Saint Stephen's EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 23, 2026

Stewardship Season Has Begun: Rooted in Love, Bearing Fruit



Dear Friends, **our parish has settled into a strong, stable season,** with a steady rhythm of worship, spiritual growth, deepening relationships, and service to northeast Seattle. This includes the opening of our new, fully licensed preschool, Laurelhurst Early Learning, in January, our faithful support of feeding ministries, and our continued care for premature babies and their families at Seattle Children's Hospital.

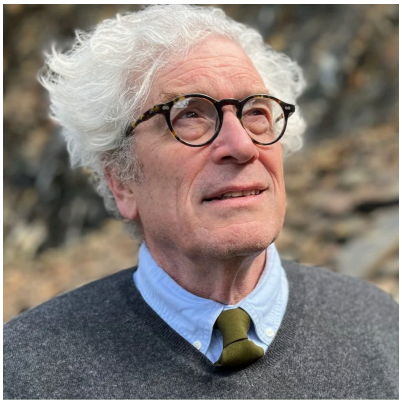
Like trees planted beside a river, we are rooted in God's love and nourished by the faith and generosity of our community. As we look toward 2027, **your stewardship will enable St. Stephen's to continue to grow**, bear fruit, and extend its ministries of love and service to those around us.

You can make your commitment through the online pledge form **here**, bring your pledge card to church on Sunday (find a copy **here**), email your pledge amount to our treasurer, John Plimpton (**johnplimpton@me.com**) or place your card in the mail. **Every pledge — of any amount — is essential to sustaining and expanding the ministry we share.**

Sunday Hymns Preview

Click on the title to listen

Take Time to be Holy
#644 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
King of glory, king of peace



This Sunday: *Letter from the Palestinian Prison* David Wild, Executive Producer

October 25, 11:30 am in the Parish Hall

After church this Sunday, we'll welcome Producer David Wild, where **he'll share his 12 minute film *Letter from the Palestinian Prison***, shot in the West Bank in 2025.

David says this about his film: "I travelled to the Holy Land last year and my goal was to meet Palestinian Christians and bring a message back to my friends in Western Washington. I was pretty much alone -- the only visitor at the Jordan River Baptismal Site and by myself in the Tomb at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. I interviewed four amazing people who changed my life. Their grace under this apartheid is incredible. The message I brought back surprised me."

After screening the film, we will have a discussion. Some friends of mine who are much more familiar with the current situation can help answer questions about education, the legal system, land use and housing and pilgrimage. This is meant to bring awareness to the plight of our Palestinian brothers and sisters. It's not political — it is based on our common baptismal covenant 'to respect the dignity of every human being.'"

David Wild is a filmmaker based in Seattle. Learn more about David **here.**

Inurnment and Celebration of Life of Inez Swanson

October 27, 2:00 pm in the Chapel & 4:00 pm at the Broadmoor Golf Club



Inez Swanson's inurnment and celebration of life will be on **Tuesday, October 27**. The inurnment will take place in the St. Stephen's Chapel at 2:00 pm and the celebration of life will take place from 4:00-6:00 pm at the Broadmoor Golf Club (2340 Broadmoor Dr E, Seattle, WA 98112). All are invited to both events.



All Saints Day with Baptism

November 1, 10:00 am in the Nave

On Sunday, November 1, **we'll celebrate all Saints Day with the baptism of Maddie Rivera.** Come share this joyous occasion!

Sunday Forum: Finances and Budget

November 8, 11:30 am in the Parish Hall

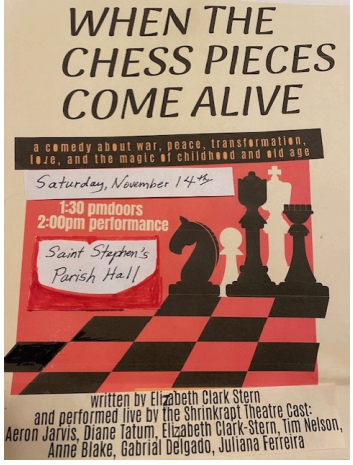


Join the community on Sunday, **November 8 for a conversation about the church budget** and how the church can invest in its ministries and service to the community in the coming year.

When Chess Pieces Come Alive by Elizabeth Clark-Stern

November 14, 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Our comedy, Elizabeth Clark-Stern's, **WHEN CHESS PIECES COME ALIVE** features a Black Pawn whose mispronunciations are corrected by a superior White Pawn, a Black Knight who quotes Shakespeare to his beloved White Castle, and a King who thinks he is the most powerful monarch in the world, even though he can only move one square at a time! When George the Mastiff exercises his appetite for small wooden things, the Chess Pieces are thrown into chaos. **Must they continue to die in every game? Can the rules be changed? Can they embrace love instead of war?**



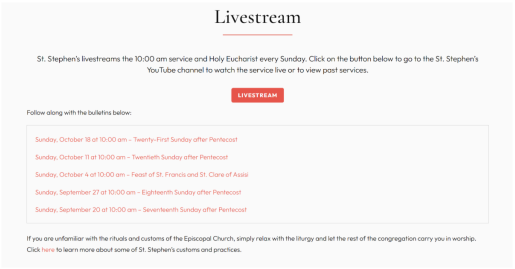
What: When the Chess Pieces Come Alive by Elizabeth Clark-Stern
When: Saturday, November 14th @ 2pm. Doors open at 1:30.
Where: St. Stephen's, Parish Hall.
Cost: Free! Suggested donation to St. Stephen's: $25.

Liturgical Minister Training

November 22, 11:30 am in the Nave



This training prepares volunteers to assist with worship services through theological reflection, role instructions, and practical practice. **Liturgical ministers include anyone who serves on the altar guild, acolytes, eucharistic ministers, lectors, and intercessors.**



New Webpage: Livestream

The St. Stephen's website now features **a webpage with a bulletin archive, a link to the YouTube livestream, and a guide to Episcopal liturgical customs customs.** You can navigate to the page "Livesteam" under the Spiritual Growth menu if you'd like to view past bulletins or services. The upcoming Sunday's bulletin will be uploaded ahead of time so you can follow along with the livestream if you know you won't be attending in person.

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!

There are 5x7 inch flyers for Laurelhurst Early Learning located on the Narthex table. It would be a great help if everybody grabbed a few to **distribute to local businesses and families.** The staff of LEL thanks you!

Laurelhurst Elementary has three school tours coming up in the next few months! These are a great way for incoming kindergarten families to get to know the school. If you know any families with elementary-age students, tell them to mark their calendars for:

Monday November 7, 6-7pm
Monday January 11, 6-7pm
Thursday January 14, 3-4pm

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 (Parish Hall)
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Thursdays 6:30 pm Choir Practice (Nave)

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