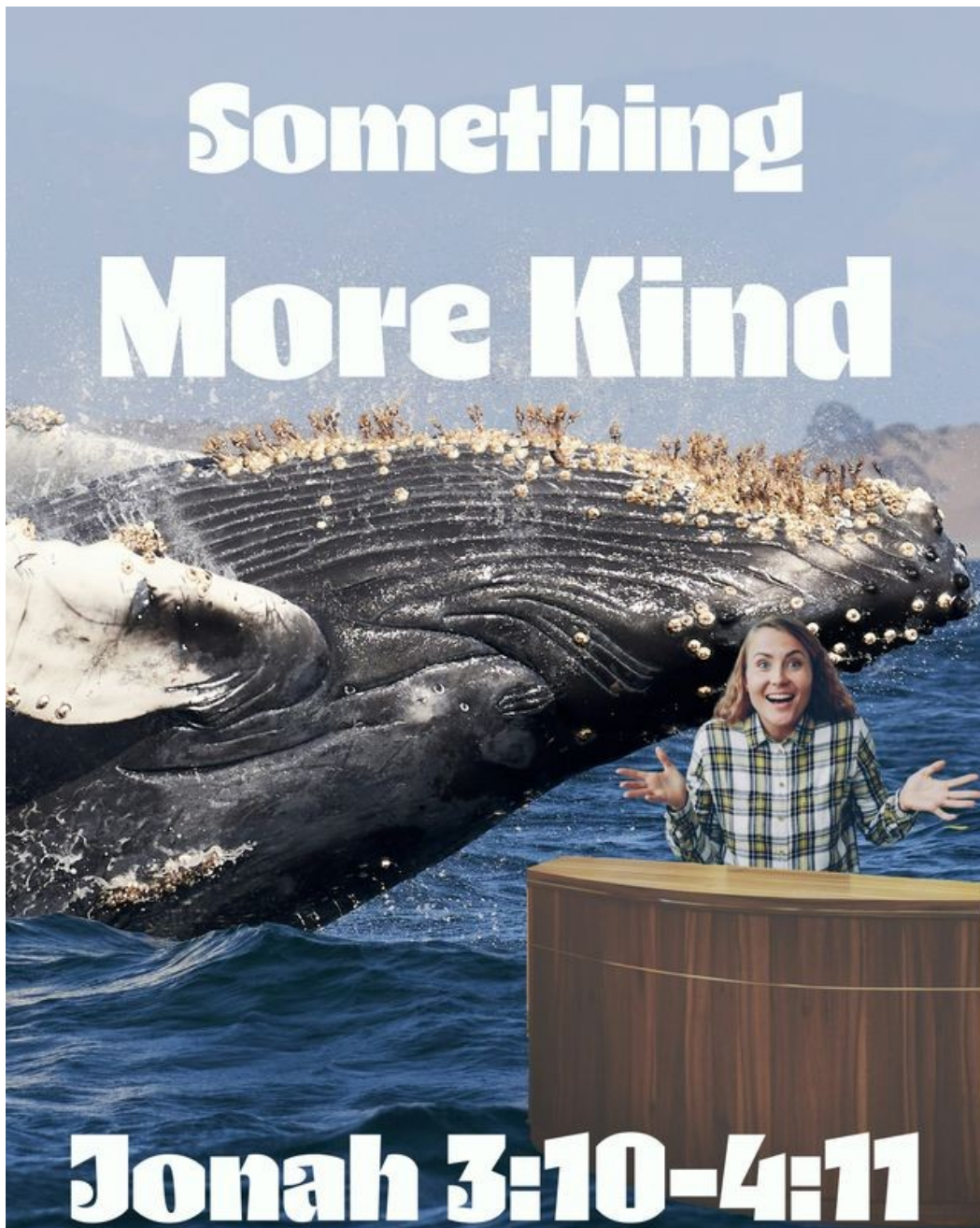




ST. STEPHEN'S
united methodist church



September 20th, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13th, 2026

10:30 am

WELCOME & PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRELUDE

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

(arr. By Mark Hayes)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Your compassion reaches farther than our understanding and wider than the boundaries we create.

All: Teach us to see as you see, O God, and to love as you love.

One: When we would rather hold tightly to our judgments, you invite us to make room for mercy.

All: Teach us to see as you see, O God, and to love as you love.

One: Your grace is not ours to control, and your compassion is not limited by our expectations.

All: Teach us to see as you see, O God, and to love as you love.

One: As we worship, may we encounter the God who is more merciful, more gracious, and more loving than we can imagine.

All: Teach us to see as you see, O God, and to love as you love. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

UMH 519

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“A Modern Affirmation”

UMH 885

*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

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

[Jonah 3:10-4:11 \(NRSVUE\)](#)

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Leader: Inspired words for beloved people.

All: Lord, transform us through its hearing.

SERMON

“Something More Kind”

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 September will benefit Stevens Elementary.

ANTHEM

“How Can I Keep from Singing”
(arr. By Alan Bullard)

Ofelia, Solo

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN

“God, the Spirit, Guide, and Guardian”

UMH 648

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

“Here I Am, Lord”
(arr. By Daniel Schutte)

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

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



Altar Flowers are given in celebration of Lucy Cain's birthday today. Happy Birthday Lucy!

Senior Pastor: Rev. Trey Comstock
Family Ministries Director: Steven Fisher
Song Leader: Ofelia Adame Williams
Liturgist: Matt Finnegan
Accompanist: Dr. Andreea Mut



Scan this code or [tap here](#) to sign into worship or make a prayer request.



September Communion Offering:
Stevens Elementary



To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

YOUTH GROUP

TONIGHT FROM 5-7 PM

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GROWING WISER

Wise Up!

DEVELOPING TRUST IN GOD'S PROVISION THROUGH CHANGE, THE NEW, AND THE DIFFICULT

BEGINS OCTOBER 11TH
SUNDAYS AT 9:15 A.M. | ROOM 101

EXPERIENCING FAITH

PARENTS

September 25th at 6 PM



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Visit stshtx.org/events to learn more and register



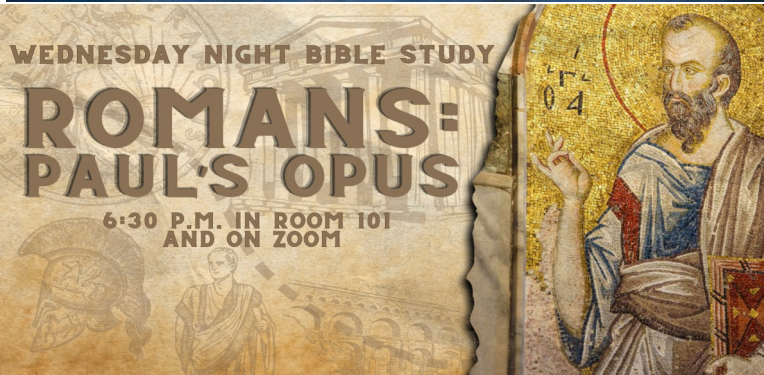
OCTOBER 13
@ 5:30 PM



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

ROMANS: PAUL'S OPUS

6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 101
AND ON ZOOM



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What to know before hiring an attorney

Presented by Murray Newman
The Law Offices of Murray Newman

Tuesday, 22nd September
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Community Conversations



You can give using your smart phone! Text a dollar amount to 844-754-2197 and select St. Stephen's, or go to stshtx.org.

Join Us!

St. Stephen's is a church with an exciting vision for loving God and our neighbors. If you want to learn more about our church, more about who Jesus is and why that matters, or just about anything else, Trey would love to meet with you! Call or text him at 713-409-4618 to make an appointment.

How to reach St. Stephen's

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