



GRACE *and* ST. STEPHEN'S
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Baptisms ~ July 12th

"Holy Baptism is the sacrament by which God adopts us and makes us members of Christ's body, the Church, and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven" -- The Book of Common Prayer, pg 858

Upcoming date for Baptism:
Sunday, July 12, 10:30am

The next date for baptisms will be November 1, 2026. If you are interested in being baptized or having a child baptized, please fill out the [Holy Baptism form](#) or contact [the office](#), (719) 328-1125, if you would like additional information.



Welcome Reception for the Rev. Michael Fenn



opportunity to meet Rev. Michael, extend our greetings, and celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of our parish.

To help make the reception festive and welcoming, we are seeking donations of refreshments and treats. If you are able to contribute, please sign up using [this link](#).

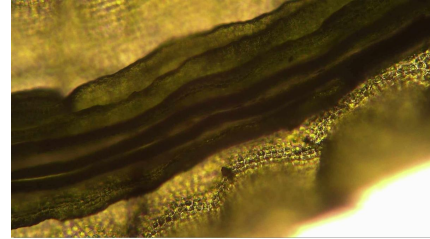
We hope you will join us as we give Rev. Michael a warm Grace and St. Stephen's welcome!

Getting to Know the Rev. Michael Fenn

 Meet the Rev. Michael Fenn!

We're excited to welcome Deacon Michael as our new Assistant Rector at Grace and St. Stephen's! Over the next few weeks, we'll be sharing a series of articles to help you

get to know him a little better—from his journey to ministry and his favorite hobbies to fun facts, meaningful memories, and what he's most looking forward to in this new chapter with our parish family. Welcome, Deacon Michael—we're glad you're here! ✨



Life Before Seminary: Plant Biology!

An interesting part of my life is that before I answered the call to ordained ministry, I studied biology at Clark University. Specifically, I studied plant biology and ecology, and even studied aquaculture in Scotland for a semester. However, my true love in biology is mosses, and I did a whole capstone project about it during my senior year! The attached photo is one I took myself through a microscope of the midrib of a leaf of moss.

Playdate in the Park



Families with young children are invited to a playdate on **Friday, June 26th at Nancy Lewis Park.**

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

Meet us at 3pm at the playground at [Nancy Lewis Park.](#)

Jazz in the Garden: Hennessy 6

Hennessy 6 - Friday, June 26th 7pm in the Memorial Garden

Trumpeter Sean Hennessy is a protégé of jazz legend Wynton Marsalis. He has performed at Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center and across the country, exhibiting beautiful heartfelt melodies, light jesting humor and spirited and touching jazz. His most recent recording features the Colorado Springs Youth Symphony. Sean and his band always delight as they present jazz with a modern look.



Concerts are free and begin at 7:00 pm in the garden at Grace and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church at the corner of Tejon and Monument streets in downtown Colorado Springs. Picnics are welcome and lawn chairs or blankets encouraged. Beverages are available. Concerts move inside in case of rain.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is returning for 2026-2027!

Why would you join Education for Ministry (EfM)?

What a few friends have shared:

“EfM was a deep dive into scripture and history, in a fun and supportive learning community, which enriched my spiritual journey. I gained self-knowledge and a healthy respect for the dignity of others. It is one of the most formative programs I’ve ever done. Life-changing, really.” --Cindy Page from Grace and St. Stephens.



"I love being in contact with people who want to know more. This group is a constant within an inconstant world." --E from Ohio

"The conversations are deep and my other social contacts don't support these types of conversations." --M from Ohio

"You see the same people weekly over many years, across time, and miles. Efm fosters deep relationships." --J from North Carolina

"I feel that Efm is a gift I give myself. In a small group, I am free to learn about my faith and how I might put it into action. I began this

course with only a 5th or 6th grade knowledge of Christianity but Efm has offered me an opportunity to study and investigate the beauty of our relationship with God." --Martha from Grace and St. Stephens.

We are forming our group now for the 26-27 year. If you are curious about this program, please contact [Martha Basenberg](#).

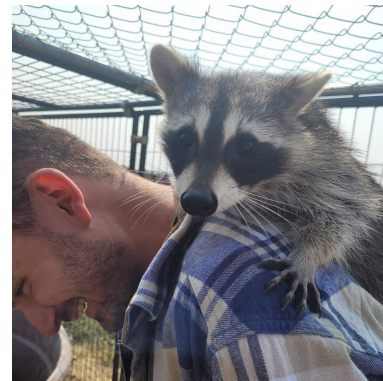
We're happy to visit with you and answer your questions. You can also learn more by visiting the Efm [website](#).

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

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



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

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

This Week's Happenings

Wednesday 6/24

- **Vacation Bible School**, 9am, Children's Education Wing (Lower Level)
- **Holy Eucharist**, 5pm, St. Stephen's Chapel

Thursday 6/25

- **Vacation Bible School**, 9am, Children's Education Wing (Lower Level)
- **Morning Prayer**, 9am, on Facebook
- **Centering Prayer**, 11am, Blaik Library

Friday 6/26

- **Vacation Bible School**, 9am, Children's Education Wing (Lower Level)
- **Chanted Noonday Prayer**, 12pm, St. Stephen's Chapel
- **Playdate in the Park**, 3pm, Nancy Lewis Park
- **Jazz in the Garden: Hennessy 6**, 7pm, Memorial Garden

Sunday 6/28

- **Singing Rooster Haiti Coffee Sales**, 9am-12pm, Parish Hall
- **Rite I Holy Eucharist**, 8am, Nave
- **Nursery Available**, 9am -12pm
- **Rite II Choral Eucharist**, 10:30am, Nave
- **Welcome Reception for The Rev. Michael Fenn**, 12pm, Parish Hall

Monday 6/29

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

Tuesday 6/30

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



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