August 14, 2026



Tomorrow, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, which honors the ancient Christian belief that, at the end of her earthly life, Mary was received into the fullness of life with God. Whatever we understand about the details of Mary's death, the feast points toward something larger: the promise that the God who took flesh through Mary does not abandon our flesh. **Mary's story reminds us that our bodies, our ordinary lives, and the whole created world are held within God's saving love.** As Mary sings in the Magnificat, God is at work lifting up the lowly, filling the hungry, and making all things new.

This Sunday: Summer Choir at 9 am in the Nave

This Sunday is the third gathering of the summer choir. All are welcome to join **rehearsal at 9:00 am** to learn an anthem to share during communion. No experience necessary -- just **come sing and see what all the fun is about!**

Sunday Hymns Preview

Click on the title to listen

#376, Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
#469 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
#544 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



Meet the Staff of Laurelhurst Early Learning!

August 16, 11:30 am-12:30pm in the Parish Hall

This Sunday, take some time after church on August 16 to meet the teachers and staff of Laurelhurst Early Learning! This will be a great opportunity for them to get to know St. Stephen's and for the community to learn more about the preschool.

Save the Date: Annual Women's Retreat

October 9-11, 2026 at Sacred Waters Center for Restoration and Retreat



Plans for the Women's Retreat are underway! More information and a link for registration to come next week, but you can look forward to a relaxing weekend of spiritual

exploration, time outdoors, and deepening friendship. Contact Kathy Graunke or Rev. Jennifer for details.



This Sunday: Help Make Lunches for Teen Feed

August 16, 11:30 am in the Parish Hall Kitchen

Volunteers will prepare 25 PB&J sandwiches for Teen Feed lunches every Sunday or Monday through August. Many thanks to Melissa, Joan, Carolyn, and Dennis for their help these past few weeks! Your support will benefit teens experiencing homelessness in the U District. Please contact **Beth Cogan** for supplies, and **Kathy Graunke** or **Dennis Roarke** for questions.

How to Volunteer at Laurelhurst Early Learning

LEL is looking for volunteers to help in the preschool! Volunteers must complete a number of trainings and tests in order to join teachers in the classroom. If you're interested in completing these requirements, take a look at the **volunteer checklist.** You can also use this **Volunteer Resource** document for steps on how to make a MERIT account, applying for a STARS ID, and suggestions on where to get your certifications and trainings. Contact **Claudia**, **Lisa Henderson**, or **Maddie Rivera** with any questions.

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Community Bulletin Board

Laurelhurst Early Learning is always looking for new toys, activities and supplies. If you would like to purchase items that the school needs, please check out their **Amazon Wishlist**. Used items are also welcome. Thank you for your continued support!

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 11:00 am Still Waters: Community, Contemplation, and Action (Parish Hall)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study (Duchess Tavern)
Wednesdays 6:30 pm Women's Bible Study (Vestry Room)

August 16 9:00 am Summer Choir Rehearsal (Nave)
August 16 11:30 am Meet the Staff of Laurelhurst Early Learning (Parish Hall)

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