayer**, 11am, Blaik Library

Friday 4/24

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

Saturday 4/25

- **National Faith + Climate Forum**, 10am, Rm 211

Sunday 4/26

- **Rite I Holy Eucharist**, 8am, Nave
- **Nursery Available**, 9am -12pm
- **Singing Rooster (Haiti Coffee) Sales**, 9am, Parish Hall
- **How the Church Can Support Individuals & Families with Special Needs w/Nicole Hensel**, 9:15am, Rm 211
- **Sunday School**, 10:15am, Lower Level
- **Rite II Choral Eucharist**, 10:30am, Nave
- **Compline**, 8pm, Nave

Monday 4/27

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

Tuesday 4/28

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Women's Book Club**, 10am, Blaik Library
- **Jazz in the Garden Steering Comm**, 5:30pm, McWilliams House

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