

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, October 25, 2026

The Twenty-second 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



Sing Out Loud: Mission Opera and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Partner for Live Pianist "Broadway-oke" Night on Oct. 30

An All-Ages Broadway Karaoke Night Featuring Live Piano Accompaniment Raises Funds for Local Music Ministries in Valencia

Hosted in the Parish Hall, participants can bring their own sheet music scores or choose from an on-site binder of musical theater classics. The non-ticketed event is open to the public, welcoming both seasoned vocalists and enthusiastic beginners, as well as audience members who simply want to enjoy an evening of live theatrical music.

- Admission: Non-ticketed event; a suggested donation of \$5 or more will be accepted at the door.

- Song & Refreshment Tickets: \$5 per ticket, redeemable for one song to sing, glass of wine, concession, or other refreshment.

- Payment Methods Accepted: Cash, card, Venmo, PayPal, or Zelle.

- Beneficiary: All proceeds will be donated to St. Stephen's Music Ministries on behalf of Mission Opera, their community nonprofit partner.

Many see me ushering on Sunday mornings, and some know that I'm a member of the Vestry and the Stewardship Committee. But did you know that I've lived in this neighborhood for 52 years and graduated from William S Hart High School? Back in the 1970's, my friends and I would walk down Orchard Village Road, past St. Stephen's, for ice cream cones at Thrifty's.

Many years later, I didn't pass by, but stopped in. And I am so glad I did! Being a part of the St. Stephen's family is such a joy. I find myself inspired by our Episcopal Baptismal Covenant. I love the beauty of our Anglican liturgy, being around some of the finest people in town, and of course, having the world's greatest Rector.

But here's the thing, I lived in this neighborhood for 46 years before coming to St. Stephen's because no one took the time to invite me or to tell me about the Episcopal Church. While I am so happy to be here, I feel sad when I think about all the lost years. Every time we celebrate Advent, Christmas and Easter, I feel such joy, but it's mixed with sadness when I think about my child, Tristan, not growing up with these beautiful traditions.

My story illustrates the point that we have neighbors whose lives may be enriched by St. Stephen's just as mine has been. That is why this year's pledge drive theme is "Plenty Good Room." At St. Stephen's we have plenty of room and plenty of goodness, within that room, to share. So, next time you come, make it a point to bring a friend.

Michael Branda
Stewardship Committee, Chair



To make a 2027 pledge
<https://tinyurl.com/yduadbzs>



To fill out a gratitude card
<https://tinyurl.com/mwanzvnb>



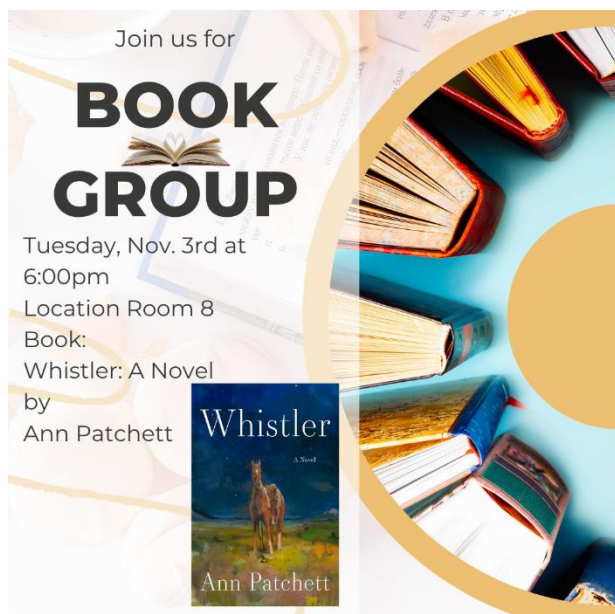
Come join us for The Welcome Table on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2026 at 7PM in the Chapel. The Welcome Table is an experience crafted by and for the LGBTQ+ community. Gather with us as we eat, pray, discuss, share communion, celebrate diversity and explore our faith in community as our true, authentic selves. Come as you are, this place is for you.

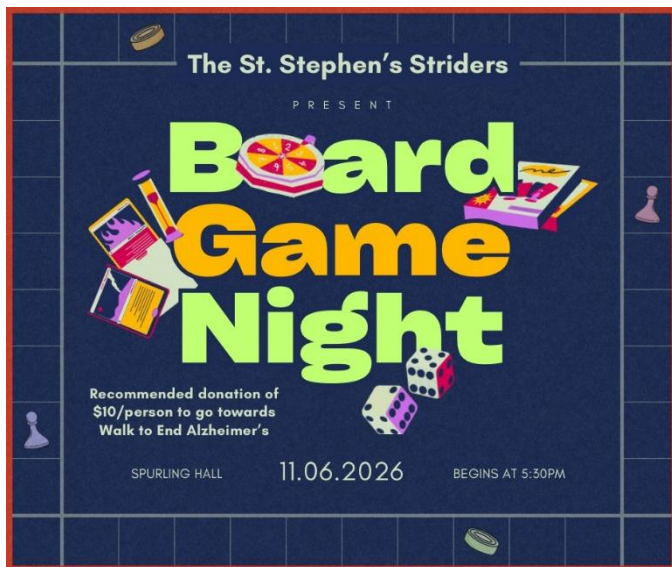


Dinner is potluck style. You can sign up for your contribution here: <https://tinyurl.com/yy7csfe5>



This year as we prepare to celebrate All Saints Sunday we will be creating a special Altar of Remembrance in the sanctuary beginning Sunday October 18th. Members of the congregation are invited to bring in photos of loved ones who have passed on and place them on the altar though All Saints' Sunday.





The St. Stephen Striders are hosting a board game night to raise money for the Walk to End Alzheimer's! All are welcome to join us in Spurling Hall on Friday, November 6th. Please bring your favorite board and card games to share! Pizza will be provided; please feel free to also bring dishes and drinks to accompany. There is a recommended donation of \$10/person to support the cause. Questions can be directed to Sarah Simmons: [618-292-7407](tel:618-292-7407). We hope to see you there!



Everyone is invited to join Rev. Christopher for an afternoon of conversation on Saturday, November 7, 2026 from 3-5PM, as he shares stories and reflections from his recent sabbatical. Coffee, soft drinks and sweet treats will be provided.

Thankful Together

Open to All
Interfaith Gospel Workshop

An Evening of Healing, Hope and Harmony



GOSPEL CHOIR
WORKSHOP WITH
TERRANCE KELLY

NOV 14TH
1-4PM



WORKSHOP
POTLUCK

4:30-6PM



FREE CONCERT
W/SPECIAL GUESTS

7PM



LOCATION St. Stephen's Episcopal
24901 Orchard Dr.
Santa Clarita, CA 91355

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Workshop Fee \$30
\$20 Students/Seniors
Pay what you can.
No one turned away.

Unity in Diversity



TERRANCE KELLY
Choir Director
Oakland Interfaith
Gospel Choir



JOSH WENTZ
Music Director
St. Stephen's
Episcopal



SPECIAL GUEST PATRICIA BAHIA



OAKLAND INTERFAITH GOSPEL
CHOIR MEMBERS



SCV INTERFAITH WORKSHOP CHOIR

Following the success of two highly acclaimed gospel workshops in Santa Clarita, singers and music lovers of all backgrounds are invited to join the third installment: *Thankful Together: An Evening of Healing, Hope and Harmony*. Scheduled for Saturday, November 14, this uplifting event combines an inclusive, non-auditioned gospel music workshop with a powerful evening concert at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Valencia. Led by Terrance Kelly, the Emmy Award-winning Artistic Director and cofounder of the world-renowned Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir (OIGC), the afternoon workshop provides a supportive space for anyone who loves to sing. Rooted in traditional Black gospel music traditions, all songs are taught through traditional call-and-response and rote methods—meaning no music reading ability, formal training, or prior choir experience is required.



Fundraising doesn't have to mean extra spending or extra work. With RaiseRight, your everyday purchases can earn money for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, making every dollar go further.

How it works:

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2. We share a portion of your purchase back to St. Stephen's as earnings
3. Earnings go toward reducing your costs for St. Stephen's

RaiseRight offers four ways to earn for St. Stephen's Episcopal Church - all from spending you're already doing.

- **Gift cards:** Buy eGift or physical gift cards for brands you already shop with and earn a percentage back with every purchase. (If you would like physical cards please see Sheri first before ordering online)
- **Shop online:** Shop your favorite brands' websites and earn on every purchase.
- **Local dining:** Dine at participating restaurants to earn with every meal.
- **Travel bookings:** Book hotels, car rentals, or attractions through RaiseRight and earn while you plan your next trip.

Getting started with RaiseRight is simple. Here's how:

Step 1: Find your enrollment code

St. Stephen's enrollment code is: 943EAD6C5481.5

Step 2: Create your account

Sign up at RaiseRight.com or in the mobile app using your enrollment code, then add a payment method.

Step 3: Start shopping

Buy gift cards, shop online, dine at participating restaurants, or book travel through RaiseRight.

Step 4: Earn and save

A percentage of every purchase goes back to St. Stephen's.

Visit [RaiseRight.com/Enroll](https://www.raise-right.com/Enroll) to get started or scan the QR Code.

Contact Sheri Play if you would like to learn more and join our program.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered for our Trunk or Treat and Halloween Carnival! We also want to thank the Carnival Sponsors for their generosity!



GOLDIE
SALON & BOUTIQUE



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, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Lily and husband, Patrick, Maria, Moses, Jerome, Debbie, Jose Manuel, Peggy, Keith, Mahin, Rae, Susan, Susan, Greg, Neville, Tom and Desiree, Jim and Donna, Greg and Cathy, Vickie, Stephen, Rebecca and family, Dennis and Joy, Mike, Jake, Madelyn, Brad, Juan, Jim and Family, Ann Marie, Jeff, Patti, Debbie, Michelle, Trish, Garrett, Ave Maria, Margo, Lonnie, Rebecca, Diane, Rebecca, The Toro Family, **Rick, Rebecca, Malcolm, Stephen, Joyce, Sue, George**

Rest in Peace: Christina, Kay Daniels, Patricia McFarlane, **Carlos Gonzales**

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.



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. 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 25, 2026 to November 1, 2026
TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45 & 10:30 AM	
SUNDAY 10/25	VPOD: Cheryl Sena
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	Y.E.S.S. / Youth Room
12:00pm	Memorial Cross Making with DOK / Spurling Hall
MONDAY 10/26	
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
TUESDAY 10/27	
6:00pm	Vestry meeting / Spurling Hall
WED. 10/28	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude / Zoom
6:00pm	EFM / Room 8
7:00pm	PFLAG / Spurling Hall
THURS. 10/29	
9:30am	Book Study Group / Sacristy
7:00pm	Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall
7:30pm	Parish Choir rehearsal
FRIDAY 10/30	
7:00pm	Broadway-oke / Spurling Hall
SAT. 10/31	
NEXT SUNDAY 11/1	
VPOD:	Nick Vestuto
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	Y.E.S.S. / Youth Room
12:00pm	DOK / Lounge