

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, October 4, 2026

The Nineteenth 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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026
4:00PM - COURTYARD
Bring your pets and come celebrate!



THE WELCOME TABLE
A Christian spiritual gathering
for the LGBTQ+ community & our allies.



Tuesday, October 6, 2026
7:00 pm in the Chapel

SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
24901 Orchard Village Rd. / Santa Clarita, CA 91355 / Tel / 1 661 259 7307 / st-stephens.org

Come join us for the Welcome Table on Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 7PM in the Church. 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>



laundry love.

Wednesday, October 7th from 5:30-7:30pm
Coin & Drop Off Laundry
24725 Railroad Ave. in Newhall





Join us on Sunday, Oct. 11th at 11:45am in the parish hall as St. Stephen's welcomes members of the *League of Women Voters* for a practical, nonpartisan presentation on preparing for the upcoming elections.

LWV President, Julie Johnson, will kick off the conversation with information about voting and registration. Other topics to be discussed may include: What identification is needed? What if my name isn't on the voter rolls when I arrive at the polls? How do I track my mail-in ballot? Where can I find official, nonpartisan election information?

What if I never received my mail ballot?

What if I can't stand in line for long?

There will be a "Question & Answer" period and pamphlets will be available. Sponsored by the Anti-Racism Coalition at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church. Everyone is welcome!

The League of Women Voters of Santa Clarita Valley advocates to policymakers on issues including voting rights, election rules, and other issues of importance to our community. **Your Vote Matters!**



For Car registration or volunteering:

<https://tinyurl.com/nuuatv9j>



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.





**CHRISTMAS GREENS
ON SALE NOW**

ORDERS MAY BE PLACED UNTIL
6PM ON NOVEMBER 1ST.
USE QR CODE TO ORDER



Price List – For Pickup at St. Stephen's AFTER Thanksgiving

22" Noble Fir Wreath \$28.00	10' Western Cedar Garland \$29.00
22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath \$29.00	Door Swag \$28.00
28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath \$40.00	
Price List For items delivered via U.S. Mail anywhere in the U.S. with GUARANTEED fresh delivery. Orders must be placed no later than Nov. 29th.	
Two 10-foot Western Cedar Garlands \$60.00	
22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath \$50.00	28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath \$58.00
Holiday Centerpiece w/ LED Candle \$47.00	Door Swag \$48.00
Cone Gift Basket \$43.00	NEW Reindeer, Sleigh & Gnome set \$35.00

<https://forms.gle/sjydnUHSg7sEQmFA6>



18+ EVENT
TICKET REQUIRED

SCV LGBTQ Center
You are invited to the
HALLOWEEN BASH

OCTOBER 24
From 4:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Sign up: <https://givebutter.com/HalloweenBash>
\$5.00 early bird ticket — must have ticket to enter.



**NAVIGATING THE
GOLDEN YEARS
TOGETHER**

A Community Panel for Seniors, Families & Caregivers

Join local professionals for a welcoming & informative panel featuring a broad range of topics and resources to support seniors, caregivers, and families.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2026
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

CHILD & FAMILY CENTER
21545 CENTRE POINTE PKWY
SANTA CLARITA, CA 91350

TOPICS WE'LL EXPLORE:

- Health & Care
- Housing & Aging in Place
- Financial Planning
- Senior Safety & Scam Prevention
- Community Resources

HEAR FROM LOCAL EXPERTS | ASK QUESTIONS & GET ANSWERS | CONNECT WITH LOCAL RESOURCES

RSVP TODAY!

Prefer to RSVP by phone?
Call 661-228-3557

Questions?
admin@servingseniorsnetwork.org

FREE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE
Provided by NOLA Med Transport

✓ Limited availability
✓ Advance reservation required

In Partnership With **Heritage**
sera medical group

REGISTER NOW

WHAT TO EXPECT

Hear From Local Experts
Meet a diverse panel of professionals who work directly with seniors and families. The conversation will explore important topics, including **health and care, housing and aging in place, financial planning, senior safety and scam prevention, and community resources**—offering different perspectives and



**Treasurer
Needed**

Duties Include:

- Generating and analyzing the finances for the church and preschool
- Presenting reports monthly to both the Finance Com. Vestry

Basic background of finance preferred.
Strong organizational skills.

Volunteer position

If interested please contact
Nick Vestuto at seniorwarden@st-stephens.org or
John Alexopoulos at juniorwarden@st-stephens.org

St. Stephen's Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Innocent victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, especially involving the U.S. involvement in the Middle East, Bill, John and the Nelson family, , Lilly and husband, Patrick, Maria, Moses, Jerome, Debbie, Jose Manuel, Sandy H., Peggy, Kevin, Keith, Mehar, Marionette, B.J., Rae, Susan, Claudia, Bob, Susan, Phyllis and Stu, Linda and Charlie, Maria, Greg, Neville, Tom and Desiree, Jim and Donna, Greg and Cathy, Gia, Caroline, Carolyn, Karen, Angeline, Judy, Laurie, Stephen, Cathy, Berta, Sue, Stacy, Lily, K. C., the Barlow Family, Brendan, Rebecca, Raye, Collette, Nicole, Judith, Vince and Fran, Nadine, Vickie, Rebecca, Dennis and Joy, Mike, Daniel, Pastor Ron's family, Diane, Jake, Brad, Carole and Hal, Walton Family, Madelyn, Claire, the Burkly Family, Rosario, Brad, Julie, Patty, Juan, Jim and family, Ann Marie, Michelle, Linda, Trish. **Ava Maria, Debbie, Jeff**

Rest in Peace: Helen Walton, Nancy Burkly, Christina, Kay Daniels, **Patricia McFarlane**

If you would like prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at pstable@pegasus2.net or call the church at 661.259.7307. Please be aware that your prayer request will be shared with the prayer chain. If you wish to hold your prayer request in confidence, please clarify that in your submission. Prayer requests remain for 4 weeks and must be renewed through Peggy or the office.



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		October 4, 2026 to October 11, 2026	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 10/4		VPOD: Kelsey Raub & Cheryl Sena	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
12:00pm		Daughters of the King / Lounge	
12:00pm		Y.E.S.S. / Youth Room	
4:00pm		Blessing of the Animals / Courtyard	
MONDAY 10/5			
6:45pm		Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
TUESDAY 10/6			
6:30pm		Crew 314 / Spurling Hall	
7:00pm		The Welcome Table / Chapel	
WED. 10/7			
7:00am		Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast	
9:30am		Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
5:30pm		Laundry Love	
6:00pm		EFM / Room 8	
THURS. 10/8			
9:30am		Book Study Group / Sacristy	
1:00pm		SAGES Luncheon / Marston's Restaurant	
7:30pm		Parish Choir rehearsal	
FRIDAY 10/9			
6:00pm		Queer Movie Night / Spurling Hall	
SAT. 10/10			
8:00am		Branch Managers	
1:00pm		Crafter's Group Meeting / Lounge	
NEXT SUNDAY 10/11			
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	
11:45am		League of Women's Voters Panel / Spurling Hall	