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Adult Formation

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

Wednesday Nights, 6-7pm

- April 15: Easter Iconography with Fr. Robert
- 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 12 & 19: Environmental Spirituality with Sr. Marcella
- 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

Environmental Spirituality



**Environmental Spirituality with Sr. Marcella
Sundays, April 12 & 19, 9:15am, Memorial Garden**

“Christianity, as well as many other faiths, is steeped in understanding the Divine in an through nature. The Scriptures are filled with examples in which God makes God’s self known through the natural world. Through the ages, people of many faiths have come to understand that nature offers its own wisdom, if we

take the time to notice and explore it.”

In this two part series we will explore ideas and practices aimed to nurture our relationship with God through God’s creation.

*****Please meet in the Memorial Garden at 9:15am for this class.*****

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)

Family Promise Reception & Silent Auction

Family Promise will host a spring fundraiser on Thursday evening, April 23, from 5-7:30 pm at the Peele House at First Lutheran Church, 1515 N. Cascade.

All are welcome to attend, to learn about new and ongoing programs of Family Promise, to enjoy the hospitality of the beautiful Peele House and the company of other faith communities committed to ending family homelessness, and to contribute financially with a gift or by being the high bidder on a special item in the silent auction.



If you have an object, a talent, or a service you would like to contribute to the silent auction please contact [Lisa Noll](#) by April 16. She would be happy to brainstorm ideas with you!

GSSE has long supported Family Promise – let's turn out in force for this important occasion which is critical in this time of diminished resources for non-profits.

Realm Update Information Stations



Over the next three Sundays (April 19, 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!

Community of Hope International (COHI)



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Wisdom for today from the 1500-year-old Rule of St. Benedict COHI's long-standing mission is, "Creating communities steeped in Benedictine spirituality, to serve others through compassionate listening."

Members study the Rule of St. Benedict daily, reading through it three times a year. For those of us seeking God in community, the Rule provides foundational wisdom that helps us navigate the way. The first word in the Rule is "Listen", and if we all did more of that (and less talking), many problems would be eased! The whole first paragraph in the Rule reads as from "a loving parent" inviting us back to our true calling;

"Listen carefully, my child, to the instructions of your master, and incline the ear of your heart. Cheerfully receive and faithfully put into practice the advice of a loving parent, that by the toil of obedience you may return to God, from whom you have drifted by the sloth of disobedience. To you, therefore, my message is now directed, who, giving up your own will, take up the strong and most excellent arms of obedience to do battle for Christ the Lord, the true King."

Over the coming weeks, in anticipation of the next COHI Training Class starting August 15th , members will share some of their own learnings and insights from the Rule, and from their COHI pastoral care experience and formation. If you would like to learn a little more about St. Benedict himself, click [here](#) .

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: Barb Good, Maggi Johnson

Those in need of ongoing prayer: The Rev. Canon Jon Anderson, Ted Arnn, Laura Bayless, Judy Couchman, Conni Eggers, Eunice Ferguson, Staci Fox, Nick H., John Hough, Annika 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, 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 4/15

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

- **St. Nicholas Choir**, 5pm, Children's Music Rm
- **Communal Supper**, 5: 30pm, Parish Hall
- **Easter Iconography w/Fr. Robert**, 6pm, Parish Hall
- **Men's Book Club**, 6pm, Weir Conference Rm



Thursday 4/16

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Centering Prayer**, 11am, Weir Conference Rm
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 4pm, Blaik Library

Friday 4/17

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

Saturday 4/18

- **Men's Bible Study**, 8am, Weir Conference Rm

Sunday 4/19

- **Rite I Holy Eucharist**, 8am, Nave
- **Nursery Available**, 9am -12pm
- **Environmental Spirituality w/Sr. Marcella**, 9:15am, Rm 211
- **Noisy Sunday - Family Promise**, during both services
- **Sunday School**, 10:15am, Lower Level
- **Rite II Choral Eucharist**, 10:30am, Nave
- **Youth Group**, 12pm, Youth Rm 2nd Floor
- **Taylor Concert: David Pickering**, Organ, 3pm, Nave

Monday 4/20

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

Tuesday 4/21

- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Women's Book Club**, 10am, Blaik Library
- **Vestry Meeting**, 6pm, Weir Conference Rm

Have Something to Share?



Grace Notes, our weekly parish newsletter, is one of the ways we stay connected, share stories, and celebrate the life of Grace & St. Stephen's—and we'd love your help shaping it.

If you have something on your heart or a story you'd like to share, we'd be delighted to hear from you. Submissions of all kinds are welcome, whether polished or still taking shape. Please send your contributions to our [newsletter email](#) by 5pm on Tuesday for inclusion in the newsletter the following day. Thank you for being part of what makes this parish so vibrant and alive!

Ways to Give

Grace and St. Stephen's offers several easy ways to contribute.

- The ushers pass the plate at each service for your convenience.
- You can also donate on the website [here](#).
- **Text GSS to 73256**, followed by your gift amount, e.g. GSS 25 (e.g. to give \$25). You will receive a return link from the system. Follow the instructions from there.

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