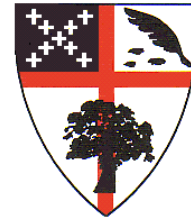


# Seeds and Harvest Newsletter



**St. Stephen's  
in the Field**

## Message from the Rector

On March 14<sup>th</sup> your vestry met for our Annual Retreat. A major 'deliverable' from these yearly retreats is the set of Goals which we identify as a top priority for tracking and implementation during the year ahead. I am very excited about the Goals that were identified for specific focus by your leadership this year.

For the past few years the primary goal has been reaching parish status. We all worked very hard to reach that goal. It took about 2 ½ years of sustained focus for us to achieve the organizational, administrative, financial, and mental maturity that finally let us reach the goal that had been 'dangling' out of reach for more than 35 years. After working so hard, and accomplishing the goal, all of us wanted a bit of a break in the action.

No such luck. On the heels of making parish status, St. Stephen's Episcopal School gave us one week's notice last May that they were going to close permanently. We scurried, talked, prayed, and nervously decided to dedicate our summer and fall to opening of our own preschool in September 2008. Well, we were 99% ready in September, but the City of San Jose wasn't. So we opened in October 2008. There has been a very sharp learning curve for all of us in how to operate a preschool, and how to accomplish peaceful cohabitation of a preschool, Sunday School, and Fellowship Hall, all in the same room. It works very well because of the hard work of our vestry members, who take turns on a Logistics

Team which makes sure the Parish Hall is ready for whatever function is scheduled to happen next. After working so hard, all of us looked for a break in the action.

But 'a break in the action' is clearly not in the cards for the People of God. Individually, and collectively as a faith community, we have given ourselves to God, and have asked Him to use us. God has been faithful. In that context (God using us), here is the list of Goals which your vestry has identified for 2009:

Preschool Growth

Fiscal Responsibility (esp. based on Economic Times)

Buildings & Grounds; Facility Planning & Security

Growth in Evangelism

These are goals that instill pride just for working on them; these are goals that warrant involvement by everyone in our parish; these are goals worthy of a strong, viable parish; these are goals that warrant your prayers, that they may guide us toward accomplishing God's plan for this faith community. Please support your vestry as we tackle these goals which will keep moving us forward, toward the goal that the Apostle Paul wrote about, 'for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.' That is the Ultimate Goal.

Peace to You,

Ken +

**April 2009**

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## Words from Your Senior Warden

I felt moved this month to talk to you about evolution! That is of course relating to St. Stephen's. There have been many incidents over the years that have allowed us to grow and evolve as a leader in the overall community of faith. While many communities are shrinking in membership and attendance, we continue to grow and move forward. The key factor in this is our leadership, Father Ken is not afraid to step out of the boat trying new ideas in worship and programs. It is very important to be aware of what is working and what is not, and try something new if our, often done events are flat. It is very easy to coast along as though all is fine, I read a great quote "if you are coasting, you must be going down hill."

This has been true with Ken's leadership, he has not coasted, and programs have been adjusted or altered to fit St. Stephen's and the needs of the congregation. One of the areas that we have changed over the past few years is fundraising. At one time our biggest fundraising activity was the Yard Sale, which raised around \$2000.00 and burnt everyone out. We decided about 5 years ago to move the Craft Fair outside, increase its size and scope, and do away with the Yard Sale, much to the delight of Tim Alton, who had spearheaded the event for years. Susie Good has spearheaded the Craft Fair, which has now evolved

into Fall and Spring events, more than doubling our revenue. Well, guess what? We are evolving again with this year's event, which will be held Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>. This time the event will be more of a Festival than simply a Craft Fair. There will be various vendors, music, dance teams, karate demonstrations, wine tasting and more. How can we help this event evolve from what it was? We get involved. The only way our events become successful is if we have strong support and help from you the congregation by getting behind it. Please, if there are announcements asking for help, consider stepping up. This event can help us meet our financial obligations for this year, as well as reaching out to our community. Come join us and be a part of our evolution.

### SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY MAY 16<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

God Bless.  
Tom

And SAVE THE DATE GOLF TOURNAMENT!!  
AUGUST 10, 2009

## Brick Project Update...

Felice Moniz, Jim Glancey, and Bob Young have completed our Phase One Brick Project. Those of you who have ordered memorial or commemorative bricks: Be sure to check out the narthex floor for your brick(s). Be sure to thank these three gentlemen for their careful attention to detail which has resulted in a beautiful addition to our church.

We are taking orders for the next



phase of bricks. Remember that the proceeds from the bricks will be used to upgrade our facility. Quotes are now being received for new double pane windows and a replacement set of front doors for the Worship Hall. After that we will upgrade the windows in the church offices. Finally, we will add air conditioning. All this is accomplished by your decision to add a perpetual landmark to the main aisle of our worship space; in thanks-

## Preschool Update...

A four year old is scheduled to join our preschool on April 1<sup>st</sup>. So far we have four children planning to attend a Summer Program which we are still putting together. Plans are being developed to expand our curriculum offerings to a 2 ½ year old class, a 3 year old class, and a pre-K class in the Fall. This addition will allow parents to choose a 2 day, 3 day or 5 day



per week curriculum. We will continue to promote the preschool through Craig's list, Bay Area Parent, flyers, and signs along Santa Teresa Blvd. Please keep your word-of-mouth marketing going. We will have another Open House in May. Ken +

**Treasurer’s Report for February 2009**

Pledge receipts were slightly behind plan by \$1,937 against a budget of \$11,185. Overall, Income was \$1,600 behind plan. However, \$300 was for budgeted as receipts for Lenten Study materials. On the expense side, Insurance was over budget by \$1,487 because the Guide One bill, budgeted in January was paid in February. Note, that there was no expense for Lenten Study materials, as well. Year to date income was \$1,018 behind budget, expense was \$543 over budget for a net income that was \$1,562 behind budget. By comparison, we were \$3,184 behind

January 09	Actual	Budget	Percent Difference
Income	\$11,449	\$13,050	88% of Budget
Expense	\$14,155	\$13,219	107% of Budget
Net	(\$2,706)	(\$169)	
<b>Year to Date</b>			
Income	\$24,993	\$26,012	96% of Budget
Expense	\$28,828	\$28,285	102% of Budget
Net	(\$3,835)	(\$2,273)	-69% Worse

budget in 2008 at this time.  
Logan Zintsmaster, Treasurer

**The peace of the Lord be always with you**

Each Sunday during our worship service, we have the opportunity to pass the peace to each other. At St. Stephen’s, we love passing the peace and we do it with genuine love and enthusiasm. Lately, however, with our consistently increased attendance at the 10am service, passing the peace has become more of a mini-coffee hour where people get into brief conversations and the noise level escalates. I often wonder how people who are attending St. Stephen’s for the first time feel during the peace, watching everyone go from row to row and aisle to aisle hugging and greeting each other. It’s definitely a sign that we are a friendly congregation and we like each other. Those are good things. But, it can be intimidating if you don’t know anyone in the room, and you are more of a hand shaker than a hugger. As Father Ken explained this past Sunday, for the next few weeks we are going to try something new for the

peace – staying close to where we are seated and extending our peace to only 8 or 10 people. We were also asked to limit conversation to sharing the peace, leaving other updates for coffee hour. We can offer our hand for a hand shake and a warm smile, or offer our peace with a hug. The love and enthusiasm will still be there, but we will accomplish the same goal in less time and we will preserve the atmosphere of worship in the service. We hope this will make it more comfortable for our visitors and newer members, and maybe even some of our longtime members. St. Stephen’s is growing and it is important for us to constantly review our practices and programs as we grow to make sure that we address the needs of a larger congregation, strengthen our hospitality, and make visitors and new members feel comfortable, welcome and included. Father Ken, Tom Good and I would love to hear your thoughts on this issue and what you think of the shorter, quieter, Passing of the Peace.  
Julie Zintsmaster

*You are cordially invited to celebrate the wedding of*

*Genie Yomtov and Larry Lee*

*12 Noon on Saturday April Eighteenth, Two Thousand Nine, St. Stephen’s in-the-Field  
Lunch Buffett Reception to Follow. No Gifts Please - Donations will be Accepted  
If you plan to attend, please RSVP by April 1, 2009, larrylee1957@yahoo.com*

## World Mission Network News

### Deacon Michael Ridgway

A couple of weeks ago, I stood up at announcement time and gave a very quick spiel about the World Mission Network Convocation that took place at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Salinas on March 14 and it occurred to me that to use a little of the space in this newsletter to tell you a little bit more about it would be a useful thing to do.

First a little background: "The World Mission Network, is a forum for the Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real, to celebrate, and help shape through common dialog and discernment, the mission program of the diocese, and to encourage and support each parish in it's own calling to mission." In other words, it functions as a sort of clearinghouse to give voice and visibility to both diocesan and parish-based initiatives supporting mission. It is also a useful means by which parishes can do research online and find out if there is either a) an existing ministry with whom they might want to partner with or b) find out if there is an unmet missional ministry need that they might have the time, talent and gifts to put resources behind it.

Now, mission is a word which has become somewhat fluid when it comes to describing "the mission of the church". I think that it is a term that is subject to a wide range of interpretation, but I can give you my take on it:

- Primarily, the mission of the church is to proclaim the Gospel throughout the world and make disciples of the entire human creation. All kinds of people. See

## Special Request from Sunday School...

We are looking for 2 or 3 teachers to join our pre-school teaching team.

Responsibilities include arriving early to set-up and preparing a craft and bible story using well-prepared teaching guide. The commitment is only once a month, so you can participate in the regular service

## WEconnect—a helping hand

The State of California has sent us some information that can be of help during these difficult financial times. The State has programs that can reduce your auto insurance, telephone and gas bills, avoid foreclosure on your home, lower taxes, as well as the State Employment Development Department. They

the Great Commission (Mark 16:15). It is in reality a continuation of Christ's earthly ministry.

- To serve as a community of worship and fellowship -- as a means by which we embody to one another Jesus's presence and love for us.
- To prepare and equip the faithful to perform works of ministry. To strengthen the body of Christ, of which we are all members, for service in the world "for our great good and for God's greater glory."

To promote and to represent The Kingdom of God at work in the world. It is the means by which we influence godly decision making in our society-to strive for the ideals which we share as Christians to positively affect the lives especially of those less fortunate than we are; whatever their circumstances.

The World Mission Network is primarily focused on overseas mission to countries facing great difficulty in the midst of great turmoil and social upheaval. This is not to say it is exclusively globally as opposed to locally focused but the **primary** focus is on our global partners in mission. For more information, please visit the blog spot on the World Wide Web (<http://worldmissionnetwork.blogspot.org>) where you can read articles and leave comments. It is also the 'hub' for developing information regarding our Triad Companion Relationship with the Dioceses of Gloucester and Western Tanganyika. I expect that there will be a travelogue and pictures posted regarding Bishop Mary and the Rev. Canon Brian Nordwick's recent trip to Western Tanganyika very soon.

other 3 Sundays of the month.

Teaching Sunday School is a great way to get to know all of our St. Stephen's children and "Share the Spirit"!

There are only 3 months left in this Sunday School year, we really need your help!

If you are interested, please contact Carol Pecora [carolpecora2000@yahoo.com](mailto:carolpecora2000@yahoo.com) or Candace Jones [candacejones@earthlink.net](mailto:candacejones@earthlink.net).

sent us some cards with all of necessary contact information. If you would like one of these please contact Judi Sato. You can also get more information from their website: [www.WEconnect.net](http://www.WEconnect.net) I have checked out the website and think it is worth looking into and could save someone quite a bit of money if one qualifies.

## Have You Ever Attended The Holy Week Services?

Tony Pecora

For the last couple of years, I have made an effort to attend all of the Holy Week services, and I would recommend them to anyone. The services we hold at St Stephens' really bring out the meaning of Easter, the historical events that transpired, and their religious and spiritual significance.

Maundy Thursday is a very special service that com-

memorates that last supper and some of Jesus' most important communications to his disciples and to us. If you have never had your feet washed by someone else, I challenge you to attend and participate. As uncomfortable as it may be, go up and have your feet washed by Father Ken or one of our Vestry Members! It may be the most important lesson in leadership that you ever experience. Leadership through servanthood is one of the most important and powerful forms of leadership.

The overnight Good Friday Vigil is one of my favorite events. I don't often have the opportunity to be with God in that way and communicate with him in such a focused environment.

Good Friday commemorates Christ's crucifixion. To think that Jesus would submit himself to that for us is humbling. The Way or Stations of the Cross help us remember quite vividly what He did for us. Additionally, St. Stephen's passion drama helps us understand both the historical events and their meaning.

Saturday's Vigil of Easter creates an environment of great anticipation. It truly makes your heart ready to receive the great joy that the next morning will bring.

All of the services of the week until this point make Easter morning a most joyful event.

You can't help but experience a great sense of joy and wonder from our Easter service. To see the flowering of the crosses and celebrate the resurrection of Christ is moving and the most meaningful celebration of the year.

I hope you will join me in the inspiration and preparation that Holy Week provides! I can hardly wait for Easter!

# ST. STEPHEN'S IN-THE-FIELD HOLY WEEK SERVICES

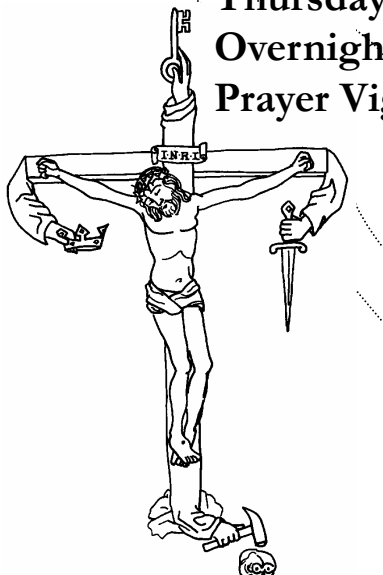


April 5<sup>th</sup>: **Palm Sunday**  
8 am: **Blessing of the Palms**  
10 am: **Blessing and Procession of the Palms**  
**Voice Choir**

April 9<sup>th</sup>: 7:30 pm  
**Maundy Thursday**  
**Holy Eucharist,**  
**Foot Washing & Stripping**  
**of the Altar**



**Thursday/Friday**  
**Overnight**  
**Prayer Vigil**



April 10<sup>th</sup>  
**Good Friday**  
12:00 noon  
**Way of the Cross**  
7:30 pm  
**Communion from**  
**Reserved Sacrament**  
**& Passion Drama**

## **Worship at St. Stephen's during Holy Week**

Julie Zintsmaster

Holy Week at St. Stephen's is probably the most meaningful week in the year. It begins with Palm Sunday, followed by special worship services for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil on Saturday evening and finally, Easter Sunday morning. Each service is a unique experience. Together they tell the story of the last days of the life of Jesus, the ultimate sacrifice that he made for us, and finally His glorious resurrection. I highly recommend attending as many services as you can.

The Passion Drama on Good Friday evening is very special. The afternoon Stations of the Cross are equally as moving. On Thursday evening following the Maundy Thursday service, we begin our

**Spring has sprung!** In just 3 weeks we'll be celebrating two important events at our Faith Home. One, of course is Easter. The second is the upcoming wedding of Genie and Larry. It's that time of year when we want to give the grounds a jump start for their summer appearance.

I'd like to ask for your help in doing some weeding, raking, trimming and pruning. We have two weekends coming up on the 29th of March, and the 5th of April which could both be great opportunities to beautify!

Please let me know if you are available after Church on either or both days, or if you would like to contribute in some way on a weekday

[Lewism3rd@aol.com](mailto:Lewism3rd@aol.com)

My plan would be for us to work together immediately after services on both Sundays.

Thanks in advance for your time. Once we have availability I'll send more details about what to bring, etc.

Thanks, Marshall, Buildings & Grounds

prayer vigil that lasts until noon on Friday. There will be at least one person at the church throughout the night, with individuals taking one hour shifts to "keep watch." It is a special time of reflection, meditation, study or prayer, and if you do not want to take an hour by yourself, you are welcome to pair up with another person. Check out the schedule of services below and on the church website. Invite your neighbors. Share in the passion and wonder of Easter this year at St. Stephen's. Enrich your life and the lives of others.

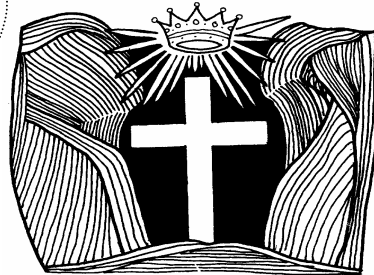
April 11<sup>th</sup> : Saturday 7:30 pm

## **Great Vigil of Easter**

Lighting of the New Fire

Holy Eucharist

Incense (at the door) and Candle Lighting



April 12<sup>th</sup> : **Easter Day**

**Sunday 8 am: SHORT SERVICE**

**Sunday 10 am:**

Holy Eucharist

Voice, Bell, & Jr. Bell Choirs

Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt

*Come worship with us!*

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**ECW NEWS & NOTES** - by Wanda Bryan  
Chris Glancey, Ann Tyler and I represented St. Stephen's in the Field at Women's Day, St. Paul's, Salinas on March 21st, which began with a Coffee & Pastries welcome for the 66+ participants. Rt. Rev. Mary Blessing celebrated the Eucharist and during the service Offertory each church representative presented their offering of "Pennies" for the Church Periodical Club. Chris Glancey offered St. Stephen's in the Field's contribution.

The first morning session of classes included Tai Chi, Centering Prayer and Understanding Art. Chris and Ann attended Sarah Anderson's session on Understanding Art. They found Sarah to be a thoroughly enjoyable, animated and interesting presenter! I attended the Tai Chi session led by Gail Mutoza. She was a wonderful presenter and I wish she had classes in San Jose not just in the Watsonville/Santa Cruz area. It was a stimulating experience with meditative music, and very well attended.

We had a delicious lunch of salads, sandwiches, hot tea in beautiful teapots and a variety of cookies with a strawberry for dessert. The luncheon speaker was Jean Hankey (one of my sisters) from St. Andrew's. She spoke about "Women's Gifts", and shared with us one of the women's ministries at St. Andrew's, which is putting together small loans for women in impover-

### **Job Recruitment Help...**

This note was received from Margo Westfall: "For anyone looking for a bit of advice regarding job search approaches, resume writing tips or interview skills, I'm happy to share what I've learned. During this downturn, I imagine that the turnover rate might be greater than normal and we need to pull together and help each other out."

If you are starting a job search and would like some

### **I was in prison and you came to me.**

(Matthew 25:35-36)

On any given day Santa Clara counties incarcerated population has:

**4300 people in jail,**

**59% are young adults, aged 18 to 34,**

**average length of stay is 121 days**

**a 90% recidivism rate**

As your Deacon, I attended the March 8 Deanery meeting at St. Timothy's Episcopal "Capernaum Fellowship" page 8. Bishop Mary has emphasized the value of extending assistance to the incarcerated and to those who now require restoration to their families and their places in society after being incarcerated.

ished countries. Their program addresses the Millennium Development Goal of #3 - Promote gender equality and empower women, which I think touches goals #1 - Eradicate poverty and hunger, #4 - Reduce child mortality, and #5 - Improve maternal health; it's a ripple effect. The women have a variety of ways of raising funds for their program beginning with generous personal donations.

The afternoon sessions were Bible Study, Attorney for Women and An Armchair Trip to Canterbury. Chris, Ann and I went to the Canterbury presentation by Barbara Creed. We enjoyed the slides, books and other handouts about a truly amazing place, Canterbury Cathedral. Barbara is planning a trip (pilgrimage) for a group of 25 to Canterbury Cathedral sometime in 2010. She will let us know details about it later.

Ann, Chris and I had an enjoyable day trip together!

**Ladies of St. Stephen's** put this date on your calendar: May 30, 2009 - Episcopal Church Women's Annual Meeting, Honored Women's Day and United Thank Offering Ingathering at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Scotts Valley. Fill your blue boxes with blessings coins. I have posted a copy of the Flyer on the Parish Hall bulletin board. I will have registration forms to pass out in the near future, also Blue Boxes for those who don't have one or have misplaced theirs.

help with the steps involved, Margo is making her experience available to you. Deacon Michael is working with Margo to expand this capability as the needs dictate. It is very important for us to be here for each other, in ways that really matter. Based on the financial crisis in California and the nation, Margo is offering very practical help where it really matters. Contact Margo, Deacon Michael, or me if we can help you. Father Ken.

You are all invited to participate in this program which aims to 1) reduce recidivism (a program some time ago demonstrated that when former inmates are paired with support from church communities the recidivism rate of 90% drops down quite a bit), 2) help families in recovery reunite and reengage one another and society at large. The program has been called "**Capernaum Fellowship**" and that it is based on the fact that many of Jesus' greatest healings and acts of restoration occurred near Capernaum.

Please see or contact me (mwridgway@earthlink.net) for more information

## An Update on the Sudan...

Following is the current newsletter from Father Jerry about conditions in the Sudan:

### Hope With Sudan

*Recession has huge impact on our students and families*

February 2009

Dear Companions,

Hope With Sudan is in crisis because of the shortfall of donations. A marked decrease in donations this winter has caused us to take drastic measures. Instead of sending funds in late December to pay for the tuition of the Winter Term for our students, we had to tell them to wait in hopes that contributions would arrive in January. Funds did not arrive and now there is a dire need to feed our students.

***“The children are really suffering.”*** These are the words that I dread to hear each time my phone starts ringing at 6:30 AM. When I open my email and see the name of any of our students I know that they have run out of food or the school has expelled the children for failure to pay tuition.

***“I am walking the streets in Nairobi to take my mind off the ache in my stomach because I haven’t eaten in three days.”*** This is what Philip Deng told me in a phone conversation a week ago. Not only have we failed to pay most of the tuitions for our 80 students, but we have not succeeded in providing adequate coverage for food and rent. Most of the landlords are now threatening to lock our children and their care-givers out of their apartments.

## A Chance to Clean Up...

Following is a message we just received from Councilman Ash Kalra’s office. This is a great activity, and I urge you to consider participating in it. I will follow up with details on our involvement. Fr. Ken.

### Dear St. Stephens in the Fields,

We at the Office of Councilmember Ash Kalra would like to ask for your participation in the upcoming 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Great American Litter Pick Up on Saturday, April 25, 2009, from 8:30 am – 12 pm, at Oak Grove High School. The Great American Litter Pick Up is a national litter pick up event, made possible by dedicated community volunteers, such as your congregation. This is a great opportunity for our council office to connect with your Church, as well as an opportunity for community members to come together to

As donations arrive I immediately transfer funds to households that our students are a part of, telling them that more will be coming soon. However, I really don’t know if that is the case.

The Board is wrestling with the deep issues that are related to the global recession and how we can continue to sustain some semblance of hope for the Sudanese in our program. Our new board is working on a new scholarship system where we will be able to more closely follow our students’ progress.

The recession in the U.S. economy is causing tsunami to roll across the world. The cost for maize has risen 300% since last spring in Kenya where most of our students seek refuge.

You have been so generous in the past in your support of Hope With Sudan. Our continuing mission is education providing tuition fees and living expenses. At this point we need money for food. I am asking you to continue your commitment to our common mission and if possible increase your giving by 20-25%. Being caught in the harsh reality of the present moment, the deep faith of our students and that of their caregivers gives them a tenuous trust that they can move forward. They consider us to be their American family who will stand with them to find a way through. Please continue to stand with them.

With sincere appreciation for all that you are giving.  
Jerry Drino, Executive Director,  
[jdrino@hopewithsudan.org](mailto:jdrino@hopewithsudan.org)

beautify our neighborhoods.

Your support and participation will be key in making the Great American Litter Pick Up a success, and any volunteer support would be greatly appreciated. Attached to this email is the flyer for the event. Please pass on the information to members of your congregation, as well as other neighbors/community members that will be interested in participating in this community event.

Both breakfast and lunch will be provided for volunteers, and there will be a District 2 celebration at the end of the litter pick-up. The kick off location, as well as the celebration, will be at the old quad at Oak Grove High School, between the student parking lot and the theatre.

## **Safeguarding God's Children...**

This announcement comes from Kathey Crowe: We are offering a Safeguarding God's People training on Thursday, April 23rd from 1-4 pm at Holy Spirit in Campbell. Preventing Sexual Exploitation in Communities of Faith; Two 20-minute DVD presentations will be followed by group discussion. Handouts and certificates of completion for each module will be provided.

For congregations, this training is provided to help parishioners recognize the signs of potential sexual exploitation in church leaders. For ministries, it is provided to make church leaders aware of the signs of sexual exploitation so they can help prevent it in their congregations

Preventing Sexual Harassment of Church Workers; Two 20-minute DVD presentations will be followed by group discussion. Handouts and certificates of

## **Healing Mission Available...**

On May 29, 30, and 31, 2009, Holy Spirit Church in Campbell will be holding its second healing mission entitled "The Overcoming Life". Friday night, a special prayer service will be held; Saturday is the healing mission itself, led by our guest speaker Fr. Josh Acton, rector of Christ the Redeemer Anglican Church in

## **An OSL Informational Meeting...**

The Local Chapters of the Order of St Luke the Physician will host a day to explore Christian Healing on Saturday, **April 18th** at St George's Episcopal Church, 98 Kip Drive, Salinas beginning at 10:00 am.

## **On-Line Sermons...**

We are continuing to record the Sunday sermons, and to provide them on the [ssitf.org](http://ssitf.org) website. By going to the home page and clicking on 'Listen to Audio Sermons', you will see a directory of service dates. By clicking on a date, your Windows Media Player will open, and the sermon audio will be played. It's that easy!!

People have commented how nice it is to have access

completion for each module will be provided.

For church workers (employees and volunteers): Sexual harassment as defined under federal law, examples of types of illegal harassment, and explanation the worker's rights and responsibilities. For managers and supervisors: Explanation of their responsibilities to prevent and respond appropriately to allegations of sexual harassment.

The Rev. Deacon Kathleen Crowe and Mr. Harry Van Wickle are the certified trainers for these sessions. Please send Rev. Kathey a confirmation of your attendance by Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at [kathleencrowe@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathleencrowe@sbcglobal.net) or call her at 408-377-0158 or 408-374-4440.

**(The diocese requires that all church leaders take this course at some time. Father Ken)**

Yuma, Arizona. On Sunday, Fr. Josh Acton will assist Fr. Mike Ferrito with our service. For more information, please contact Holy Spirit Church (408) 374-4440, or Madelaine Yannaccone, OSL Convener via e-mail: [oslmission@holyspiritcampbell.org](mailto:oslmission@holyspiritcampbell.org). You may also visit our website

<http://oslmission.holyspiritcampbell.org>.

There will be a video and discussion with a time for questions and answers. We will conclude with a Healing Service and Laying on of Hands about 3:30 pm. Lunch will be provided. Everyone welcome!

to the sermons for review, to share them with someone, or to catch up on a Sunday they missed. Give it a try, and let Father Ken or Carol Pecora know what you think.

We want to again thank Doug Dunham for loaning us his digital recorder. This recorder makes the production work of these sermons a snap, and with very impressive quality. If we decide to keep this audio sermon directory growing, we will soon look at how we can purchase our own digital recorder.

## St Stephen's in the Field : [Online Calendar Page](#)

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

### Capernaum Fellowship

The Santa Clara Valley Deanery has agreed to sponsor and develop a new ministry called **Capernaum Fellowship**. This is a re-entry program for ex-offenders and their families to be held at Trinity Cathedral, chosen for its central location with good public transport options. We expect it to be a weekly program having three parts: 1) a time for worship (liturgies may be as structured as a Eucharist or as open and spontaneous as an extemporaneous "Prayers of the People; " 2) a fellowship time (a meal shared by our guests as well as those preparing the meal); and 3) a "resource time" for training and/or discussion of topics which help individuals to become more self-sustaining. We will be providing a program for children during the "resource time" for adults.

The focus of this program will be to provide a Christian **community** for families, supporting them as they make the very difficult adjustment of re-entering the outside world and their families after being incarcerated in our jail system. We will have information on where to **refer** people for different services such as food pantries, clothes closets, free meals, various trainings for jobs, etc. but Capernaum Fellowship will not be providing those types of services itself. Instead, our program will encourage volunteers to serve the Capernaum Fellowship community in ways similar to being in their home parishes, where families and individuals experience a sense of love, acceptance and support.

We have identified five areas where we need people to volunteer:

- 1) people interested in developing and/or providing meaningful liturgy;
- 2) people willing to help with the meal that we will provide (we have money for the first year and have some ideas on how to do this very simply, cheaply and easily);
- 3) people willing to work on short programs to help strengthen life skills, etc.;
- 4) people willing to help with short programs for children and teens (Godly Play, etc.)
- 5) several people to work on communications, helping with publicity, developing flyers, etc.

We hope to develop a large roster of people who feel called to this new ministry, developing a rota system whereby most people will only serve once a month or even bi-monthly. **If you feel called to this ministry, or would like to learn** more about this program, please email Joanna Shreve ([jrshreve@aol.com](mailto:jrshreve@aol.com)) or Linda Morris ([lindamorris24@yahoo.com](mailto:lindamorris24@yahoo.com)) by April 1st. We would also like to have your phone number. An organizational meeting for this new ministry will be held on Tuesday, April 21st at 7:30 p.m., Trinity Cathedral, San Jose. If you can't come to the meeting, but have ideas to share, please let us know. Thank you.

Love & Peace,

Linda Morris, SCV Deanery Convever  
Joanna Shreve, SCV Deanery Co-convever

**Notable dates:**

Tuesday Bible Study  
 Thursday : Lenten Soup Supper  
 April 5th –12th Holy Week

5th: Palm Sunday  
 9th Maundy Thursday  
 Overnight prayer vigil  
 10th Good Friday  
 11th Great Vigil  
 12th Easter

**Servant Calendar**

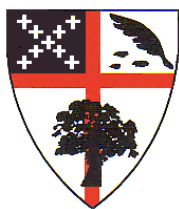
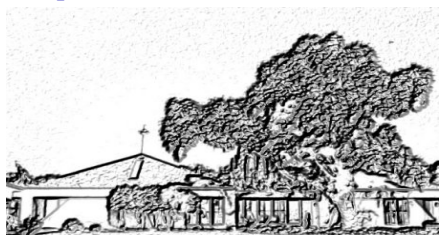
	4/5/2009	4/12/2009	4/19/2009	4/26/2009	5/3/2009
	Palm Sunday	Easter	Family Sunday		
<b>Lector1</b>	Catherine Blair	Larry Lee	Family Sunday	Maggi Munson	Tony Pecora
<b>Lector2</b>	Caroline Buckner	Genie Yomtov		Morrie Munson	Sandi Redder
<b>LEM</b>	Judi Sato	Susie Good	Jan Martin	Julie Zintsmaster	Genie Yomtov
<b>CB</b>	Sharon Wardman	Tom Good	Rosemary	Caroline Buckner	Sharon Wardman
<b>Crucifer</b>	Melissa	Taylor	Brooke	Melissa	Taylor
<b>Acolytes</b>	Peter, Janelle	Sabrina, Brianna	Isabella, Coleman	Peter, Janelle	Sabrina, Brianna
	Carly	Natasha	Hannah, Kendall	Carly	Natasha
<b>Altar</b>	Nancy	Laura Lewis	Laurie Watson	Edy Unthank	Nancy
<b>Guild</b>	Susan Zaballos	Susie Good	Barbara Gray	Janet Thorsrud	Susan Zaballos
<b>Sunday School</b>	Penny	Monica		Maggi	Penny
<b>Elementary</b>	Candace	Heather		Laura	Candace
<b>Youth</b>	Tracy & Nigel	Phil	P4C	Ruth L.	Tracy & Nigel
<b>Sitter</b>					
<b>Music</b>	Voice Choir	Bell Choir			
<b>Shepherd</b>	Elaine Alton	Jim Glancey		Robert Young	Elaine Alton
	Tim Alton	Chris Glancey	Frances & Barbara	Ann Little	Tim Alton
<b>Coffee Host</b>	Redder	Brunch	BRUNCH	Hughes	Sato
<b>Counter</b>	Nigel Cooper	Judi Sato	Andy Lief	Tom Good	Nigel Cooper
	Tim Alton	Sharon Wardman	-	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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