October 9, 2026

Greetings Friends!

Thank you to all who attended the **Blessing of the Animals** service last Sunday, October 4. We had a wonderful gathering of sweet pups and one fluffy cat who brought so much liveliness and joy to the occasion!








This Sunday, Rev. Jennifer will be at Sacred Waters leading the women's retreat. Please keep all the participants in your prayers. **We'll welcome Rev. Bill Adams and Amy Donohue as preacher as presider and Nichole Basile as guest organist.**

Sunday Hymns Preview

Click on the title to listen

#680, O God our help in ages past
#645 The king of love my shepherd is
#677 God moves in a mysterious way
#304, I come with joy
#400, All creatures of our God and king

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.

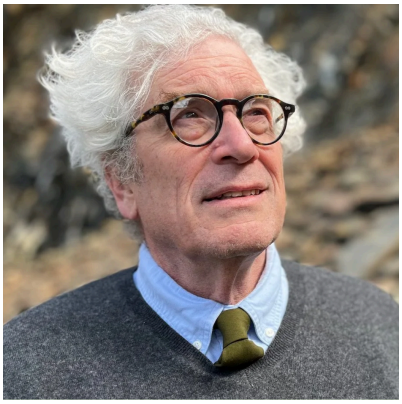


Sunday Forum: Mutual Ministry Goals

October 18, 11:30 am in the Parish Hall



On Sunday, October 18 we'll gather after church for **a conversation led by Senior Warden Chris Dorling** on the mutual ministry goals of the parish and where the spirit is leading St. Stephen's.



Letter from the Palestinian Prison
David Wild, Executive Producer

October 25, 11:30 am in the Parish Hall

After church on October 25, 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: "After years of watching films and reading books about the situation in Palestine, last September I decided to visit. I travelled there alone 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.**

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!** After church, we'll commemorate the occasion with cake, so mark your calendars!





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.**

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 now 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 (Duchess Tavern)
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Thursdays 6:30 pm Choir Practice (Nave)

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