

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, November 1, 2026

All Saints' Day

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

The Pledge Drive currently is approx. 16% of our \$425,000 goal. Remember to prayerfully submit your pledge by placing it in the plate, online, or by mail before Nov. 22nd.

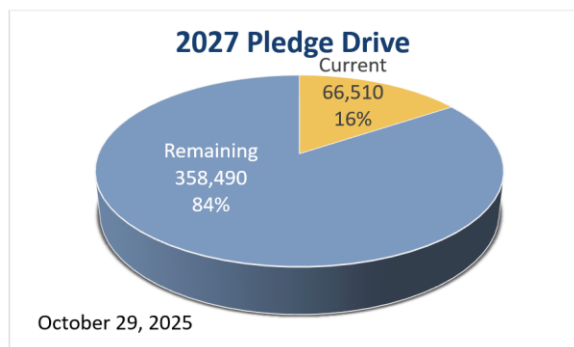
Sunday, November 15th at 9am, there will be a forum focused on answering questions about our financial goals for 2027, and the Annual Pledge Campaign.

There will be **one** service at 9am on Nov. 22nd as we celebrate Gratitude Sunday. Sign up for the potluck and enjoy! Use QR for potluck signup as well as filling out your pledge card, gratitude card or reading the narrative budget.

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>



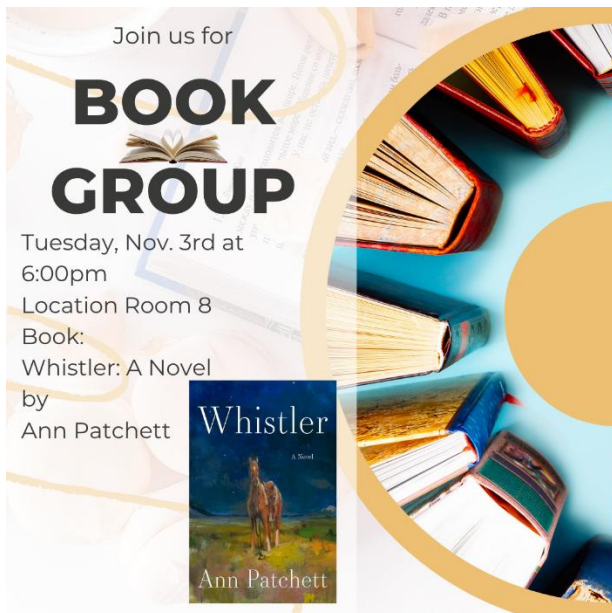
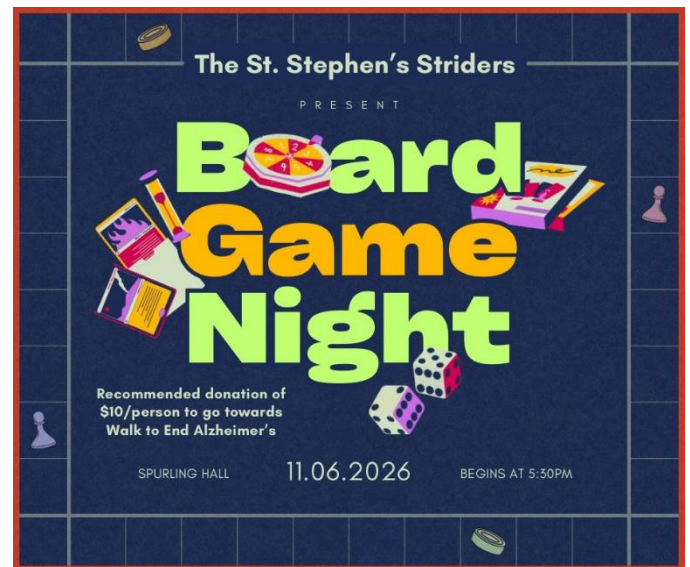
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Communications Committee Meeting

Want to get involved with the Communications Committee at St. Stephen's? It's as easy as jumping on Zoom! Meetings every 1st Monday of the Month at 3pm on Zoom. Use the QR code to join the meeting

Our next meeting is on
Monday, November 2nd at 3:00PM



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 at 5:30PM. 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.



Men's Group Breakfast Saturday, November 7th 8:00am

Dink's Deli & Bagel Bakery
on McBean Parkway



Food Collection

This list is for our
regular, 1st Saturday,
monthly food collection.
**Saturday, Nov. 7th, 9 —
11am**

St. Stephen's Church Parking Lot

CRITICAL NEEDS:

PB & Jelly (sm - med size)
Cereal & Nutrition Bars
Vienna Sausage & Spam
Tuna & Canned Chicken
Beef Jerky & Trail Mix
Canned Fruits & Fruit Cups
Can'd Pasta Meals; Chunky Soups
Toilet Paper & Paper Towels
Laundry & Dish Detergent
Deodorant, Shave Cream, Razors
Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
Lotion (sm), Body Wash & Soap
Shampoo & Conditioner

Other NEEDED ITEMS:

Mac & Cheese; Rice & Pasta
Pasta Sauce (NOT large)
Can'd Vegetables (NO Beans)
Baby Diapers, Sz 5 & up; Wipes

***Our Anti-Racism Coalition (ARC) is hosting the
annual Turkey Bag Collection thru mid-November
— Please see their "needed items" list in a separate
note elsewhere.**

Recycle Day- Sat., Nov. 7th

Bring **pull tabs** from cans of soda & food.

RECYCLABLE "CRV" plastic, cans, bottles.

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

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.



Looking for a way to broaden your prayer life? Daughters of the King invite women of St. Stephen's to gather with us this Sunday, Nov. 1st at

12:00 noon in the upstairs lounge. Together we pray, grow in faith, and join others in fellowship and spiritual encouragement.

Are you looking for a deeper connection with God? Whether you are simply curious or seeking a place to belong, we welcome you to join us. Learn more about our ministry and connect with other women of faith. We would love to welcome you!

Are you searching for deeper spiritual meaning? Discover how we can support one another in our walk with Christ. For more information, speak with Kathleen Jensen or Mary Jo Higginbotham.



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.

The Tech Table is hosting a live audio training Wednesday, November 18 at 7 PM in the sanctuary. It's open to new volunteers and current team members. Contact Jared at [618-339-0049](tel:618-339-0049) or jaredthebass@gmail.com to learn more.

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, Patti, Debbie, Michelle, Trish, Garrett, Ave Maria, Margo, Lonnie, Rebecca, Diane, Rebecca, The Toro Family, Rick, Rebecca, Malcolm, Stephen, Joyce, Sue, George, **Jeff, Laura, friends & family of Dolfin Cabuya**

Rest in Peace: Christina, Kay Daniels, Patricia McFarlane, Carlos Gonzales, **Delores Huerta, James Finn, Johnnie Miles, Dolfin Cabuya**

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.

St. Stephen's Week		November 1, 2026 to November 8, 2026	
TODAY'S SERVICE		7:45 & 10:30 AM	
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	
MONDAY 11/2			
6:45pm		Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall	
TUESDAY 11/3			
6:00pm		Book Group Discussion / Room 8	
7:00pm		The Welcome Table / Chape;	
WED. 11/4			
7:00am		Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast	
9:30am		Circle of Gratitude / Zoom	
5:30pm		Laundry Love - See location/address in ad above	
6:00pm		EFM / Room 8	
THURS. 11/5			
9:30am		Book Study Group / Sacristy	
7:00pm		Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall	
7:30pm		Parish Choir rehearsal	
FRIDAY 11/6			
5:30pm		Board Game Night / Spurling Hall	
SAT. 11/7			
8:00am		Men's Group Breakfast / Dink's Deli	
9:00-11:00am		Food & Recycling Collection / parking lot	
3:00-5:00pm		Sabbatical Stories with Rev. Christopher	
NEXT SUNDAY 11/8		VPOD: John Alexopoulos	
7:45am		Holy Eucharist	
10:30am		Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)	
10:30am		Sunday School / Spurling Hall	