

June 6, 2025

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## Feast of Pentecost, this Sunday, June 8!

This Sunday we celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the Christian church, when community is formed through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Pentecost is also known as Whitsunday because of the white garments often worn by those who are baptized. We will baptize **Brennan Patrick Durkin**, young son of Katrina and Brian Durkin and grandson of Linda and Mike Bruen. Come celebrate this joyful day with the Durkin and Bruen families -- and **wear red!**



### Message from John Terauds, Minister of Music

About 35 parishioners gathered last Sunday to discuss how St Stephen's is doing on its **mutual ministry goals around music**. The discussion was wide-ranging and lively, and I encourage everyone to keep giving me feedback and ideas as we get ready for our summer break. The last Sunday with choir will be June 22.

Some items that gathered energy during the hourlong forum: A need to **highlight and give thanks for our choir soloists**, who bring enthusiasm as well as youthful energy to each service: **soprano Sofia Groff, mezzo-soprano Ruby Whelan, alto Jackie Smith, and baritone Charlie Dawson**. I am so happy to have the opportunity to work with them every week.

- We will see how we may **re-introduce Evensong into our regular parish worship offerings** in the fall in a way that honors our Episcopal tradition and also reflects the needs of the community.
- I mentioned how much **I would love to see (and hear) the whole congregation being a choir**. I will certainly try to continue bringing forward music to encourage this. This topic inspired one attendee to ask that members of the congregation get some tips on how to be better singers. I will see how we might make that happen! Another member of St Stephen's suggested we send out links to audio or video that might help everyone learn new hymns ahead of time. This will begin happening within a week or two.
- We will see how we can integrate a **hymn sing or other musical event** into our fall offerings.

This is a great opportunity for me to say how much I am enjoying working with Rev. Jennifer, Dave Baylor, and the choir — Elizabeth Clark-Stern, Charlie, Deborah Donnell, Betty Feetham, Scott Gary, Kathy Graunke, Sofia, Debby Kearnes, ME Kintzi,



As *the Salmon Run* takes place in the not-too-distant future. The natural and human environments are in a state of flux. The engineer who built the 15th dam on the Columbia River in Eastern Washington opens her home, the so-called “After House,” to people displaced by the warming climate. She is sensitive to criticism that her dam hastened the extinction of species in the river, and wants to provide a stable dwelling for those unhoused in body and soul. Guests arrive whose mere presence challenges the climate refugees to build community, experience love, and embrace hope in a world reeling from ecological, social, and political change.



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### 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)

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