

February 6, 2026

Last Sunday's **Annual Meeting** was a happy occasion as we celebrated our deepening community, reflected on the highlights and learnings of 2025, and looked ahead to ministry in 2026.

**Many thanks to** our outgoing Vestry members **Andrew Bruce, Jane Lyons, and Maggie Williams**, who have served steadfastly in years of transition and new beginnings. We are grateful for **Chris Dorling's and Anne Adams'** continuing leadership as Senior and Junior Wardens, and welcome new Vestry members **Marla Malone, Deborah Donnell, and Michael Bruen**.

As mentioned, we will award the St. Stephen's Cross at the February 15 Eucharist. **St. Stephen's is blessed by the gifts and wisdom of so many faithful ministry leaders** -- pick up a copy of the **Annual Report** in the narthex to learn more.



## Sunday Hymns Preview

*Click on the title to listen*

#566, Father all loving

#660 O master let me walk with thee

#538 God of mercy, God of grace



## Sunday February 8: Donate Valentines for Elementary Students

Do you miss the sweet Valentines you and/or your children would exchange at school? Not all families have the means to purchase these cards. Next time you are at the supermarket, **please consider buying a box or two to bring to church on Sunday Feb 8**. Valentines collected will be distributed to local elementary schools with weekend food bags.

## Cookie Donations for Teen Feed and Roots Shelter

Girl Scout Troop 40196 has collected donated cookies for Teen Feed in the past. **If you would like to pre-order cookies for donation to Teen Feed and Roots Shelter, please:**

1. Visit this **Troop Digital Cookie Site**.
2. Select the cookies you would like to purchase.
3. Select "Have a Girl Scout Troop 40196 deliver the cookies".

4. Select Checkout.

5. Fill out Information as normal but please enter "SSEC Donation" in the c/o line.

Feel free to reach out to **Beth Cogan here** with any questions or to request cookies if you prefer not to use the cookie website. Thank you for supporting Girl Scouts and helping provide our guests with some sweet treats for their clients.



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### Ash Wednesday and Holy Week: February 18, March 29-April 5

**Ash Wednesday, February 18**  
6:30 pm in the Nave

Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

**Palm Sunday, March 29**  
10:00 am in the Nave

Holy Eucharist, Procession of Palms, and Sunday of the Passion

**Maundy Thursday, April 2**  
6:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Community Agape Dinner, Holy Eucharist, Foot washing

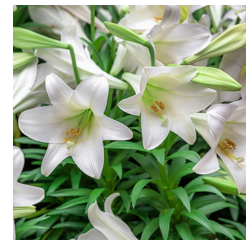
**Good Friday, April 3**  
7:00 pm in the Nave

The Passion, Solemn Collects, and Contemplation of the Cross



**Easter Sunday: April 5**  
10:00 am in the Nave

Festive Eucharist with special Choral Music



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### Sunday Forum: Social Justice with ROOTS Young Adult Shelter and Teen Feed

February 15, 11:30 am in the Parish Hall

Please join us Sunday February 15th for a discussion with **ROOTS Young Adult Shelter** and **Teen Feed**. Both these organizations operate in the University District, working to support teens and young adults experiencing homelessness. Roots Young Adult Shelter can house up to 45 young people each night, making it the largest shelter for youth ages 18-25 in WA State. St. Stephen's has a long relationship with Teen Feed, which works with the community to offer support to meet basic needs, build strong relationships, and ally with houseless youth as they meet their future off the streets. Roots Shelter offers guests access case management, housing navigation, wellness supports, employment help, and connection to community resources.

We look forward to hearing your thoughts and concerns at this forum. Please reach out to **Beth Cogan here** if you have any questions.

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### **Book Group Discussion: The House in the Ebony Tree by Elizabeth Clark-Stern**

February 16, 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall

On Monday, February 16 (President's Day) at 3:00 pm in the Parish Hall, **the St. Stephen's book group** will have a discussion of **The House in the Ebony Tree** by our very own **Elizabeth Clark-Stern**, who sings in the choir; she will be in attendance. This was published just last year. **Please come even if you haven't read the book for what is sure to be a lively and informative discussion.** Questions? Contact Monty McGovern at **montymcgovern@gmail.com** or (206) 526-5987.

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### **Are you interested in a Men's Retreat?**

Please take some time to fill out this **form**.

Contact **Rev. Peter Snow here** with any questions.

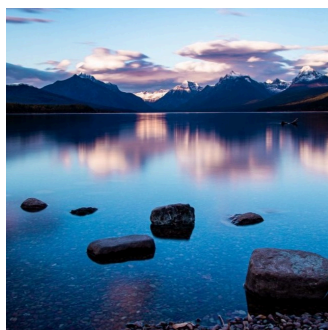


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### **Renewal of Ministry with the Welcoming of a New Rector**

Wednesday, February 25, 6:30 pm, in the Nave

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 25 -- **a very special evening of celebration and blessing!** Bishop Phil LaBelle will be present at St. Stephen's as we renew the mutual ministry of all the people in our community and institute Rev. Jennifer as the next rector of the parish. The bishop will also **bless our new preschool**, Laurelhurst Early Learning, and give **thanks for the leadership and generosity of Cloud 9.**



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### **Still Waters: Community, Contemplation, and Action**

Tuesdays: 10:00 am in the Parish Hall, 7:00 pm on Zoom

Join your community for a new weekly group led by Elizabeth Clark-Stern designed to **deepen our connection** to each other and to God, and **create a confidential space** for sharing our challenges, joys, and ideas about our calling. Inspired by the program innovated by Richard Rohr, this group will offer the weekly practices of Still Waters, including some gentle Thai Chi and a 10 minute Centering Prayer. **The group will meet each**

**Tuesday** at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall or 7:00 pm on Zoom. **Contact Elizabeth Clark Stern here** to receive the Zoom link.

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**Community Bulletin Board**

**Saturday, February 7, 4:00 pm in the Nave:** "Begin Again": A Graduate Choral Conducting Recital featuring Scott Fikse, conductor and the University of Washington Choir Cohort. Free admission.

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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)

Tuesdays 10:00 am Still Waters: Community, Contemplation, and Action (Parish Hall)

Wednesdays 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

February 15 11:30 am Forum on Young Adult and Teen Needs (Parish Hall)

February 16 3:00 pm Book Group Discussion: The House in the Ebony Tree by Elizabeth Clark-Stern (Parish Hall)

February 18 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)

February 25 6:30 pm Renewal of Ministry with Welcoming of a New Rector (Nave)

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