

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, August 4, 2024

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 13

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 out and join us for our next Laundry Love outreach on **Wednesday, August 7th..** 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!



SAGES Luncheon
Thursday, August 8th at 1:00pm
Marston's Restaurant
24011 Newhall Ranch Rd.
Santa Clarita
Please RSVP to Sara Tuck

UCLA Health | Blood & Platelet Center

Please sign up to
Donate Blood
 this **Summer!**

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
 is hosting a
UCLA Blood Drive
Friday, August 9th
12:30 PM - 5:30 PM - Spurling Hall

To schedule an appointment
 go online to www.ucedonor.com
 Click **Blood Drives** and enter
SSECH in Zip Code or Account Code box

Eligible donors will receive 1 Promotional Item

Appointments are highly encouraged



Please use this QR code to make an appointment.



**Pickup
Choir**
**July 7 through
September 9, 2024**

There are no separate rehearsals. No need of a beautiful singing voice. No vesting. No age restrictions. No musical training or experience needed. You come as you are each Sunday to lend your voice to our 10:30AM worship service.

You should report to church no later than 9:30AM each Sunday that you wish to sing. If you want to participate in this joyful group, please email Judy Baity at jmbdmbymb@sbcgloba.net at your earliest convenience.



EfM invites YOU to act in faith through small group study and reflection!

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a unique adult program helping participants explore Christian tradition, history, and contemporary theology, bringing it into conversation with experiences of the world today.

St. Stephen's seminar group is now open to new participants! The 2024-25 session meets in person on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:00pm, October through May.

EfM is a college-level course offered through The University of the South, Sewanee, TN, and scholarships are available to help defray the registration cost. Registration begins in August.

An international program founded in 1975, EfM has assisted more than 120,000 participants to discover and nurture their call to Christian service where they live, work, and play.

God calls us to be active participants in ministry and EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to that call!

For more information and answers to your questions, please talk with Mary Jo Higginbotham or email her at maryjohigg@gmail.com

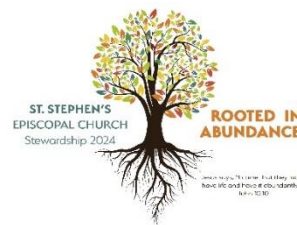


As the new academic year begins, we invite you to the **Blessing of the Backpacks** on Sunday, August 18th at the 10:30AM service.

At St. Stephen's, we understand the significance of education and the journey it sets for our children and young adults. The Blessing of the Backpacks ceremony is an annual tradition where we come together as a community to pray for the young

minds and souls who are about to embark on a new academic adventure.

This event is open to students of all ages, from preschoolers to college students and beyond. We encourage each attendee to bring their backpack, representing their readiness for the new school year, filled with hope, dream, and ambitions.



"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."
John 13:34

At St. Stephen's, we often express our love for one another through the giving of our time, talent, and treasure. At our recent Mid-Year Financial Update, we learned that our parish had been faithful in its giving and in the stewardship of those donations received. We are operating in the black.

Our Treasurer reported that "the church has fulfilled its goal of community outreach and support while maintaining [projected] net operating income," and that we are on track to meet our financial obligations for the remainder of the year. We have been faithful in loving through the giving and stewardship of our treasures.

While love may involve the giving and stewardship of treasure, it also involves the giving of time and talent. This September, we will have our annual ministry fair, a chance to learn about the many exciting opportunities for ministry at St.

Stephen's. Plan on joining us and learning more about all the ways you can express your love for others at St. Stephen's.

Michael Branda and the Stewardship Committee



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.



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.

St. Stephen's Prayer List

On-Going Needs: Joanne, Mary Lou,

Current Needs: Susan, Byron, Wilson, Sister Miriam, Vickie, Michelle, innocent victims of Middle East conflict, Janet, Andrea, Jim and Judy, Lisa and Lou, Judy and Ron, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Stewart, Mary, Charles, Jack, Melba, Val, Dave, Dennis, Keith, Susan, Borch, P, Joy, Margo, Lella, Sepp, Lorena, Maurice, Kristen, Erik, Heather, Melissa, Elva and Bill, Karen, Dot, Susan, Kay, Pat, Brian, Baby Everly, Brian, Leslie and family, Michael, Stacey, Fran, Kieran, John, George, Sandy, Sue, Scott, Joanie, Beth, **Gavin, Patrick, Eliza, Susan, Steven, Linda, Laura, Emily & Family, Bonnie,**

Rest in Peace: The Rev. Andrew Foster, Stephanie Jones, Lee Chidsey, Julia Tillman, Anita Denney, Karla Edwards, **Geni Tanner, Sonya Massey, Trish Cotugno, Helen LeBlanc**

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 August 4, 2024 to August 11, 2024	
TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45am & 10:30am	
SUNDAY 8/4	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live)
12:15pm	YESS & Pathfinders / Youth Room
MONDAY 8/5	
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
TUESDAY 8/6	
6:30pm	Crew 314 / Spurling Hall
WED. 8/7	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist
7:45am	Breakfast at Lily's Cafe
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom
5:30pm	Laundry Love
THURS. 8/8	
9:30am	Book Study / Sacristy
1:00pm	SAGES Luncheon / Marston's
FRIDAY 8/9	
12:30-5:30pm	Blood Drive / Spurling Hall
SAT. 8/10	
NEXT SUNDAY 8/11	
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