

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, July 12, 2026

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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 are partnering with NAACP and Boys & Girls Club to ensure local students head into the new school year with everything they need to succeed. Our goal is to create 50 Supply-Filled Backpacks by July 24, 2026.

Help us by donating:

- Backpacks**
- Glue Sticks
- Lunch Box or Lunch Snacks
- Pencils
- Pencil Cases**
- Scissors
- Tissues
- Backpacks (no drawstring, please)
- Colored Pencils
- Rulers
- White School Glue
- Loose-Leaf Paper
- 3-Ring Binders**
- Black, Blue, Red Pens
- Composition Books
- Flash Drives
- Index Cards
- Organizers/Planners

- Crayons
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- Markers
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Pocket Folders
- White Out Tape
- Staplers
- 8 Tab Dividers
- Post-it Notes

Our Amazon Wish-list can be found at:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/OZDDTIS91W73?ref=wl_share

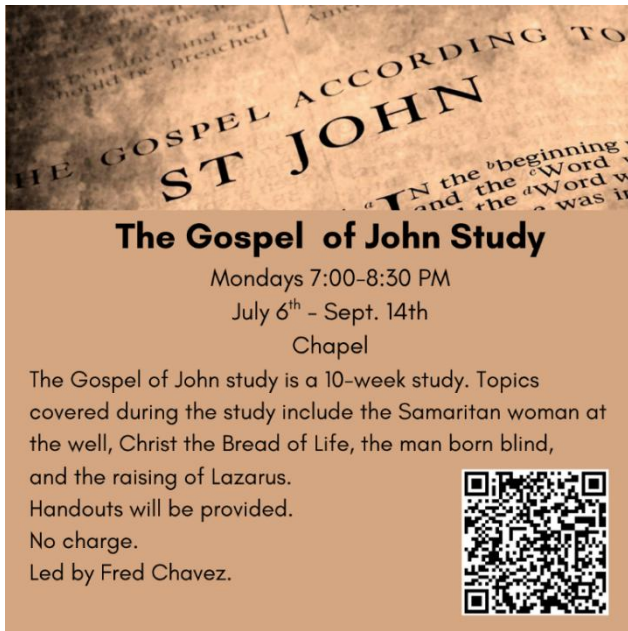
If you'd like to volunteer and help us put these backpacks together, please sign up through this link: <https://forms.gle/qXMW9ridOq3LJBBh8> or text Erick at 661-877-6861.

Contributions of any size are appreciated and will make a meaningful impact in supporting students' success. Monetary donations can be added to the collection plate with a note "Back2School Fundraiser" on the envelope. For checks, please write "Back2School Fundraiser" in the memo.




<https://tinyurl.com/bdfxsw7x>





The Gospel of John Study
 Mondays 7:00-8:30 PM
 July 6th - Sept. 14th
 Chapel

The Gospel of John study is a 10-week study. Topics covered during the study include the Samaritan woman at the well, Christ the Bread of Life, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. Handouts will be provided. No charge. Led by Fred Chavez.

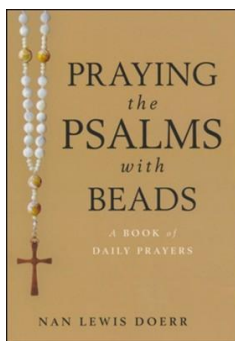


<https://tinyurl.com/5n79jt79>

In God's house there is always room for more: more ideas, more people, more ways to share, more stories to tell. And in the world that God created, there is more needed: more love, more connection, more peace, more creativity. Plenty Good Room reminds us that there is always room in God's house; we just need to make ourselves at home and invite others to join us. The ways we steward our relationships, resources, and responses to grow ministry and serve our neighbors are the ways we connect our gratitude to our generosity.



There's Plenty Good Room in God's House, which means there's Plenty Good Room at St. Stephen's. This Fall we'll be talking about inviting others to experience St. Stephen's on our campus and out in the world and share in the Plenty Good we have to offer.



If you are praying with Rev. Christopher while he is on sabbatical using the Praying the Psalms with Beads book, you can use this chart to make sure that you are all on the same day.

<https://tinyurl.com/yc3abzh3>



**ST. STEPHEN'S
 BRANCH
 MANAGERS**

**NEW
 MINISTRY!!**

JOIN US!
 Marvel in the sacred soil
 under your fingernails.

BEGINNING SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH

If you enjoy getting your hands in the dirt, the smell of sage, reveling in the sights and sounds of hummingbirds, bees, and butterflies, have we got a deal for you!!! Come and join in with the St. Stephen's "Branch Managers" the 2nd Saturday of every month, where we will rake, weed, prune, plant, mulch, water

and tend to the grounds of St. Stephen's! When finished we will enjoy some laughs while sharing some well-earned tasty treats and cool beverages. Our first gardening day will be Saturday, August 8th, from 8:30am - 11:30am (any time you can be there is a blessing). If interested in signing up, please contact Tracy Stapp at in the Church office at: office@st-stephens.org or (661) 259-7307.



Join us for
**BOOK
 GROUP**

Tuesday, Sept. 1st at
 6:00pm
 Location Room 8
 Book:
 The Correspondent
 by
 Virginia
 Evans



St. Stephen's Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Vickie, Innocent victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, especially involving the U.S. involvement in the Middle East, Jim and Judy, Lisa and Lou, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Marie, Lilly and husband, Amy, Dolores and family, Steve, Maria, Moses, Jerome, Joy and Dennis, Jose Manuel, Sandy H., Peggy, Barbara, Jenny, Kevin, Brisa, Sandra, Claudia, Keith, Mary, Samantha and Nate, Amy, Patsy, Mehar, Nora and family, Angie, Brook, Marionette, Robert, B.J., Rae, Susan, Judy, Claudia, Jeninfer, Stephanie, Bob, Tom, Jerri, Jeff, Susan, Phyllis and Stu, Linda and Charlie, Madelyn, Maria, Pastor Clarence and children, Greg, Neville, Kimberlee, Jeff and Helen, Tom and Desiree, Jim and Donna, Cathy, Jim, Cathy, Doris, Gia, Carolyn, Angeline, Vickie, Judy, Laurie, Vince, Karen, Jim, Patrick, Malcolm, David, **Brendan, Reverend Lynn, Stephen, Cathy, Berta**

Rest in Peace: Susanna Saulog, David Hoskey, Linda Lott, Ellen Ardman, **Diana F.**

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.



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. 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 Week | July 12, 2026 to July 19, 2026 |
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| TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45 & 10:30 AM | |
| SUNDAY 7/12 | VPOD: Michael Branda |
| 7:45am | Holy Eucharist |
| 10:30am | Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live) |
| MONDAY 7/13 | |
| 6:45pm | Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall |
| 7:00pm | Gospel of John Study / Chapel |
| TUESDAY 7/14 | |
| 6:30pm | Finance Committee meeting / Spurling Hall |
| WED. 7/15 | |
| 7:00am | Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast |
| 9:30am | Circle of Gratitude / Zoom |
| 6:00pm | EfM / Room 8 |
| THURS. 7/16 | |
| 9:30am | Book Study Group / Sacristy |
| 6:30pm | Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall |
| FRIDAY 7/17 | |
| SAT. 7/18 | |
| 2:00-8:00pm | SCV LGBTQ Center & Pride House host the Santa Clarita Summer Games / Newhall Park |
| NEXT SUNDAY 7/19 | |
| 7:45am | Holy Eucharist |
| 10:30am | Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live) |
| 12:00pm | World Cup Viewing Party / Spurling Hall |



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.