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The Midweek Bulletin

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Worship

February 2	7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	<i>Feast of the Presentation</i>
February 5	7:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Eucharist	
February 9	7:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist	<i>Cornelius the Centurion, trans.</i>

Upcoming Events & Notices

ELECTION RESULTS

In our hotly contested elections on Sunday, the following wonderful people were elected. Congratulate them when you see them!

For Vestry:

Mary McPherson
Sharon Hall
Kathleen Eagan
Steve Wing

Note: We still have one unfilled vacancy for a 3-year term on vestry, and the need for a Vestry clerk. Talk to Kate if you think you might be interested.

Senior Warden:
George Romer

Junior Warden/JV Liaison:
Steve Wing

For JV:

Jim McPherson
Mike Hertzner
Brenda McHenry

For Diocesan delegates:

Nancy Romer
Ellen Lukanc
Todd Axtell
Kimberly Axtell

For Diocesan alternates:

Mary McPherson
Marianne Schmidt
Ann Mayers

WALK WITH THE RECTOR will be without the rector this week, February 2. Walkers are still invited to meet at the church at 9:00 am for a 3-mile walk to Almaden Lake and back.

LOCAL NEWS Watch for the *Almaden Resident* this week and next. Our article on our Epiphany Celebration and photo of our three kings has been accepted for publication. The editor is trying to run it this week. The *Almaden Times* does not accept articles from "freelance writers" so would not accept our photo and story. If anyone has a connection to any of the staff writers or personnel connected to the Times we would appreciate help with an introduction for future publicity in that local paper. Thank you, Susie Ferguson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NUGGETS...Coming up *Sunday, February 5*, we will be highlighting our Storytelling Learning Center and welcoming our guest teacher, Wendy Martin. We will be introducing our *new Bible character puppets* as we retell the story of Jesus calling his first disciples Peter, Andrew, James and John, fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. We extend an invitation to all children from age 4 through 5th grade and further invite each child to bring a friend to share in our fun. Middle School and High School youth who would like to be here during our Sunday School hour (10-11 AM) are invited to be classroom helpers. Please contact Susie Ferguson, christianed@jointventurechurches.org, if you have any questions or need further information.

TABARD THEATRE presents "*Crossing Delancey*." Join our theater group this **Friday, February 3rd** for this fun romantic comedy set in New York's Lower East Side. Bubbie, a Jewish grandmother, shares her old-world wisdom with her granddaughter, Izzy, who wants to trade her traditional Jewish upbringing for the slick glamour of Manhattan's literary scene. Beverley Griffith, who helped us with our Kings on Epiphany is playing the lead, Bubbie. Arrange for your tickets through Marilyn, 408-679-2330, the box office manager. Tell her you are part of the Ferguson party for special seating. Then plan to join Susie and Jerry for a pre-show party beginning at 5:45 PM on the 3rd. Bring a hearty appetizer and beverage to share. If you want more information about Tabard you can go to their website: www.tabardtheatre.org.

SYMPHONY SILICON VALLEY CHORALE presents "Music of War and Peace," Saturday, February 25, 8:00 pm, at Palo Alto First United Methodist Church. Tickets are \$24 at www.symphonysiliconvalley.org. Program includes pieces by Ralph Vaughn Williams and Randall Thompson.

DINNER GROUPS Maryke Williams will be setting up new dinner groups shortly: 'I hope you finished visiting each other's homes and enjoyed good fellowship ... and nice dinners, no doubt. Now it is time to put your name "in the hat" again and meet some new ECA folks. You may of course continue with your "old group", but I hope you will consider joining a new group. We have 3 "hats" – an adult only group of 6 or 8 that meets in people's homes for dinner; a family group that includes children and meets in people's homes; and a restaurant group that meets in a different restaurant each time. So plenty of options. Think about it. The first few months are usually much quieter socially so here's a chance to get out and meet with friends.' Please email Maryke at maryke@sbcglobal.net with your choice.

REBUILD OUR CHURCH IN HAITI Learn more about the grassroots effort across the Episcopal Church in the United States to rebuild Haiti's cathedral after the earthquake of 2010. To see a short video, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yD6SF93WJT0>. With a national membership of 2 million, we can raise \$20 million! The funds will be spent with careful American oversight and full accounting. Join the effort to help our Haitian neighbors and purchase one or more \$10 bricks! Simply write a check to ECA with Haiti in the memo line. This campaign will end shortly, so act now. Thank you!

2012 ECA WOMEN'S RETREAT: Just a few more slots are available for the March 2-4 retreat at the beautiful St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista. The cost is \$196.00 per person/double (\$246.00 per person/single) including all meals. There is a \$75 non-refundable deposit. Space is limited to 24 women. If you are interested in attending this exciting retreat, please contact Melinda Jennings by phone (408-225-0528) or email melinda1948@gmail.com. Scholarships are available: talk to Kate if the cost is a problem.

ELEVATOR UPDATE Several issues later, the new ADA-compliant lift is on order and will be installed in the same shaft as the current one. Current estimate is that it will be **early March** before we have a new lift installed and functional. Please, if you or someone you love needs help getting up the stairs and you

plan on attending worship over the next few months, contact the office and/or arrive early enough that we can assist you.

CHURCH FUMIGATION The church will be closed for termite fumigation from Monday to Wednesday, **February 13-15**. In order for this project to happen, **all food** needs to be removed from the refrigerators, freezers, and pantry. Help will be needed to complete this project – if you can help on Sunday, February 12 after the 11:00 service (around 12:30 or 1:00), the work can be completed quickly. You can sign up to help by calling or emailing Connie Moore (CCAV), JV's kitchen representative, 782-1272 or conlou@me.com, or Amy Griffith (ECA), 268-0920, amy-g@pacbell.net.

NOTE: The church will be close and all meetings, gatherings, and Thursday Eucharist are canceled for the week of the fumigation.

Last Week's Sermon

If you would like to review last week's sermon, you can find it on the ECA website: <http://eca-sj.org>. Both audio and text files are available for most sermons.

This Sunday's Readings

Want to check out the Scriptures for this coming Sunday?

Follow this link: http://www.lectionarypage.net/YearB_RCL/Epiphany/BEpi5_RCL.html

Serving Christ at Worship this Week

Preacher/Celebrant	The Rev. Kate Flexer
JV Music Director.....	Kristal Kim
Music	ECA Choir
Lay Readers.....	Dennis Moran, Rob McClaine, Jerry Ferguson
Altar Guild	Bobbie Finley, Charlotte Boileau, Judy Graun, Alex Dykes
Acolyte	Meghan Hall
Ushers.....	Warren Willard, Debbie Estill
Coffee Hosts	Bonnie & Jim McPherson
Greeters.....	Kathy Mastre, Margaret Halliwell
Counter	Martha Lou Reynolds
Flowers.....	Mike & Connie Moore

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