



THE SHAPE

November 2002

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

From Stephen

Ah, yes Fall is in the air! There is a crispness in the morning. The geese are flying south. Some of the leaves are turning color and every Pastor's fancy turns to thoughts of...Stewardship. Stewardship! Yes, friends it is that time of year. I don't think anyone likes stewardship or stewardship campaigns. Frankly, they are a pain in the neck. But what is stewardship? Why is stewardship such a disagreeable topic? Perhaps it is because stewardship asks of us those terribly difficult questions that lie at the heart of life. At its deepest level stewardship challenges us to live out in our lives what we believe by faith. Stewardship is a chance to ask ourselves questions like:

- What do I believe?
- Do I believe that the world exists to serve me or perhaps do I believe that the highest calling I can have in life is to serve the world?
- And if that is my belief, then how do I live it out?
- How do I organize my time, how do I use my talent, and how do I spend my money in accordance with my beliefs?

These are not easy questions and if answering them is hard, living them out is even harder. (If it were easy to live out our faith I would be out of a job). There are no hard and fast rules. I know I am being a stewardship heretic when I say this. There are those who say the tithe or giving 10% of your income to God is the standard. I agree with that up to a point. The more income you have the larger the

percentage should be. For example, if I earn \$50,000,000 a year to give 10% or \$5,000,000 to the church is an easy matter, I still have \$45,000,000 to live on. But if my income is \$50,000, giving away \$5,000 leaves me with only \$45,000 to live on. For some 10% may be too much and for others it may be far too little. My experience has been that most people can give far more than they think they can and can live on far less than they do now!

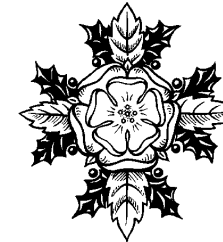
What I would like you to do for now is to set aside some time with God to ask those hard questions. If you are married you may want to include your spouse in those times. If not you should each spend separate time and then schedule some time to discuss what you are learning or hearing. If you have children include them in those times as their age and maturity allows. In those times I would challenge you to ask those tough questions about what you believe and how are you living out those beliefs. I would even challenge you further and ask yourselves this question: If everything I have belonged to God what would God do with it? How would God use it? What would bring God the most joy? I can guarantee that if you ask these questions and try to live them out as honestly and authentically as possible, you will make a far more lasting impression on those around you especially your children than any sermon I can possibly preach. Good luck and God's blessings!

Shalom,

ANNOUNCEMENTS...

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET DECEMBER 8, 2002

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall Sunday, December 8, for the Alternative Christmas Market. This is our annual opportunity to donate to Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project International, The African Team Ministries by buying their jewelry, the youth at their bake sale, and others. Remember, this is a great opportunity to make a difference in someone's life and give a gift that "keeps on giving".



Phyllis Green



COME SPEND AN Evening in Venice

On Saturday, November 2, at 5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, enjoy a night of food, fun and fabulous things to buy—all for a good cause. While you have a lovely dinner and bid on great bargains for interesting and unusual items, you'll be helping to shrink the church budget deficit too!

We can't promise a ride in a gondola but we do guarantee a good time. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with the auction starting at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss this. Even with the airfare sales, you can't make it to Italy for less! Until we meet on the Grand Canal, Ciao!

Calendar Requests...

Calendar scheduling for ECA, UCC, Joint Venture, and all groups are being arranged through the office now. Amy Griffith did a great job of organizing and managing everything, but now that we have more help in the office, we're going to give her a break. Please contact Lorraine Zeller, ECA Secretary, or Diane Smith, UCC Secretary to schedule your event for facility use.

There still will be forms out by the calendar for you to fill out. You can also e-mail Lorraine at office@eca-sj.org, or Diane at secretary@avucc.org.

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SUNDAY SERVICES
7:30 AM and 11:00 AM

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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
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ECA STAFF

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

AND MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS...

Sunday School Calendar

We have normal classes through November 24.

Sunday, Dec. 1 No Sunday school
(Thanksgiving weekend)

Saturday, Dec. 7 rehearsal for the lead parts in the
9:30 AM-11:30 Christmas Pageant

Sunday, Dec. 8 Sunday school

Sunday, Dec. 15 Christmas Pageant
10:00 AM Children to arrive at 8:00

Sunday, Dec. 22 & 29 no Sunday school

Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003 Second half of
Sunday school begins

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School is off to a super start. We have approximately sixty children and nineteen enthusiastic teachers. Please feel free to walk quietly through the youth center (formerly Old Fellowship Hall), and hear the joyful noise and feel the energy!

Special Thanks to...

Thank you, T.L.C., for all your help with the cupboards, and moving the library. Thanks, thanks and more thanks.

Penny Sabin

What's in a Name....

In order to make the church easier for newcomers to navigate and to make them feel more welcome, we are going name all the rooms in the church. If you have any suggestions, give them to the office staff. We will also be working on signs to direct the way to the sanctuary from the many exterior doors. Also, we want the youth to have a place in the church to "call home" so the JV council voted to rename "Old Fellowship Hall" the "Youth Center" However, it remains a multifunction room.

WANTED!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH LEADER



If you are gifted in leading a group of enthusiastic high school aged young people or think you would be, this is just the spot for you. We are looking for a leader or leaders to fill this urgent need as soon as possible.

Graciously, Ginger Redman has volunteered to lead the Senior High Youth group temporarily. However, her schedule does not

allow her to fill the position on a permanent basis.

The group meets two Sunday evenings a month. It is a small group but mighty! Most of the members went on the mission trip to Colorado last summer. They need someone with love, energy and a desire to get involved to lead them in further adventures— in spiritual growth, in fellowship and in just plain fun!

Please give a lot of prayer and thought to the possibility of taking this opportunity to serve. We will provide a great deal of help and support. If this job is just made for you or someone you know, please contact Stephen or Beverly Deveaux for further information—or, better yet, to sign up!

In Appreciation

I appreciate all the special efforts that everyone went to to make Gina's Memorial Service so special especially Walt Kilmanas & MaryKingsley and their crews. So many of my friends kept telling me what a friendly and welcoming feeling they had being at our church. Everything looked so wonderful and flowed so well. I really appreciate the special effort that you all went to. Thanks also to Julianne & Stephen and the tremendous support from both congregations.

*Thanks,
Bob Farnquist*

Sung prayer remains one of the strongest expressions in the search for God

Taizé, a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, in the eastern part of France, is an ecumenical community of brothers whose prayer is at the heart of their life. Founded in 1940, the community made up of Protestants and Catholics from 20 different countries, has become host to thousands of young people who visit Taizé, entering into the prayer and spirit of the community.

From its beginning, the prayer of the community has been monastic in inspiration. And yet, to reach out to the greater body of God's people, they have endeavored to make prayer meditative, popular, accessible to all generations, and as universal as possible. Simple chants, repeated over and over again, underscore the meditative quality of prayer.

Joint Venture Churches offers Taizé services on the 3rd Sunday of alternating months at 7:00 p.m. *The next service will be November 17 at 7:00 p.m.*

Margaret Kvamme

Lost and Found Department

There *still* is quite an assortment of items in Lost and Found that have been left at the church.

There is a box of found items on top of the coat rack outside the Music/Christian Ed. office. Clothing that can be hung up is put on the coat rack. Please check there if you are missing any items. If you remove something, please let us know. If the office is closed, please put a note in the secretary's mail box outside in the hall.

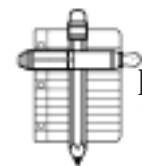
Meet the New ECA Administrative Assistant/Secretary, Lorraine Zeller

There's a new face in the office, not to mention a whole new desk and computer, etc. This cheerful lady is a bright new addition to our lives.

Lorraine recently moved to South San Jose from Palo Alto where she served two churches as part-time church secretary. Of serving as a church secretary she says that, "This is a way I can use my office skills and provide a ministry of sorts as well."

Born in San Francisco, Lorraine has lived in the Bay Area all her life and wouldn't trade it for the world! Lorraine has a daughter, Kate, who works and attends college in Los Angeles.

She has a degree in Behavioral Science from San Jose State University, but claims, "People sure do still puzzle me sometimes!" She enjoys walking and just being outside appreciating God's creation and also enjoys cooking.



Creative Writing Group

There have been two meetings of our new Creative Writing Group. We've already discovered some very interesting ideas and written some amazingly evocative stuff, surprising each other but especially ourselves!

Anyone wanting to joins us is welcome. It's not at all scary! We have some rules about how we can talk to each other about what we've written, keeping things positive and helpful. So if you have always wanted to write but never had the nerve or enough motivation, come! We'll encourage and motivate each other. Who knows what will come of it!

For information about date and time for the next meeting, call Pastor Julianne at the church office or Shirley Harned-Kelley at 323-1696.

New Look...

Notice the brilliance of the Church lately?

It's not just our enthusiastic clergy and enlightened congregation, it's the new paint job on the exterior of the church. On September 21st members of AVUCC and ECA joined together to paint the exterior of the church. The preceding week had been spent washing the exterior, masking doors, windows and trim and repairing divots in the stucco. When Saturday morning arrived, we hit it. Painting started at 9:00 AM and finished at 2:00 PM. Even in temperatures approaching 90 degrees, we worked until it was done.

All but the top walls on the "tower" were painted. Now we are engaged in touching-up the trim, and it may all be done by the time you read this.

Thanks go to:

Jim Ballek	Henry Blankenheim
Dave Byers	Hi Dong Chai
Richard Daley	Roland Darnell
Al Day	Joe Dingman
Dennis Elliot	Bob Elo
Tom Gerber	Earl Griffith
Kevin Haley	John Hawes
Dave Harris	Dave Hennings
Harold Hotelling	Allan Jones
Bill LaVallee	Jerry Long
Pete Mayo	Ed Mueller
Al Nieders	John Noerenberg
Dick Okumura	Ken Phillips
Nicki Pulling	Dick Shipe
Bart Smith	Bill Strandberg
Doug Wood	Jim Woodridge
Jim Wright	Stan Yumen

Bishop Ernest Shalita, who was visiting ECA from Uganda, helped with taping and masking on Friday. Pat Rimroth had 5 Boy Scouts raking the area around the church to further enhance its appearance. We hope everyone enjoys the fresh, new look.

Bob Green
JV Properties Chairman

The Evidence

Bill Strandberg provided the pictures of our hard-working fellows busy making the place beautiful. We are so blessed to have these guys. They are not only willing but truly able to provide both brains and brawn for the jobs that need to be done to take good care of the physical plant. We thank them all from the bottom of our hearts.
--SHK

THE GUYS HARD AT WORK...



Rembrandt,
Van Gogh,
Monet,
Picasso?
Maybe not—but
didn't they all do
a great job?

Don't forget to
tell them so!



EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2002

Friday Nov. 1 3:00 p.m. Montgomery Meals
7:30p.m. JV Bridge

Saturday Nov. 2
Evening in Venice



5:30 p.m. dinner
7:30 p.m. auction
Come. Have fun. Spend \$\$\$. Help ECA!

Sunday Nov. 3
7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:10 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
Children's Choir

Tuesday Nov. 5 7:30 p.m. Joint Venture Meeting
Wednesday Nov. 6 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
9:30 a.m. TLC
1:00 p.m. Mah Jong
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

Thursday Nov. 7 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's
9:00 a.m. God Squad
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Saturday Nov. 9 11:30 a.m. Altar Guild Luncheon
Sunday Nov. 10 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:10 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth

Tuesday Nov. 12 7:00 p.m. Vestry
Wednesday Nov. 13 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. Children's Choir
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir (with UCC Choir)
8:45 p.m. Adult Choir (ECA rehearsal)

Thursday Nov. 14 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's
Friday Nov. 15 3:00 p.m. Montgomery Meals

Nov. 17 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:10 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Taizé Service

Wednesday Nov. 20 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. Children's Choir
7:45 p.m. Adult Choir (with UCC Choir)
8:45 p.m. Adult Choir (ECA rehearsal.)

Thursday Nov. 21 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Sunday Nov. 24 7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:10 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion
-Healing Service

6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Jr. High Youth

Wednesday Nov. 27 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. Children's Choir

Thursday Nov. 28 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Service
OFFICE CLOSED

Thursday Nov. 28 & 29 Turkey cooking/packaging project

COMING NEXT MONTH!

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET
DECEMBER 8, 2002
GIVE GIFTS THAT GIVE TWICE—
AND THEN SOME

COME TO THE FELLOWSHIP HALL
\$\$ IN HAND, READY TO BE TEMPTED ...
BE SURE TO LEAVE YOUR "WON'T" POWER
AT HOME !



NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE 02	LAY READERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
November 3	Doug Dunham Sandi Redder Russ Petruzzelli	Marj Devitt Bev Deveaux Penny Sabin	P.J. Gallego Julia Machado Alyce Gallego	Warren Willard Monte Bishop Ken Redder	Mayers
November 10	Mary Leal Gary Keck Jenny Hoyt	Marj Devitt Bev Deveaux Penny Sabin	Evelyn Wing Taylor Wing Beth Nollette	Steve Wing Cindy Francis Pat Rimroth	Rousseau/Mastre
November 17	Robb Moore Francie Kerr Belinda Byerly-Robins	Cindy Francis Lele Blackman Judy Graun	Taylor Wing Kristen Petruzzelli Danielle Petruzzelli	Jerry Long David Byers Gayle Byers	Petruzzelli
November 24	Dennis Moran Taylor Wing Frank May	Cindy Francis Lele Blackman Judy Graun	Melody Prince Hannah Ward Julia Machado	Peter Jacobs Amy Jacobs Jenny Hoyt	Long
November 28 THANKSGIVING		Cindy Francis Lele Blackman Judy Graun			



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Celebrating in November

Birthdays

- 1 Mary Moran
- 1 Dianne Eckhardt
- 10 Todd Lokanc
- 12 Alex Dykes
- 14 Brian Root
- 14 Brad Bond
- 15 Jack Steitz
- 21 Amy Griffith
- 24 Joan Wagner
- 24 Jacqueline George
- 25 Wayne Tomczyk
- 27 Monte Bishop
- 29 Melody Prince

Anniversaries

- 7 Doug and Kathy Dunham
- 9 Warren and Dorothy Willard
- 16 Ed and Beverly Deveaux
- 17 Vince and Nancy McCord

