

ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS

Sunday, November 10, 2024

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27

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 24% of our \$418,000 goal.

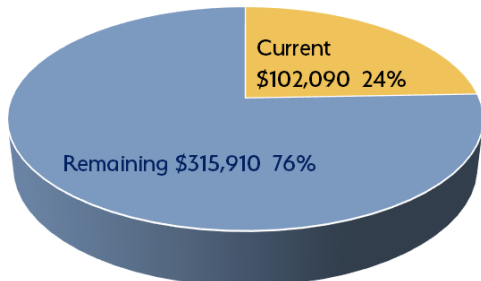
To learn more about the Pledge Drive, there will be a Forum on Sunday, Nov. 10th at 9am. Everyone is invited to come and ask questions.

Remember to prayerfully submit your pledge by placing it in the plate, online, or by mail before Nov. 24th.

There will be one service at 9am on Nov. 24th as we celebrate Gratitude Sunday. Sign up for the potluck and enjoy! Use QR for potluck sign-up.



2025 Pledge Drive



November 4, 2024



You may also place an order in person on Sundays or by calling the church office.
Order deadline is today at 6:00pm

SAGES Luncheon at Marston's Restaurant

Thursday, November 14
1:00 PM

Please RSVP to
Linda Weifenbach



St. Stephen's Crafters

Are you interested in cross stitching name tags, or arts and crafts in general?

The second meeting of the St. Stephen's Crafters will be on Saturday, 16 November from 10:00-12:00 at the home of Claudia Alexopoulos.

This group is meant to include various crafts: needlework, knitting, crochet, drawing, painting, etc. and is a place where we can share each other's talent and company. So, if you have any projects in progress, please bring them along as we're sure everyone will be interested in what you are working on.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in joining the group (they do not have to be members of our congregation) please invite them or bring them with you.

Call or text Caroline Morgan (805) 490 4057 or Claudia Alexopoulos (661) 993 5257 for the address and/or directions.



Thanksgiving Dinner Donations

The ARC ministry of St. Stephen's is partnering with the local chapter of the NAACP to provide 50 dinners for Hart School District families. We are looking provide the following for each family:

- Turkey (frozen)
- gravy mix
- potatoes (10 lb. bag)
- boxed dressing mix
- canned green beans (1-29 oz or 2-14.5 oz cans)
- canned corn (1-29 oz or 2-14.5 oz cans)
- canned cranberry sauce
- boxed brownie mix or cake mix with frosting
- napkins

Optional items:

- canned sweet potatoes (1-29 oz or 2-14.5 oz cans)
- dinner rolls

To get these donations to the families before school is let out for the Thanksgiving holiday, all items need to be brought to the church by Wednesday, November 20th by 9:00 a.m. We ask that you keep the frozen turkeys at your home until November 20th as we do not have room to store them. If that is a problem, please contact either Mary Jo Higginbotham, Rosa Holdredge, or Kelsey Raub and we will try to work with you.

Any and all contributions are welcome, including money!! We will do the shopping for you! If you want to contribute to the cost of an entire dinner, it's \$35 and can be made directly to St. Stephens (use QR Code for online donations). And lastly, keep an eye out for the buy one/get one free turkey free deals offered by most markets in our area.




SAINT STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

On Sunday,
November 24th
we will have one service
only at 9:00am



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



Wednesday, November 20, 2024
7:00 pm in Spurling Hall

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 Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7PM in Spurling Hall. 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:




FOSTERING YOUTH INDEPENDENCE CHRISTMAS

HELP MAKE A HOLIDAY WISH COME TRUE!



This holiday season we will be helping out six young adults with Fostering Youth Independence. This is a time to help make their holiday wishes

come true! FYI envisions a future in which every youth leaving the foster care system feels safe, connected and loved. They believe that with a consistent, nurturing community, foster youth can become successful, thriving adults. Today after the service you can find gift ornaments for the different youths. Some of the items are more costly so we encourage you to ask a friend or multiple friends to help share the cost. Thank you all so much! All gifts should be returned no later than Thursday, Dec. 5th.

Are you looking for a quick, easy, fun way to support St. Stephen's Communication Bulletin Board Committee? Contact Rosa Holdredge to join the fun, posting, and design a bulletin board!



Event Details

WHEN: Saturday, 11/16/24 - Doors Open at 8 AM, Program Begins at 8:30 AM, Trot Starts at 9:15 AM
WHERE: The Paseo Club - Trot begins at the club and then we will trot throughout the paseos.
REGISTRATION: \$20.00 PER PERSON

- Registration includes a light breakfast, t-shirt, and one raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize.
- Top 3 fundraising teams will win a TURKEY.
- A prize for the team who shows up in their BEST turkey attire.
- Activities for the kiddos including painting pumpkins and fun turkey crafts.
- And even a Silent Auction!

This event is family and pet friendly and FUN for the entire community!

FUNDS RAISED: This fun-filled event supports Bridge to Home's vital programs, resources, and services for our neighbors in need. Gather your family and friends and join in! This Turkey Trot is a wonderful opportunity to spend a morning with your community while raising funds for our neighbors in need in the SCV. Let's embrace this season of sharing and giving together.



Preschool Fundraiser:

See's CANDIES

FUNDRAISER

A collection of See's Candies products including boxes of chocolates, a small Christmas tree, and a gift bag, all decorated with festive holiday themes.

November 1st - December 6th



Easy Online Ordering 

A circular image of a gingerbread house decorated with white icing, green frosting, and a red door.

FRIDAY
DEC. 6TH

5:30-
7:30PM

\$5/PERSON OR
\$20/FAMILY

IN SPURLING HALL

It's
GINGERBREAD HOUSE
DECORATING TIME!

To RSVP contact Vivien at 661-259-7307 or at vivien@st-stephens.org.

St. Stephen's Prayer List

On-Going Needs: Joanne, Mary Lou,

Current Needs: Vickie, Michelle, Innocent victims of Middle East war, Andrea, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lisa and Lou, Kay, Stewart, Mary, Keith, Margo, Sepp, Lella, Eliza, Mia Behrens' great-granddaughter, Ron, Bradley, Chris, Selina, Loretha, Bill, Chantelle, the Krejci—Hooper-Rosebrook family, Brinnley, Rev. Cindy, Rev. Susan, Roberto, Mia, Corrine, Paul, Pat, Jenni, Carla, Mark and Bruce P., Lisa and Lou, Katherine S., Will, Amy, Dylan, Blake, Jeff, Johnnie, those who have lost homes or are at risk of losing their homes due to fires.

Rest in Peace: Tom, Sister Miriam, Linda Canaday

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.



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. STEPHENS

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	November 10, 2024 to November 17, 2024
TODAY'S SERVICE 7:45am & 10:30am	
SUNDAY 11/10	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Forum: Pledge Drive Q & A / Spurling Hall
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	YESS & Pathfinders / Youth Room
12:00pm	Daughters of the King / Lounge
MONDAY 11/11	
	Church & Preschool offices closed in observance of Veteran's Day
TUESDAY 11/12	
6:00pm	YESS Monthly Dinner / Spurling Hall
6:30pm	Preschool Board meeting via Zoom
WED. 11/13	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist
7:45am	Breakfast at Lily's Cafe
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude via Zoom
THURS. 11/14	
9:30am	Book Study / Sacristy
1:00pm	SAGES Luncheon / Marston's Restaurant
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church
FRIDAY 11/15	
SAT. 11/16	
NEXT SUNDAY 11/17	
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also streamed via Facebook Live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall