



THE SHAPE

October 2002

NEWSLETTER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN, SAN JOSÉ, CALIFORNIA

From Stephen

At the present time I have been at ECA for a little over two weeks. In the interest of answering a number of questions you may have about me and my "style" of operation, I offer the following:

- 1) I am in the office Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m. Additionally, I try to reserve two or three evenings a week for meetings, pre-baptismal and wedding counseling etc. I try to limit my evening commitments to just two or three evenings a week in order to have time to spend with my family because I also have a ministry to them as husband to my wife, Ellie, and father to my daughter, Faith.
- 2) I am more than happy to meet with anyone for almost any reason. The best way to do this for non-emergency items is to schedule an appointment. That way the time is entered into my calendar and becomes "sacrosanct", meaning that, barring an unexpected emergency, I will be there.
- 3) When I say that my days in the "office" are Tuesday through Friday, that does not necessarily mean that I will be physically present in the office. I try to stay out of the office as much as possible, calling on people, making hospital visits etc. If my red truck is at the church, then so am I and you are welcome to stop in. Barring some critical matter, I will be happy to talk with you.
- 4) I try to return my phone calls as soon as possible. If you call the church and leave a

message, I will get back to you as soon as I can. If you call the church and leave a message that does not require a response, I will not call you back unless you request I do so. If you want to call the church and talk to "a live person", as soon as we hire an Administrative Assistant/Secretary we (Julianne and I) will try to have someone in the office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 or 5:00 p.m. each weekday.

5) I am always at the church on Sunday mornings. While I do not like to transact a lot of business in the crush of Sunday worship, I am available. If you can't get me any other time, come to church.

6) My days off are Monday and Saturday. I am pretty strict with Monday, the "High Holy Day" of days off. Saturday is the "Movable Feast" of days off. If there is a wedding, meeting, or I need to work on my sermon, I will do that on Saturday, but I try to reserve it for family whenever possible.

7) **In case of emergencies, none of the above applies.** In case of emergencies, please call me. Please do not assume that so and so will tell me that Aunt Agatha is in the hospital, because they may not. By the same token, if someone not connected with ECA is in the hospital e.g. your friend or neighbor, I would be happy to visit them if they or their family give me a call.

8) My home phone number is (408) 997-1502 and my cell phone is currently (707) 695-8151. I will change my cell phone number to a 408 area code number soon, so you will not have to call long distance. In case you forget the rectory number, I am listed in

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the phone book under Mills, Stephen & Eleanor. Please feel free to call me any time in an emergency. For non-emergency situations, however, I would appreciate it if you would respect our family time.

9) The question always arises about what I would prefer to be called. My preference is Stephen. There are two reasons for this: It is my Christian name, given me in baptism, and has served me in good stead all these years. It seems to me that if we are truly "brothers and sisters in Christ" then first names are appropriate. I do understand that for some people calling me "Father" is a term of respect and I will and do respect that position. One term I do not like particularly is "reverend". It is true that my formal title is "The Reverend" just as the formal title for a judge is Your Honor. And just as you would not call a judge Honor, so too I prefer not to be called "Reverend".

I hope this has been of some value and will prevent misunderstandings.

Shalom



Announcements...

Celebration Choir Begins

The Celebration Choir, the Joint Venture choir for children in Kindergarten through 4th grade, will begin rehearsing on Wednesday, October 2. (Please note the change in rehearsal night from Thursday to Wednesday.) Carolyn and I cordially invite children from both the AVUCC and the ECA to participate and especially encourage last year's choir members and prior members to join us again. Celebration Choir rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. in the Elementary Sunday School Room (corner of church closest to Camden/Redmond). The Celebration Choir participates in worship about once per month. Choir member families are asked to share snack duty during the year.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me, Gwen Hacker (927-7476), or Carolyn Dingman (997-7891). We welcome the opportunity to work with you and your children.

Gwen Hacker

Altar Guild Members Needed!

We would like to recruit new Altar Guild members. The Altar Guild consists of teams of 3 or 4 who prepare the altar for communion, 2 weekends every other month. This is a very rewarding way of serving our Lord.

If you are interested, please contact Kathryn Hussain or Judy Graun at 267-6622.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30 AM and 11:00 AM

RECTOR

The Reverend Stephen Mills

VESTRY MEMBERS

Ann Avoux	
Belinda Byerly-Robins	
Bev Deveaux	SENIOR WARDEN
Alex Dykes	
Patty Fryer	
Allan Jones	JUNIOR WARDEN
Ken McCormick	
Jodi Purcell	
Ginger Redman	
Dave Thomas	
Elizabeth Ward	
Len Whitlock	

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

ACOLYTES	Taylor Wing
ALTAR GUILD	Judy Graun, Katherine Hussain
COFFEE HOUR	Pete Mayo
GREETERS	God Squad
GOD SQUAD	Amy Jacobs
GOOD SAMS	Jenny Hoyt
LAY READERS	Dennis Moran
MONTGOMERY MEALS	Amy Griffith
PRAYER VINE	Dorothy Williard
TLC	Jan Day
USHERS	Bill Fryer
WORSHIP	Francie Kerr
WEB EDITOR	Kim Petruzzelli

ECA STAFF

MUSIC DIRECTOR, ORGANIST	Margaret Kvamme
CHRISTIAN ED. DIRECTOR	Penny Sabin
TREASURER	Maryke Williams
YOUTH DIRECTOR	Linda Nollette

A CONCERT TO CELEBRATE CELTIC NEW YEAR

Learn about some of the origins of All Saints' Day and Hallowe'en!

ALMADEN ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS (a series of concerts held right in our church) gets underway Saturday, October 26 with **GOLDEN BOUGH**, a popular Celtic music trio, in a celebration of Celtic New Year, at 7:30 p.m. Suggested donation at the door is \$15 General, \$8 Students. Seating is limited. Please call Margaret Kvamme (356-4267) or the church office (268-0243) for more information and ticket reservations. There will also be an opportunity during intermission to support our Youth Group by buying goodies.

GOLDEN BOUGH has spent over twenty years researching and performing not only the better known music of Ireland and Scotland, but also the music of the lesser known Celtic lands of Wales, Cornwall, The Isle of Man, French Brittany and Galicia (in Spain). Although their sound is rooted in the music of these Celtic nations, they have expanded upon these ethnic styles to create a sound that is unique in traditional music. This music has a wide and diverse variety of emotions and rhythms; from haunting ballads, mythological tales and beautiful airs, to lively sing-alongs and toe-tapping jigs and reels.

Featuring the pristine vocal harmonies that have become a **GOLDEN BOUGH** trademark, Margie Butler, Paul Espinoza and Kathy Sierra perform on an array of acoustic instruments, including: Celtic harp, accordion, tin-whistle, violin, viola, mandolin, mandola, guitar and bodhran.

ALMADEN ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS 2002-2003 Season ...how to lend support and attend 7 great concerts at a reduced rate... (note deadline October 15)

The ALMADEN ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS of Joint Venture Churches is proud to announce its second season, to begin Saturday, October 26, 2002. We hope that you will join us as we venture further into the wonderful world of the arts and that you will consider helping us to secure

advertising well in advance of the first concert. Become (or continue to be) an "Angel in the Arts".

For an advance donation of \$85 or more received **no later than October 15**, or \$100 after October 15, it will be our pleasure to send you donor admission passes, which will admit one person to the entire season of wonderful concerts as well as the donor's reception recognizing your generosity. Of course, individual admission (\$15 general, \$8 students) is also available at the door for each of the 7 concerts.

We begin our 2002-03 series Saturday, October 26, with a lively celebration of Celtic New Year performed by **GOLDEN BOUGH**, a Celtic music trio performing on harps, guitars, flutes, percussion, and with singing. This group has a big following locally and beyond; this will be one of only a handful of opportunities to hear them in the Bay Area this year.

The Friday night **Soup & Sound** series will be back for three consecutive Friday evenings in January. **Vlada Moran**, Music Director of St. Andrew's Church, Ben Lomond, born and raised in Russia, will launch the season Friday, January 17, 2002, with an evening of organ music from Russia. The following Friday, January 14, 2003, **Jill Mueller**, Music Director of Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park, will be joined by **Mark Adams**, vocalist (who starred in last year's production of Dido and Aeneas). The last Friday in January, **John Karl Hirten**, Music Director of St. Stephen's Church Belvedere; Organist, Palace of the Legion of Honor, San Francisco, will complete the Soup and Sound series for this season. And don't forget you get to enjoy wonderful soups and artwork before each concert!

Come sample guitar music from around the world with **Bob Brozman** on Saturday, February 22, 2003. Continuing the guitar theme, finger-style virtuoso **Doyle Dykes** will perform Saturday, March 29, 2003, including in his program tunes by Chet Atkins and some of your favorite hymns.

No one can forget being mesmerized this last spring by the Gospel Music of **Earlene Davis and Joy**. We can now experience an entire evening of their spirit-filled music Saturday, May 17, 2003.

A **Donor's Reception** will be held in the spring; plans are in the works for an elegant event. Don't miss your chance to enjoy this special treat.

Our suggested donation at the door (\$15 General, \$8 Students) is an increase over our inaugural season, as we bring in more nationally-recognized talent and increase our advertising efforts. Therefore, our Almaden

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CELEBRATE
CELTIC NEW YEAR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2002



BOB BROZMAN
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2003



DOYLE DYKES
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2003

SOUP & SOUND

VLADA VOLKOVA-MORAN
FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2003



JILL MUELLER
WITH MARK ADAMS,
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2003



JOHN KARL HIRTEN
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2003



ALMADEN ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS

EARLENE DAVIS AND

Joy!



SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2003

ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS

Angel in the Arts donation levels (\$85, \$100) have increased. We hope you will still feel you are getting a great deal on fantastic entertainment in your own neighborhood and that you would like to help the series grow and flourish. Donations in any amount are gratefully accepted!

A more formal invitation with color brochure, donor card and return envelope will be mailed around **October 1**, so if you would like to take advantage of our First Flight offer, please make out your checks to **Joint Venture Churches**, noting **Adventures in the Arts 2003** and give it to **Margaret Kvamme, Marion Grungé, or Kevin Haley** (Arts Treasurer - he has a mail slot in the office) **before October 15**. Checks can also be mailed to the church to Margaret or Kevin's attention.

Thank you supporting ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS - our second season!

Sincerely yours,
The AAA Committee: *Margaret Kvamme, Chair; Kevin Haley, Treasurer; Todd Axtell, Alex Dykes, Marion Grungé, Shirley Harned-Kelley, Terry Shoup, Betsy Shoup, and Bart Smith*

2003 Camping Trip

What happens when you combine big hearts, a meandering river, smiles, mountains, laughter, a magical sea, music and marshmallows? Our 2003 camping trip at the All Saints, Carmel campground, located an innertube toss close to the Big Sur River.

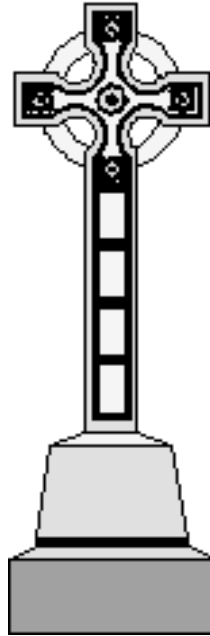
Mark **May 30 - June 1** on your calendars for a weekend of fellowship and fun at this beautiful site we'll have all to ourselves 20 miles south of Carmel, in Big Sur. This weekend is for all ages. Even Dennis Moran was a good boy last year!

Belinda Byerly-Robins

A Message from the Tams...

Greetings to all at ECA from Coldstream, Scotland!

From halfway round the world we would like to offer a special welcome to Stephen, Ellie and Faith, and to assure you that you are coming to a most warm and hospitable congregation.



We look back on our visit in the summer with such happy memories. It is really impossible to thank everyone individually for all their kindness, though we have tried to do that by thanking you in church before we left, by letters, email and phone calls.

Our time with you, which proved such a helpful bridge as we moved into retirement, can best be summed up by five words: fellowship, fun, food, faith-sharing and family. Fellowship in that we shared in so many activities with so many of you; fun - the enjoyment of visiting so many new places, and all the laughter; food - all those wonderful, and different, meals; faith-sharing, worshipping with you in ECA and at Ken Wratten's ordination; and perhaps most important of all, that we were so warmly accepted into so many homes and especially into the family of ECA.

We wish you all every blessing as you move onwards together; and hope to join you again sometime.

Gordon and Alison Tams

KIDS' BREAKOUT!

**Children in grades K through 8th—
COME ON DOWN TO
KIDS' BREAKOUT!!
(Volunteer parents, too!)**

Kids' Breakout occurs during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. This is a time for the children to be dismissed to go downstairs for some activities. The children will be called back upstairs to the sanctuary in time for communion.

They will be supervised by middle and/or high school students, but will require two adults to be downstairs with them each Sunday. Their activities will include various card or board games, drawing or art, outdoor play, and videos. Children who are preschool or younger are welcome to use our nursery during this time.

We would like to offer this every Sunday. To do that, we need parents to sign up and take a turn in helping out. Last year, the commitment was about once every 3 months. Please call me at home at 997-3859 or see me at coffee hour to sign up.

There are also some Kids' Boxes with quiet activities if the children would prefer to stay upstairs. These are located near the elevator in the sanctuary. Please help yourself or ask an usher for assistance.

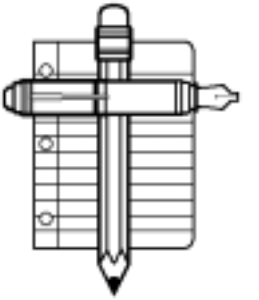
Thanks in advance!

Ellen Lukanç

P.S.: During nice weather, please try not to park near or under the basketball hoops. The kids enjoy playing outside during Breakout.



Creative
Writing Group
Forming



In seminary, the single most important course I took that helped me to find my own voice was a creative writing course. I want to begin to facilitate a writing group here at joint Venture churches. All of us have unique and wonderful stories in us from our life experiences. We tell them to each other all the time, but writing them down can be scary and hard. Writing in a group this way is fun! The group will meet once or twice a month and at each session be given various ideas to stimulate the creative juices.

For example, one might be to imagine yourself standing in a doorway and then write down what it is you see looking through the doorway. You'd be amazed how each of us sees something completely different. If you have been considering writing down your history or if you have been looking for a way to begin writing, I encourage you to give this group a try. We will meet once or twice a month probably on Wednesday afternoons, beginning October 2. If you are interested, please contact me.

Pastor Julianne Stokstad

Lost and Found Department

There is quite an assortment of items in the office that have been left at the church. We have a child's small white purse, a bicycle pump, keys and some sunglasses. Please let us know if any of these are yours. Clothing that can be hung up is put on the coat rack in the hall - please check there if you are missing a jacket.

Diane Smith, Secretary

E-Mail: secretary@avucc.org; Church (408) 268-0243; Voicemail (408) 491-9843 ext. 1#

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 1:00

EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2002

Tuesday Oct. 1 7:30 p.m. Joint Venture Meeting
 Wednesday Oct. 2 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 9:30 a.m. TLC
 1:00 p.m. Mah Jong
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir begins
 Thursday Oct. 3 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
 Friday Oct. 4 3:00 p.m. Montgomery Meals
 7:30p.m. JV Bridge
 Sunday Oct. 6 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:10 a.m. Christian Education
 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
 Tuesday Oct. 8 7:00 p.m. Vestry
 Wednesday Oct. 9 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 9:30 a.m. TLC
 1:00 p.m. Mah Jong
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir
 Thursday Oct. 10 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's
 9:00 a.m. God Squad
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
 Sunday Oct. 13 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:10 a.m. Christian Education
 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Tuesday Oct. 15 Midnight! SHAPE Deadline
 Wednesday Oct. 16 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 9:30 a.m. TLC
 1:00 p.m. Mah Jong
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir
 Thursday Oct. 17 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
 Friday Oct. 18 3:00 p.m. Montgomery Meals
 Sunday Oct. 20 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:10 a.m. Christian Education
 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

Wednesday Oct. 23 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 9:30 a.m. TLC
 1:00 p.m. Mah Jong
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir
 Thursday Oct. 24 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
**Saturday Oct. 26 7:30 p.m. AdVentures in the Arts
 Concert Season opens**
**GOLDEN BOUGH
 CELEBRATES THE CELTIC NEW YEAR**
 Sunday Oct. 27 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
 10:10 a.m. Christian Education
 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
 -Healing Service
**Monday Oct. 28 7:30 p.m. Home Economics Meeting -
 Pat Dando, speaker**
 Wednesday Oct. 30 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 9:30 a.m. TLC
 1:00 p.m. Mah Jong
 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
 6:30 p.m. Celebration Choir
 Thursday Oct. 31 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

COMING NEXT MONTH!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
for an Evening of Fun and Fellowship!
? What: Dinner, Fun and Games
? When: Saturday evening, November 2nd
? Where: Fellowship Hall
Details to follow soon... Watch your Sunday Bulletin!



OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE '02	LAY READERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
October 6	Doug Dunham Russ Petruzzelli Taylor Wing	Charlotte Boileau Robb Moore Betty Wood	P.J. Gallego Kristen Petruzzelli Alyce Gallego	Warren Willard Monte Bishop Ken Redder	Prince/Hum
October 13	Mary Leal Jenny Hoyt Gary Keck	Charlotte Boileau Robb Moore Betty Wood	Melody Prince David Hoyt Julia Machado	Steve Wing Cindy Francis Pat Rimroth	Ferguson
October 20	Dennis Moran Belinda Byerly-Robins Sandi Redder	Suzanne Mayo Mariolein Ciappa Kelli Casale	Taylor Wing Kristen Petruzzelli Danielle Petruzzelli	Jerry Long David Byers Gayle Byers	Pulling
October 27	Brenda McHenry Frank May Francie Kerr	Suzanne Mayo Mariolein Ciappa Kelli Casale	David Hoyt Melody Prince Hannah Ward	Peter Jacobs Amy Jacobs Jenny Hoyt	Fryer



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Deadline for October Issue:
 October 15, 2002

Celebrating in October

Anniversaries

Birthdays

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| 2 | Mark Ciccarello | 4 | Jean and Gary Cassetta |
| 6 | Teresa Cassetta | 13 | Bill and Patty Fryer |
| 8 | Linda Nollette | 30 | Dominic and Betty Consorte |
| 11 | Jack Barney | | |
| 14 | Michelle Keck | | |
| 14 | Susana Machado | | |
| 15 | Carol MacDonald | | |
| 16 | Judy Blankenheim | | |
| 18 | Roger Wilson | | |
| 18 | Bill Hird | | |
| 18 | Stephanie Keck | | |
| 23 | Damon Kvamme | | |
| 27 | Josh Ferguson | | |
| 29 | Earl Griffith | | |

