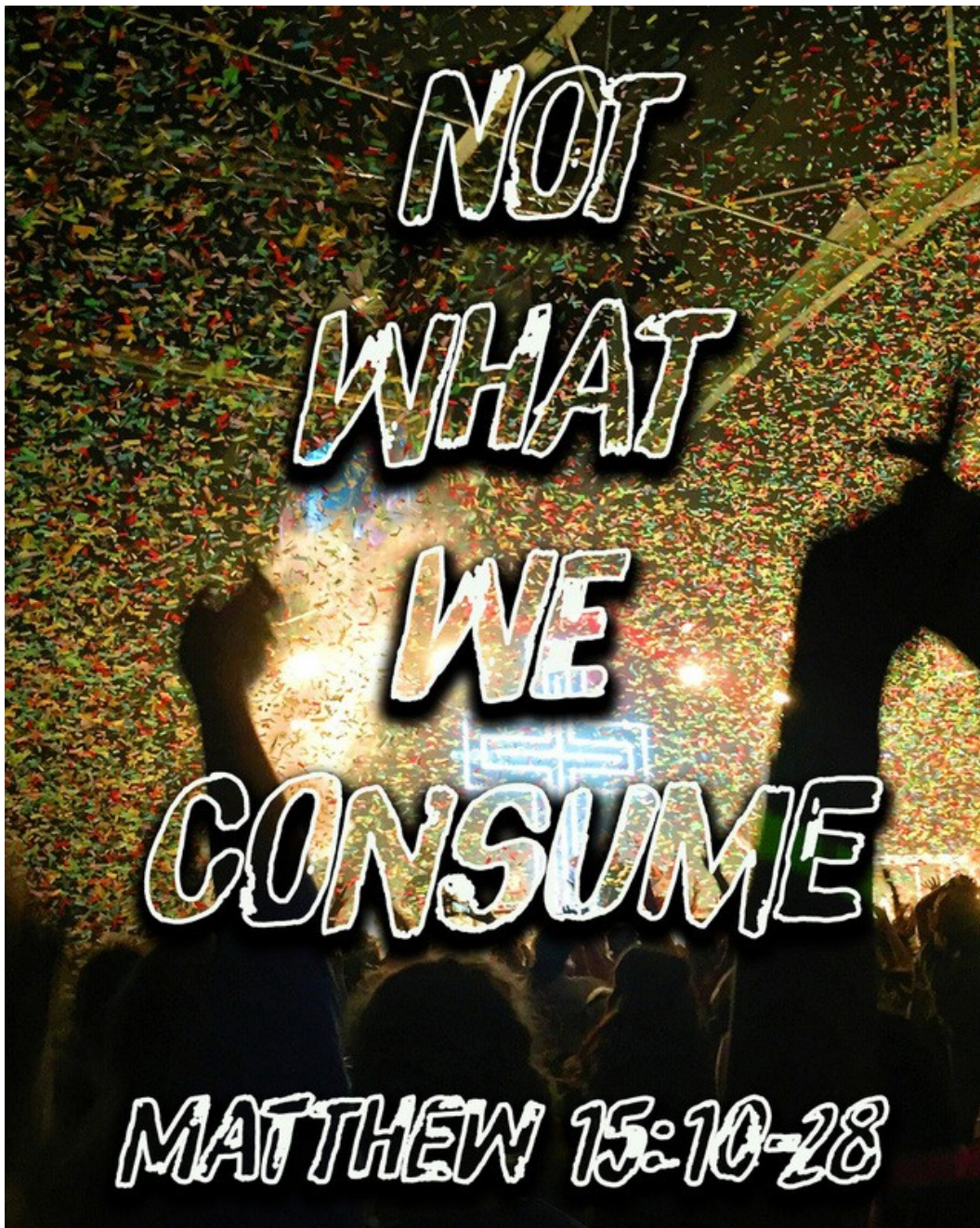




ST. STEPHEN'S
united methodist church



August 16th, 2026

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16th, 2026

10:30 am

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God looks beyond the things we use to define ourselves and sees the hearts beneath them.

All: Shape our hearts, O God, that our lives may reflect your love and grace.

One: We are invited to let go of the judgments and divisions that tell us who belongs and who does not.

All: Shape our hearts, O God, that our lives may reflect your love and grace.

One: Christ reminds us that what matters most is not what we take in, but what we allow to take root within us and flow into the world.

All: Shape our hearts, O God, that our lives may reflect your love and grace.

One: As we worship, may our hearts be transformed so that our words, choices, and relationships reveal the love of God.

All: Shape our hearts, O God, that our lives may reflect your love and grace. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH 140

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

[Matthew 15:10-28](#) (NRSVUE)

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: Inspired words for beloved people.

All: Lord, transform us through its hearing.

SERMON

"Not What We Consume"

OFFERING PRAYER AND INVITATION

You can give using your smartphone!

Text a dollar amount to 844-754-2197 and select St. Stephen's.

Those wishing to commit their lives to Christ are invited to contact Pastor Trey at

713-409-4618 or trey@stshtx.org

Our Communion offering for August will benefit MAM's Back to School Drive.

ANTHEM

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"
(arr. By Moses Hogan)

Ofelia, Solo

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH 95

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven"

UMH 66

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

***Please stand as you are able.**

UMH=United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith we Sing

Senior Pastor: Rev. Trey Comstock

Family Ministries Director: Steven Fisher

Assistant Family Ministries Director: Briona Jones

Song Leader: Ofelia Adame Williams

Liturgist: Ed Dickson

Accompanist: Mary Box



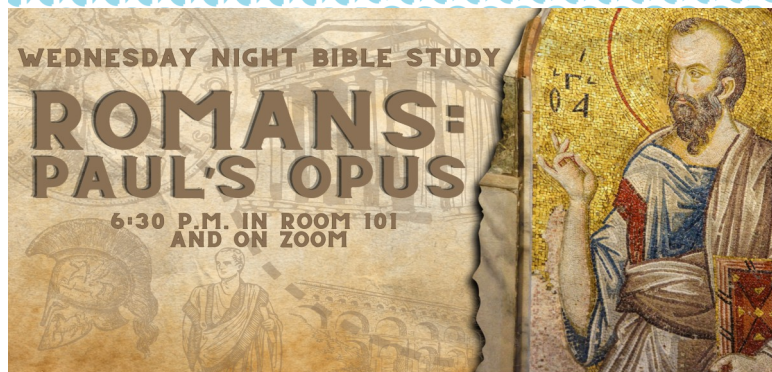
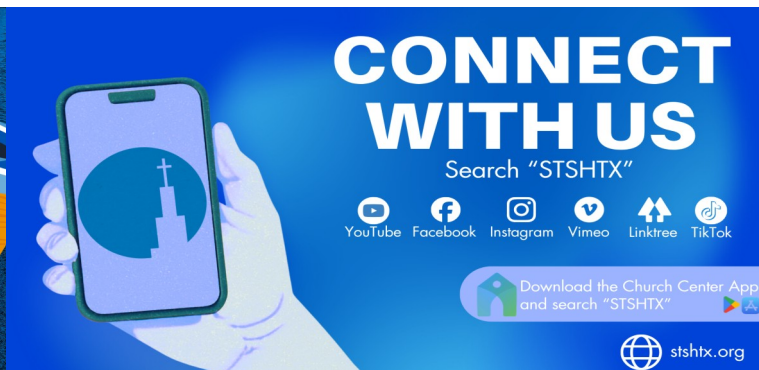
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Join Us!

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