

**ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS**  
**Today Sunday, May 15, 2022**  
*The Fifth 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**

**Please join us on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>!**



**SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
24901 ORCHARD VILLAGE ROAD, SANTA CLARITA

## The Welcome Table

*Worship by, for, and with the LGBTQ+ community!  
We begin by gathering at tables for community and conversation and then gather around a different kind of table for worship, including Communion, to which absolutely everyone is invited and welcome and conclude with dessert and discussion.*



Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 7PM in Spurling Hall

Click [here](#) to sign up to bring food or contact the Church office at 661-259-7307 or [office@st-stephens.org](mailto:office@st-stephens.org).

**Child Care Help Wanted**

Do you love children and have a calling to help the church? Children's Ministries is currently looking for individuals interested in helping to provide childcare during the 10:00am service. If you are interested, please contact Melanie at 661-259-8527 or [director@st-stephens.org](mailto:director@st-stephens.org).

**This is a paid position.**



**VBS is Coming to St. Stephen's**

**July 25-29**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

For ages 3+ (must be potty trained)  
Volunteer Opportunities also available  
Visit the link below to register or for more information.

<https://vbspro.events/p/rockyrailroad>

Financial Assistance available.

**We are looking for bilingual readers/speakers to help us on Pentecost Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in participating, please contact Tracy in the Church office at 661-259-7307 or [office@st-stephens.org](mailto:office@st-stephens.org).**



## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

is hosting a **UCLA Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, June 1st**  
1 PM - 6 PM ■ Spurling Hall

Or go on-line to [www.ucedonor.com](http://www.ucedonor.com)

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

*Appointments are highly encouraged*

**2 Promotional Items** for eligible donors

Please bring photo ID

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

Click on flier above to make an appointment or go to [www.ucedonor.com](http://www.ucedonor.com) and enter SSECH where it asks for the zip code.

Support Episcopal Relief & Development in providing humanitarian aid in response to the crisis in Ukraine. By donating to the Ukraine Crisis Response Fund, you will help meet critical needs for people fleeing the violence including food, cash, blankets and hygiene supplies. Visit [episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis](http://episcopalrelief.org/ukraine-crisis) or use the following QR Code.



**SUPPORT THE UKRAINE  
CRISIS RESPONSE**



### 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, especially right now.



## The Rainbow Marketplace

Come shop for your Pride Swag and support LGBTQ artisans and their allies!  
Home Decor • Fashion • Accessories • Pottery  
Candles • Crystals • Folk Art • Jewelry & More!



**SATURDAY, MAY 21ST, 2022**  
10 AM - 4 PM

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
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## They're catchy ... and offensive...



## Popular Songs You Didn't Realize Are Racist

Putting words to music can lead to immortality. But not all sentiments expressed in songs deserve to live forever. Systemic racism has been known to work itself into music, via lyrics promoting unflattering racial stereotypes.

In the middle of AAPI Heritage Month and with limited space, let's look at two songs offensive to Asian American and Pacific Islanders.

### "Ahab the Arab" by Ray Stevens

This 1962 Top 10 is a novelty song packed with stereotypes about Arab people. Stevens even pronounces "Arab" so that it rhymes with "Ahab," giving it a distinct redneck air.

"The pronunciation of Arab as 'A-rab' is derogatory," Faris Bouhafa, spokesperson for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, told the *Washington Post* in 1987. "Arabs respond to that pronunciation the same way Blacks respond to the [N-word]."

"In the song, a "sheik of the burning sand" who "wore a big ol' turban wrapped around his head" and would "jump on his camel named Clyde." The story gets sillier and it might have been funny if most of its humor wasn't aimed at Arab culture.

### "Turning Japanese" by The Vapors

This 1980 single begs the question: If one isn't born Japanese, how exactly does one *turn* Japanese?

"Sadly, the 'turning Japanese' refrain didn't refer to singer David Fenton studying the ancient Kanji writing system or adopting Buddhism," Alex Hoban wrote in the *Guardian* in 2008. Instead, it apparently refers to a very private bedroom moment when a man might "tighten

[his] eyes and 'turn Japanese.'" Basically, the White British band's only U.S. hit is about a White guy using wordplay that reflects what he sees as the physical appearance of people who aren't White!"

From Jeremy Helligar's 2021 *Readers Digest* article of the same title.

### Found:

- A copy of *On the March* by Trudy Krisher was left in Spurling Hall after the Women's History Forum .
- A Fitbit One Wireless Activity Tracker that was found in the church.

If either of these items are yours, please contact Tracy in the Church office at 661-259-7307 or [office@st-stephens.org](mailto:office@st-stephens.org).



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

## St. Stephen's Prayer List

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

**Current Needs:** Susan, Byron, Wilson, Bree, Silvio, Liam and parents, Jake, April, Adeline, Kathy, Erick, Mark, Lucia, Connie, Dotty, Marilyn, Allen, Victoria, Lisa, Tina, Kevin, Becky, Beverly, Barbara, Caden, Baby Emma Jane, parents Corey and Nicole and grandparents, Cinda and John Noonan, **Caleb, Richard, Scott, Christine, Kim, Maria**

**Rest in Peace:** Larry Duncan, Leigh Illian

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at [pstabile@pegasus2.net](mailto:pstabile@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 15, 2022 to May 22, 2022
<b>TODAY'S SERVICES 7:45am &amp; 10:00am</b>	
<b>SUNDAY 5/15</b>	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:00am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live) - VPOD Sheri Flay
10:00am	Sunday School / Stage
11:45am	Youth Group / Lounge
11:45am	Pathfinder / Stage
<b>MONDAY 5/16</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 5/17</b>	
6:00pm	Finance Committee meeting via Zoom
<b>WED. 5/18</b>	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom <a href="#">Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting</a>
7:00pm	The Welcome Table / Spurling Hall
<b>THURS. 5/19</b>	
11:30am	Book Study via Zoom <a href="#">Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting</a>
7:30pm	Parish Choir rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY 5/20</b>	
<b>SAT. 5/21</b>	
10:00am-4:00pm	PFLAG Pride Craft Fair / Spurling Hall
<b>NEXT SUNDAY 5/22</b>	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:00am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live) - VPOD Jen Aston
10:00am	Sunday School / Stage
11:45am	Youth Group / Lounge
11:45am	Pathfinder / Stage