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The Midweek Bulletin

7 November 2018

Sunday Worship

November 11

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 am

Holy Eucharist

10:45 am

Holy Eucharist with Music

Upcoming Events & Notices

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY HEALING SERVICE AND EUCHARIST will be on the 2nd Wednesday...11/14.

LET'S ROC IS COMING UP Let's Be Thankful and celebrate Thanksgiving together November 17th, 4:30- to 6:30. Join us for music from Chime In, worship, and a feast. Please sign up in the fellowship hall to bring a side dish, or if you're up for it, contact Holly and volunteer to roast a turkey. holly@eca-sj.org

While you have your calendar out, make sure that you've set aside December 15th, 4:30-6:30 for our Christmas Pageant. It will be a heartwarming event.

TURKEYLESS TURKEY DRIVE Yes, its November again which means that Thanksgiving is coming which means that the Annual ECA Montgomery Meals Turkey Drive is coming. The difference this year? We've got just about enough turkey already in our freezers for next year so we're going to take a break from cooking this year so that everyone can have a nice, quiet Thanksgiving at home. However, the Montgomery Meals program goes on and we still need those donations to ensure that we can provide full meals each month. So please make out those checks to ECA with Turkey Drive or Montgomery Meals in the memo line. Cash is, of course, always acceptable too.

Thanks! *Steve Wing*

LIVING ROOM CONVERSATION here at ECA: Sunday, November 11th – 3-5pm.

Our Connection Team is hosting a Living Room Conversation (a structured small group conversation) on our response to homelessness on 11/11. We have worked hard on helping homeless folks in our area, but this event is a beginning conversation to find and engage folks

who are committed to doing something about the systemic problems that create homelessness in our area. We want to build relationships with others who are passionate about working toward actual solutions. We see this as a companion effort to our work with Village House, but different because this is "going upstream" to help work on the problems that cause homelessness. As we all know, these problems are big and require power - that is people working together - to make a difference. Our Living Room Conversation is the first step in this effort. It will be followed by a House Meeting here at ECA in February or March to follow up on next steps. Please plan to attend this event and invite friends who might have an interest in or opinion about homelessness.

We will begin a Sunday forum called "Becoming the Beloved Community" on Nov. 4 (9:15-10:30am - continuing each Sunday through Dec 9.) This is an Episcopal Church curriculum to reflect the Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice. As we learn in our own spiritual journeys, this work is less about walking a linear path, and more about engaging in a deliberate, reflective spiritual practice. We will engage the practices that lead to reconciliation and justice in the following four steps: Telling the Truth, Proclaiming the Dream, Practicing the Way of Love, and Repairing the Breach. These are the titles of the first four weeks' sessions, which will be grounded in our baptismal promises. The final two weeks will be wrap-up and next steps. This series is for anyone who is concerned about how to make a positive difference in the world around us...building community and making peace, thus making way for the growth of the kingdom of God. The Rev. Lucretia Mann will lead the group - co-led by Shelley. Questions, talk to Shelley.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGINNING: Bishop Mary is coming for Confirmation and Visitation on Sunday, Dec 16. Confirmation classes will be: Saturdays 11-12:30pm: 11/10, 11/17, 12/1, 12/8, and 12/15. (Not the Saturday of Thanksgiving week.) This class is open to anyone wishing to be received into or Confirmed in The Episcopal Church. It is a requirement for confirmation or reception. It is ALSO OPEN to anyone who wishes to learn a bit more about their faith in a discussion/question/answer format. (It will be different from the confirmation class two years ago.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS/DISCUSSION GROUP is taking a break until after Christmas.

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, November 7

3:30 pm	Centering Prayer
3:30 pm	Chime In at ECA
4:30 pm	JV Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Wednesday Night Class/Discussion Group

Thursday, November 8

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

Saturday, November 10

11:00 am	Confirmation Class
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Sunday, November 11

7:30 am Holy Eucharist
9:15 am Sunday Forum-Becoming a Beloved Community
10:45 am Holy Eucharist with music
3:00 pm Living Room Conversation

Monday, November 12

9:30 am Yoga

Tuesday, November 13

7:15 pm Vestry Meeting
8:15 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, November 14

12:00 pm Healing Service and Holy Eucharist
3:30 pm Centering Prayer
3:30 pm Chime In at ECA
4:30 pm JV Handbell Rehearsal
7:00 pm Wednesday Night Class/Discussion Group

JOIN THE YOGA GROUP every Monday, 9:30-10:30, in the Narthex. Everyone is welcome, bring a friend. For 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) or Shelley 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: Kathleen Eagan, Audrey, Shannon & Sally, Karen, Londa, Frances Goe, Roger & Theresa, Ann & Dick, Jim & Bridget, those we love, Andrew, Rachel, Joseph, Linda, Tom, Elaine, Joan & Dan

In Thanksgiving: this community, family & friends, this day

Rest in Peace: George, William Aylward

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/Preacher.....The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney
 Open Church.....Mike Schmidt
 Lay Readers..... 7:30 Mike Schmidt *reader/chalice*
 10:45 Jenny Hoyt *reader/chalice*, Taylor Wing *prayers/chalice*
 Altar Guild.....7:30 Marianne Schmidt, Mel Stonehocker
 10:45 Pat McGarvin
 Acolyte 7:30 Mike Schmidt, 10:45 Judi DImicelli
 Ushers.....David Byers, Joyce Wing, Steve Wing
 Coffee Hosts7:30 Michelle Yeider, 10:45 Alain & Elizabeth Guichard
 Greeters.....Kathy Mastre
 Counters..... Elizabeth Guichard, Bonnie McPherson
 Flowers.....Kathleen Eagan, in remembrance of her mother, Kathleen White
 Music Director/Organist..... Lynda Ford
 Folk Choir Director..... Andy Kerr
 Building Bridges Coordinator Holly McCullough
 ECA Webmaster Taylor Wing
 Joint Venture Administrative Assistant.....Ruthanne Adams Martinez
 ECA Treasurer.....Ruthanne Adams Martinez

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ECA's Values

Spiritually Grounded

We follow Jesus. We are continuously seeking and discerning how to express God's compassion for humankind and to seek to be part of God's plan for justice and mercy for the world.

Willing to Risk

We challenge ourselves to trust that the Holy Spirit is leading us to do more than we may have believed possible.

Inclusive

We know that all people are children of God. We know that everyone has a full and equal claim to the love, acceptance and pastoral care of God and the Church.

Serving

We live out God's love for the world by actively addressing both the practical and spiritual needs of our congregation, community and the larger world.

Valuing Fellowship

We find fulfillment through involvement in both spiritual and social gatherings with other members of our church and the larger community.