

## ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, August 31, 2025

The Twelfth 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



Come join us for The Welcome Table on Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7PM in the Chapel. The Welcome Table is an experience crafted by and for the LGBTQ+ community. Gather with us as we eat, pray, discuss, share communion, celebrate diversity and explore our faith in community as our true, authentic selves. Come as you are, this place is for you.

Dinner is potluck style. You can sign up for your contribution here: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7csfe5>



Thank you to all who have helped!



Sat., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 9 —11am  
St. Stephen's Parking Lot

**CRITICAL NEEDS:**

- Pasta Sauce in jars (NOT Lrg)
- Cereal (all sizes) & Nutrition Bars
- Can'd Pasta meals & Chunky Soup
- Canned Tuna & Chicken
- Canned Vienna Sausage
- Peanut Butter & Jelly (Sm-Med)
- Laundry, Dish Detergent

**NEEDED FOOD ITEMS:**

- Mac & Cheese; Rice & Pasta (sm/med)
- Can'd Fruits, Veggies & Ind. Fruit Cups
- Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

**OTHER NEEDED ITEMS:**

- Sock & Underwear (men & women)
- Women's Fem Pads & Baby Diapers
- Deodorant, Shave Cream, Razors
- Toothbrushes & Toothpaste, Deodorant

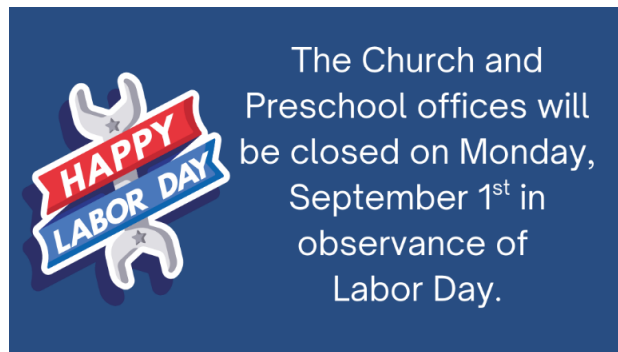
**Recycle Day- Sat., Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**



RECYCLABLE "CRV" plastic, cans, bottles.

Bring pull tabs from cans of soda & food.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!**



**SAGES  
Luncheon  
at  
Marston's  
Restaurant**

Thursday, September 11th  
1:00 PM

Please RSVP to  
Bonnie or Dave Warburton



Have you seen what's in our Bookstore? More inventory was just brought out for you to flip through.....

*Browse social justice titles* or check out the collection of *books by contemporary theologians!* Scan the shelves filled with **books of prayers, meditations, and spiritual practices.**

Favorite recipes from St. Stephen's parishioners are found in the *Keepsake Recipe Books* — compiled in an easy-to-use hardcover, just \$5!

*"Sacred Gems" CDs* - Let Judy Baity's piano music soothe your soul and stir your heart. Enjoy the timeless beauty & tranquil sounds for just \$5.

*Donate \$3 - \$10 for a book of your choice* - Depending on length, date, and condition. Donations may be made by cash, check, or online at [www.st-stephens.org/](http://www.st-stephens.org/) Just scroll to the bottom, click "GIVE NOW" and designate "Bookstore" under the fund choice.

**Help keep our bookstore open on Sundays!** Please volunteer your time after services. If interested, speak with Mary Jo Higginbotham or contact her via email at [maryjohigg@gmail.com](mailto:maryjohigg@gmail.com)





**It's time to sign up for EfM! Registration ends Wednesday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Every baptized person is called to "ministry". The EfM program provides you with the education and tools to discern and carry out your ministry.

To engage with scripture and theology, Bible readings, church history, theological reflection, worship, and group discussions.

To walk alongside one another in exploring how our stories and convictions deepen our connection with God."

To grow together in faith by discovering how our lived experiences reveal God's presence.

To learn from each other as we uncover how our unique paths help shape our relationship with God.

EfM is a small group study that meets weekly, on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 until 9:00 at St. Stephen's (Sept. — June). If you have any questions, please talk to Mary Jo Higginbotham or contact her by email at [maryjohigg@gmail.com](mailto:maryjohigg@gmail.com).



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.



## Join St. Stephen's Walk to End Alzheimer's team!

 October 4, 2025  
 Ceremony gam  
Walk 9:30am  
 Bridgeport Park



<http://bit.ly/4ktPzRz>

Questions? Call or text Sarah Simmons: 618-292-7407

Click on picture to register.



**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). 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

**THE SAGES ARE COLLECTING  
ITEMS DURING SEPTEMBER FOR  
THE HART DISTRICT**

- 1 Boys socks 6-12 blk or white
- 2 Girls socks 6-12 blk, wht, multi
- 3 Girls' no-show socks (6-12)
- 4 Shampoo & Conditioner
- 5 Face Wash
- 6 Face Moisturizer
- 7 Body Wash
- 8 Deodorant
- 9 Lotion & Sunscreen

**ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN THE  
WOODEN BOX IN THE NARTHEX.**

**St. Stephen's Prayer List**

**On-Going Needs:** Joanne

**Current Needs:** Vickie, Innocent Victims of Wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lella, Eliza, Janet, John, Sue, Gail, Sandy, Mrs. Lerma, Rebecca, Claudia, Brisa, Connor, Ruby, Nora and Lonnie, Ty, Linda, Kristen, Malik, Trevor, Alexander, Jack, Mary and Sepp, Mario, Laura, Jon, Kathy, Sara Anne, Vera, Patrick, Michelle, Lisa and Lou, Linda, Kristen, Vera, Patrick, Denis, Ro and Denis, Sr., Malcolm, Linda, Pat, Michelle and Bridgette, Sharon, Rt. Reverend Stephen Charleston, Trish, Peggy, Summer, Judy, Steve, Bill, Rosina, Jan and Jim, Nicole, victims of the Canyon Fire, Sally, Rachel, Ursula, Suzie, Chris, Fran, Ron, George

**Rest in Peace:** Galen Taylor, Cheryl Merkens Foley, Rosina Mascolo, Ovidio Ayala

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		August 31, 2025 to September 7, 2025	
TODAY'S SERVICES		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 8/31	VPOD: John Alexopoulos		
7:45am	Holy Eucharist		
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)		
10:30am	Blessing of the Backpacks		
MONDAY 9/1			
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall		
TUESDAY 9/2			
6:00pm	Book Group Discussion / Lounge		
7:00pm	The Welcome Table / Chapel		
WED. 9/3			
7:00am	Holy Eucharist		
7:30am	Breakfast at Lily's Café / Newhall		
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude / Zoom		
5:30pm	Laundry Love / Coin Op Laundry		
THURS. 9/4			
9:30am	Book Study / Sacristy		
6:30pm	Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall		
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church		
FRIDAY 9/5			
SAT. 9/6			
8:00am	Men's Group Breakfast / Dink's		
9:00-11:00am	Food & Recycling Collection / Parking Lot		
NEXT SUNDAY 9/7		VPOD: William Hendley	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist		
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)		
12:00pm	Daughters of the King / Lounge		



**2025-2026**

# Sunday School Registration

Join us on Sundays at  
10:30am for Godly Play!  
Ages K-5<sup>th</sup> grade

## GODLY PLAY

Making meaning  
through story,  
wonder and play.  
Register Now!



**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**

If you would like a  
paper registration  
form , please  
contact the  
Church office.

[www.st-stephens.org](http://www.st-stephens.org)

Click on picture to register.