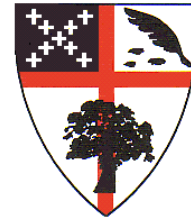


Seeds and Harvest Newsletter



Message from the Rector

Last Saturday Felice Moniz, Jim Glancey, Bob Young and I met to begin work on layout of the new memorial bricks in the Narthex of the church. We quickly discovered that it would take us that day just for preparation work, and the actual demolition work and laying of new bricks would be delayed for a few weeks. We discovered through our discussions with Felice that there were more details to be considered than we had imagined. And it is a VERY good idea to resolve them BEFORE mixing the mortar. How do we prevent some bricks from being hidden behind the opened inner doors? What do we do about the cross that is embedded in the Narthex bricks? How do we account for the difference in size between the 30 year old original bricks, and the new smaller bricks?

We have developed very good solutions for all of the questions we discussed, and I know that everyone is going to enjoy the treasure these new memorial bricks will be for us. And once again I could not help but marvel at the way God provides such an amazing flow of gifts to this faith community.

Consider the donors to the brick

project and the talent among us to get it done right; the workers on all the projects that resulted in the licensing and opening of our premier Christian preschool; the contributors to the finances, recordkeeping, programs, ministries, and meetings that led to our approval for parish status a year ago; the grants and donations that have helped finance our two audio systems, our new piano, the new playground, and next year will finance a permanent labyrinth (which will become the anchor for a community area for reflection and prayer).

I hope you find all of these developments as exciting as I do. I hope you realize and accept the critical part each of you plays in making them happen. We are partners in an amazing adventure, with God providing the raw gifts, Who in turn depends on us to recognize the potential, to act on them in faith, and to appreciate the *abundance* that is set before us.

I pray that in the midst of our post-election readjustment, and the reality of the economic turmoil that is now affecting many of us, we keep watchful and cognizant of the Presence of the One we serve in all that we do.

Yours in Christ,

Ken +

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Words from Your Senior Warden

The month of October saw us wrap up our final fundraiser of the year. I would like to thank Susie Good for her dedicated work on both the Spring and Fall Craft Fairs. These events would also not come off without the support of the congregation, both in working and shopping. For those of you who participated in any way, I would like to offer a word of gratitude for your service.

The 3 fundraisers that we have are vital to our budget, each year they have grown, and in 2009 these events will need to be an even bigger part of our income budget. These events have outgrown a one or two person team to pull them off. We will soon be sitting down to plan how we can improve the events and how many people we are going to need to be involved to take these events to the next level. The vision I see for the craft fairs would be to actually look into the possibility of having one major event and turn it into a South San Jose Arts and Wine Festival. The golf tournament is growing and simply needs a larger group of people to work on putting it together. If anyone is interested in being a part of these events please let me know.

On a subject totally at the opposite end of the scale of life, I recently have recently been dealing with an elderly parent, as many of you have had to do already and some of you have yet to have that experience. My mother, who is 85 years old, recently has had to face cancer surgery and 4 weeks ago she fell and broke her hip. Her recovery has been remarkable to say the least, but still she is a very proud woman and is

having a very hard time accepting any kind of assistance or support, not believing she is worthy or deserving of it. On one visit to her in Redding at the rehabilitation center, the lady sharing her room noticed the prayer shawl that she had received from St. Stephen's and asked about it. I explained about the shawl and the prayers and told her I would send her one. For once in my life I did not procrastinate and immediately sent one to her. I want you to know that you at St. Stephen's are continually touching lives in the world. This lady was filled with comfort and love from people she has never even met, you the people of St. Stephen's have reached out and touched another life!

It has been a humbling and awakening experience to have spent time with a beloved parent who is facing a time that their lives will never be the same again. For those who have dealt with this scenario, God Bless you! For those who have not had to face this yet, I suggest to you that if you have not recently told your parents that you love them, do it tomorrow! If you have not done it recently, take a moment to pray for your parents, and pray also that you will have the strength to help them when they need it. Don't ever take them for granted, if it weren't for them you would not be here.

God bless,

Tom

SMUM FUNDRAISER

Some people might think that having a fundraiser the same week the stock market goes into a crazy spiral as a bad omen. However that was not the case on October 6! Sales toward the SMUM fundraiser topped \$8,000, earning over \$1,200 for the diocesan outreach. SMUM plans to apply the funds toward the playground for ABC Playtime. In other SMUM news, \$10,000 was just awarded to the non-profit by ACE Hardware. Thanks to an essay written by a board member, this gift comes with ACE volunteer hours and discounts on supplies. Tours are available if you would like to see these funds being applied to program improvements.

Diocesan Convention

Nov 7-8th

Fr. Ken and your delegates Edy Unthank, Jan Martin, Judi Sato and Tim Alton will be attending convention. This year we will be welcoming Rev. Jesus Reyes to our Diocese in his role as Canon to the Ordinary for Congregational Development. The budget process now goes fairly smoothly with preview presentations at the deanery meetings. This years budget will have \$102,000 deficit made up by transfers from endowments and reserves. There are also two resolutions from Integrity proposing resolutions for next years triennial General Convention, which may provoke debate.

St. Stephen's Financial Summary through September

Receipts were down again in September, primarily in the pledges received. Pledge reports have been mailed and we would like to ask that you do your best to meet your pledge. September expenses are skewed because this is the month that we pay the bills from the Golf Tournament.

Year to date we are over plan on expenses due to events that occurred earlier in the year and the Vestry will be doing some "belt tightening" as we close the year.

Your understanding will be appreciated as we face this challenge.

It is important to note that the pre-school is being handled with a separate "set of books" with its own income and expense controls.

Our Fall Pledge Drive has begun and you should be receiving our letters. Our goal is \$143,000, a

May-08	Actual	Budget	Percent Difference
Income	\$11,891	\$14,539	82% of Budget
Expense	\$22,717	\$21,130	108% of Budget
Net	(\$10,826)	(\$6,591)	
Year to Date			
Income	\$131,672	\$136,687	96% of Budget
Expense	\$138,537	\$134,578	103% of Budget
Net	(\$6,865)	\$2,109	426% Worse

5% increase over last year. We also have more members and that has actually reduced the average pledge goal. Watch for our letters for the details.

Thank you for your continued support and God bless you.

Logan R. Zintsmaster

Preschool Update...

Our preschool is off and running! This has brought some exciting changes to the church environment during the week. Judi Sato is working in the church office every weekday, from 8 am to noon. The Parish Hall, converted into a welcoming, loving Classroom, overflows with the sounds of children starting each day with Pledge of Alle-

giance and School



Prayer, followed by singing, playing, reciting numbers, and bringing back to St. Stephen's a spirit of youthful energy and unbounded curiosity.

On October 31 Sue Nielsen and Penny Greathurst put on a Halloween Party for the children and their parents, complete with costumes, bobbing for apples, a game of pin the nose on the witch (?), and Halloween cookies and candy.

Coming up at the end of November is the Posada on the 28th. We will be inviting the preschool families to come and participate in this traditional St. Stephen's event.

In early November we expect to add a new three year old to our preschool. There are occasional calls from parents asking about the preschool, but we expect most new students either in January, or next Fall. Please keep the preschool, the faculty, and students in your prayers.

Ken +



Welcome New Members

On Sunday, October 26, we welcomed five new members into the St. Stephen's family. Having attended a New Member Orientation class our newest members were welcomed with a brief liturgy during the 10:00 am service. We then celebrated with a delicious St. Stephen's-style brunch in the Parish Hall. We are pleased to welcome the following individuals to our faith community:

- Dottie Remson
- Doreen Senior
- Mike Sloan (attends 8am service)

Lisa Thornburg and sons Joey and Thomas Edsberg
Donna Yamamura

WELCOME to each of you! May membership in St. Stephen's in-the-Field bring you closer to God and his purpose for your life. Thank you for choosing us to be your church family. Our next newcomer welcome will be in April 2009, so invite friends to come to church and be sure to talk to those who attend our services whom you may not know. The more we grow the more we can do to serve our community.

Julie Zintsmaster

Bible Study this Fall!!!

Tuesdays

Two classes: 9-10AM & 7-8PM

Michael Ridgway ordained Deacon...

A healthy representation from St. Stephen's attended the ordination on November 1st of Michael Ridgway to the diaconate. The service was held at Trinity Cathedral, and was attended by about 225 people. Judi Sato served as a Chalice Bearer; Rod Sato as an Acolyte; Grace and Dan Hudkins as Banner Bearers; and Father Ken who produced the ordination service bulletin and the Sacramentary for the Bishop. Other St. Stephen's members contributed food and table centerpieces for the reception. It was a very grand affair.



brings with him valuable experience in youth ministry and prison ministry. His diaconal ministry at St. Stephen's will involve his offering all of us opportunities to expand and empower our own ministries in new ways. May God richly bless Deacon Michael in this new dimension of his ministry for our Lord.

Deacon Michael will first serve as deacon at St. Stephen's on November 23rd. Please plan to be there, and to welcome him into our faith family. He

Celebration Sunday

Sunday Nov 23rd

This is one of two times in the year where setup the church with brunch in mind. There will many things going on and if you would like to help out with setup and decorations please contact Rod Sato.



Harvest Ingathering—bring canned or dried food for the local food pantry

Stewardship Pledge Card dedication—bring your pledge card.

Potluck Brunch — bring your favorite dish to share

Meet Deacon Michael — this is his first official day at St. Stephen's

Please come and enjoy celebration and fellowship!

CRAFT NIGHTS

Do you have a scrapbook that sits waiting to be completed? or even started? Do you have a scarf that is partially knitted? Or some needlepoint that needs a little work to finish? We have a solution for you. Come to St. Stephen's Craft Night on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. Just bring whatever pro-



ject you are working on and enjoy some good fellowship, conversation, and even some tasty refreshments. We meet in the Parish Hall. Please join us! If you have any questions, contact Sherrie Hughes sherrie-hughes@prodigy.net.

Save the Date – November 15!!

Ever been curious about the many opportunities to serve on Sunday mornings?

Come and join us - stay for lunch!

All servers – Acolytes, Altar Guild, Lectors, Chalice Bearers, and Lay Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to come for this refresher course.

10 am – 12 pm = LEMs, CBs, lectors, and acolytes

Walk through a service, understand everyone's responsibilities, work together.

Share insights, lessons learned, experiences

Learn the When, Where, and Why of serving

12 pm – 1 pm Lunch

1 pm – 2 pm Altar Guild – includes bread baking demonstration

Please RSVP with Edy Unthank if you can come. Current servers are expected to attend – RSVP with regrets only. edyunthank@yahoo.com

Attendance at this session ensures your participation in future servant schedules.

St. Stephen's in the Field ADVENT CALENDAR

Coming soon are the four weeks of Advent that are filled with special liturgy and music as we prepare for Christmas. Mark your calendars and plan your participation in these great opportunities to worship together. There are lots of ways for you to get involved in these events, if you choose. Please call Fr. Ken (629-1836) if you would like to help with any of the following activities. But most of all, we encourage your presence -- and be sure to bring your friends.

<p>Saturday, Nov 29th</p>	<p>5:30 pm – Traditional Posada with Mary and Joseph searching for lodging in Bethlehem, a potluck Mexican theme dinner and a visit for the children from St. Nicholas, followed by Carol singing.</p>
<p>Sunday, Nov 30th 1st Advent</p>	<p>8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - 1st Advent Wreath Lighting– children come into church for the beginning of the service and wreath lighting, then leave for Sunday School prior to readings. “Hanging of the Greens” – youth, children and adults help to decorate the Worship Hall after the service– bring an ornament for the tree!!</p>
<p>Sunday, Dec 7th 2nd Advent</p>	<p>8 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - 2nd Advent Wreath Lighting.</p>

Know Your Vestry

INTRODUCTION TO JAN MARTIN

I am a seventh generation Californian, with part of my family owning most of the San Joaquin Valley under a Mexican land grant in the early 1800's. The town of Gonzalez is named after my family. Otherwise, all my family comes from the British Isles with the first arriving in Massachusetts around 1625. Although I was baptized at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in San Francisco, I did not join the church until I was in fourth grade.

I grew up in Daly City, was married there, and raised my children there. In 1986 I started studying at the School for Deacons and graduated in 1989. In 1997, I moved to Sacramento where I was finally able to finish my Bachelors of Social Science degree and become a teacher (my dream since I was about six).

I have served in a great many different positions in the church, including Sunday School teacher and superintendent, camp spiritual director, choir director, youth leader, LEM, lector, preacher, subdeacon, and whatever other mischief I could get into. I attended Cursillo in San Francisco in 1985 and have been very active in that community over the years having served as Rectora twice. I have now also served on two teams in the Santa Clara Servant Community. Cursillo is a community without borders that provides experiences that fill the soul.



When I moved to San Jose in 2003, I walked into St. Stephen's and knew I had found my spiritual home. This community has given me the support and friendship that is so hard to find when one moves to a new location. I have thoroughly enjoyed being involved in all the music ministries as well as being LEM and lector. I also feel honored to represent St. Stephen's at deanery and convention as a Delegate. This is my last year on vestry; it was my privilege to be a part of the bishop's committee during our process towards parish status.

<p>Sunday Dec 14th 3rd Advent</p>	<p>8 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist – Lessons and Carols 3rd Advent wreath lighting. Sunday School for preschool age; children are invited to stay in church for the entire service. Music by Players for Christ, Voice Choir, Bells, and solos.</p>
<p>Sunday, Dec. 21st 4th Ad-</p>	<p>8 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Special music by the Choir</p>
<p>Wednesday Dec 24th Christ-</p>	<p>4:30 pm Children's Christmas Pageant 11:00 pm Candlelight Service; Holy Eucharist with incense (at the door) and special Bell & Voice Choir music</p>
<p>Thursday Dec. 25th Christ-</p>	<p>9.00 am – Christmas Day Slipper Service Come as you are!!</p>
<p>Sunday Dec. 28th</p>	<p>8 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist – No Sunday School</p>
<p>Tuesday Jan. 6th</p>	<p>6:00 pm Salad and Spaghetti dinner 7:00 pm Feast of the Epiphany service with Evening Prayer, followed by an Epiphany Party with cake.</p>

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INTRODUCTION TO TONY PECORA

I was born in Kingsville, Texas in Kleberg County Hospital – believe it or not, in the same little hospital that Nancy (Wynne) McGuinness was born. When I was five my parents moved our family to Houston where I grew up with my two brothers, attended an Episcopal church, and went to an Episcopal school.

I wanted to serve my country and be in the military when I grew up and was inspired by a high-school teacher of mine who was a veteran and one of the most interesting guys I had ever known to apply to West Point.

Upon graduation I went into the US Army Corps of Engineers and was a combat engineer. I had an exciting life as a young adult as a platoon leader in Northern Italy in a parachute infantry unit and a company commander at Ft Ord in the Light Infantry Division where we walked a lot and got around by helicopter. When people ask me what I did in my 13 years in the military, I tell them I got wet and cold and slept on the ground a lot. The truth is that leading a group of young American soldiers is one of the greatest honors a young person could have. I am very proud to have served with the outstanding, dedicated soldiers I had the privilege to serve with. They were a part of my life that I treasure and am thankful for.

While stationed at Ft Ord near Monterey, I met a young school teacher named Carol Hawes who stole my heart. We lived in Monterey for our first year of married life and always enjoy going back there.

While in graduate school at Northwestern north of Chicago, Carol and I had Camilla (Mia). She was the first grand-child on both sides of the family, and she was a much loved baby.

Charlie was born at the hospital at West Point when Carol and I were stationed there and I was on the faculty. I was back at my alma mater teaching economics, finance, and accounting. It was a blast to teach Cadets, and I am quite sure I will return to teaching some day. I loved it!

At the end of my teaching tour of duty, Carol and I decided to “get out”, and I left the Army after 13 years. My friends all thought I was crazy. None-the-less, I took a great job at Compaq Computers as a strategic planner, and we moved to Houston to be near my family. Peter was born in Houston, and we had a great time there with our young family.

After 5 years in Houston, in 1999, Compaq offered to move me to the SF Bay Area to do business development for one of its new internet business units, AltaVista, the search engine. We jumped at the chance to be near Carol’s family again.

Although it is a tumultuous industry, I have enjoyed working in the internet industry. AltaVista, eBay, Become.com and Monster have all been interesting companies, and they have given me a chance to do business development, internet marketing, sales, and be a general manager. It has been great fun so far!

When Carol and I brought our family to San Jose in 1999, we looked around for a church that we could enjoy with our young children. We went to a few then found St Stephen’s. We knew we had found the right one when our kids loved the experience and looked forward to coming back on Sundays. I still am thankful to Jim and Chris Glancey, John and Ann Little, Jan and Bob Meikle, and Tom and Susie Good for making St Stephen’s from our very first day a very warm and inviting place, a place that felt like home.

Carol and I are always inspired by the members of our community who give so much to God and others. We are happy to be able to share such a church community with our children as an example of how to live life. To us St Stephen’s is what a church community should be, what St Paul called upon us to be. It is a place of love and giving, of support and prayer. We know that God is in this place, and we are always inspired by those around us who give of their time and talents to make it such a special place. We are very proud to be a part of the community at St Stephens’!

I am the Communications Liaison on the Vestry and have the good fortune to work with Tim Alton who always does an outstanding job of getting this newsletter together and published, Susie Good who does a fabulous job of communicating to all of us via email and the phone tree and prayer chain, and my wife Carol who built and maintains the St Stephens’ web site. They make my job on the Vestry easy. I thank the three of you on behalf of our church community for the great job you do in keeping everyone informed. To our friends at St Stephens’, may God bless you in all things!

Sincerely, Tony

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<http://www.mychurchevents.com/calendar/calendar.aspx?ci=L6O9G1N8O9I3N8N8H2>

Notable dates:

Nov 15th Server Workshop—see page 5
 Nov 23rd Celebration Sunday, Pledge Dedication, Harvest Ingathering, Potluck Brunch
 Nov 29th Posada service and potluck

Servant Calendar

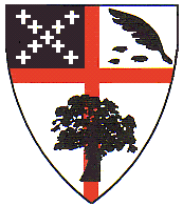
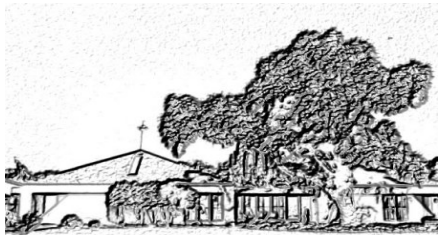
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		Family Sunday	Celebration Sunday	Advent 1	Advent 2
Lector1	Julie Zintsmaster		Sharon Wardman	Caroline Buckner	
Lector2	Catherine Blair		Nancy	Susie Good	
LEM	Caroline Buckner	Edy Unthank	Jan Martin	Susie Good	
CB	Wanda Bryan	Sharon Wardman	Laura Lewis	Tom Good	
Crucifer	Melissa	Taylor	Brooke	Melissa	Taylor
Acolytes	Peter, Janelle	Sabrina, Brianna	Isabella	Peter, Janelle	Sabrina, Brianna
	Carly	Natasha	Coleman, Kendall	Carly	Natasha
Altar	Laura Lewis	Laurie Watson	Edy Unthank	Edy Unthank	Nancy
Guild	Susie Good	Barbara Gray	Janet Thorsrud	Janet Thorsrud	Susan Zaballos
Sunday School	Monica		Maggi	Penny	Penny
	Heather		Laura	Carol	Candace
Sitter	Phil		Ruth L.	Tony	Tracy & Nigel
Music	Bruce Ahlvin	Players4Christ			
Shepherd	Jim Glancey		Ann Little	Logan Zintsmaster	Elaine Alton
	Chris Glancey	Frances &	Robert Young	Craig Cuffie	Tim Alton
Coffee Host	Arlene & Amy	Redder Family	Brunch	volunteer?	Young & Corbus
Counter	Judi Sato	Andy Lief	Tom Good	Tom Good	Nigel Cooper
	Sharon Wardman	-	Sandi Redder	Sandi Redder	Tim Alton

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SUNDAY:
8 & 10am: Holy Eucharist
10am: Sunday School &
Nursery

Wednesday:
10am: Healing Service

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