

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, September 29, 2024

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 21

WELCOME!

If you are worshipping at St. Stephen's for the first time today, you are welcome to share in the Holy Communion. Please fill out a "Visitor" card at one of the Greeters tables and/or the guest book on the podium before you leave and get a welcome packet.

COMMUNION

If you are in need of a gluten free wafer during Communion, please let an usher know before the offertory or let one of the persons serving the host know. If you have a mobility problem, please let an usher know before the service begins and communion will be brought to you.

LOOKING FORWARD



laundry love.

Come on our and join us for our next Laundry Love outreach on Wednesday, October 2nd. We'll be at our usual place, the Coin & Drop Off Laundry at 24725 Railroad Ave. in Newhall, from 5:30-7:30pm. See you there!

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
11:00AM - CHURCH
Bring your pets and come celebrate!

Men's Group Breakfast
Saturday, Oct. 5th
8:00am
Dink's Deli & Bagel Bakery
on McBean Parkway



Food Collection

Sat., Oct. 5th,
9 — 11:00am
St. Stephen's
Parking Lot

Reusable grocery bags needed!

Non-perishable food donations may be left in the labeled box in the church narthex.

CRITICAL NEEDS:

- Peanut Butter & Jelly (Sm-Med)
- Laundry & Dish Detergent
- Toothpaste, soap, shampoo (hotel size)
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
- Women's Fem Pads

NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:

- Cans of Soup, Veggies, Pasta meals & fruits
- Jars of Pasta Sauce (Sm — Med)
- Rice & Pasta (dry)
- Healthy Cereal (Lg & Family Lg)
- Canned Tuna, Chicken & Vienna sausage
- Packs of individual Fruit Cups
- Ketchup, mustard & mayo (Sm-Med)

OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:

- Boxes of Dryer Sheets
- Boxes of Kleenex
- Men's & Women's deodorant
- Socks & Underwear -Men & Women
- Shave Cream & razors- Men & Women
- Bar Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner

Sat., Oct. 5th is also Recycle Day!
 You're helping the environment! Plus every redemption cent we receive helps to fund St. Stephen's programs.

Please bring only RECYCLABLE "CRV" plastic, aluminum cans & glass bottles.

Please - No milk containers!

Recyclable donations may be left in the labeled box in the church narthex.

Bring pull tabs from cans of soda & food.

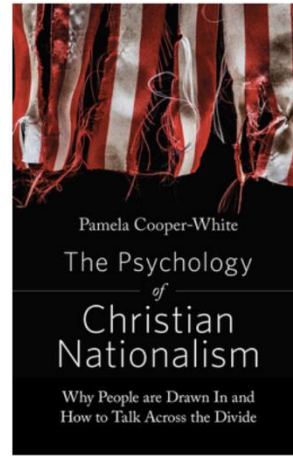
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!



Come join St. Stephen's at the SCV Pride Picnic this coming Saturday, October 5.
 Sheri Flay is looking for volunteers to help set-up and to clean up after the event.
 Please reach out via email - vbandsf@sbcglobal.net or by mobile - (805)660-7811.



You may also place an order in person on Sundays or by calling the church office.



A three-session opportunity!

Sundays at 9:00am
 Oct. 13, 20, & 27
 Spurling Hall

Exploring the what, why and how of Christian Nationalism

**Who is Drawn into the Movement?
 How Can We Engage Across the Divide?
 Tackling the Truths of a Toxic Movement**

Using Pamela Cooper-White's brilliant book
 "The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: Why People Are Drawn In and How to Talk Across the Divide."

Please use this QR code to register:



Stewardship and the Ministry Fair

When many people hear the word stewardship in a church context their mind goes directly to the annual pledge campaign. After all, the pledge campaign is the Stewardship Committee's biggest and most visible project of the year. You may (or may not) have noticed that our annual Ministry Fair is also sponsored by the Stewardship Committee and you may (or may not) have wondered why.

A good steward is one who takes good care of that which has been entrusted to them. In our case, that is St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. How do you define our church? Is it the buildings and grounds? Is it the worship services and all they encompass? Is it our Rector, Music Director and all the Staff members who make things happen? Is it the people sitting in the pews next to you? Is it our Sunday School, our Preschool or any one of the educational opportunities available to adults? Is it the Men's group, EFM or the Angel Network? You know that in my next sentence I'm going to say it's all of that and more. It's all of that and more! Our Ministries and small groups provide us with many, many stewardship opportunities. That is, opportunities to take good care of all that St. Stephen's is. That's why the Stewardship Committee sponsors the Ministry Fair.

Even though the Ministry Fair is over for this year, the opportunities remain. It's never too late to engage in being a good steward!

Kathleen Jensen and the Stewardship Committee



Contact Vivien at vivien@st-stephens.org or Lorn at lvrinotis@gmail.com for more information. We are also taking candy donations!



GIVING TO ST. STEPHENS

If you are able to continue supporting the mission

and ministry of St. Stephen's, you can pay your pledge or make a new or recurring donation online here st-stephens.org/giving. You can also text your donation by texting the word GIVE to 661.228.8909 and following the prompts. Click here for an easy [How To Use Text Giving guide](#). We are deeply grateful for your commitment and support.



If you wish to have your birthday or anniversary prayed for during Sunday services or if you would like a white rose to signify a death in your family

or a red rose to signify a birth in your family, please email Tracy in the Church office at office@st-stephens.org no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with all of the relevant details.



YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!

As election day approaches, St. Stephen's encourages all those of voting age to make sure they are registered to vote no later than **October 21, 2024.**

In the Prayer for Sound Government, The Book of Common Prayer calls on God to "teach our people to rely on your strength and to accept their responsibilities to their fellow citizens, that they may elect trustworthy leaders and make wise decisions for the well-being of our society; that we may serve you faithfully in our generation and honor your holy Name."

Please follow this QR code to get to the CA.GOV voter registration page.



Music Survey

The survey can be filled out by using the QR code below. We ask that all surveys be completed by **October 1, 2024.** We thank you for your participation in this critical step in our process.



While your responses will be anonymous, we would like to know who completed their surveys. Though we won't know which survey belongs to you specifically, we ask that once each member of your household over the age of 12 completes the survey that they use the following QR code to fill out the Survey Completion Sign in.



St. Stephen's Prayer List

On-Going Needs: Joanne, Mary Lou,

Current Needs: Sister Miriam, Vickie, Michelle, innocent victims of Middle East conflict, Janet, Andrea, Jim and Judy, Lisa and Lou, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Stewart, Mary, Charles, Dave, Keith, Joy, Margo, Lella, Sepp, Heather, Melissa, Dot, Kay, Michael, Stacey, John, Sue, Scott, Gavin, Patrick, Eliza, Leo, Angelo, Baby Everly, Patsy, Michael, Mark, Mary Anne, Betty Jo, Bob, Orion, Ron, Bradley, Ale, Keith, Chris, **Loreatha, Bill, Chantelle, Julia, Jeff, J.J., the Krecji- Rosebrook-Hooper family**

Rest in Peace:, Nancy Senger, Michele Curl, John Heiderstadt, Cindy Collins, **Judy Doerksen, Stephen Rosebrook, Pat Ganje**

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at pstable@pegasus2.net or call the church office at 661.259.7307. Please be aware that your prayer request content will be shared with the members of the prayer chain. If you wish for Peggy to hold your prayer request in confidence, please clarify that in your submission. Prayer requests remain active for 4 weeks and must be renewed thru Peggy or the office to be on the list again.

St. Stephen's Week	September 29, 2024 to October 6, 2024
TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45am & 10:30am	
SUNDAY 9/29	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
MONDAY 9/30	
TUESDAY 10/1	
WED. 10/2	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist
7:45am	Breakfast at Lily's Cafe
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom
5:30pm	Laundry Love
THURS. 10/3	
9:30am	Book Study / Sacristy
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church
FRIDAY 10/4	
SAT. 10/5	
8:00am	Men's Group Breakfast / Dink's
9:00-11:00am	Food Collection & Recycling Event / Parking Lot
11:00am	Blessing of the Animals / Church
1:00-5:00pm	Pride Picnic / Dr. Richard Rioux Park in Stevenson Ranch
NEXT SUNDAY 10/6	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Altar Guild meeting / Room 8
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	DOK meeting / Lounge