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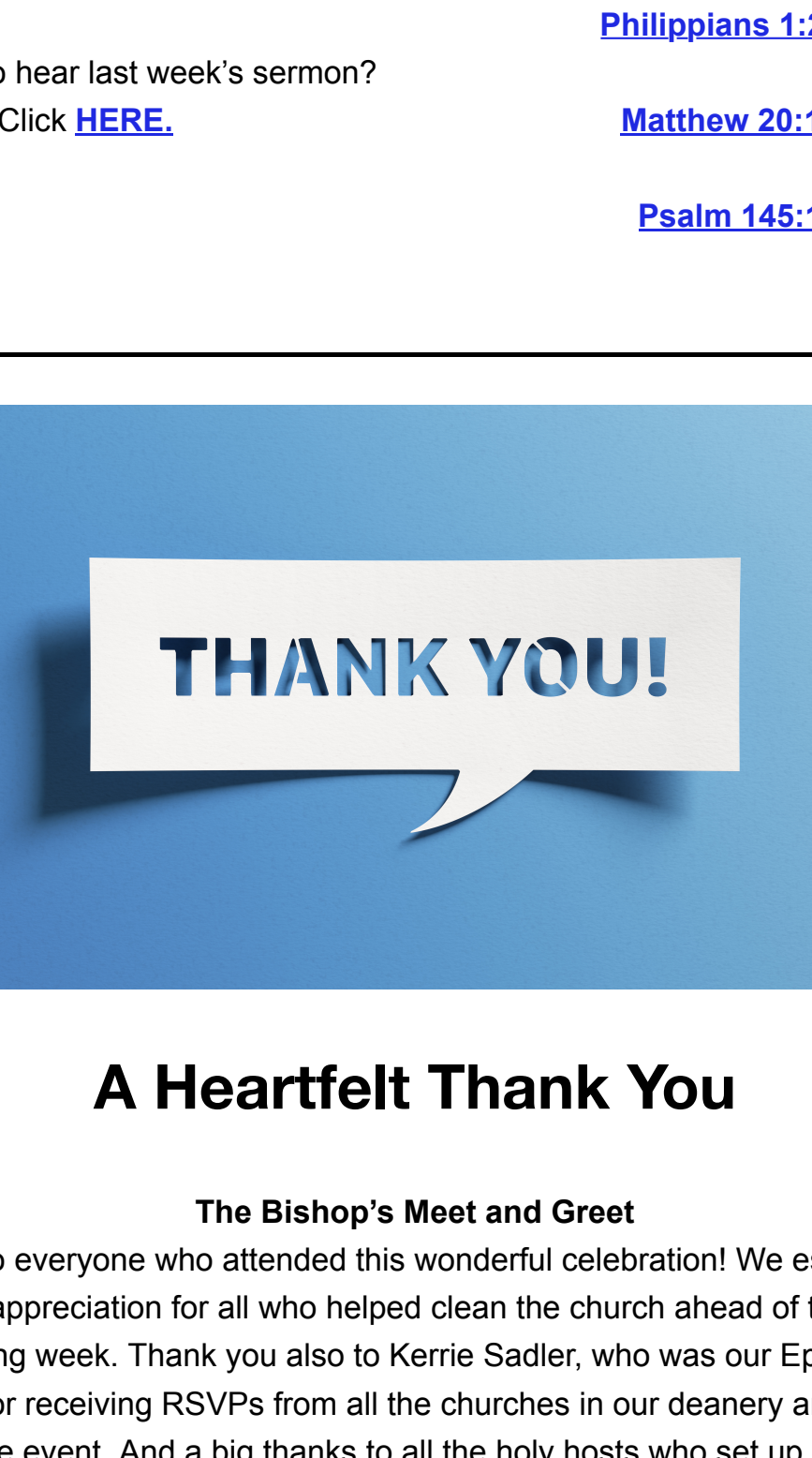
The Episcopal Church of Agoura, Oak Park, and Westlake Village



EPIPHANY CONNECTIONS

September 18, 2026

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.



Friday, September 18

5:00 p.m. RDV Happy Hour

Sunday, September 20

No Catechesis of the Good Shepherd this Sunday

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 21

6:30 p.m. EFM Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

12:00 p.m. Feeding the Spirit Bible Study

See the full calendar [here](#)

Connections

Our services are livestreamed! You can view this week's service, past services, and memorials [HERE](#). The bulletin will be posted by the end of the week [HERE](#).

In the hope that you will have a deeper understanding and closer connection to the Word, we are sharing the lectionary for this Sunday.

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

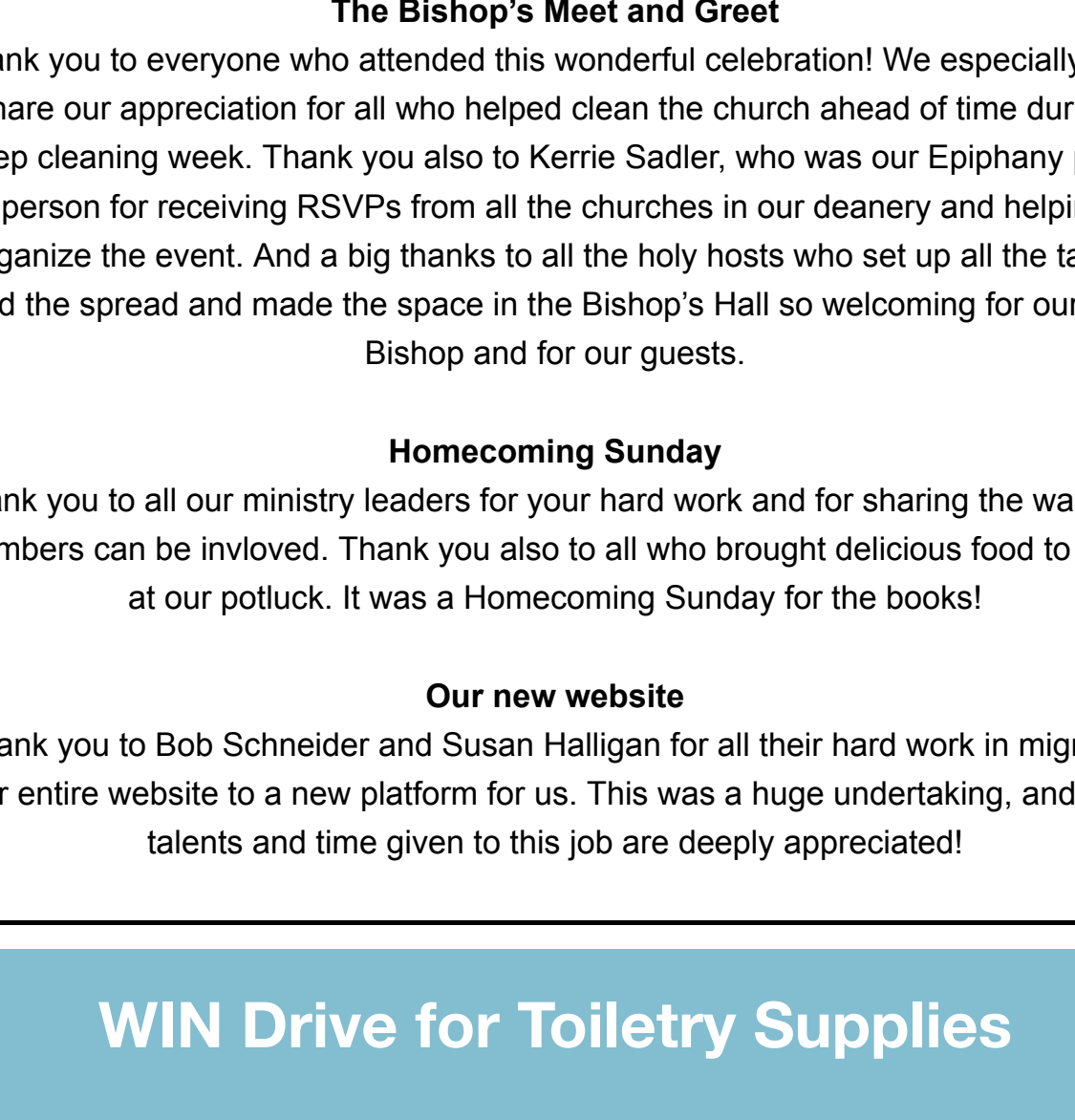
[Philippians 1:21-30](#)

[Matthew 20:1-16](#)

[Psalm 145:1-8](#)

Do you want to hear last week's sermon?

Click [HERE](#).



A Heartfelt Thank You

The Bishop's Meet and Greet

Thank you to everyone who attended this wonderful celebration! We especially want to share our appreciation for all who helped clean the church ahead of time during our deep cleaning week. Thank you also to Kerrie Sadler, who was our Epiphany point-person for receiving RSVPs from all the churches in our deanery and helping organize the event. And a big thanks to all the holy hosts who set up all the tables and the spread and made the space in the Bishop's Hall so welcoming for our new Bishop and for our guests.

Homecoming Sunday

Thank you to all our ministry leaders for your hard work and for sharing the ways our members can be involved. Thank you also to all who brought delicious food to share at our potluck. It was a Homecoming Sunday for the books!

Our new website

Thank you to Bob Schneider and Susan Halligan for all their hard work in migrating our entire website to a new platform for us. This was a huge undertaking, and their talents and time given to this job are deeply appreciated!

WIN Drive for Toiletry Supplies



The Women's Interfaith Network and Temple Adat Elohim are collecting

Toiletry Supplies

for

Interface Children and Family Services

Interface Children & Family Services provides mental health & trauma treatment, youth crisis & homeless services, domestic violence & child abuse prevention, human trafficking prevention & intervention, and justice services for children and adults in our community.

The Women's Interfaith Network is collecting toiletry items.

- Sign up for the items you would like to donate
- Bring them to the box in the foyer at Temple Adat Elohim by Thursday, October 29, 2026 between 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Stay to help receive and sort the items (sign up required)

Sign up for the items you can donate by going to <https://bit.ly/toiletrydrive2026> or by using the QR code

Supplies needed: (All full size bottles)

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Body Wash
- Hair Brushes
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Amazon, Target or Walmart gift cards



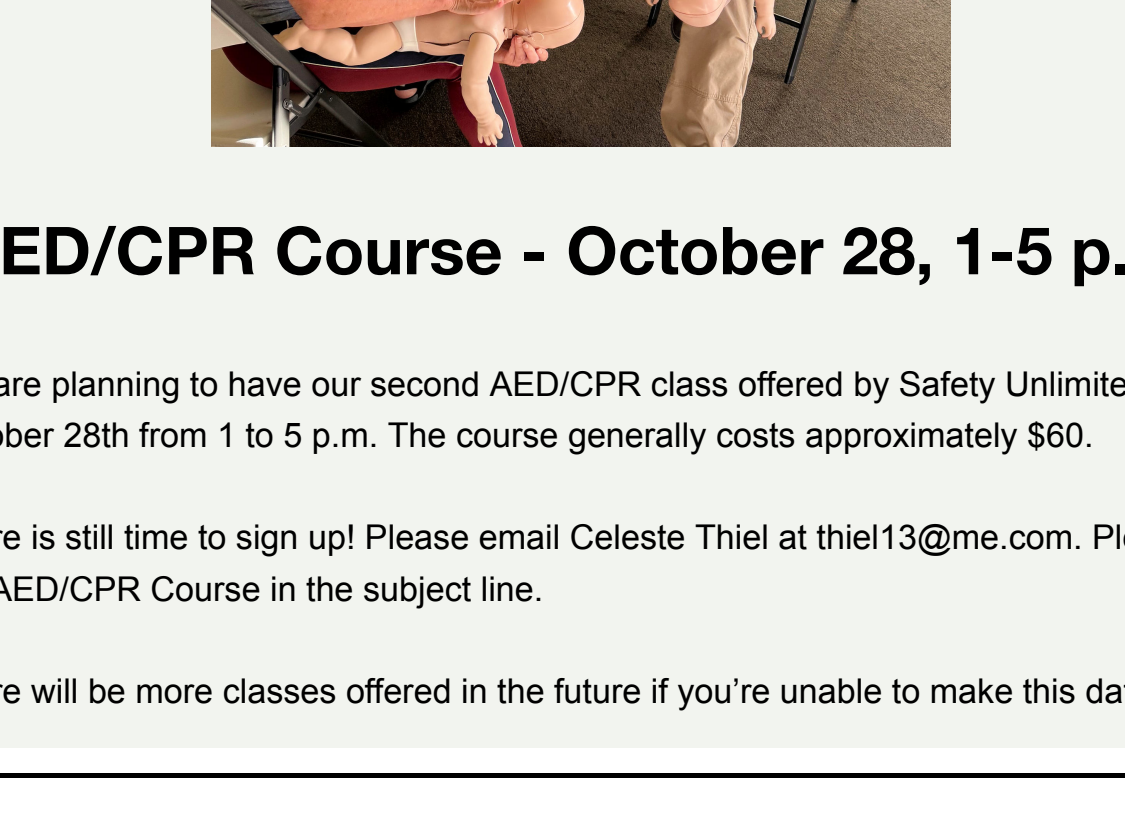
Questions to: socialaction@adatelohim.com

Our church will be joining other local churches involved in "WIN" (Women's Interfaith Network) to collect toiletry supplies for "Interface Children & Family Services." It provides many valuable services in our local community (see details on above flyer).

These toiletry items are greatly needed and will make a big difference in the quality of life for the recipients. Great places to purchase toiletries at a good price are: The Dollar Tree, Walmart, Target, and Amazon (select link "all deals")....every little bit helps.

To donate, please scan the QR code above or click the button below. This should take you to the "sign up genius." Alternately, you can pick up a paper list of the items needed on the collection bins. Collection bins will be in the Narthex Hall & Bishops Hall from Sunday, September 27 to Sunday, October 25. Please contact Christine with any questions or help with signing up: cbhoughton@att.net or phone number in directory.

[Click here to sign up to donate](#)

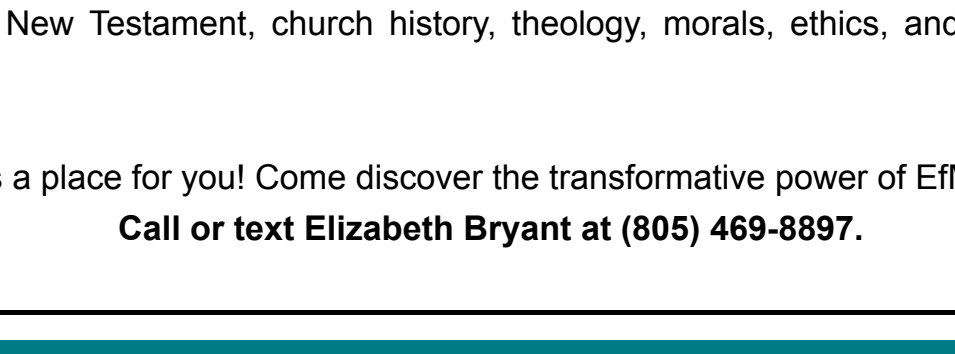


Feast of Faiths October 11th

The Ventura County Interfaith Community will hold its annual Feast of Faiths from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 11th at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at **3501 Loma Vista Road, Ventura, CA**. Registration begins at 3:30 PM. Click the button below to order tickets. More information is available at <http://vcic.info/feast>.

[Click here to purchase tickets](#)

The deadline to order your brick is approaching!



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NOW is the time to make your decision! Celebrate an anniversary, birthday or baptism, express your gratitude for God's blessings, even commemorate a special pet! All are great ideas for your engraved brick.

Please remember that the commemorative brick campaign is IN LIEU OF our typical auction dinner party. If you would have spent \$120 on two tickets to the event, plus \$20 in drawing opportunities and \$35 on a silent auction item, that same expenditure can buy you a brick that will beautify our garden forever!

To ensure your brick is included with our initial installation, you must make your purchase and submit your wording by **October 1st**.

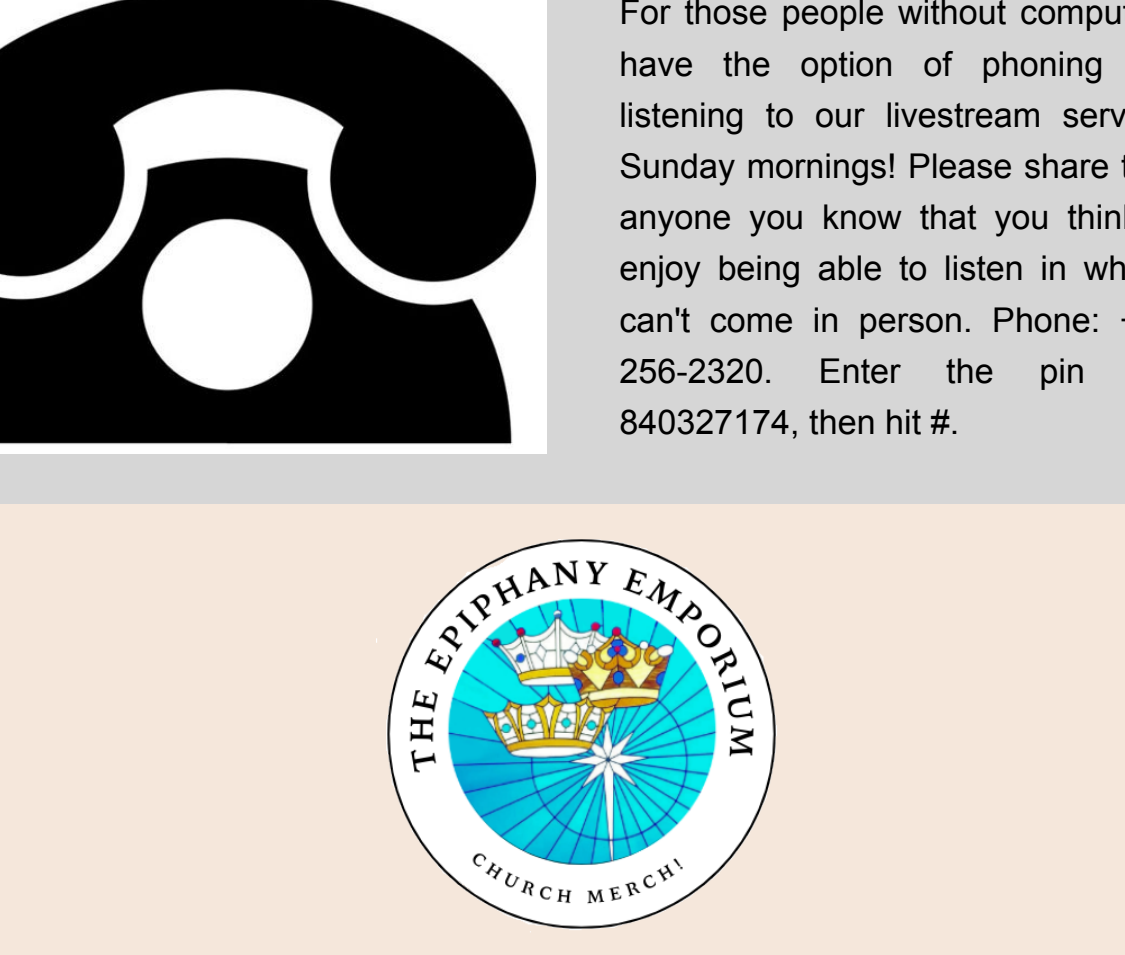
Click below to order online, or use one of the paper order forms found in the church office if you'd prefer to write a check.

**Honor the past. Celebrate the present. Help build the future—
one brick at a time.**

Questions: Stacey Stephens bishopswarden@tcote.org or call the church office (818) 991-4797. Order forms are available in the church office.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER](#)

The Blessing of the Animals Oct. 4th

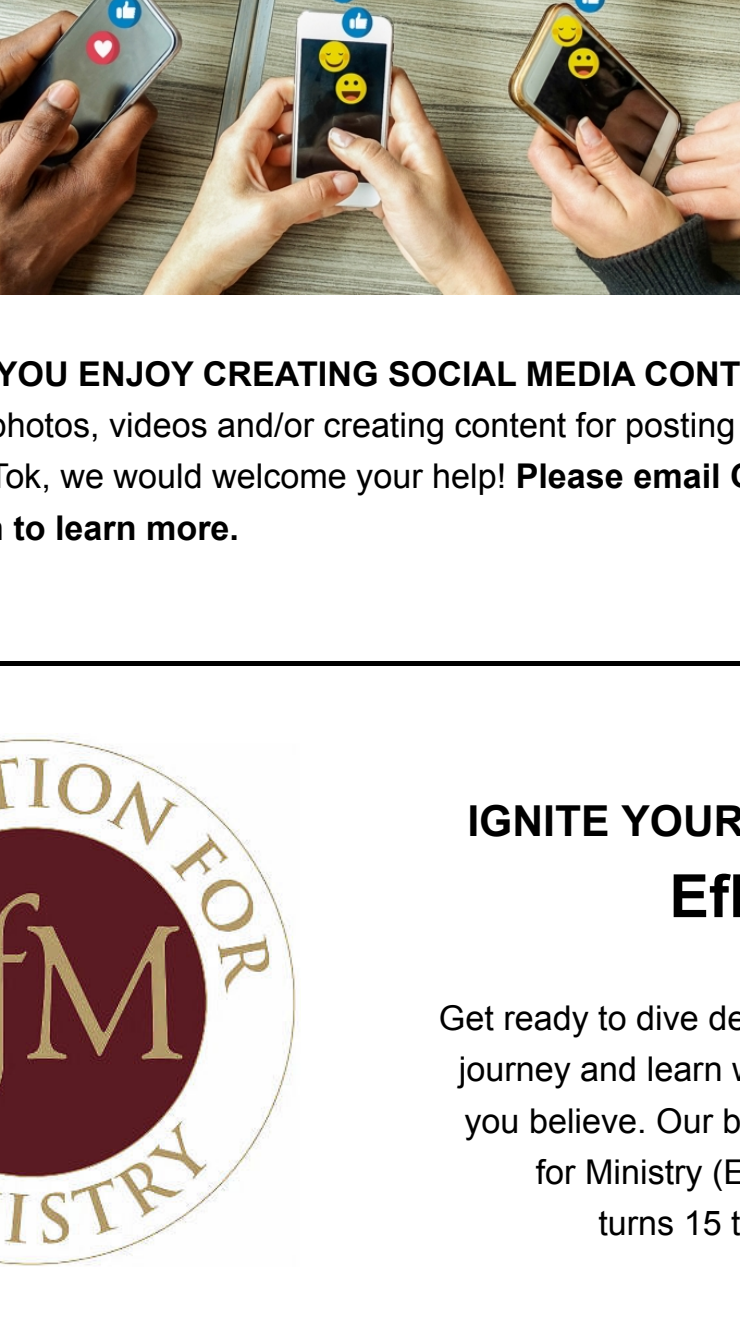


Please join us for
The Blessing of the Animals
October 4th at 4:00 p.m.

Bring your furry friends for a blessing on October 4th at 4:00 p.m. at our Blessing of the Animals service.

In addition to blessing the pets you have now, we would love to honor the pets you've loved and lost. All are welcome to bring photos of pets who have died to place on our ofrenda.

Our service will end outside where we will also be blessing goats and giving thanks for the ways they help protect us from fires.

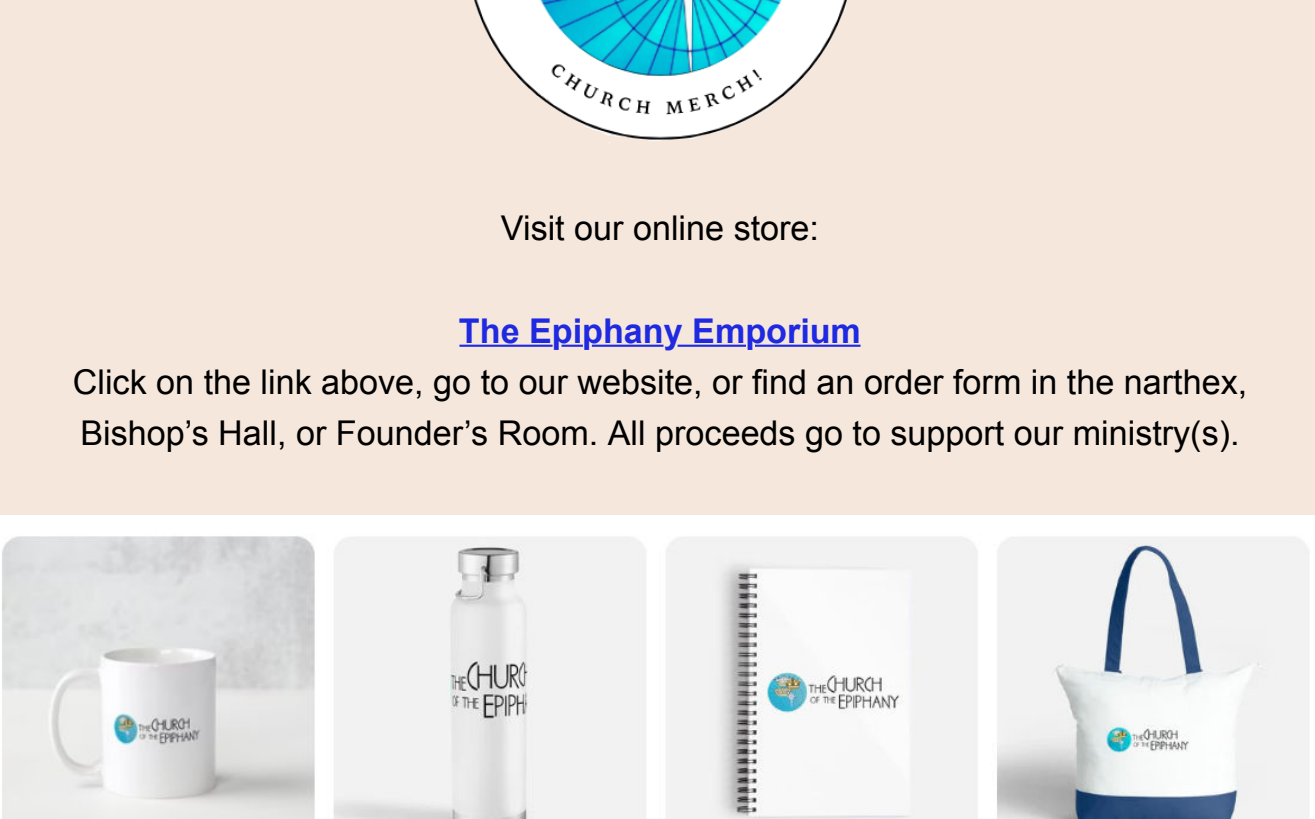


AED/CPR Course - October 28, 1-5 p.m.

We are planning to have our second AED/CPR class offered by Safety Unlimited on October 28th from 1 to 5 p.m. The course generally costs approximately \$60.

There is still time to sign up! Please email Celeste Thiel at thiel13@me.com. Please put AED/CPR Course in the subject line.

There will be more classes offered in the future if you're unable to make this date.



DO YOU ENJOY CREATING SOCIAL MEDIA CONTENT?

If you like taking photos, videos and/or creating content for posting on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok, we would welcome your help! Please email Celeste at thiel13@me.com to learn more.



IGNITE YOUR FAITH WITH EfM!

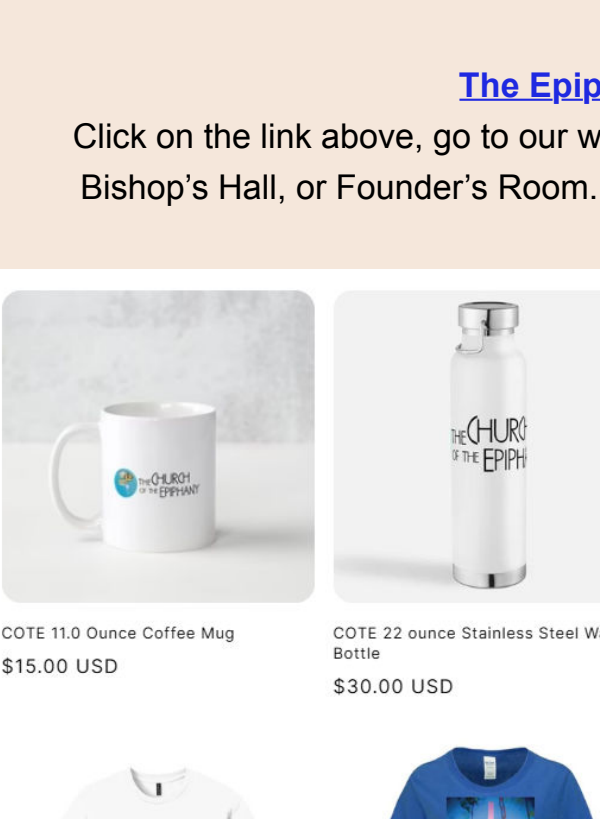
Get ready to dive deeper into your faith journey and learn what it is to live as you believe. Our beloved Education for Ministry (EfM) program turns 15 this year!

Alongside our classic 4-year EfM program, we also offer a 1-year program — perfect for anyone curious to explore the rich journey, community, and exploration that EfM entails. Whether you're ready for a deep dive into four years or a gentle one-year introduction, EfM continues to offer a well-rounded curriculum that covers the Hebrew Bible, the New Testament, church history, theology, morals, ethics, and theological reflection.

There's a place for you! Come discover the transformative power of EfM with us!
Call or text Elizabeth Bryant at (805) 469-8897.

CONNECTIONS REMINDER

Just a reminder that all submissions for the weekly Connections must be submitted to the Parish Administrator at info@tcote.org in their complete form by **9 a.m. on Tuesday**.



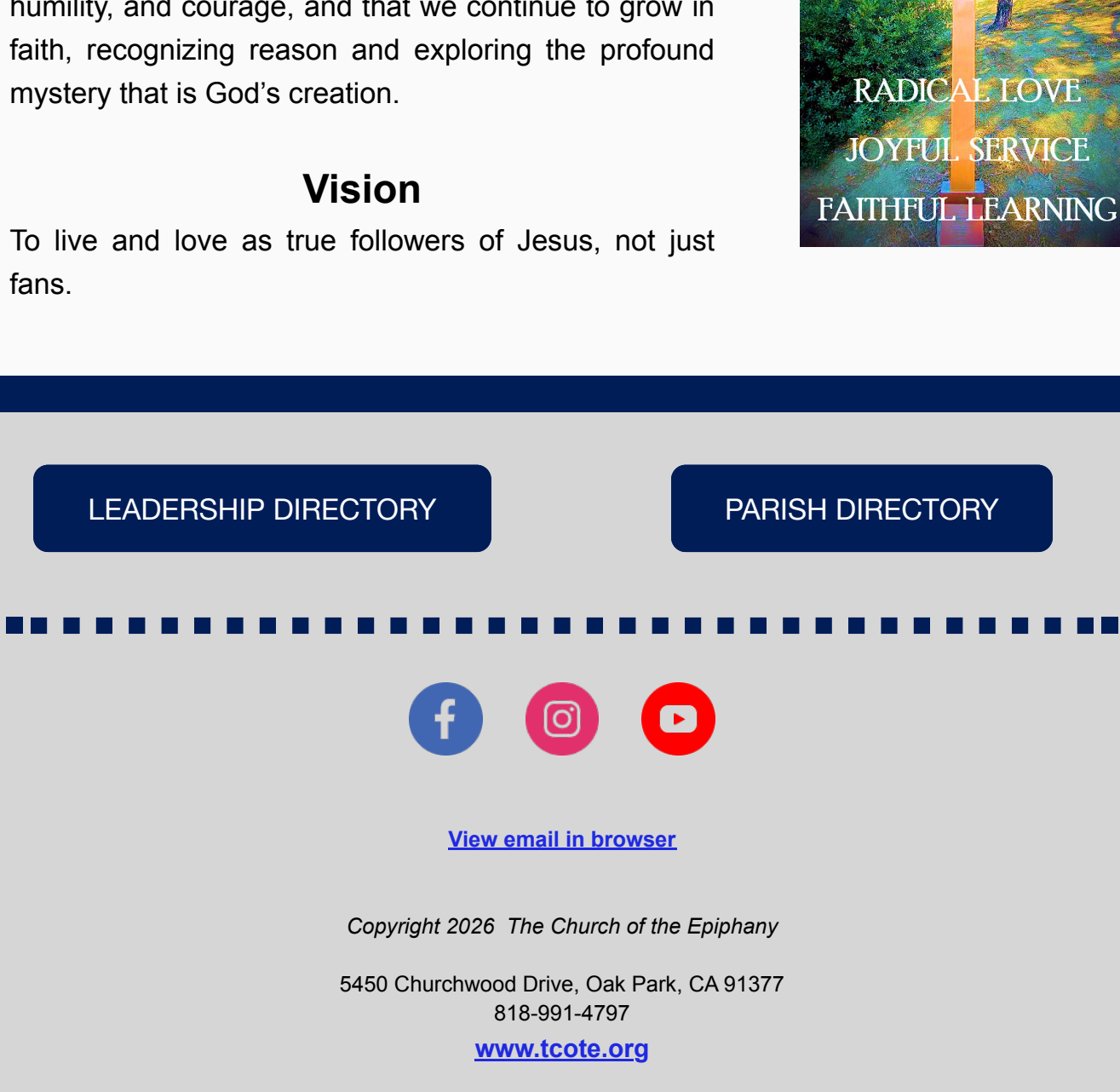
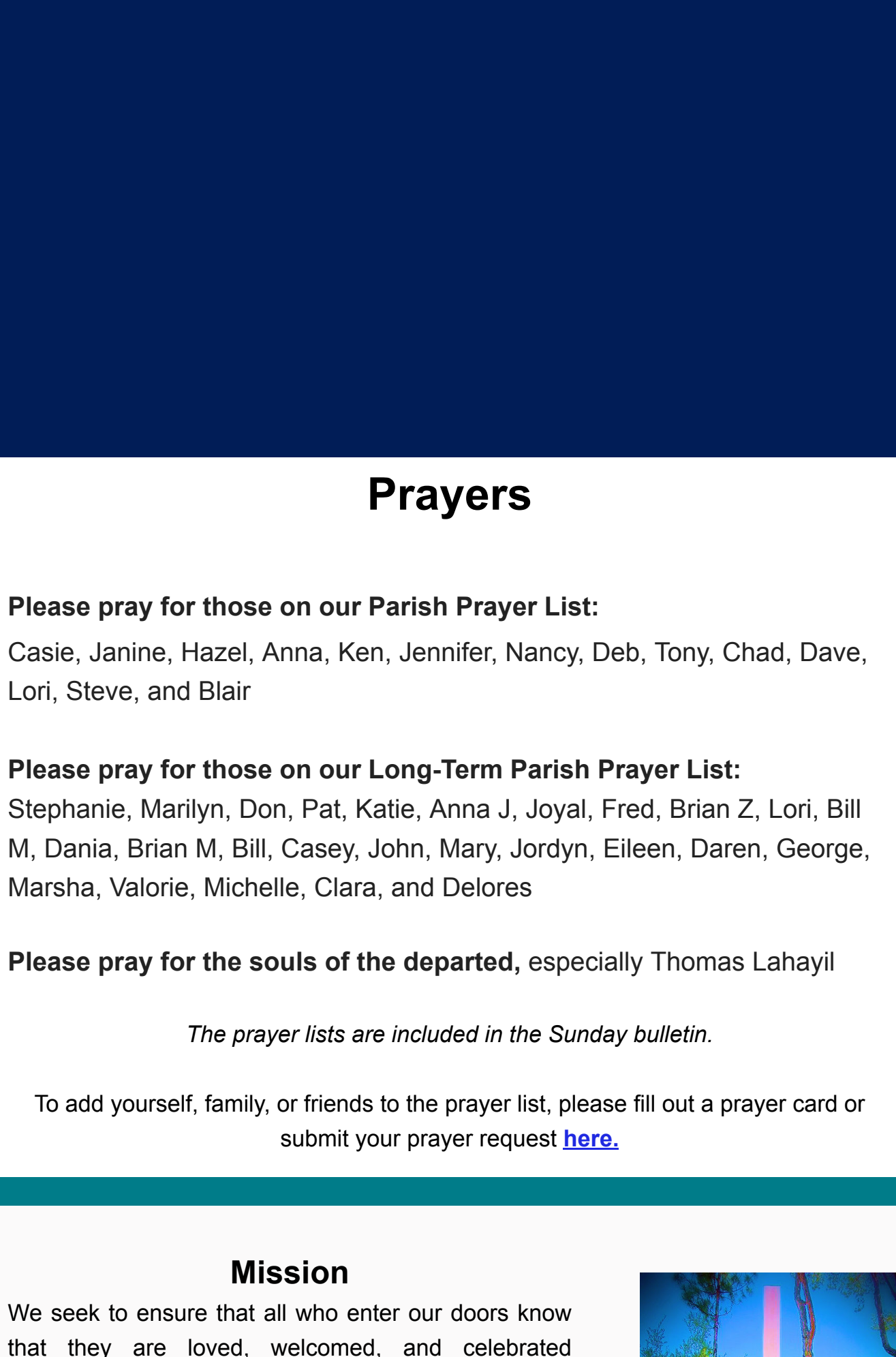
For those people without computers, we have the option of phoning in and listening to our livestream services on Sunday mornings! Please share this with anyone you know that you think would enjoy being able to listen in when they can't come in person. Phone: +1 720-256-2320. Enter the pin number 840327174, then hit #.



Visit our online store:

[The Epiphany Emporium](#)

Click on the link above, go to our website, or find an order form in the narthex, Bishop's Hall, or Founder's Room. All proceeds go to support our ministry(s).



Prayers

Please pray for those on our Parish Prayer List:

Casie, Janine, Hazel, Anna, Ken, Jennifer, Nancy, Deb, Tony, Chad, Dave, Lori, Steve, and Blair

Please pray for those on our Long-Term Parish Prayer List:

Stephanie, Marilyn, Don, Pat, Katie, Anna J, Joyal, Fred, Brian Z, Lori, Bill M, Dania, Brian M, Bill, Casey, John, Mary, Jordyn, Eileen, Daren, George, Marsha, Valorie, Michelle, Clara, and Delores

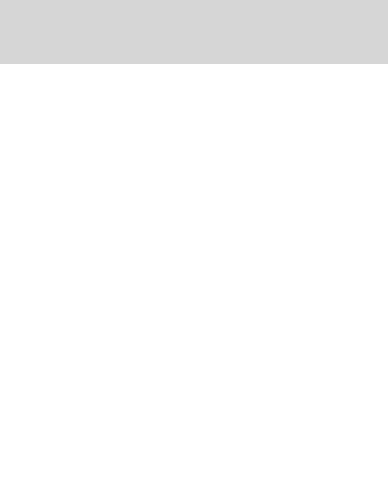
Please pray for the souls of the departed, especially Thomas Lahayil

The prayer lists are included in the Sunday bulletin.

To add yourself, family, or friends to the prayer list, please fill out a prayer card or submit your prayer request [here](#).

Mission

We seek to ensure that all who enter our doors know that they are loved, welcomed, and celebrated unconditionally, that we serve the world with gratitude, humility, and courage, and that we continue to grow in faith, recognizing reason and exploring the profound mystery that is God's creation.



Vision

To live and love as true followers of Jesus, not just fans.

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