



"Worship
the Lord
your God,
and serve
him only."

Matthew 4:10

WHAT MUST WE DO?

PARISH NOTES

It's a genuine joy to have every worshiper here to glorify God and to share in fellowship with one another. Welcome to God's house!

GREETING YOU TODAY

Jim & Ivy Rhodes

FLOWERS FOR TODAY

Given by:

Jeanette Laprezioso in memory of the Null's anniversary.

Lucy Filler in memory of John on their anniversary.

JUBILEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The **North Highlands Jubilee** is coming up on **Saturday, October 17th from 11 am to 3 pm**. It will be held at the **NH Community Center**. Last year's event was great with lots of groups taking part and thousands in attendance. We had the chance to talk with many people at our booth and raised money for the Food Closet at the same time. I would like to hear from anyone who would like to assist in planning our booth or staffing it that day. I have some new ideas and would love to hear any that you have. Please talk to me after worship or call me (Sharon Brundage) at 331-1934. Let's have fun together!

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

If you haven't started thinking about Christmas yet, now is the time. Rehearsals for our St. Stephens 2009 Christmas Pageant are right around the corner. This year's pageant is titled "The Midnight Miracle" and there are parts for **EVERYONE**. We need adults, teens, and children – no one is too old or too young.

Rehearsals will begin on Monday October 26th, and will continue each Monday evening through our December pageant performance. We will be using our FAN format again this year – arrive for dinner and fellowship, and then move into working on the pageant. If you have any questions regarding the Christmas Pageant, or would like to help any way, please talk with Lyn Bagelmann or Sharon Brundage.

GREETING COORDINATOR

Bessie Hadley is our new Greeting Coordinator. We like to thank her for volunteering for the job. So be sure to be expecting a phone call from her.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to Deb Skibitzki for her wonderful work as our temporary Secretary! She straightened everything out in our office and got us back on track so that things are in great shape for our new secretary. Thank you, Deb, for stepping in so readily and doing such a good job!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SECRETARY!

Be sure to stop in the office or give a call to welcome our new church secretary, Veronica Padilla-Perez. She is already hard at work, working with Deb Skibitzki, who is training her on the finer arts of our office. She is excited to be your parish secretary and can't wait to meet you all. WELCOME VERONICA!

SING PRAISES TO THE LORD

Choir Practice Resumes! All voices are welcome to join the St. Stephens' choir! Practices are held in the church office from 7:15 pm to 9:15 pm



Choir Rehearsal

For more information please contact our Music Director, Carol Givens at 765-2468.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please try to stop by one morning and try something new. All ages are welcome. We meet at Center High School, **9:30 am**. If you would like to attend, mark your calendar. Anyone who would like to help, please see Paula (344-5713). She would appreciate your assistance and input.

HEART TO HEART OFFERS FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP



All women are welcomed to join Heart to Heart every Thursday evening at 7:00 pm at the church office, 6400 Watt Avenue, North Highlands. We celebrate our spiritual journeys by sharing Christ's lessons through prayer, stories, Bible study and ministering to others. We top it off with a big helping of fellowship with lots of laughter and conversation. This small group has a BIG personality and we are waiting (and praying) for you to join us!

SHARING STITCHES IS BACK!

Sharing Stitches resumes on Wednesday, September 2.

We are meeting from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Lamplighter Mobile Park, 5040 Jackson St., North Highlands.

I have all the supplies. Only bring some if you already own them. The idea is to see if this is what you like before you have to spend those hard earned dollars. If you have any questions, please contact me at paula5713@pacbell.net or 344-5713. – Paula Ross

FOOD CLOSET NEEDS



Due to the difficult economic times the Food Closet is seeing a high number of people in need and some that have not had to use the facility in many years, therefore the need for canned good donations is great. One helpful way to increase the donation volume would be to collect a can or two every time you visit the grocery store and then drop off your collection at worship.

- The greatest need is staples such as corn, green beans, tuna, pork & beans or tomato sauce.
- Disposable diapers in all sizes are needed, as well as socks and T-shirts (Large and X-Large).
- Cake mixes are always welcome as they can help a family in need celebrate a special occasion.
- More than 2,000 plastic bags are needed every month, so please “recycle” your plastic shopping bags by donating them.

2009 FALL GATHERING ON HEALTHY LIVING



The Sacramento Presbytery's Health & Older Adult Ministries Task Force invites you to the **2009 Fall Gathering on Healthy Living**, featuring Dr. Michael McCloud, head of Gerontology, UC Davis Medical School. Dr. McCloud is well known for his down-to-earth sense of humor, along with his knowledge and expertise on all the aspects of healthy living. He will share what changes

he has made in his own lifestyle as he is treating an aging population, and make suggestions on how you can do the same, while living in this high-achieving, stress-filled, work hard world in the many different roles we play within our faith community.

The gathering is slated for **Tuesday, November 3, 2009, 3:30-8:00 p.m.** at the Gathering Place at Carmichael Presbyterian Church, 5645 Marconi Avenue, Carmichael. Dinner will be provided.

To register for this event, contact Barbara at (916) 414-2080, or barbara@sierramissionpartnership.org, or Wilma White at (916) 727-1492 or wlwhite@surewest.net. A \$10 donation is appreciated. **The deadline to register is October 19, 2009**, and space is limited. For carpool information, contact the church office

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS



St. Stephens is now a collection site for old cell phones that are sent to Cell Phones for Soldiers.

These phones, chargers, and accessories are sent to a company called ReCellular. About half are reconditioned and resold to wholesale companies in over 40 countries around the world. Phones and components that cannot be refurbished are dismantled and recycled to reclaim materials, including: gold, silver and platinum from circuit boards; copper wiring from phone chargers; nickel, iron, cadmium and lead from battery packs; plastic from phone cases and accessories. This money is then given to AT&T who in turn send free pre-paid phone cards to our soldiers in Iraq so they can call their families.

There is a box in the church office and phones can be put through the mail slot if the office is not open. This is a way to support our soldiers and our community. If you have any questions, please call me. - Sue Campbell (726-4826).

PARTNERS IN PRAYER

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento

Westminster is an urban church with deep and long-standing roots in the community. Sunday's early morning contemporary service includes the church's Praise Band. A traditional late morning service is served by a 40-member choir, the bell choir, and our massive pipe organ. The church's music ministry also includes children's music as part of a weekly Spiritual Arts education hour and a weekly music concert series free to the community. Christian Education classes challenge all ages each Sunday, and several weekly Bible study classes are held. Westminster is in active partnership with William Land Park Elementary School and with Park Place Senior Residence. Our deacon program has church members involved in community and organizational ministries. Our midweek program C.O.W. (Connections on Wednesdays) offers study and fellowship opportunities for the whole family. Please pray for us as we continue to be an active congregation midst a time of transition.

Temporary Supply: The Reverend Robert Fernandes
Associate Pastor:

Office Administrator: Renee Schuner

Clerk: Patricia Strand

CALENDAR

NEXT WEEK

WED	14	Sharing Stitches Lamplighter Mobile Park	6:00 PM
WED	14	Choir Practice Church Office	7:15 PM
THU	15	Heart to Heart Church Office	7:00 PM
SAT	17	North Highlands Jubilee N. H. Community Center	11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
SUN	18	Men's Fellowship Perko's	8:00 AM
SUN	18	Sunday School Center High School	9:30 AM
SUN	18	Communion Service Center High School	10:30 AM



OCTOBER

WED	21	Sharing Stitches Lamplighter Mobile Park	6:00 PM
WED	21	Choir Practice Church Office	7:15 PM
THU	22	Heart to Heart Church Office	7:00 PM
SUN	25	Sue Campbell, Guest Preacher Center High School	10:30 AM
MON	26	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal Church Office	
TUE	27	Session Meeting Church Office	6:30 PM
WED	28	Sharing Stitches Lamplighter Mobile Park	6:00 PM
WED	28	Choir Practice Church Office	7:15 PM
THU	29	Heart to Heart Church Office	7:00 PM

ABOUT US

St. Stephens Presbyterian Church has served the greater North Sacramento area for over fifty years and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Historically, our congregation has been known for its interest in young people, its caring fellowship and its search to express God's love by responding to human needs in our community and around the world.

STAFF

Pastor:	Margaret (Peggy) Cross
Youth Group Directors:	Kurt & Lyn Bagelmann
Music Director:	Carol Givens
Nursery Attendant:	Kim Kelly
Secretary	Veronica Perez

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday: 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

Attendance on October 4th was 41.

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ST. STEPHENS' MISSION AND VISION

MISSION

We believe that we are called to connect all people to God through Christ and to guide them on their journey of faith.

VISION

We believe that God is our Creator and maker of heaven and earth, that His Son, Jesus Christ, is our Lord and Savior and that the Holy Spirit is Christ at work in us and through us and in our world.

We believe that, through Christ, each person is loved and forgiven and claimed as a child of God.

We believe that God works through spiritually active people to nurture and support the community at large; therefore, we work to develop stronger and healthier relationships among all people.

We believe that worship is essential and strive to make it a part of everyday life.

We are a faithful community that intentionally draws people in to be nurtured, challenged, prepared, and sent out to serve.

We encourage people to grow in their relationship with God, and in discipleship, stewardship and service.

We trust in God for wisdom, courage and direction.

Our Mission: We believe that we are called to connect all people to God through Christ and to guide them on their journey of faith.

“You go nowhere by accident. Wherever you go, God is sending you. Wherever you are, God has put you there. God has a purpose in your being there. Christ who indwells you has something he wants to do through you where you are. Believe this and go in his grace and love and power.”

*-Richard Halverson Benediction, Former
Chaplain of the U.S. Senate*

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