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The Midweek Bulletin

13 September 2017

Sunday Worship

September 17

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

10:45 am Holy Eucharist with music

Upcoming Events & Notices

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Have you asked God to use your gifts, talents, resources, and relationships to further the Kingdom of God to God's glory?

CENTERING PRAYER Today at 3:30pm in the sanctuary.

THROUGH THE ROOF UPDATE! The roof project still stands at \$50,926. If you would like to give a last minute donation, please do so now. There are pledge forms in the narthex, or just put your check in the mail or offering on Sunday. Thank you for all of the hard work and generosity as we seek to be good stewards of the gift of the property that houses our ministries.

HOME VISITS IN SEPT & OCT: Shelley wants to visit with all our parishioners in their homes in these two months, in order to reconnect and get to know everyone more deeply. These will be scheduled, 30-minute visits and she will ask three questions: What is life-giving for you at ECA right now? What do you value about ECA? What could ECA do to help you deepen your relationship with God? (A heads-up so you have time to consider your answers.) She is also glad to hear any other joys or concerns you have. There is a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall, please choose a convenient time for this visit. Thank you!

NEW CHAIRS FOR FELLOWSHIP HALL The Vestry unanimously voted to purchase 120 MityLite folding chairs for our fellowship hall. The chairs should be here in four to five weeks. A special thank you to the Chair Committee for all the work and "sitting" they did in finding the right chairs for us. Thank you to Susanne Moore, Jerry Ferguson, Betty Consorte and Maryke Williams.

JV Board will develop a plan to donate the 110 brown chairs after the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Let a JV member know if you have an idea of where we can donate them.

WALKING A LABYRINTH Have you wondered what it is like to "walk a labyrinth", or even what is a labyrinth? The labyrinth dates back for 5,000 years, and beginning in the Middle Ages,

Christianity adopted the labyrinth as a tool to help us meditate while walking the prescribed path into and out of the center. Each labyrinth walk is a unique opportunity to meet our creative, loving God through quiet meditation.

CCAV and ECA members are invited to experience Walking a Labyrinth together. We will meet at the labyrinth at the First Congregational Church on Hamilton and Leigh in San Jose. As we gather around the labyrinth we will have a short explanation of how to walk the labyrinth and a liturgy to prepare ourselves. While each person walks the labyrinth alone and at his or her own pace, there can be several people walking the labyrinth at the same time.

We are offering two times for us to experience walking a labyrinth together. You can carpool with us at the church or meet at the First Congregational Church of San Jose, 1980 Hamilton Ave.

Thursday, September 21: Meet at our church for carpooling at 11:30 am or at the labyrinth at First Congregational Church at 12:00 noon. The Labyrinth walk will be 12:00 to 12:45 pm.

Please let Marianne Schmidt know if you want to carpool, so we don't leave without you. Marianne's cell: 1-408-914-8775 or email: marianneschmidt8025@gmail.com.

Saturday, September 30: Meet at the church at 2:30 pm or at the labyrinth at First Congregational Church at 3:00 pm. Labyrinth walk will be 3-3:45 pm.

Please let Marianne Schmidt know if you want to carpool, so we don't leave without you. Marianne's cell: 1-408-914-8775 or email: marianneschmidt8025@gmail.com.

HOMEFIRST HOMELESS SHELTER NEEDS Despite our current warm weather, HomeFirst is gearing up for the upcoming cold weather. They are asking for donations of gently used twin sheets and twin blankets. (We support HomeFirst by providing/serving approximately 200-250 dinners to their clients each month via ECA's Montgomery Meals program). Please leave any donations in the large BLUE tub in the Church Narthex. We will be collecting between now and the beginning of October.

VILLAGE HOUSE NEEDS The ladies of Village House could use a clothes dryer and a lawn mower. If you have one to donate, please speak with Pat McGarvin.

SHAPE ARTICLE September is flying by! If you are going to write an article for the October Shape, please send it to Mike Schmidt, mschmidt1109@gmail.com by September 15.

“GEARING UP FOR CAMP” Kids' Camp is only 3 weeks away. We still need some help.

- Short on volunteers....Could you volunteer to help Oct 2 thru 6th? I need one more lead volunteer for Monday morning. Curriculum is supplied. Hours from 8:45 AM to 12 noon.
- Still need a volunteer to be an extra adult to help manage kids during their music time with Barry? There will be two 30 minute sessions. You would be needed from 9 AM to 11 AM.
- Could you lead group games, outside? Time requirement 12:30 PM to 1:15 PM. Could use 2 volunteers, one to work with youngest campers and another to work with older group.
- Needed at least one extra adult with me in the afternoon from 1:30 PM to 2:45 PM, and preferably 2 adults. Have no help so far on Monday and Friday. Could use an extra helper on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Just let me know your availability day and times. Any assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

THEATER NIGHT AT TABARD – Join Susie and Jerry Ferguson, Friday, September 22, 8 PM to see **Peter and the Starcatcher** at the Theater on San Pedro Square. Through this play with music, winner of five Tony Awards, you can learn how Peter Pan earned his flight credentials and how a mustached pirate became Captain Hook. We need 10 to give you a discounted price of \$30 per ticket. Let Susie know if you want to be part of this group.

MINI-RETREAT, Saturday 9/23 Please join us for a half-day retreat in September. This is an opportunity to learn more about different ways of praying and being quiet and listening to God. The retreat will run from 9-11:30 am and include Morning prayer, snacks, Lectio Divina, and a period of

time where you can chose between several different activities. There will be a labyrinth walk, an art room, journaling, and a session on contemplative prayer available. If you are looking for an opportunity to just slow down and reflect on your spiritual journey, this is a time you can set aside to do just that! Everyone is welcome, please join us! If you have any questions please contact Andrea Mackenzie or Marianne Schmidt.

SUMMER BBQ September 24 is our last summer BBQ. It will be held after the late service. The cost is \$5 / person, under 12 free. Side dishes are always welcomed. Sign up in the fellowship hall. Any questions or requests: David Byers @ 408-268-0448. *Thanks from the BBQ Crew.*

ECA 50th ANNIVERSARY – Hopefully you are all receiving your 50th invitations, unless you told us you were not able to attend. We want to thank Kimberly and Todd Axtell (Copy Factory) for designing and generously donating all of the printed material and envelopes they are beautiful! They will also be helping us with other printed material as we move along. **Please send your RSVP card** in as soon as possible, with number of attendees, entrees selected and payments, the deadline is October 10th. We need the information to finalize our planning and the funds to pay vendors and reimburse those purchasing items for the events. We hope you can come and enjoy the fellowship with current and past friends! See you there!

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, September 13

3:30 pm Centering Prayer
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, September 14

8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Country Inn Restaurant
9:30 am Morning Prayer
10:00 am Lectionary Bible Study
7:30 pm ECA Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 15

2:00 pm Montgomery Meals

Sunday, September 17

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
10:45 am Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 18

9:30 am Yoga

Tuesday, September 19

7:30 pm JV Board Meeting
8:15 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, September 20

3:30 pm Centering Prayer
4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

JOIN THE YOGA GROUP every Monday, 9:30-10:30, in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend. Details call Amy Griffith, 408-268-0920 or Phyllis Chai, 408-226-7150

IF YOU HAVE A PASTORAL NEED please let Mike Schmidt (mschmidt1109@gmail.com) know. Mike is our Pastoral Care Coordinator and will make sure that the heads of the various pastoral ministries know what might be needed. Thank you.

SHOPPING ON AMAZON.COM? Remember to go to smile.amazon.com and select ECA. 0.5% of your purchase will go to support the church!

OFFICE HOURS Tuesday through Friday, 10am to 2pm. On Mondays, the office is closed.

In Our Prayers

For healing or special need: people in hurricane areas, achieving student in Kenya, Peter Nyok, Rev. Jacob, Joe, Sam, Kim, Tricia, Rick, Rachel, Dylan, safe travel, all affected by Harvey/Irma, those affected by earthquake in Mexico, those affected by fires, Tom, Hunter, Haneke, Carolyn, Mark & family, Jenny & family, Debra, Louise

In Thanksgiving: Sandra & Ed, art class

Rest in Peace: Mexico earthquake victims

Last Week's Sermon

If you would like to review last week's sermon, you can find it on the ECA website:

<http://www.eca-sj.org/welcome/sermonblogroll>. Audio files are available for most sermons.

Serving Christ at Worship this Week

Presider.....	The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney
Preacher.....	Andrea Mackenzie
Open Church.....	Dennis Moran
Lay Readers.....	7:30 Dennis Moran <i>reader/chalice</i> 10:45 Andrea Mackenzie <i>prayers</i> , Bonnie McPherson <i>chalice</i> , Taylor Wing <i>reader/chalice</i>
Altar Guild	Joan Wagner, Marianne Schmidt, Gayle Byers, Kelli Casale
Acolyte	7:30 Sandra Mueller, 10:45 Meghan Hall
Ushers.....	Jerry Long, Todd Lukanc, David Byers
Coffee Hosts	7:30 Amy Griffith, 10:45 Gayle & David Byers
Greeters	Carol MacDonald, Woody Woodworth
Counters.....	Steve Wing, Joyce Wing
Nursery.....	Kelli Casale
Flowers.....	JV Flower Fund
Music Director/Organist	Barry Ford
Assistant Music Director/Organist.....	Lynda Ford
Folk Choir Director	Andy Kerr
Children and Youth Ministry Director	Susie Ferguson
Building Bridges Coordinator	Holly McCullough
Field Education Intern	Andrea Mackenzie
ECA Webmaster	Taylor Wing
Joint Venture Administrative Assistant	Ruthanne Adams Martinez
ECA Treasurer	Ruthanne Adams Martinez
Nursery Coordinator.....	Susie Ferguson

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