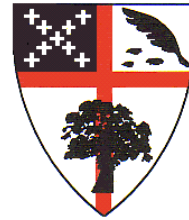


# Seeds and Harvest Newsletter



## Message from the Rector

How is your summer going? Have you slipped away for a vacation yet? Have you visited the coast, or the mountains, or San Francisco, or Napa Valley, or Lake Tahoe, or Half Moon Bay, or Great America? Have you read the book you bought a year ago and set on the shelf in your 'to be read later' pile? Our Lord always found time, or more accurately *made* time to recharge, relax, and pray. We are called to become like Christ; to learn from him about taking care of ourselves, both physically and spiritually; to recharge, relax, and pray.

How is your *spiritual* summer going? You and I travel seemingly randomly through spiritual seasons, while we move methodically through the seasons of the calendar year; spring, summer, fall, winter. Spring is when we have new spiritual experiences that excite us about God being freshly present and active all around us, everywhere we look. In the spiritual summers our roots grow deeper, we branch out, and we mature in our faith. In the spiritual fall we get tired or lazy, and consciously recognize the fear that our spiritual growth is slowing down; and maybe we sense that some of our spiritual leaves have fallen away. And then there are those dark winters when we

feel spiritually cold. It is all part of the cycle of our spiritual life. But now it is summer.

I hope this summer is also a summer for you in your spiritual life; a time to grow deeper roots and to feel a maturing faith. I hope you read a book or two that gets you thinking about your relationship with God and with the people close to you. I hope you use some of these longer summer evenings to sit outside with people you love, dreaming out loud with each



other. I hope you see the magic in roasting marshmallows with someone.

May you grasp moments this summer with your children, your friends, or a neighbor you haven't yet introduced yourself to, to share the love for life and for God that lives in you.

May you have a blessed summer,

Ken +

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

**July 2009**

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## Words from Your Senior Warden

Our annual Golf Tournament and Dinner is fast approaching, August 10<sup>th</sup> is right around the corner. This event has grown over the past 5 years and has become an integral portion of our budget. I am extremely excited and grateful to those who have stepped up and taken on a Raffle Basket, each year these baskets are one of the highlights of the evening. I would like to ask everyone again to seek out your friends and family members that would like to participate as a golfer or just come to dinner. Another part of this fundraising event is Hole Sponsorships, this where a business or individual can sponsor a hole for \$150.00, and have a sign placed on the tee for advertising or just for support. The evening will be capped off with the dinner and music by Specs. Please make plans to join us for this great event.

## Wednesday Crafts Night...

One year ago Sherrie Hughes began bringing her craft projects to St. Stephen's on Wednesday nights. It is a time for members, friends, and neighbors of St. Stephen's to gather once a week to share fellowship, conversation, and some light refreshments as they

St. Stephen's is extremely blessed to have a faith family that is so committed to the success of our efforts as a community. As a member of the Vestry and your Senior Warden I am grateful to your commitments in all areas. As summer ramps up to full speed and our lives get busy with vacations and just doing, it is easy to slip on our commitments. I would just like to gently remind you to make every effort to honor the commitments you have made, or try to find some to switch with you.

I would like to close with a quote from Brian Klemmer's book "The Compassionate Samurai"

"Compassionate samurai say what they mean and do what they say. They make bold promises and keep them. Average people do what they say as long as it is convenient."

work on their favorite craft project. Please give this event a try. Invite a friend to join you. Bring your own craft project - whether to work on, or to ask for advice from someone else who may have experience in your craft. What a great summer event! Questions? Contact Sherrie Hughes at [sherriehughes@prodigy.net](mailto:sherriehughes@prodigy.net)

## Preschool Update...

On June 18 we held the Closing Ceremony for the seven students who have completed the first year of preschool at St. Stephen's Parish Preschool. The children processed into the classroom with the child-sized



processional cross and two torches. They led the faculty, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and siblings in the School Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. They then performed some of the songs they had learned during the year. Mrs. Horn then presented certificates of completion to each student; Mrs. Nielsen gave each child long stem roses which were then presented to mothers and grandmothers. The ceremony was followed by a reception. Congratulations to the children, and to all of us for completion of our first year of Preschool!

Ken +



### Treasurer's Report

Through May, we continue to do better than plan, although we had some "surprises" such as the repair of the refrigerator. The year to date figures also show that we are ahead of plan. For the future, remember that there are two major fund raisers, the Golf Tournament and the Craft Fair, remaining this year, so it is important that we continue to support St. Stephen's fund raisers and complete our pledges.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Logan R. Zintsmaster, Treasurer

May 09	Actual	Budget	Percent Difference
Income	\$13,181	\$12,752	103% of Budget
Expense	\$14,960	\$13,687	109% of Budget
Net	(\$1,779)	(\$935)	
<b>Year to Date</b>			
Income	\$67,898	\$64,768	105% of Budget
Expense	\$72,755	\$72,047	101% of Budget
Net	(\$4,857)	(\$7,279)	33% Better

### Golf Tournament

August 10<sup>th</sup> is the date for our *Sixth Annual St. Stephen's Golf Tournament*. This is our primary fundraising event, with proceeds being used to fund our work of ministry and mission, including our work with Santa Maria Urban Ministries, support of our friends from the Sudan, and strengthening of our own Parish Preschool. If you golf, please sign up for a very fun day of the game at Almaden Golf and Country Club. If you don't play golf, please sign up for a fabulous dinner which includes raffle prizes, Tom Good as Master of Ceremonies (not to be



missed!), and the Specs offering live music. If you would like to donate a Gift Basket for the raffle, please contact Frances Steitz. Please do all that you can to make this event a huge success.

### Raffle Baskets

Thanks to many generous people, we have a full slate of basket sponsors for the tournament. Raffle tickets will go on sale at coffee hour on August 2nd, so all baskets need to be completed and brought to the church on that Sunday. If you are a sponsor, don't forget to make a complete list of the basket contents and attach it to your basket.

### Sudan Update

**Gabriel Makuei Tor graduated from De Anza College** with plans to enter San Jose State in the fall in pre-nursing. He arrived as a refugee four and a half years ago from Kenya after watching his friends leaving in 2001 for the US never thinking that he might never be called. In the meantime he followed his vocation to ministry by teaching English and leading Bible classes for over a hundred Sudanese widows in Nairobi. Then his day came to be relocated to San Jose. His ultimate goal is to be a priest. He is a gifted choir leader, hymn writer and poet.

**James Deng is looking for a part-time job.** He attended primary school in Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, Africa (1991 - 2001), earned an A.A. in Social Science from De Anza College, and is currently work-

ing on his B.S. from Cal State Hayward. Last week, he was laid off from his part-time security job. His wife is about to give birth to their first child. She lives in Australia and he in San Jose. While she visited last year for four months they tried desperately to get immigration papers for her because he is a U.S. citizen but they did not succeed.

**Car donation:** Do you have a car you would like to donate to Hope With Sudan? There is a newly relocated young woman from the Sudan, enrolled in school, recently licensed to drive, and in need of a car so she can quickly get her part-time job.

Please contact Carol Pecora with your ideas or suggestions. carolpecora2000@yahoo.com

# You Are Invited

Monday, August 10, 2009

## St. Stephen's In-the-Field 6th Annual Golf Tournament



St. Stephen's  
6th Annual  
Golf Tournament  
August 10, 2009

Almaden Golf and Country Club  
6663 Hampton Drive  
San Jose, Ca 95120

The fun and entertainment will include:

- Golf at the prestigious Almaden Golf and Country Club
- Contests
- Closest to the Hole Prizes
- Dinner
- Live Music by The Specs
- Awards
- Raffles
- Silent Auction
- and much more...

### Registration

- Golf and dinner \$200.00
- Golf only \$155.00
- Golf & dinner--special foursome price \$750.00
- Dinner only \$45.00
- Child's Dinner (*under 12*) \$10.00

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ *Handcp:* \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please put me in a group

I have my own foursome for golf & dinner

Name \_\_\_\_\_ *Handicap*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ *Handicap*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ *Handicap*

I will play golf & attend dinner

I will attend dinner only

I will play golf only

I cannot attend, but I would like to make a donation: \$20  \$50  \$100   
Other \_\_\_\_\_

Appropriate Golf attire is required; collared shirts and no denim, please. No steel spikes are allowed on the course.



**A great way to serve a great cause**

Welcome to our sixth annual Golf Tournament. We are honored to again sponsor this time of fun and fellowship at the beautiful Almaden Golf and Country Club. Get ready for a fantastic event!

St. Stephen's Church has been faithful in our commitment of support for the Sudan, our new Parish Preschool, and Santa Maria Urban Ministries.

Peter Nyok, one of the Lost Boys of the Sudan who lives in south San Jose, regularly attends St. Stephen's. This year he has relocated more Sudanese children to his orphanage in Kenya. He is also developing a plan to provide training and opportunities for Sudanese young adults to establish viable businesses in the Sudan. His goal is to help the Sudanese people to be trained business people, and to be the nucleus for building a prosperous, self-sufficient Sudan. We are working with Peter to find sponsors for the children in the orphanage, and to help define programs which can build new businesses within the Sudan. This is life-changing, world-changing work, and we are thrilled to be able to support Peter.

We continue our financial support of Simon Thuc, the son of Mark Atem, who is Canon to the Bishop of the Diocese of Bor. Our support provides Simon with tuition, books, and shoes. We have begun internet correspondence with Simon in the last few months. He travels weekly to a computer to get internet access.

A major change since last year has been the

launch of our Parish Preschool. The goal of our Preschool is to provide neighborhood children with a loving, Christ-centered, academically sound, State licensed environment to launch their life-long journey in learning, respect for each other, and love for God.

The first day of classes was October 9th last Fall. Students are 2 1/2 through 4 years old. We rebuilt and enlarged our outdoor play area, added a new fire alarm system, purchased new books, toys, and furniture, and hired our Preschool director and two teachers. We provide age appropriate curriculum in the mornings, and Extended Day Care in the afternoons, allowing parents to place children in our care from 7 am to 6 pm every weekday. The Preschool has been very well received by our first class of seven students. Our goal for the Fall of 2009 is to have 12 to 15 children enrolled in St. Stephen's Parish Preschool. We see this activity as a very important ministry into our neighborhood.

St. Stephen's continues to provide support to Santa Maria Urban Ministries through financial gifts, food and clothing donations, school supplies, and Christmas gifts for needy children. We would like to expand our support through helping organize new fundraising opportunities for this San Jose inner-city mission.

Your participation in golf, dinner, music, and the auctions and raffles allow us to expand our support of these important ministries. We are deeply indebted to you. We hope you enjoy the day that has been prepared for you.

Blessings,

Reverend, St. Stephen's In-the-Field Episcopal Church

**Tournament and Dinner...**

Registration	11:00 AM
Shotgun Start	1:00 PM
Hot Cocktails	6:30 PM
Dinner	6:30 PM

We look forward to seeing you and your friends come out and play to help support St. Stephen's.

For additional information call:  
 the church at 408-632-1236  
 Tom Good at 408-480-8026  
 or Tom Good at 408-772-8289

Mail your reservation and donation to:  
**ST. STEPHENS-IN-THE-FIELD**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
 7289 Santa Teresa Blvd.  
 San Jose, CA 95129  
 Attn: Golf Tournament  
[www.ashli.org](http://www.ashli.org)

Make checks payable to St. Stephen's Church

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

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

**Family Campout 9/4-7**

Mark you calendar and the end of summer with annual "St. Stephen's in the Field down by the Big Sur river" camping trip.

Held at a private campground just south



of the Big Sur River Inn this event is a weekend of tubing, rafting and fellowship around the campfire, for all the family. Once you've been you'll want to go s'more! Contact Andy and Ruth Lief for details.

**Notable dates:**

September 4 : Camping trip

August 2 : SMUM School Supplies

August 10 : Golf Tournament

**Servant Calendar**

	7/5/2009	7/12/2009	7/19/2009	7/26/2009	8/2/2009
<b>Lector1</b>	Jordan Lief	Maggi Munson	Tony Pecora	Judi Sato	Edy Unthank
<b>Lector2</b>	Jan Martin	Morrie Munson	Sandi Redder	Frances Steitz	Sharon Wardman
<b>LEM</b>	Genie Yomtov	Julie Zintsmaster	Caroline Buckner	Judi Sato	Tom Good
<b>CB</b>	Rosemary	Wanda Bryan	Edy Unthank	Jan Martin	Susie Good
<b>Crucifer</b>	Taylor	Brooke	Charlie	Taylor	Brooke
<b>Acolytes</b>	Sabrina, Brianna	Isabella, Coleman	Peter, Janelle	Sabrina, Brianna	Isabella, Grace
	Natasha	Hannah, Kendall	Carly	Natasha	Hannah
<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>	Crafts	Crafts	Crafts	Crafts	Crafts
<b>Elementary</b>					
<b>Youth</b>					
<b>Sitter</b>					
<b>Music</b>					
<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>					
<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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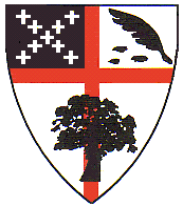
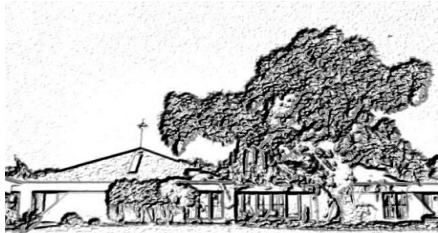
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**SUNDAY:**  
8 & 10am: Holy Eucharist  
10am: Sunday School &  
Nursery

**Wednesday:**  
10am: Healing Service

**This Issue:**

Special thanks to Fr. Ken Wratten,,  
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You too can contribute!

**Next Issue: July. Deadline for arti-  
cles is Thursday July 30th**

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