

February 27, 2026

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful **celebration of our mutual ministry** we had on Wednesday! It was a joyful evening, made possible by the generosity and hard work of so many. Your love of this parish was evident in the beautiful music, stunning flowers, gracious hospitality, delicious reception, and spruced up buildings and grounds. I felt loved and affirmed as your rector, too. Our guests received a real St. Stephen's welcome, powered by abiding relationships and the Holy Spirit!

It was also a joy to **honor Cloud 9** and give thanks for their 66 years of visionary enterprise and investment in the Church, our community, and the world. We unveiled a plaque at the entrance to the preschool and Bishop Phil blessed the space. Come by the church and take a look!

You can share in the evening's liturgy and prayers by reading the **bulletin here**.

your sister in Christ,

Renewal of Ministry with the
Welcoming of a New Rector



Feast of Emily Malbone Morgan
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
February 25, 2026, 6:30 pm

We seek to love and minister to our neighbors, each other, and our children.





With deep gratitude for the **Episcopal Churchwomen** and their **Cloud 9** consignment shop that provided 66 years of faithful service to the Church, the wider community, and the world.

What you began continues in a living legacy of care, hope, and possibility for children and families!

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This Sunday is the second Sunday of Lent, and after church we will continue our Lenten **Sunday Forum** series. We will gather at **11:30 in the Parish Hall** to discuss "taking stock" of our lives and preparing for their end. It may not be an entirely comfortable topic, but we will share our wisdom and experience with each other, knowing that this work will not only make the days we have ahead of us more rich but will be a gift to our loved ones who will journey with us at the end of life.

Sunday Hymns Preview

Click on the title to listen

#401 The God of Abraham praise

#505 O Spirit of life

#530 Spread, O spread Thy mighty Word

Lenten Sunday Forums:
11:30 am in the Parish Hall
New Dates!

Taking Stock and Preparing for End of Life

March 1

Forgiveness and Reconciliation

March 8

Lenten Practice: Planning Your Funeral

March 15



Lenten Contemplative Prayer

Wednesdays, 6:00 pm in the Chapel

From March 4 through March 25, we will hold a 30-minute contemplative prayer service in the Chapel. It will be a time of stillness, silence and communal prayer.

Holy Week: March 29-April 5

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

6:30 pm in the Nave

The Passion, Solemn Collects, and
Contemplation of the Cross



Easter Sunday: April 5

10:00 am in the Nave

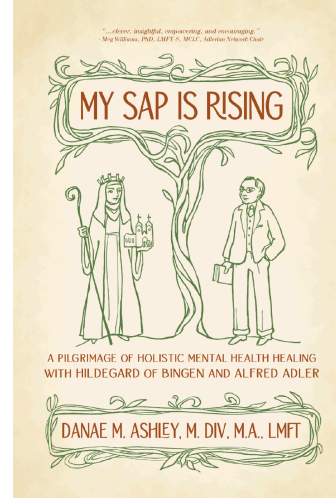
Festive Eucharist with special Choral Music

Book Launch: My Sap is Rising by the Rev. Danae Ashley and Hildegard of Bingen Compline Prayer Service

Friday, March 27 7:00 pm-9:45 pm in the Parish Hall and the Chapel

You are invited to celebrate the Rev. Danae Ashley's debut book, *My Sap is Rising!* **There will be a presentation by the author with selected readings from the book, a panel discussion with the author, Kester Limner (illustrator), and the Rev. Dr. Angela Yarber of Tehom Center Publishing, and a book signing.** We will close our celebration with a beautiful Compline Prayer Service featuring selections of Hildegard of Bingen's music and

writings. It is going to be a remarkable evening—full of *viriditas*!
Learn more at www.danaeashley.com.



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.

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 6:00 pm Lenten Contemplative Prayer through March 25 (Chapel)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Parish Hall)

March 1 11:30 am Forum: Taking Stock and Preparing for End of Life (Parish Hall)
March 8 11:30 am Forum: Forgiveness and Reconciliation (Parish Hall)
March 15 11:30 am Forum: Lenten Practice: Plan Your Funeral (Parish Hall)
March 27 7:00 pm My Sap is Rising Book Launch and Hildegard of Bingen Compline Prayer Service (Parish Hall & Chapel)
March 29 10:00 am Palm Sunday (Nave)
March 30 1:00 pm Celebration of the Life of Mary Fran Hopkins (Chapel)

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