

## ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, May 21, 2023

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

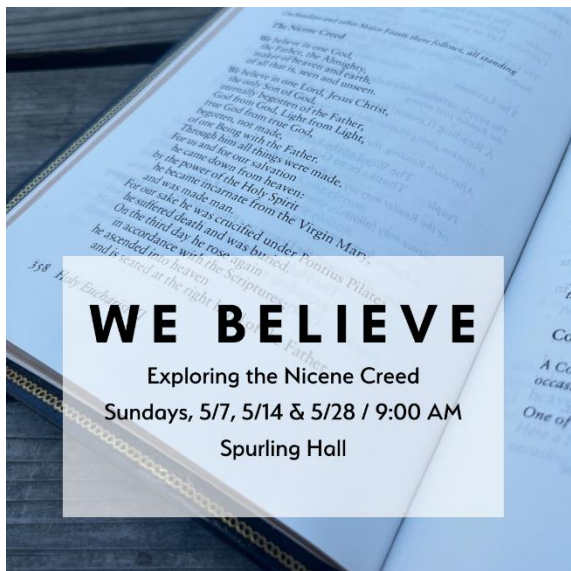
### WELCOME!

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



We have one more week in our three-part series on Sunday 5/28 at 9AM in Spurling Hall. We are taking a closer look at the Nicene Creed. This creed is the primary statement of our faith during each Sunday Service. We'll explore how it came to be and why it is important to our liturgy. We will examine what makes it profound and bold as well as what makes it challenging and complex. Come journey with us as we explore this ancient creed.



### Breakfast Club for Kids

For most parents and adult caregivers, the thought of being able to attend an adult education class at 9am probably doesn't seem feasible. What do you do with the kids in the meantime?

Well, we came up with a solution for you to make it easier. Every Sunday, while there is an adult education class, your kids (from babies to teens) can attend Breakfast Club. From 9 until 9:30, we will provide a light breakfast for the kids. Meanwhile, they can play board games, visit with friends, and play on the playground until the start of the 10:30 service. This is not a structured, educational class, but supervised free play and a time to connect with other kids at church.

If you and your kids are interested, just meet us in the courtyard any Sunday with an adult education class between 9 and 10:15. Feel free to have them bring homework, snacks or activities that they would like to do during that time, or they can play on the playground.

Please contact me ahead of time if your child has any special dietary needs, otherwise they can bring their own food to eat while at Breakfast Club.

If you have any questions about Breakfast Club, please feel free to contact Julia - [childrensministry@st-stephens.org](mailto:childrensministry@st-stephens.org) or Melanie - [director@st-stephens.org](mailto:director@st-stephens.org)



The St. Stephen's book group meets Thursday mornings from 9:30-11 in the sacristy and on Zoom. We are beginning a new book May 25, and would love to have new members join us. Please call or email Fran Cantella for the Zoom link if needed.

We'll start Sister Joan Chittister's book, The Time

Is Now, which challenges us to combine contemplative practices with social action. Our method is to read aloud in the group, stopping often to discuss what we've heard. Hope to see you May 25!



As many of you know, 2023 marks St. Stephen's 60th Anniversary. Over the coming weeks and months we will be sharing a number of exciting events we are planning to mark this milestone in the life of our congregation. The pinnacle of our celebration will be a special Diamond Jubilee Gala & Fundraiser on Saturday, October 14th, 2023. Mark your calendars!

We are excited to announce that Jen Aston and Erick Long have volunteered to co-chair the 60th Diamond Jubilee Gala on October 14th. Jen and Erick have many tasks that need volunteers, such as finding DJ's, Caterers and SO much more. Jen will be at the back of the church after the service for anyone interested in volunteering. A signup



sheet will be available or you can go to the digital signup sheet via this QR code. You can also call the office and work with Tracy to find the perfect volunteer job. We are excited to get our volunteer

team together by the end of June so we can get to work!

**GLEAM**  
GATHERING LGBTQIA+  
EPISCOPALIANS IN ACTIVE MINISTRY



**SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023**  
2-5PM IN PASADENA

Get more info and RSVP by emailing  
GLEAMLAINFO@GMAIL.COM

**THE GARDEN PARTY 2023**

Join us for a fun afternoon raising funds to support LGBTQIA+ Ministry in The Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles

**Drag Bingo!**  
**Queer Poets Writing Custom Poetry!**  
**Tasty Treats and More!**

**COME AS YOU ARE!**



On Sunday May 21, 2023 from 2-5PM GLEAM invites you to gather with us for the annual Garden Party at the Episcopal Residence in Pasadena.

Join us as we gather in community in the beautiful gardens at the home of our hosts Bishop John Taylor and Canon Kathy O'Connor, make

new friends and raise funds to support LGBTQIA+ ministry in the diocese.

This year we are excited to offer drag bingo, poetry stations with queer poets writing custom poetry, and more!

There is a suggested \$30 donation at the door. Door donations of \$40 include the first two rounds of Bingo. Door Donations of \$50 will include all rounds of Bingo. (Cash, checks and credit will be accepted at the door)

To RSVP by 5/19/23 for the garden party please email [gleamlainfo@gmail.com](mailto:gleamlainfo@gmail.com). Address and parking details will be sent upon receiving your response.

This work is as critical as it ever has been and we look forward to seeing you continue the work of proclaiming God's inclusive love available to absolutely everyone!



**and Backpack Drive!**

**Sat., June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 — 11:00am**  
**St. Stephen's Church Parking Lot**

**CRITICAL NEEDS — New Items only:**

- **Dish Detergent** (not dishwasher)
- **Women's Fem Pads** (any size)
- **Laundry Detergent** (liquid & pods)
- **Boxes of Dryer Sheets**
- **Youth Socks & Underwear — All Sizes**
- **Adult Socks & Underwear — men & women**

**NEEDED FOOD ITEMS (Order of need):**

- **Cans of Soup, Fruit & Vegetables**
- **Healthy Cereal** — large & reg size boxes
- **Canned Meat & Tuna** (pull top)
- **Individual Fruit Cups** (low or no sugar)
- **Snacks** — Single, Protein & Granola Bars, etc.

**BACKPACKS & SUPPLIES**

- **Only NEW backpacks, please**
- **Pencils, pencil sharpeners & erasers**
- **Glue sticks, rulers, & pencil boxes**
- **Crayons, markers, highlighters**
- **Spiral notebooks & folders**

**NEEDED OTHER ITEMS:**

- **"Hotel" Size Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner**

- Men's & Women's deodorant
- Women's Shave Cream & razors
- Bar Soap, Shampoo & Conditioner

June 3<sup>rd</sup> is also a Recycling Collection!  
Please bring RECYCLABLE "CRV" plastic, aluminum cans, & glass bottles.

Bring pull tabs from cans of soda & food. Bring Coke bottle caps.

*THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!*



The Church & Preschool offices will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.



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](mailto:office@st-stephens.org) no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with all of the relevant details.

**UCLA** Health | Blood & Platelet Center

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**  
is hosting a

**UCLA Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday**  
**June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**1 PM - 6 PM ■ Spurling Hall**

To schedule an appointment go online to [www.ucedonor.com](http://www.ucedonor.com)

Click **Blood Drives** and enter **SSECH** in **Zip Code** or **Account Code box**

**2 Promotional Items** for eligible donors

*Appointments are highly encouraged*

Please bring photo ID

Remember to eat well and increase your fluid intake a couple of days before and the day of your donation.  
For more information, please visit us at: [www.uclahealth.org/gotblood](http://www.uclahealth.org/gotblood) or call (310) 825-0888 x2

Sign up in the parish hall or online at [www.ucedonor.com](http://www.ucedonor.com).

#### Contact Us

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#### GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S

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](http://st-stephens.org/giving). As you may have heard, you can now 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.

## St. Stephen's Prayer List

**On-Going Needs:** Joanne, Mary Lou

**Current Needs:** Susan, Byron, Wilson, Bree, Liam and parents, Jake, Sister Miriam, Cis, Megan, Linda, Jim and Judy, Bob, Rob, Joy, Paul, Ty, Jonathan, Leslie, Chantelle, Herman, Sharon, Flo, Sandy, Diane, Sara, and Sara Katey, Elizabeth, Reeve, Ines, Natalie, her mother and family, Carole, Blake, Jerry and Kelly, Sylvia and family, Dana and family, Mike, Doug, Diane, Ava and family, Paula, Patricia, Patty, Monica, Regan, Anna, R.J., Madelyn, Reid, Lee, Paisley Sage and mother, Megan, Eleanor, Charlotte, Geoff, Mary Anne, Jeff, Nick, Betsy, Macy, Jay, Diann, Billy, Dylan, Mary, Aleidria and Arden, Melanie, Leo, Katherine, Rita Ann, Raph and Jess, Mollie, **Elise, Peter, Ed, Roque, Madelyn, Riley, Paula, Malcolm, Myles**

**Rest in Peace:** Eddie Render, Josephine Berzi, Uriel Solis, Sharon Prucka, Rita Ann Cox, Juanita Veliz, Aaron Golianis

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at [pstable@pegasus2.net](mailto: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		May 21, 2023 to May 28, 2023
<b>TODAY'S SERVICE 9:00am</b>		
<b>SUNDAY 5/21</b>		
9:00am	<b>Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live) — VPOD Jen Aston</b>	
9:00am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
<b>MONDAY 5/22</b>		
6:00pm	Den meeting / Spurling Hall	
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
<b>TUESDAY 5/23</b>		
5:30pm	Den meeting / Spurling Hall	
6:30pm	<b>Vestry meeting via Zoom</b>	
<b>WED. 5/24</b>		
7:00am	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom	
6:00pm	EfM / Room 8	
<b>THURS. 5/25</b>		
9:30am	Book Study / Sacristy & Zoom	
1:00pm	<b>SAGES Movie Day / Laemmle Theatre, Newhall</b>	
5:15pm	Den meeting / Spurling Hall	
6:30pm	Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall	
7:30pm	Parish Choir rehearsal / Church	
<b>FRIDAY 5/26</b>		
<b>SAT. 5/27</b>		
<b>NEXT SUNDAY 5/28</b>		
7:45am	<b>Holy Eucharist</b>	
9:00am	Adult Education / Spurling Hall	
9:00am	Breakfast Club for Kids / meet in Courtyard	
10:30am	<b>Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live) — VPOD Dave Melton</b>	
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall	