

June 13, 2025

Trinity Sunday, June 15

This Sunday is **Trinity Sunday**, unique among our feast days because rather than commemorating a specific event (like Pentecost), it celebrates the mysterious and unifying doctrine of the Trinity! It is a day to marvel at all the ways we encounter the divine and how God's nature and presence exceed our imaginations.

As is our practice when we begin a new church season, this Sunday we will adopt a new Eucharistic liturgy. It comes from the **Iona Community** in Scotland, part of the Celtic Christian tradition; we will be using it for the first part of this season after Pentecost. The flow of the liturgy follows our traditional pattern, but we'll encounter new imagery for God and earthbound language for our relationship with the divine. We'll also be learning a new psalm chant setting and will pray the contemporary language Lord's Prayer. Come experience what the Holy Spirit is up to at St. Stephen's!



Sunday Hymns Preview

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#368 Holy Father, great Creator

#531 O Spirit of the living God

#550 Jesus calls us

#362 Holy, Holy, Holy

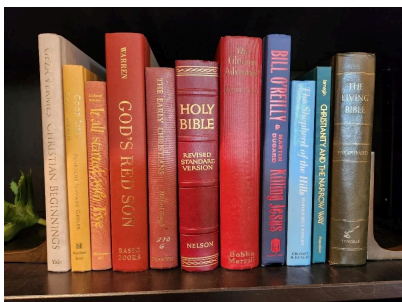


Preschool Construction Begins This Monday

On June 16, construction begins on the classrooms, Parish Hall, and Chapel to allow St. Stephen's to open a licensed full-day preschool in 2026. We will be installing a sprinkler system, improving airflow and handling, and completely renovating the classrooms. The first step is abatement work in the classrooms and Parish Hall, which will be complete by June 20. **This Sunday, we will have coffee hour in the narthex** and the Parish Hall will be back online for our BBQ on June 22.

Summer Kick-Off Celebration, June 22, 11:30-12:30

Let's celebrate the end of the school year, give thanks for the choir's leadership, and welcome summer after church on **Sunday, June 22 on the front lawn** with a festive and casual meal together. Plans are underway for grilled salmon and burgers. Please contribute to the potluck: **Last names ending in A-G, dessert or fruit, H-O, side dish or salad and P-Z, a beverage.** It will be a feast!



Book Giveaway, June 8 - June 30 Parish Hall Library

St. Stephen's is curating and consolidating the books in the Parish Hall library to make room for new publications and free up the lower shelves for children's books. This will create a welcoming space for the parish community as well as families of the new preschool.

Come choose from the books that are laid out on the window sill and tables in the library area. There are a wide variety of topics: different Bible translations, theology, spirituality, grief, youth ministry and much more. All are free! Books remaining on June 30 will be donated. See Rev. Jennifer for information.

Women's Retreat: October 9-11, 2025 The Sacred Waters Center, Hood Canal

The annual Women's Retreat is scheduled for October 9-11, 2024 at The Sacred Waters Center for Restoration and Retreat, a new synthesis of the existing diocesan ministries of St. Andrew's House, Harmony Hill, MultiCultural Ministries and Creation Care. The retreat begins Thursday at 5 pm and concluding Saturday at noon. Rev. Jennifer will be our leader.



All are invited to gather after church on July 13 to share ideas and desires for the retreat. You can also share your thoughts with **Rev. Jennifer** or **Kathy Graunke**. Learn more about The Sacred Waters Center **here**.

Coming Up at St. Stephen's

Sundays 10:00 am Holy Eucharist and Coffee Hour (Nave and Parish Hall)
Sundays 3:00 pm. Youth Group Food Program (Narthex)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

June 22 11:30 am Parish Summer Kick-Off BBQ Celebration (Parish Hall)
June 28 10:00 am Funeral for Skipper Skelly (Epiphany Parish)
July 13 11:30 am Women's Retreat Planning (Parish Hall)

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