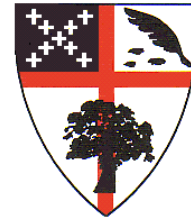
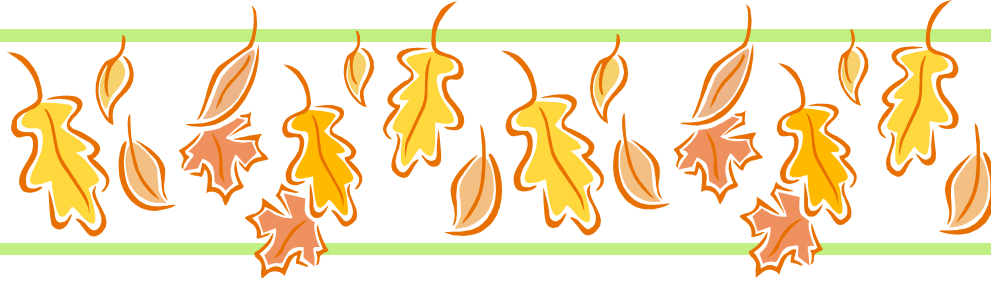


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Message from the Rector

St. Stephen's
in the Field



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Fall is my favorite season of the year. The recent 100 degree weather notwithstanding, as days grow noticeably shorter and nights colder, the rhythm of the church year brings us closer together after the hectic summer, and guides us through familiar and comfortable customs. We bless the animals at 4 pm on the 3rd; commission people who have begun new ministries on the 11th; hold our Fall Festival with Crafts on the 17th; and share a Halloween Trunk or Treat (and haunted house) on the 31st. These fun events all interweave with the beautiful harmony of our Bell and Voice Choirs back in full swing, along with Players 4 Christ and the Praise Band; and chanted 10 am Worship.

You and I are again given the opportunity to create memories for our children and grandchildren and friends; memories which will help define their permanent impression of what it means to be a church family. A lot of what

we do in these fall months has been handed down to us from the families who began St. Stephen's. Some of our activities are being established as tradition by us, right now, for the next generation. I find this cycle of life fascinating, and thrilling.

Be sure to grab onto every chance you can to share in these experiences. Enjoy the warm fellowship and wonderful traditions, both enduring and brand new, that uniquely define us as the faith family of St. Stephen's. Our interrelationship is a powerful witness to the priority we place on a common faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Have a Blessed Fall,
Ken +



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Words from Your Senior Warden

Well here it is October already, summer is done, the weather is changing, you can feel fall in the air. Having wrapped up our summers, it is time to look at what lies ahead and assess what we can each do to help out the community as we move forward. Part of who we are as a faith community is in the fact that we not only receive the love and support of the community, but we give back to that community. There are several events that are coming up in the immediate future that can use assistance by anyone that is able to help out.

The first event is the Work Day scheduled for Saturday October 10. At this writing the time has not been established, but you will be informed very soon. This is an opportunity to get together and perform much needed grounds clean up before winter rains come. It is also a time that we can share the work together to help make our church and preschool a presentable, attractive and welcoming home to all. We do not have the budget to be able to pay for this work, at the moment we rely on the few members of our mowing team and an occasional work day to do this work. This day may give you the opportunity to discover a way that you can give back for all you have been given.

Following this, on the next Saturday, October 17, is our **Fall Festival** featuring over 20 vendors, music, dance demonstrations, and food. There will be a need for helping the vendors set up in the morning and some clean up at the end of the day. Most importantly help with putting up and taking down posters at the

Parish Work Day 10/10/09...

Please plan to join a joyful work party at 1 pm on Saturday, October 10th. We will be cleaning the property in preparation for the Fall Festival the following week-



various intersections to help promote the event. In the past we have held two Craft Fairs, but this year we combined these into one event and are making it more of a Festival, combining crafts, food and music; it is also our number two fundraiser of the year. If you can support this event by helping in these ways, contact Susie Good or me. If you are unable to help in any of these ways, come to the event anyway and bring your friends to support the vendors by shopping.

I have found it very rewarding over the years when I have been involved in organizing or working with others on an event. There is great satisfaction in knowing that I am giving back to the community that has lifted me up over the years. If you missed the Ministry Fair over the past 2 weeks, it is not too late talk to a member of the Vestry about a ministry you could get involved in (see page 5). Speaking of the Vestry, if you have ever had the desire to get involved in the leadership and business of the church, give some thought to running for a position in 2010. You will be hearing more about this as we get closer to the Annual Meeting.

Remember we are all in this together, if we strive together we can accomplish great things for our Faith Community!

God Bless,

Tom

end, and our fun Parish Life events. Bring gloves and pruning tools. Work will focus on the hillside, along the chain link fences, and around the parking lot. Drinks and snacks will be provided to fuel your way.

Preschool Update...

We have added a new student to our preschool. We now have fourteen students, just double the student population we had last year. We have also expanded our curriculum to offer 2-day, 3-day or 5-day lessons plan to the children.

This change has provided a lot of flexibility in addressing the academic and developmental needs of each individual student.

We owe a lot of gratitude to Mrs Nielsen and Mrs Horn for their hard work to adjust our preschool cur-



riculum to meet the needs of our neighborhood families. They also regularly adjust their personal schedules to accommodate changing needs for Extended Day Care.

Please continue to pray for our preschool, our faculty and staff, and our new students and their families.

Ken +

Treasurer's Report

The Golf Tournament shortfall is shown in this month's results. As a result of this shortfall plus a continuing short fall in pledges that began earlier in the summer, we are substantially behind our budget and will face a serious financial problem at year end if things do not improve. The Finance Committee and Vestry have taken a hard look at expenses between now and year end and will be diligent in controlling our expenses. We will also be sending out pledge reports to help everyone see where they are with their pledge. It is hoped that we will be able to fulfill our pledges by year end.

August 09	Actual	Budget	Percent Difference
Income	\$24,565	\$33,752	73% of Budget
Expense	\$16,150	\$14,167	114% of Budget
Net	\$8,415	\$19,585	
Year to Date			
Income	\$116,064	\$124,424	93% of Budget
Expense	\$118,221	\$115,420	102% of Budget
Net	(\$2,157)	\$9,004	124% Worse

Logan R. Zintsmaster, Treasurer

Completing Your Pledge in 2009

October is here and the end of the year is not far off. As is typically the case, pledge payments fall off in the summer as people are engaged in summertime activities. Now that Fall is here, we need to refocus on our pledge commitments. Pledges are our primary source of income and thru September we are now over \$7,000 behind in pledge payments. There are no more

expenses that we can cut in order to make up the difference, so your support is needed. We will be sending pledge reports, shortly, as a reminder for everyone. We know that many are facing challenges due to the current conditions and simply ask that you do what you can to support St. Stephen's.

Logan R. Zintsmaster, Treasurer



Shop for a Cause

Since 2006, Macy's Shop For A Cause Event has partnered with non-profit organizations nationwide to raise more than

\$28 million for their ongoing charitable efforts. This is your chance to be part of this monumental event on Saturday, October 17, 2009.

Shop For A Cause gives you the opportunity to help Santa Maria Urban Ministry (SMUM) by purchasing a \$5 Shopping Pass* for exclusive savings and special offers in every Macy's store on Saturday, October

17th. As a participating charity, SMUM keeps 100% of the proceeds from the sale of each pass. Plus, you can enter to win a \$500 Macy's Gift Card!

Come together with Macy's and SMUM and while you're out enjoy a day of shopping and great savings, you'll be helping our community at the same time.

*Some exclusions apply. For more information or to order a shopping pass, contact Edy Unthank edyunthank@yahoo.com

A Love Story

Would you like to hear a true story?

A story of love, giving, and more giving. As you may know my health took a turn for the worse in January of 2009. I had hospital stays, twice at O'Connor, once at Kaiser, and finally at Good Samaritan. Two times I was in the Mission Acute Care Center for physical therapy. Three relapses occurred over three and a half months. Ambulance transfers were frequent and bumpy.

I have compressed this ordeal into a few words to set the stage for this love story. The love came from all of you, your prayers and words of encouragement, helping me physically, when I had so much pain and discouragement. Your love was magnified with so many meals on wheels, so delicious and delivered at the time of greatest need. I enjoyed hot dishes, fancy

Peter's Sudanese Orphan Education Project

THANK YOU! Four St. Stephen's members are sponsoring 4 of Peter's orphans.

Under the umbrella of Hope With Sudan, Peter Nyok has organized his efforts to support 65 orphans and marginalized children through a new organization called Sudanese Youth Opportunity (SYO).

The goal is to pair donors with the 65 refugee Sudanese children living in Kenya. We want these children to know that they can count on support for their schooling fees on an ongoing basis.

For \$20 per month, one student's schooling fees are covered for an entire year. You'll receive a photo,

bread, salads, steaming soup and fancy deserts. Morrie and I forgot how to cook! I was sustained by so many beautiful and heartwarming cards and flowers. My dear St. Stephen's Family, your love sustained me through this ordeal. You were truly expressing God's Love in whatever form it took, working His healing power through each of you. My love and thanks to each and every one of you.

Maggi Munson

p.s. There are three good reasons why Jesus was a woman. First, He could feed a crowd on a moment's notice. Second, He kept trying to get a message across to a bunch of men who just didn't get it. And thirdly even though He had died He got up again because there was still work to be done.

updates, and you may send your student a note.

Would you like to sponsor a Sudanese orphan, too? Talk to Peter on Sunday, or visit his website

Mark your calendar for African Crafts sale during coffee hour on Nov. 1.

New items will include large wooden salad bowls to go with those beautiful salad tongs you bought last year!

www.sudaneseyouthopportunity.org.



Thank You Notes

If you want send out a quick thank you this is the place:

Thanks to Julie Zintsmaster, Sue Nielsen, Judi Sato, and Robin Horn for running the booth at the CommunityFest on September 19th. We had lots of people stop by to learn about our church and preschool. It was impressive to see how many parents of 'little one' know Mrs. Nielsen from their days as a student at St. Stephen's Episcopal School.

For a one year old preschool, we are very well known, and held in very high regard. Thanks also to Logan Zintsmaster, who made a high visibility sign for our booth.



Ministry is Alive and Well at St. Stephen's

On Sundays September 20 and 27, we held a Ministry Faire at St. Stephen's. It took five tables to display all of the ministry opportunities in our church community. Thank you to all those who visited, discerned and signed up! We have a few new greeters, teachers, pastoral care givers and outreach helpers. Many members of St. Stephen's are already involved in multiple ministry areas. We have a very giving church community. Thank you to everyone for a successful event. And remember, anytime during the year is a good time to get involved. Just talk to Fr. Ken or a member of the Vestry listed below. We want St. Stephen's to be a place where we can all reach out to make our community and our world a better place. Following is a list of Vestry contacts by ministry area:

Buildings/Grounds	Marshall Lewis
Christian Education	Anthony Francis
Communication	Lars Samson
Finances	Ron Jones
Membership	Genie Lee
Outreach	Wanda Bryan
Parish Life	Rod Sato
Worship / Music	Julie Zintsmaster

Commissioning Sunday – October 11

On October 11, we will recognize individuals who have joined new ministries related to worship at St. Stephen's. We will commission them with prayer as they begin their new ministry.

TWO MEN WANT TO MOW?

We need more volunteers for the mowing team. This is an important ministry as first impressions are renowned to be lasting. The schedule works out as a commitment of a couple of hours once per month. The work includes mowing, raking, blowing, trimming. Preferably work



on a Friday or Saturday. The benefits include using our John Deere Mega250 ride on mower with cushioned seating, and 2 cup holders. Please contact Marshall Lewis for more details. (ladies welcome)

SUNDAY SERVER

St. Stephen's just held its annual ministry fair. If you did not get a chance to stop by, do not despair!

I am accepting sign-ups for several Sunday server positions. If you would like to serve at the altar on Sundays, you can volunteer for several different positions. One of these would be to serve as a lector. We have a long list of people who participate in this ministry, so it is not one that you would serve frequently. Being a lector is a wonderful opportunity to share the lessons assigned on a particular Sunday. Schedules are published in advance and the opportunity to serve comes along every other month or so.

Another opportunity is to be trained as a chalice bearer (CB) or Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM). There are several levels of LEM, including taking communion to shut-ins. All of these positions require training and the opportunity to serve at the altar is available every 6 weeks or so.

Altar guild is a wonderful behind-the-scenes ministry. Altar guild teams serve once a month, responsible for the altar set-up and nave preparation for one full week per month. New members would join an experienced two-person team.

There are other facets of altar guild that are available. I would like to start up a linen guild for people who would like to simply do the altar "laundry" once a month or so. Another rewarding position is that of Communion Bread Baker. Being on this team only requires baking two batches of our delicious bread twice per year.

If you would like to become more involved at St. Stephen's and any of these opportunities intrigue you, let's talk!

There are so many rewarding ways to support ministries here at St. Stephen's. I hope you find something that is just right for you. Music, outreach, buildings and grounds, and other areas of interest abound.

Many blessings, Edy

Membership Class

**October 20, 2009
7:00 to 9:00 PM
St. Stephen's Parish Hall**

This class is offered for those who wish to become registered members of St. Stephen's in-the-Field Episcopal Church. Membership implies commitment to the beliefs which define us, the purpose that directs us, and the values and standards modeled for us by Jesus Christ. In this course we study what those commitments are. Following completion of this course, there will be an invitation to participate in a liturgy, officially welcoming these new members into our faith community. A welcoming brunch follows the welcoming service.

What a Great Workshop!

We had a great Greeter's Workshop on September 26th. There were ten members present, including Father Ken and myself. I would like to welcome two new greeters on our team: Ann Tyler and Dorothy "Dot" Remson. We have a great team for this year.

This year's Greeter's team includes:

Bob Young and Anne Tyler every 1st Sunday

Jim and Chris Glancey every 2nd Sunday

Barbara Gray and Frances Steitz every 3rd Sunday

Anne Little and Dot Remson every 4th Sunday

Greeters will rotate on 5th Sundays

Tim and Elaine Alton have graciously offered to substitute where needed.

The greeter ministry is very important to the growth of

All existing members of St. Stephen's are also invited and encouraged to attend this course. Please RSVP to Genie Lee or Father Ken (408-629-1836).

Course Curriculum

- Membership in Christianity
- Membership in the Anglican Communion
- Membership in the Episcopal Church
- Membership in this Faith Community at St. Stephen's
- History, Organization, Worship, Ministry, and Mission of St. Stephen's

Course Facilitator: Father Ken Wratten

St. Stephen's in-the-field Church. Greeters need everyone's support in order to make visitors and newcomers feel comfortable and welcome. Greeters will be asking members of our congregation to help visitors and newcomers to feel welcome, especially during coffee hour.

It is very important for everyone to wear their name tag during the church service and also in coffee hour. This helps new members and visitors to feel more comfortable and to get to know our very warm and friendly congregation. Greeters will remind you to wear your name tag.

One more thing, just a reminder that there is a clip board on the bulletin board in the parish hall to let me know that you need a new name tag. Thank you so much ahead of time for your support of our greeters.

Genie Lee, Membership Liaison



All Saints' Day Necrology...

November 1st is coming up fast. A tradition I began six years ago is the solemn reading of the necrology during the 10 am service on All Saints' / All Souls' Day. The necrology book will be placed on a stand near the entrance to the nave on Sunday, October 18th. It will remain there through November 1st. You are invited to add the names of family or friends who have

died, and who are on your heart this All Saints' Day. If you have included someone's name in a previous year, but you particularly find yourself thinking of them this year, feel free to enter their name again. This is our annual time to stop and give high honor to those we love who have gone before us to live with God. Please pray about those whom you wish to honor in this way.

Fall Bible Study

Part B: The Gospel of Mark

An eight week study of the Gospel of Mark, using the Kerygma course.
(Tuesdays, Oct 13—Dec 1, 2009)

Resource book price is \$20.00.

- The Foundations of the Gospels
- The Galilean Ministry Begins
- Teaching and Preaching



- A Man Who Does Everything Well
- Visions of the Kingdom
- What is Power?
- Signs of the End
- Death into Life

To register, contact Father Ken or Judi Sato.

Barbara Brown Taylor in the area...

Episcopal priest Barbara Brown Taylor will be lecturing at the Stone Church of Willow Glen on October 23 and 24, 2009. Her lecture will be based on

her latest book, *An Altar in the World*. She will discuss *The Balancing Act: Holy Rest, Good Work, Godly Play*. For registration information, go to www.stonechurch.org/events/Brown-flier.pdf.

Marriage Encounter...

WANT TO GET CLOSER TO THE ONE YOU LOVE?

That's what Marriage Encounter is all about! Marriage Encounter is forty-four hours where the two of you can focus on each other, away from all the distractions of daily life. For a richer, deeper, more vibrant marriage, try a Marriage Encounter weekend! The next

Episcopal Marriage Encounter weekend in the Bay Area will be October 9-11. Contact Curt & Arlene McClelland by email at curt@sbcglobal.net for more information, or go to www.episcopalme.com to register on-line. Registration is limited so a quick response is encouraged.

Habitat for Humanity Silicon Valley

Habitat Hearts and Homes.

Get an introduction to Habitat for Humanity Silicon Valley . Learn about HfH, their affiliate, past, present and future building projects and volunteer activities.

When: Thursday
October 15, 2009
8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Coffee and pastries served at 8:15 a.m.

Where: Habitat for Humanity Silicon Valley Office
513 Valley Way , Bldg. 2
Milpitas , CA 95035
Ph: (408) 942-6444

RSVP: Kate Bryan
Donor Development Officer
kbryan@hfhsv.org
(408) 942-6444 x304

Feel free to bring guests!

More info at :

[http://www.habitatsiliconvalley.org/openrosters/Vi](http://www.habitatsiliconvalley.org/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=28892&orgkey=1651)
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Rebuilding Days - Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley

Volunteer for Fall 2009 Rebuilding Day!

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley is currently recruiting volunteers for their next Rebuilding Day on Saturday, October 24th 2009!

They need people of all skill levels and backgrounds. If you have questions or if you'd like to join their e-newsletter list to receive Rebuilding Together updates email: info@rebuildingtogether-sv.org.

To learn more about the Rebuilding Day program and events visit the Rebuilding Day Page.

<http://rebuildingtogether-sv.org/?q=node/184>

St. Stephen's Contact:
Rev. Michael Ridgway

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

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

Notable dates:

Tuesdays am and pm Bible Study
 Oct 10th : Work Day in the grounds
 Oct 17th : Fall Festival grab a flier, help out,

invite friends

Oct 20th : Membership Class 7:00pm
 Oct 25th : Welcome New Members & Brunch

Servant Calendar

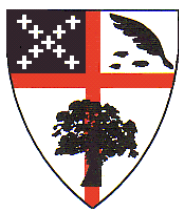
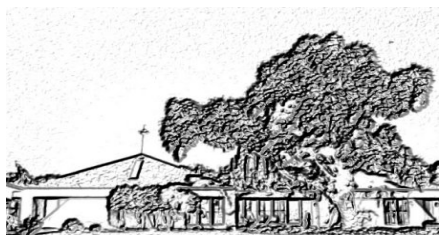
	10/4/2009	10/11/2009	10/18/2009	10/25/2009	11/1/2009
Lector1	Judi Sato	Edy Unthank	Family Sunday	Nancy	Catherine Blair
Lector2	Frances Steitz	Sharon Wardman		Julie Zintsmaster	Caroline Buckner
LEM	Wanda Bryan	Tom Good	Judi Sato	Caroline Buckner	Laura Lewis
CB	Laura Lewis	Susie Good	Caroline Buckner	Sharon Wardman	Rosemary
Crucifer	Brooke	Melissa	Taylor	Brooke	Melissa
Acolytes	Isabella, Coleman	Peter, Janelle	Sabrina, Brianna	Isabella, Coleman	Peter, Janelle
	Hannah, Kendall	Carly	Natasha	Hannah, Kendall	Carly
Altar	Nancy	Laura Lewis	Laurie Watson	Edy Unthank	Nancy
Guild	Susan Zaballos	Susie Good	Barbara Gray	Janet Thorsrud	Susan Zaballos
Sunday School	Rowena burger	Maggi Munson	Family Sunday		Rowena Burger
Elementary	Candace Jones	Heather Samson		Laura Denton	Candace Jones
Youth	Lisa Thornburg	Philip Ong		R. A. Lief	Lisa Thornburg
Sitter					
Music	Voice Choir	Bell Choir	Players for Christ		Voice Choir
Shepherd	Robert Young	Jim Glancey		Dorothy Remson	Robert Young
	Anne Tyler	Chris Glancey	Frances & Barbara	Ann Little	Anne Tyler
Coffee Host	Remson & White	Westfall Family	Buckner & Conway	New Member Brunch	
Counter	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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You too can contribute!

**Next Issue: October. Deadline for
articles is Thursday October 29th**

Send articles to Tim Alton timalton@yahoo.com. Or drop something
in my box in the office.