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The Midweek Bulletin

18 April 2018

Sunday Worship

April 22

Fourth Sunday after Easter

7:30 am Holy Eucharist

10:45 am Holy Eucharist with music

Upcoming Events & Notices

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Have you noticed Biblical texts with contradictions or harsh dissonance? Could the absence of clarity and certainty in the texts also be God's way of drawing us away from easy pieties and premature certainties—and to God's self, the Living Word?

"Let's ROC" IS THIS WEEKEND Our Fix-It-Fair and Earth Day themed Let's ROC are this weekend. You can make the event a success: BRING YOUR ITEMS TO BE REPAIRED! Yes, you can still come even if you haven't sent your RSVP, but it would be great to know that we'll see you there. Send Holly an email telling her what you're bringing and how many folks to expect for dinner. We are looking forward to a great event Saturday, April 21st, 4:30-6:30.

Holly, holly@eca-sj.org, (650) 279-8818

TRAINING FOR CONFLICT MANAGEMENT AND MEDIATION IN THE CHURCH is coming to our deanery in April! This introduction to conflict management is based upon a facilitative model used in courts and community mediation settings. The objective is to recognize conflict when it occurs, to hone listening skills, and to discover the interests that lie behind the positions people take in conflict situations. **April 21: St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 13601 Saratoga Ave, Saratoga; 9:30am- 3:30pm.** Gather at 9am for check in and refreshments. Lunch, snacks and materials will be provided. Please RSVP to Bill Shreve, wrshreve@gmail.com

For the WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS, The Rev. John Buenz, will lead a book study/discussion on *The Shattered Lantern: Rediscovering a Felt Presence of God* by Ronald Rolheiser. If you want to take the class, **please get the book and read the Preface and Chapter 1 for the discussion on April 18.** This book is available on Amazon, both new and

used copies. (Please always remember to use Smile Amazon, with ECA designated as your charity.). Classes will run **each Wednesday from 4/18 through 5/23, 7-8:30pm in the Learning Center**. Shelley has the complete syllabus for anyone who wants it ahead of time. (Apr 25 will be Chapters 2 and 3.)

THE JV BOARD IS OFFERING AN OPPORTUNITY for some good folks to participate in a ministry to help in maintaining our beloved church grounds. Thanks to Tom Gerber from CCAV, we now have a new lower-stress way of managing and organizing the care of the property – and JV is looking for some good folks to help with this ministry. The more hands we have involved, the less work there will be for everyone. In addition to people willing to help out, we would like to have one person from each church to work together to help coordinate these volunteers. You do not need to be a part of the JV Board to participate: simply a person who cares about our church and grounds enough to want to help maintain them. If you have questions about what it might entail, please talk to Tom for an explanation of what he has done, or talk with any of the JV Board members about your interest. Board members are: Kathryn McAbee, Laura Hall, and Toh-Bee Syn, from CCAV; Bill LaVallee, Don Hall, and Joe Machado from ECA; Debbie Bemis, JV secretary; or either of the two pastors. Please consider helping out. We all love our church and want to be proud of the grounds around our property – and many hands make light work. We hope to hear from you soon! Thanks for considering.

MAY 3RD TEA PARTY - You and your friends are cordially invited to our upcoming May 3rd Tea Party! You can find invitations in Fellowship Hall below the Poster to provide your friends and neighbors. We will have many wonderful things to raffle and special drawings for you and your friends so be sure and bring some funds to purchase your raffle tickets. We have our wonderful Harpist, Ruthanne Adams Martinez, playing her lovely music while we lunch and new this year is Bobbi Finley from ECA, a master quilter, providing a talk on quilting. She has provided some of her samplers used in her classes to raffle and will bring some of her books if you would like to purchase any.

This Tea Party helps raise funds for the Almaden Valley Counseling Service that is committed to meeting mental health concerns and promotes personal growth, positive family relationships and emotional well-being. Also, some of the funds go to Joint Venture to assist in buying needed and prioritized items.

Tea Party Fun Fundraiser with raffle and opportunity drawings, delicious tea, delicate sandwiches and tasty desserts!

Date: May 3, 2018

Time: 12:30 – 3:30 pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$20 per person or \$130 for a table of 8 (make checks available to ECA with May Tea Party in the Memo line)

Entertainment: Harpist, Ruthanne Adams Martinez

Presentation: Talk on Quilting, Bobbi Finley (ECA)

RSVP: by April 26th either Office@jointventurechurches.org or call (408) 268-0243

Again, if you are interested in helping and cannot attend please let me know via email at jhwing@outlook.com or by cell phone at (408) 315-3640. Many have already volunteered but many hands make light work! Hope to see you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR and SAVE THE DATE for one of two very special performances by our former JV Music Director John Leslie! For his mom's 90th birthday gift, John produced a 2-person play entitled "Souvenir" based on the true story of Florence Foster Jenkins, the wannabe opera singer who performed at Carnegie Hall. (There was a movie starring Meryl Streep out last year based on this as well.) John will be coming to California with his mom after Labor Day, and they will be doing two shows out here. John's mom will be playing the part of the opera singer and John will be her accompanist.

Both performances will take place in the Fellowship Hall at church: One on Saturday, Sept. 8th at 7:00 PM and the other on Sunday, Sept. 9th at 2:00. Proceeds of ticket sales will go to benefit Joint Venture Churches.

JV will be hosting a dessert reception before each performance, at which time John will be there entertaining us with some piano music. I will be asking for dessert donations and help with set up and clean up from both congregations as the time gets closer. When the time comes, I hope you will consider signing up to help. In the meantime, however, please mark your calendar and plan to attend one of these performances. For those of you who know John and his musical magic, you know that we are in for a real treat that weekend!!!

Submitted by Debbie Bemis, JV Secretary

TRY A SMALL GROUP Do you know that we have **Bible study class/discussion every Thursday from 10-11:30am?** This is open to everyone and may be attended on a drop in basis, when you're available. Try it...maybe for Lent? Also, do you know we have a **centering prayer group that meets every Wednesday from 3:30-4pm** in the sanctuary? This is 20-30 minutes, very relaxing and uplifting. No prior experience necessary. Open to all. Try one of these groups!

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 18

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

Thursday, April 19

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, April 20

2:00 pm	Montgomery Meals
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Saturday, April 21

4:30 pm	Let's ROC
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Sunday, April 22

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

Monday, April 23

9:30 am Yoga
6:30 pm Cooking with Alain

Tuesday, April 24

8:15 pm AA Meeting

Wednesday, April 25

2:00 pm JV Bridge Group
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) 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: Rachael N., Jerry Long, John B., Fritz & Marie, Peggy, Jan Henderson, those with cancer, JR, Olga Walters, Jim & Bridget, Chris, Roger & Theresa, Tom, Hunter, Steve, Sam B., Jeff, Mary, Colette, Ashley, Patrick, Yolanta & RJ, those with diabetes, Kathleen, Pat, Pitu, Kim & family

In Thanksgiving: family & their love, days of rest, sunshine, our Vestry, ECA Folk Choir

Rest in Peace: James, Pat Peat

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. John Buenz
Open Church.....Mike Schmidt
Lay Readers.....7:30 Joan Wagner *reader/chalice*
.....10:45 Marianne Schmidt *reader/chalice*, Inge Bond *prayers/chalice*
Altar Guild.....7:30 Joan Wagner, Michelle Yeider
.....10:45 Gayle Byers, Kelli Casale
Acolyte7:30 John Yeider, 10:45 Judi Dimicelli
Ushers.....Debbie Estill, Joyce Wing, Steve Wing
Coffee Hosts7:30 Marianne Schmidt, 10:45 Alain & Elizabeth Guichard

Greeters.....Linda & Sam Sarmecanic
 Counters Sam Sarmecanic, Inge Bond
 Flowers..... JV Flower Fund
 Music Director/Organist..... Lynda Ford
 Folk Choir Director..... Andy Kerr
 Children and Youth Ministry Director.....Susie Ferguson
 Building Bridges Coordinator Holly McCullough
 Field Education InternAndrea Mackenzie
 ECA Webmaster Taylor Wing
 Joint Venture Administrative AssistantRuthanne Adams Martinez
 ECA Treasurer.....Ruthanne Adams Martinez
 Nursery Coordinator.....Susie Ferguson

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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.