

# SEEDS & HARVEST

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## MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

There are a few wrinkles I faced in this February issue of the parish newsletter. First and foremost, our long time editor, Tim Alton, has retired. Edy Unthank and Susie Good have offered to pick up this ministry starting with the March newsletter. (Thank you!!) But this month it was my pleasure to take a crack at it. I now have an even greater appreciation for the faithful editing and publishing work contributed by Tim for years. Tim, we are grateful for your work and ministry as our editor.

The financial update found on page 4 was written by me. Logan Zintsmaster has retired as Treasurer, and Philip Ong has begun to take on that work, with welcome guidance from Logan. We look forward to Philip's financial updates beginning next month.

If you missed the Annual Meeting and would like a copy of the Annual Report, please email or call the church office and ask Judi to mail you a copy. The report contains excellent updates from all vestry members about 2009 activities in their ministry areas. These reports are filled with great information, and well worth reading.

We welcome new vestry members Janet Thorsrud, Karen Cuffie, and Paul Padilla; we thank Tom Good, Julie Zintsmaster, and Marshall Lewis for their faithful service as they are now retired from the vestry.

We welcome our new Delegate Mandy Samson and Alternate Anthony Francis; and we thank Delegate Judi Sato and Alternate Susie Good for their service as our representatives at deanery and Diocesan Convention last year.

As we quickly approach the season of Lent, I encourage you to enrich your experience of this season by attending the very meaningful special events that mark this time for us. The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, Ash Wednesday services with Imposition of Ashes, and our Lenten Studies, create the background behind which we mediate on the amazing love our Lord

Jesus Christ has for us.

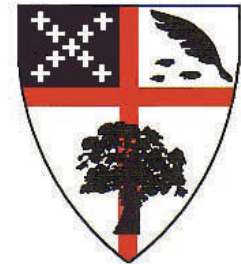
The Lenten Study will be done differently this year. Rather than having soup suppers at the church Parish Hall every Tuesday night, we will organize several small groups around south San Jose and Morgan Hill for the six weeks of Lent. Margo Westfall has kindly agreed to help provide the recruiting and coordination with the small group homes. Each small group meeting will begin with a pot-luck soup supper, then a short video on each week's topic, and then discussions that relate to the video, guided by a Leader's Discussion Guide. These small group discussions will tie into the sermon topics that I will cover each Sunday in Lent.

The title of the series is *Fearless*, after the best-selling book by Pastor Max Lucado, Minister of Writing and Preaching at Oak Hills Church in San Antonio, Texas.

This course will walk us through the realization that with the news we watch and the real life issues that face us every day, it is easy, even natural, that we would find ourselves dealing with a sense of fear over what is out of our control. There is a self-protective dimension to our fear that is helpful. But there is also a self-destructive dimension we can easily fall into. So what does our Christian faith have to say about our fears? How can we call on faith, rather than fear, to be our default reaction to threats we face in life? That is the discussion we will have in the context of our Lenten Soup Suppers in Small Groups. Please consider joining a group, and being part of the conversation.

Through community worship, fellowship, and prayer, and through private reflection, meditation, and special acts of devotion, may you experience a holy Lent.

Ken +



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### CURSILLO EN CHRISTIANIDAD...

We are now accepting candidate applications for the next Cursillo weekend (Short course in Christianity), which will be held May 13-16, 2010 at Camp St Francis in Aptos. This year's leaders for the weekend are Tim and Donna Miller. Tim has visited St Stephen's before to play in our Player 4 Christ. The leadership team consists of representatives from ECA, St. Jude's, St. Joseph's, St. Andrew's, Holy Spirit, and St. Stephen's in-the-Field.

Cursillo is one method of renewal in the Church. Its purpose is to help those in the Church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders. This leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the Church. Prayerfully consider joining us in May.

For information or an application, contact Father Ken or any St Stephen's member who has attended Cursillo.

### WE NEED HELP COUNTING...

We now have three teams of money counters, who receive and do the accounting for each Sunday offering. We need at least one more counter. If you are interested in serving on a counter team (about once per month), please contact Ron Jones at [ronjones@windermere.com](mailto:ronjones@windermere.com).

### PRE-SCHOOL UPDATE...

"Rain, Rain, go away; come again another day....."

If you were to drop by these last few weeks you would have heard the Preschool kids sing this little ditty. Both teachers and students are anxious for the rain to stop so they can go out and play!

In the meantime they are working on their Letters (they are up to the letter "Nn") and Numbers. Paint has been flying everywhere as they use both brushes and their fingers for creating great Masterpieces.

Open Enrollment for the 2010-2011 School Year begins next month. Priority is given to returning students and members of St. Stephen's. We have already experienced an increase in calls from people searching for a Preschool for this fall, but we are also getting a number of people looking ahead to 2011! The word is getting out there. If you know of any 3 or 4 year old looking for a Preschool, have them give us a call for a tour (629-1843).



### DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS...

Diocesan communications is evolving to serve you better. Starting this month, there will be a different communication sent out every Friday.

On the first Friday of every month, a new edition of Along the King's Highway will be posted to the website. News 'N Notes will be sent out the second Friday of the month. On the third Friday, Brian will send out his Administrator's Update. An article from either Bishop Mary or Canon Jesus will come out on the fourth Friday of every month. On month's when we have a fifth Friday, look for an article from one of the diocesan organizations such as Board of Trustees, Department of Missions, Standing Committee, etc.

We are confident that this new schedule will keep you informed about all that is happening in the diocese. The website will be continually refreshed with news items and blog entries. Remember to check out [www.edecr.org/](http://www.edecr.org/) often.

### CLERGY CONFERENCE...

Father Ken will be attending the 2010 Clergy Conference on February 8-10, 2010 at St. Francis in San Juan Bautista in their new facility! There will be no Wednesday Healing Service on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

### EUROPE ANYONE?...

Gloucester and Canterbury Pilgrimage 2010: July 23 – August 3 This summer Barbara Creed will be leading a pilgrimage to Gloucester and Canterbury. The pilgrimage is sponsored by the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral in the United States. We will depart San Francisco on Friday, July 23 and return Tuesday, August 3 (or stay for an extension until about August 8). We will arrive in England on Saturday, July 24, and make Gloucester our base of operations until July 29. While in Gloucester we will have opportunities to explore Gloucester Cathedral and visit significant religious and spiritual sites in that part of England in the company of Bishop Michael. If you would like a more detailed itinerary or think you might be interested, please let Barbara know at [bcreed@truckerhuss.com](mailto:bcreed@truckerhuss.com) or 650-343-6157.

## DIOCESAN WOMEN'S DAY...

Let us grow in Grace as we Listen and Learn -- Your diocesan ECW presents WOMEN'S DAY, on Sat., March 6th, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Salinas. Eight workshops provide an opportunity for spiritual, physical, and emotional enrichment: Centering Prayer, Nutrition, Tai Chi, Legal Issues, Visiting Hospitals, American Art, Petals, and Armchair Tour of Canterbury. The day begins with morning refreshments at 9:15 a.m. Worship, Workshops and Luncheon round out the day, closing at 2:30 p.m. Come and renew friendships with women across the Diocese. Be enriched with new friends, new insights, and grace. For more information, contact Bev Anderson, ECW President, 831- 899-3345 or bev.ecw@comcast.net. Deadline for registering is February 26, 2010.

## DIOCESAN CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP...

Bishop Mary distributed the following message:

You are the center of spiritual leadership for another human being at any given point in your Christian life. Are you ready?

Introducing: The Diocesan Center for Spiritual Leadership

There has been a growing need in The Diocese of El Camino Real for lay leadership development. Cursillo, as well as other training programs, have over the years, provided wonderful and effective contexts for formation of Christians in The Episcopal Church. Such communities have provided fellowship, leadership, and spirituality: people have been built up in the faith and The Episcopal Church has been gifted with many long-serving leaders that are the wealth of our church. Garnering support from the Cursillo community now as well as other diocesan leaders, we believe it is time in El Camino Real to offer an additional diocesan vehicle and community for the development of lay leadership in the Christian faith.

Since 2007 the diocesan staff has been in prayer about such a community. During this time of discernment Bill Dolby, a lay leader at St. Timothy's, Mountain View and a Silicon Valley executive, approached me in order to offer a vehicle by which a community for Christian spiritual leadership could emerge. Over the past year, Canons Brian and Jesus have met with Bill, adding other diocesan leaders, Rick Matters (Rector of All Saints' Carmel), Jerry Witherspoon and Greg Troxell (parishioners at St. Jude's), Caro Hall (Priest-in-Charge of St. Benedicts, Los Osos) and Peggy Bryan (Deacon of Calvary, Santa Cruz) into the mix of discerning and planning the format and the content of such a program. Our hope is that we will accomplish, with the grace of God, a number of goals through the Diocesan Center for Spiritual Leadership:

- Equip members to be spiritual leaders in their everyday lives
- Undergird the ministry of our congregations by assisting in the formation of lay leaders

- Empower one's ability to discern and activate ministry in the church and in the world
- Grow our confidence as a body to invite people to join the Christian life by coming to church

Every session will have 4 components:

- Exploring my Christian spiritual formation
- Articulating the faith of our church
- Discovering my spiritual gifts
- Serving as a leader in community

We are a diverse diocese in culture, economy and faith expression. We also feel very strongly about getting along graciously and living as one body. While it may seem that this is a recipe for conflict, in fact, it is our greatest strength. In Christ, it is possible to be extremely diverse and still be one. This is the essence of Christian unity. We see this in the diversity of the human and the divine natures of the one Jesus Christ. We see this in the writings of Paul as he coached divided communities on how to be united. We see this in our own lives as we seek to be the body of Christ in an individualistic culture increasingly polarizing into self-selected groups of sameness and safety. Indeed, we know our unity and our sense of safety are found in God alone.

To that end, we seek to create a Center for learning and formation that inspires and mobilizes leaders. Respecting the diversity of expressions of Christian faith, encouraging tolerance and personal responsibility, and responding to God's work within self and community will be at the heart of the Center's vision.

Clergy and lay leaders, we pray you will consider how the Diocesan Center for Spiritual Leadership might support your congregation's ministry. We ask that you select and send to the program: 1) At least 2 members from your congregation, and 2) Clergy and Vestries/Bishop's Committees are invited to attend, too.

We will begin the curriculum this year on February 20th at St. Paul's in Salinas - 9:30am to 4:30pm. All sessions will be held quarterly on Saturdays. While we encourage you and your team to attend all sessions, the curriculum will be presented in self contained units so that anyone can begin at any session. We are aware that this context for ministry formation will build over time, and it is our hope that this program will be ongoing for many years to come. Cost per session will be \$20 which includes refreshments, lunch, and all handout material. Dates for the 2010 are as follows: February 20, May 8, August 14, and October 23 -at St. Paul's from 9:30am to 4:30pm.

You may register online at [www.edecr.org](http://www.edecr.org), via email to [Susan@edecr.org](mailto:Susan@edecr.org) or by regular mail sent to Mission House at P.O. Box 1903, Monterey, CA 93942.

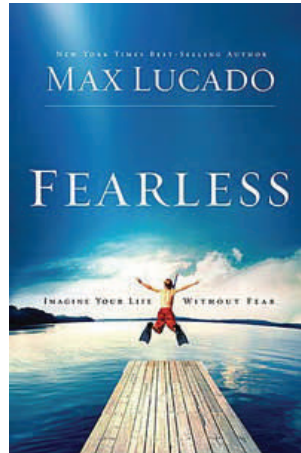
As always, this comes with my love and respect for you and your ministry, and of course, great honor in serving as your bishop.

Mary Gray-Reeves

Bishop, El Camino Real

**VOLUME 2010, ISSUE 2****LENTEN STUDY AND SOUP SUPPER...**

Sign up to lead or attend a Lenten Soup Supper Small Group by contacting Margo Westfall: mmwca@aol.com

**YEAR END FINANCIALS...**

The year end financial summary for 2009 is contained in the table below, and it is great news. Thanks to the tremendous response of the congregation, through fulfillment of your pledge contributions and special donations beyond your pledge, we nearly met the originally budgeted income for 2009. The vestry members worked carefully with every ministry area to control our expenses, and the result was a savings of \$2,400 in expenses for the year.

There was a dedicated effort this past month by the Finance Committee to derive a balanced budget for 2010, taking into account a pledge shortfall of \$14,200 against the Stewardship Drive goal. A final budget was approved by the vestry at their 1/14/10 meeting, and was presented at the 1/31 annual meeting. The cuts are a bit painful, but we are confident in this being a realistic / conservative budget for 2010.

Submitted by Father Ken

<b>December '09</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Income	\$14,782	\$13,202
Expense	\$13,442	\$13,517
Net	1,340	-\$315
<b>2009 End of Year</b>		
Income	\$178,590	\$179,940
Expense	\$178,019	\$180,415
Net	\$571	-\$475

**FEBRUARY PARISH ACTIVITIES...**

- Tue, Feb 2 9:30 am & 7 pm—BIBLE STUDY OF PSALMS—in the choir loft
- Wed., Feb 3 10 am—HOLY EUCHARIST  
7 pm—CRAFTS NIGHT—bring projects to work on  
7 pm—CHOIR REHEARSAL  
8 pm—BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
- Sun., Feb 7 8 am—HOLY EUCHARIST—5 Epiphany  
10 am—HOLY EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY CARE
- Tue, Feb 9 9:30 am & 7 pm —BIBLE STUDY OF PSALMS—in the choir loft
- Wed., Feb 10 10 am—HOLY EUCHARIST  
7 pm—CRAFTS NIGHT—bring projects to work on  
7 pm—CHOIR REHEARSAL  
8 pm—BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
- Sat., Feb 13 9 am—SWEETHEARTS' BREAKFAST  
FOR ALL WOMEN OF ST. STEPHEN'S
- Sun., Feb 14 8 am—HOLY EUCHARIST—Last Sunday after Epiphany  
10 am—HOLY EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY CARE
- Tue, Feb 16 9:30 am—Bible Study of Psalms—in the choir loft  
6:30 pm—SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER
- Wed., Feb 17 6:30 am —ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST & IMPOSITION OF ASHES  
7:30 pm—ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY EUCHARIST, RECONCILIATION, & IMPOSITION OF ASHES
- Sun., Feb 21 8 am—HOLY EUCHARIST— 1 Lent  
10 am—HOLY EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY CARE
- Wed., Feb 24 10 am—HOLY EUCHARIST  
7 pm—CRAFTS NIGHT—bring projects to work on  
7 pm—CHOIR REHEARSAL  
8 pm—BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
- Sun., Feb 28 8 am—HOLY EUCHARIST— 2 Lent  
10 am—HOLY EUCHARIST  
SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY CARE

## SUNDAY SERVANT SCHEDULE...

	2/7/10	2/14/10	2/21/10	2/28/10
	5 Epiphany	Last Epiphany	I Lent	2 Lent
Lector 1	Tony Pecora	Frances Steitz	Catherine Blair	Susie Good
Lector 2	Sandi Redder	Edy Unthank	Caroline Buckner	Tom Good
LEM	Edy Unthank	Genie Lee	Julie Zintsmaster	Tom Good
CB	Jan Martin	Rosemary Goodman	Laura Lewis	Susie Good
Crucifer	Brooke Westfall	Melissa Epps	Taylor Cuffie	Brooke Westfall
Acolytes	Isabella Greathurst-T Coleman Jones-T Hannah Tarbox-B Kendall Watson-B	Peter Pecora-T Carly Cooper-B	Brianna Padilla-T Tom Edsberg-T	Isabella Greathurst-T Hannah Tarbox-B
Altar Guild	Nancy McGuinness Susan Zaballos	Susie Good Laura Lewis	Barbara Gray Laurie Watson	Edy Unthank Janet Thorsrud
Sunday School: preK/K	Rowena Burger	Maggi Munson	Family Sunday	
Grades 1-5	Candace Jones	Heather Samson	Family Sunday	Laura Denton
Grades 6-9	Lisa Thornburg	Philip Ong	Family Sunday	Ruth/Andy Lief
Nursery	Samantha Cooper	Margo Westfall	Melissa Epps	Samantha Cooper
Music	Voice Choir	Bell Choir	P4C	Piano
Shepherds/Greeters	Bob Young Anne Tyler	Jim Glancey Chris Glancey	Amy Corbus Frances Steitz	Anne Little Dot Remson
Coffee Hosts	Rod Sato		Laura Denton	
Counters	Tom Good Sandi Redder	Nigel Cooper Ron Jones	Larry Lee Andy Lief	Tom Good Sandi Redder

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<sup>11</sup> ... I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content:  
<sup>12</sup> I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound.  
Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be  
full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer  
need. <sup>13</sup> I can do all things through Christ who  
strengthens me. *Philippians 4:11-13*

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