



CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

SAINT STEPHEN'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Care of Creation Ministries Program Guide

You may sign up for email lists for these groups by logging into Realm.

For an overview of why we value Care of Creation, take a look at [this brief video](#).

For more information on finding the best fit for you and your gifts, please contact our Care of Creation Committee chair Peter Inge or the specific ministry leader listed.

Saint Stephen's Apiary

Saint Stephen's is home to five beehives and a wonderful group of people eager to learn about beekeeping and its impact on our environment. Opportunities are available to feed and care for the bees. For more information, contact Scott Cochran.

Cahaba River Society

Founded in 1988, our mission is to restore and protect the Cahaba River Watershed and its rich diversity of life. We impact our central Alabama watershed, the Birmingham metro area, and policy at the state, regional, and national level. Our programs achieve three goals:

1. Inspire River Stewardship
2. Restore the River
3. Build Our Impact

The Cahaba River Society aims to serve the river itself, and the community that relies on it for clean drinking water and recreation. For more information, please contact Bill Wright, John Burruss, or learn more at <https://cahabariversociety.org/about-us/>

Holy Hikes Birmingham

Saint Stephen's offers short 2- to 3-mile Eucharistic Holy Hikes to provide opportunities to engage with the sacredness of all of God's creation. Our spring season of Holy Hikes runs from March through June, while our fall season runs from September through December. These hikes are intergenerational and allow participants to share prayers, scripture readings, and communion together as we make our way along the trail. Please see our [Facebook Page](#) for current information, join our group in Realm, or contact George Mitchell or Tom Robertshaw.

- August 5: Canoecharist
- September 2: Camp McDowell
- October 7: Shoal Creek Park
- November 4: Tannehill Park
- December: no hike scheduled

Preschool Garden

Saint Stephen's works with the Saint Stephen's Preschool to create a curriculum and garden to educate young children on sources of food and the life cycle of God's creation. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please contact Mary Marcoux.

Soil Sisters Gardening Group

The Soil Sisters (and Brothers) are out working around Saint Stephen's property throughout the year to nurture native plants found throughout the Saint Stephen's grounds, as well as to remove invasive plant species. They are also involved in the ongoing development of Billy's Lot. For more information, contact Chris Boles.

Please see the [article](#) in *Birmingham Now* highlighting the work of the Grounds Committee in removing invasive species from our campus.