



THE SHAPE

December 2002

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

From Stephen

Holy guacamole, Batman, is it Advent already? Yes, Robin, and you know what that means – frantic activity and not finding a parking space in the mall until after Christmas. Actually, what it means at ECA is a number of activities to try to restore some sanity to the secular feel good frenzy. We begin on December 1st with the baptism of Kate Marie Blanchard to remind us of the spiritual nature of the season. Kate is the child of Heather and Guy Blanchard and the grandchild of Robin and Maryke Williams. It will also be the first Sunday to turn in pledge cards for our Every Member Canvas. We will also wipe our prayer list in celebration of the church's New Year, and begin anew. Any names added to the prayer list will remain on for eight weeks (unless removed sooner). The goal of this process is so that the list does not grow too cumbersome not to keep or limit anyone who is in need of prayer. To add someone to the list simply put their name on the prayer list on Sunday morning or call Lorraine at the church office.

On Saturday, December 7th we will gather for our Annual Christmas Party. We will begin around 4:30 p.m. with dinner and fun to follow. This is an event for the whole family and is strictly social. We will try to keep the costs to \$10 per adult with children free. We would ask that children bring a new toy for the Christ Child to be given to the Santa Maria Urban Mission.

On December 8th we will have "Alternative Christmas" which gives us an opportunity to witness to the love of the Child who is to come for the whole world and acknowledge that we are part of the whole human family.

On December 15th our children will enact the story of our Savior's Birth in the Christmas Pageant under the direction of Penny Sabin. The pageant will be at 10:00 a.m. and there will be no 11:00 service. Rehearsals for the pageant will be December 7th and 14th.

On December 22nd we will have a service of Advent Lessons & Carols followed by communion at the 11:00 service in addition to the usual 7:30 service.

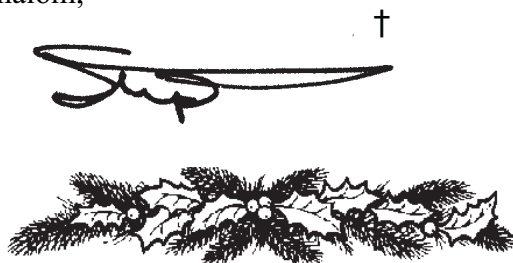
On December 24th we have three Joint Venture Services. At 5:00 p.m. we have our family Christmas service with Julianne Stokstad as the celebrant and me as the preacher. The sermon and the service will be child and family friendly. The celebration choir, under the direction of Gwen Hacker, will perform. At 7:30 p.m. there will be a service of Lessons and Carols with the AVUCC adult choir. At 11:00 p.m. we will have our "midnight mass" with candles, the ECA adult choir and the Holy Eucharist. I will be the celebrant and Julianne will be the preacher. Those wishing to may gather at 10:30 p.m. to sing Christmas Carols.

On December 25th we will have a quiet celebration of the Holy Eucharist for those still standing at 10:00 a.m.

Our Christmas celebration will conclude with the Folk choir and a return to our normal schedule on December 29th.

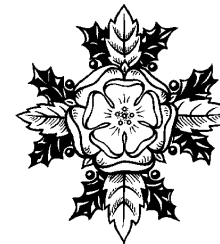
May you have a Holy Advent and a Blessed Christmas!

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 the time of year that we like to think of the needs of others not as blessed as we are. Among the projects we will have the opportunity to support are:

YOUTH GROUPS - will be having a bake sale to fund their activities

SUNDAY SCHOOL - will be selling calendars

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - Silicon Valley Habitat completed 4 new homes in Campbell last year. Their next project is scheduled for Los Gatos. Your gifts will provide nails, windows, nuts and bolts, in short, everything—including the kitchen sinks!

INNVISION: The Giving Tree - The "lucky" homeless of our community are in shelters, but not everyone can find space in shelter areas. This year we can help them with gifts of: men's deodorant, medicated foot powder, economy size (and style) bath towels, and of course your monetary gifts are always welcome.

AFRICAN TEAM MINISTRY - will be selling jewelry to support schools for the orphans of East Africa.

HEIFER PROJECT - provides animals of all types including bees, rabbits, chickens, ducks, pigs, goats, and heifers to people all over the world. The animals are used to improve lives by providing income and future food. All types and sizes of animals are available as "gifts".

This is our annual opportunity to make a difference in someone's life and give a gift that "keeps on giving".

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP ~

We've been having a great time getting to know each other and playing games. Last week we went to Golfland for a round of miniature golf, pizza and arcade games. Many thanks to Kevin Haley for pitching in and helping out. His daughter played on a dance machine; they didn't have those when I was a kid! I did manage to gun down a T-rex, nice to know I haven't lost my touch.

We're going to adopt a needy family this Christmas and take them a food & gift basket. To raise money for the basket, we're going to have a bake sale on Dec 8 during Alternative Christmas and the ECA coffee hour. On the same day, we're going to offer Christmas gift wrapping and baby sitting at the church from 2-5. A great chance to get your Christmas shopping done! We won't have a regular Youth Group meeting that night.

Cliff & Melanie Click 323-8283 mjclick@sbcglobal.net

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IN ALMADEN

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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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you, Pete Mayo and your crew, for all the work you have done to clean up the Sunday School rooms. It's so nice not to have to work around the old stuff that was left there. And the paint really brightens things up. The teachers, children, and I thank you all so much.

Terry Shoup, thank you for your class on Christian centering. We appreciate your expertise. We are blessed to have you among us.

Betty Consorte plans to offer a Christmas centerpiece class this year.

Dec. 8 – 10:00

In the kitchen

\$10.00 per person

Call Betty @268-7768

check on availability of the class and to sign up if you want to attend

The CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is on *December 15* at 10:00 a.m.

•There will be rehearsals on *December 7 & 14* at 9:00 a.m. for the key players.

•Pick up costumes for all children on *Saturday, December 7*.

•*December 15* – All children gather at church in the Youth Hall at 8:30 in costume for another rehearsal and the performance.

There will be cake and punch after the pageant. This is a JV service. There will be no 8:45 or 11:00 service.

Look for a CLASS ON JUDAS in the spring. Offered by Tom Rose.

Sunday School Calendar

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

WANTED!

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH LEADER

COULD THIS
BE YOU?

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!

Update on Ann Redman

Hi everyone,

I wanted to pass on the newest information that I have. We have been on a roller coaster ride for the past week and a half, and the end is not yet in sight.

I was called yesterday morning and told that Mom's blood counts were elevated so there was still a probability of cancer. So they had two more tests done yesterday. A full body scan and then another spinal tap for the brain.

I received a call this morning sharing that cancer was found in a number of places on the liver. So that helps answer a lot of the questions, about the breathing, weight gain, etc, etc. But then we had to wait for the spinal tap results. I received that call later this afternoon, that once again, those results show no cancer, even though the scan shows a very high probability of it. So it sounds like there will be a biopsy this weekend of the brain so we can find out for sure!!! As you can see our roller coaster ride continues.

I'll keep you posted, and again thank you soooooo much for your love, prayers and support.

Love ya!

Ginger Redman, November 15, 2002

ALPHA QUIZ...

What's the best part of being in an "evening" Alpha Class at ECA?

- Having dinner prepared for you once a week for 12 weeks
- Getting to know members of our church community better and on a spiritual level
- Developing a fondness for "blue shirts" (ask an Alpha participant)
- Exploring and questioning aspects of our faith beliefs and Christianity
- All of the above

Did you know that Alpha has been presented by ECA 4 times and over 50 people from our church have participated in these classes? Answers to this question are consistent with each session we have conducted. Having now hosted the Alpha Course 3 times in our home we are voting A, B, and D with a slight edge for A.

Speaking for our currently running class, we want to recognize and thank those who have provided wonderful meals for us during this session. These individuals have made it much easier for us to facilitate and host this class after our busy workdays. Our special thanks to our fantastic gourmet cooks: Suzanne Mayo, Mary McPherson, Penny Sabin, Leslie Rousseau, Debbie Bishop, Ken McCormick, and Amy Griffith. We love you and appreciate all your efforts to support our Alpha program.

Susie and Jerry Ferguson



An Evening in Venice

On a cool November evening ECA was transformed into an "Evening in Venice". As guests arrived they were greeted by the sounds of Italy performed by the Bill Carlson Trio. Their journey then took them down the Grand Canal of

Venice, under the Rialto Bridge into the world of treasurers and the silent auction items. As the musical trio strolled through the Church, guests enjoyed delicious appetizers, drinks, fellowship and the opportunity to bid on wonderful silent auction items. Once the silent auction ended all of the guests entered Fellowship Hall where they were once again serenaded by our musicians and enjoyed a delicious dinner from DiPuccio's Pasta Shop. After desert our live auction started under the direction of our master auctioneers Dave Byers and Jerry Ferguson. The evening ended with our guests leaving Venice and traveling back to Almaden.

We want to take this opportunity to say a HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in our "Evening in Venice". To everyone who donated auction items, helped with the decorations, programs and set up/clean up. A special thank you goes to:

DiPuccio's Pasta Shop
A Lot A Gelato and More
Macy's Valley Fair

Boy Scout Troop 294

R.S. Hughes Co. Inc.

Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation
and Bill LaVallee

All of our friends at UCC who
volunteered to help Saturday
evening.

From Our Senior Warden

Dear ECA Family,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your senior warden for the last two years. It has been a learning, and challenging experience. ECA is a healthy, fun, and loving parish and it was a pleasure to be of service.

The 2001 Vestry voted to give our prior rector and his wife a compassionate, early retirement. Therefore, everything else was on hold as the Vestry formed a Search committee. What a year!

The committee consisted of eleven energetic and congenial people. The committee chose to meet four times per month to revise the Parish Profile and set about learning the meaning of confidentiality, trust and respect for each other. The members balanced family life, work life, and working with each other. Thank you Search Committee members: Dave Byers, Kelli Casale, Pat Dorsey, Doug Dunham, Harold Hotelling, Winnie Jackman, Mary McPherson, Dennis Moran, Ed Mueller, Robin Root and Drew Sheppard.

The 2002 Vestry picked up where the retiring 2001 Vestry members left off. They did not have time to walk, the Vestry ran all the way. Goals were set, ministries defined, a rector was elected, the Bylaws were updated, the need for an administrator at ECA was identified, an interim and supply priest was in place after Nolan and Ann's retirement, a retirement party was planned. A thank you party for the Search committee. The rectory was refurbished, with help from the Parishioners, the rector elect was Instituted. His office was painted, a computer station was built. The Vestry identified a Long Range Plan for the Parish. The ECA Bylaws were updated. The Joint Venture Bylaws are in the process of being updated.

My thanks to everyone who helped to keep me sane and on the right path; Len Whitlock, Finance Chair, for keeping us on track and the budget in balance; Allan Jones, Junior Warden, and JV Vice President, and Communications committee member, for your processing skills and your focus on details; to Allan and Len for your work on the Rectory. Allan and Len, the management team, your assistance in arranging the office to accommodate two secretaries. Dave Thomas, Outreach Committee, for your Human Resource skills; Elizabeth Ward, Finance Committee, for your legal expertise; Alex Dykes, Communications & Fellowship, for your computer knowledge and skills; Lele Blackman, Vestry Clerk; Patty Fryer, the Shape liaison, Worship liaison and Communications Committee member; Belinda Byerly-Robins, Communications and Christian Education Committee Member; Ken McCormick, Fellowship & Christian Education Committee member; thank you and the ECA Reception Committee for the planning of a great retirement party and the Boy Scouts' assistance with the rectory. To Ginger Redman, Christian Education and

Finance Committee member and all your helpers for "An Evening in Venice"; and Ann Avoux, Inreach Committee member.

The Standing Committee members for the rectory, Dom & Betty Consorte, Penny Handorf, and Jackie Whitlock, thank you all for your creativity and decorating ideas. Thank you all for your hard work and making this a great year.

To the parishioners of ECA, thank you for your prayers, support and patience. Thank you, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Have a Happy and Joyous Holiday Season.



In God's Love and Grace

Bev Deveaux

Senior Warden



The Shape of our Montgomery Meals Ministry

Our mission for the Montgomery Meals Team is to provide nutritious meals to as many of our San José homeless as possible every other Friday for the entire year. The casseroles, fresh salads, and desserts we serve come from about 30 tried and true recipes. These recipes feature beef, pork, tuna, chicken, and turkey. Of the 5,000 meals we provide, most come from approximately 1,000 lbs. of turkey we prepare and then freeze at Thanksgiving time when turkey is the least expensive. Special thanks to our *Turkey King*, Steve Wing. Also, we want you to know that our buying, preparing, and serving teams remain appreciative of your financial donations and the large turkeys you donate at this time of year. To this end, Stuft Pizza in the Old Almaden Center provides us the use of their ovens where we are able to cook 50 large turkeys on Thanksgiving Day when the pizzeria is closed for the holiday. They provide us with this wonderful opportunity to accomplish our mission. We encourage you to patronize them and to mention our appreciation of their generosity. In addition, we appreciate your keeping the homeless in your prayers as they seek better futures while trying to get back on their feet.



JOINT VENTURE CHOIRS PERFORM

GLORIA

BY VIVALDI

as a

pre-Christmas
offering

Sunday, December 22
at 10 :15 - 10 :45 a.m.

(at the Christian Education time)



IN EXCELSIS DEO!

As a special gift to our congregations, the Joint Venture Adult Choirs join forces with four guest string players and a professional oboist in a performance of Gloria by Vivaldi, one of the best-loved choral pieces of all time. This tuneful work in twelve short movements will lift your spirits and enliven our sanctuary with sparkling music in preparation for Christmas.

Our very own lovely soloists Sandy Schwarzer, soprano, and Shirley Harned-Kelley, alto, will be heard several times in this work, as well as our own choirs with several very special guests (folks who to date have sat in the pews...guess who?).

Be sure to bring a friend to church and stay afterwards (AVUCC and early ECA) or come early (11:00 ECA) to hear this beautiful music.

The December 22 11:00 service will be a celebration of Lessons and Carols with many of your favorite readings and hymns...a chance to "go carolling" in our own Sanctuary! A short service of Holy Communion will follow.



The first month of the New Year will see the return of the extremely popular Friday night **SOUP & SOUND**

For the Sound portion, three amazing organists (one to be joined by a singer) with a wide variety of music are prepared to thrill us, one on each consecutive Friday evening, January 17, 24, and 31. The Soup part? Ladies and Gentlemen, drag out those crock-pots and get creative! You have a hard act to follow. Last year the soups we savored before the concerts were absolutely marvelous. We've got the cookbook to prove it! If you want to try your hand, sign up in the Fellowship Hall when the list is posted or see our Soup Meister Supreme, Mr. Alex Dykes, famous last year for his highly caloric but exquisitely tasty offerings.

We have totally non-caloric but very enjoyable deserts planned for you before you go upstairs for the music: a variety of visual arts as a feast for the eyes. Phyllis Feemster, a very skilled painter of scenics and still lifes with a very gentle pastoral feeling, works in watercolor, oil, and some acrylic; George Stone, an accomplished photographer, produces luminous prints with a glowing, almost magical light by a

We're going to have a fabulous time. Don't miss it!

SOUP AT 6:30 p.m.
SOUND AT 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Ms. Volkova-Moran is Music Director of St. Andrew's Church, Ben Lomond. Born and raised in Russia, will launch the series with an evening of organ music from her native land along with a generous helping of Bach.



VLADA VOLKOVA-MORAN

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

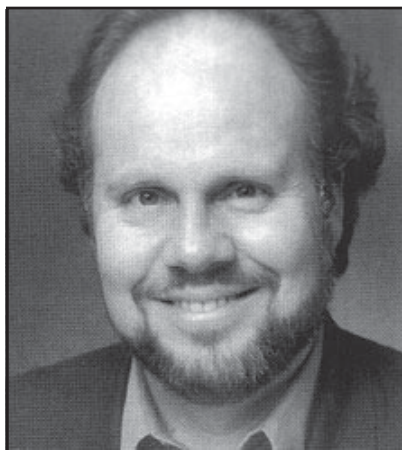
Ms. Mueller is Music Director of Church of the Nativity, Menlo Park. She will be joined by Mark Adams, vocalist, who sang the role of Æneas so wonderfully in last season's production of *Dido and Æneas*.



JILL MUELLER
WITH MARK ADAMS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Mr. Hirten is Music Director of St. Stephen's Church, Belvedere, as well as the Organist at the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco,



JOHN KARL HIRTEN

combination of film and digital techniques; and Rosse Hemeon, whose evocative and emotionally expressive sketches mostly in pen and ink, some washed with watercolor, grace many AVUCC bulletin covers.

What a bargain! Dinner, Art Show, and Organ Concert, all for the suggested donation of \$45 for the Series or \$15 per evening (\$24/\$8 for students.) Pick up your series tickets at Alternative Christmas Market after church December 8.

Fellowship! Food! Fun!



Saturday, December 7, 4:30 p.m.
\$10.00/Adult

Everyone under 18 - FREE!

Kids, bring a new toy for the Christ Child to be given to the Santa maria Urban Mission



From AVUCC

CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIME?

Since September Dotty Allfrey, chair of AVUCC Worship committee, has taken on a new job. It is one not in her job description—that of finding folks to volunteer on Sunday mornings to take care of our children when they leave worship in the middle of the service. In searching for someone to take on this job, she has written to all the parents (but they need to be in worship more than

the rest of us); she has written articles for the Kalos and presented the problem in announcement time in worship. No one has come forward. It is not an easy task: we never know which children will be present, there might be as few as 5 or 6 or more than 20. The children need to be kept busy, but it is not Sunday school. Many feel it is a holding pattern, mostly a time of baby-sitting and visiting families don't like that. Quite frankly, we have a big problem.

A solution was presented to our Worship committee at its last meeting in early November. The solution is to move the time of our worship service back a half hour. That means that worship would begin at 9:30 a.m. with announcements and joys at 9:15 a.m. The service will be over no later than 10:30 a.m. The children will remain in worship until the sermon starts, around 10 am. They will be excused to go downstairs for a quick snack and then go to regular Sunday school.

The advantages of this solution are the following: Children will still be a part of worship. The current problem will evaporate and will not have the difficulty of providing an alternative program for the children during worship time. Since parents will be out of worship by 10:30 they will only have to wait until 11 to pick up their children from Sunday school. Currently most people leave coffee hour after about a half hour and the parents stand around a half hour. Since we have only one worship service at AVUCC, we hope families with young children will find the half hour later starting time easier and more attractive for them to attend. Later is more attractive: since we began worship at 9 a.m. last year, our average attendance has increased by a bit more than 10%.

The possible disadvantages are: It will not be possible for our members to attend adult Christian education with this time change. (However I feel that we need to carefully consider how to revitalize our Joint Venture attendance at our adult Christian Education courses.) Our UCC Sunday School teachers would miss the sermon portion of our Sunday service. We will need to encourage MORE teachers to volunteer so that this might be shared among more teachers. And finally, our music director, Margaret Kvamme, would be pushed to finish the postlude and be available for ECA choir warm up. We would need to be very flexible

The Worship committee enthusiastically endorsed this plan and it was taken to our November Council meeting. The Council also strongly supported this plan and hopes to implement it during the late winter and spring for a trial period. It would be approved by the congregation at its June Semi-Annual meeting. Where we are currently is talking to all those who might be affected. This change will not begin until all those involved have had a chance to carefully consider the proposal and feel comfortable with it. I think it is an exciting change, but we must remember changes are unsettling for most of us. If you have comments or concerns please see me or Stephen Mills, the ECA rector. We need everyone "on board" for this new schedule to really work.

Julianne Stokstad, pastor

From AFRICAN TEAM NEWS, Fall 2002

BISHOP SHALITA: A MINISTRY THROUGH TURMOIL AND PERSECUTION

Early in life my parents decided to give me like a gift to the church so I could go to school, and chose a brother to carry on the traditional religion in the family. While attending school and the church, I repented of my sins and converted to Christianity and grew up there. My parents remained long in the traditional religion. But later all my family became Christians.

After schooling I started work as a teacher for five years, and then was called to ministry. I was reluctant, but my wife and some pastors encouraged me. Since then God has used me as a parish priest, missionary to my own people, and as administrator in the church and as a Bishop. I've preached in Uganda and in Europe and America mostly, sharing the Gospel.

In the beginning it was very difficult. Each position I was assigned was begun from scratch, creating something new, and God has blessed the work. The parish I started in Kasese is now the headquarters of the Diocese of South Rwenzori. When I became Bishop of the Diocese of Muhabura it was just newly formed, and though it remains a poor diocese, it is one of the strongest in Uganda. God gave us people, partners in ministry in the US, Britain, Yemeni and in Uganda. I believed if I could get people who were committed the Diocese could remain strong in a spiritual and material way.

Most of the things I have been able to do have been done because of faith and accountability. My successor should be faithful in accountability to the people and to the Lord for the ministry finances, mission and property. We need to give account to the people in the diocese and to the partners who help. I have found it very important.

We have seen some very difficult times. The Church of Uganda began in martyrdom in the 1880's when many new Christians were killed by the king.

After almost a century of Christianity, Idi Amin came to power, persecuting the church and we lost many Christians, including Archbishop Janani Luwum. During that time I was working with Festo Kivengere, a powerful preacher who could challenge the government when they did bad things. He was about to be martyred, but was able to go to the USA for about two years. I remained administrator of the Diocese as Secretary and Treasurer. It was a rough time as Amin's soldiers were asking me where Festo had gone and why, for they feared a problem. I could easily have been killed then, as I was in charge. Some of the clergy were arrested and tortured. The Archbishop took me to work in the All Saints Cathedral then, a very sensitive position, as it was near the center of government and the country. Some of Amin's intelligence soldiers came to the church to hear if we preached in favor or against them. We preached the Gospel and nothing else, but Christians came to warn me many times to be careful, that my family and I could easily lose our lives. We thank God that we came through it, a very rough time.

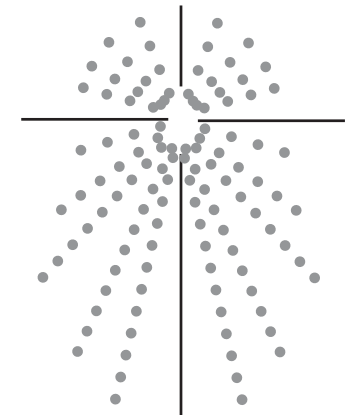
The government of Obote that followed wasn't good, as there were factions that couldn't agree, so it continued to be difficult, struggling and struggling. It was good in that all the bishops in exile and some Christians returned to Uganda.

It is important to note that at that time the government banned Christian churches except the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches. So we all banded together, working and worshipping in harmony. We preached condemning evil, and ready to die for it if necessary. Then I learned that in persecution the church grows. Killing Christians is like fanning a burning bush. It spreads the fire further.

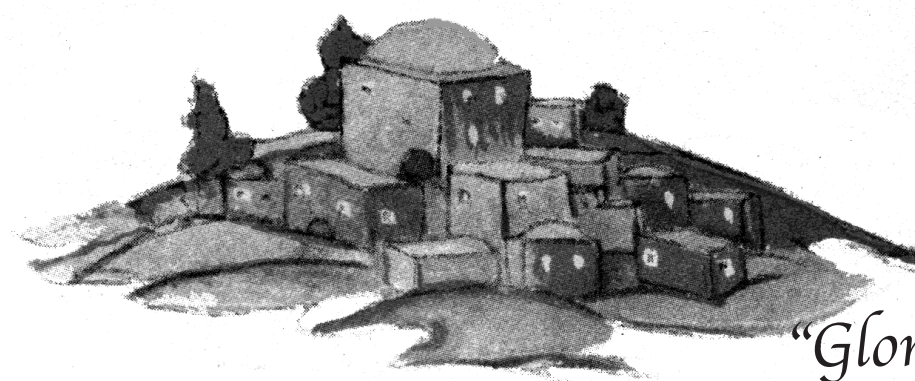
Bishop Shalita was in U.S. until November, 2002, preaching in churches and visiting dioceses. The AIDS epidemic and the orphans remain a focus of his concern. He commented, "We still must bury people every day. How tired we are of standing by while our people die, and our children are left without parents." He is accompanied by his wife, Joy.

Hark! the herald angels sing,

*"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on Earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King."*



*Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise the folk of earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Risen with healing in His wings,
Light and life to all He brings,
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Hail the heavenborn Prince of peace!
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"*



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DECEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

DATE 02	LAY READERS	ALTAR GUILD	ACOLYTES	USHERS	COFFEE HOSTS
December 1	Brenda McHenry Russ Petruzzelli Sandi Redder	Elaine LaVallee Margaret Halliwell Kathryn Hussain	P.J. Gallego Beth Nollette Alyce Gallego	Warren Willard Monte Bishop Ken Redder	Woods
December 8	Mary Leal Jenny Hoyt Taylor Wing	Elaine LaVallee Margaret Halliwell Kathryn Hussain	Melody Prince David Hoyt Hannah Ward	Steve Wing Cindy Francis Pat Rimroth	Byers
December 15	Doug Dunham Belinda Byerly-Robins Gary Keck	Charlotte Boileau Robb Moore Betty Wood	Taylor Wing Kristen Petruzzelli Danielle Petruzzelli	Jerry Long David Byers Gayle Byers	Avoux
December 22	Joan Wagner Francie Kerr Frank May	Charlotte Boileau Robb Moore Betty Wood	Evelyn Wing David Hoyt Julia Machado	Peter Jacobs Amy Jacobs Jenny Hoyt	Jacobs
December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	Robb Moore (5 pm) Jenny Hoyt (11 pm) Sandi Redder (11 pm)	Charlotte Boileau Robb Moore Betty Wood			
December 25		Charlotte Boileau Robb Moore Betty Wood			
December 29	Dennis Moran Russ Petruzzelli Gary Keck	Suzzane Mayo Mariolein Ciappa Kelli Casale	P.J. Gallego Beth Nollette Alyce Gallego	Dwight Dorsey Kim Petruzzelli Russ Petruzaelli	Woods

EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2002

Sunday Dec. 1 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:10 a.m. Christian Education
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion



Time to order your Christmas Poinsettias to celebrate, honor, or memorialize friends and family

Tuesday Dec. 3 7:30 p.m. Joint Venture Meeting

Wednesday Dec. 4 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:30 a.m. TLC
1:00 p.m. Mah Jong
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir

Thursday Dec. 5 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's

9:15 a.m. Alpha (Women)
6:30 p.m. Alpha (Co-ed)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Saturday Dec. 7 9:00 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal, principals

All children pick up costumes
11:30 a.m. Altar Guild Luncheon

Sunday Dec. 8 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET, Fellowship Hall



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
WARNING! EARLY! WARNING! EARLY! WARNING!

Midnight! SHAPE Deadline

NOTE THAT IT HAS BEEN MOVED UP A WEEK!

Tuesday Dec. 10 7:00 p.m. Vestry

Wednesday Dec. 11 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 (w/ UCC Choir)
8:45 p.m. Adult Choir (ECA only)

Thursday Dec. 12 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's

Friday Dec. 13 3:00 p.m. Montgomery Meals

Saturday Dec. 14 9:00 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal, Principals

Sunday Dec. 15 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. *The Christmas Pageant*

Wednesday Dec. 18 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 (w/ UCC Choir)
8:45 p.m. Adult Choir (ECA only)

Payment deadline for Christmas Poinsettias

Thursday Dec. 19 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Denny's

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Saturday Dec. 21

9:00-12:00 a.m. JV Choir Rehearsal

Sunday Dec. 22 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



7:30 a.m. Holy Communion
10:15 a.m. JV Choir Concert
GLORIA! BY VIVALDI

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

Tuesday Dec. 24 5:00 p.m. Family Christmas Service

Children's Choir sings
7:30 p.m. Lessons and Carols
AVUCC Adult Choir sings

10:30 p.m. Christmas Carol Sing

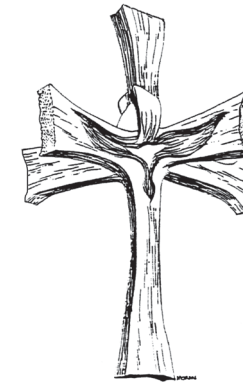
11:00 p.m. Holy Communion, candle-lit
ECA Adult Choir sings

Wednesday Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion
OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday Dec. 29 FOLK SUNDAY

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



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Celebrating in December

Birthdays

1 Jennah MarieGeorge
2 Marion Grungé
3 Dori Torrey
4 Anne-Lee Tomczyk
5 Betty Consorte
5 Shelley Moore
7 Faith Mills
11 Chuck Consorte
11 Kyle Guichard
11 Ellie Mills
13 Susie Ferguson
16 Stephen Mills
16 Susanne Moore
19 Kathleen Eagan
19 Francie Kerr
19 Gary Keck
23 Cullen Sabin Wood
24 Toni Hird
25 Bill Strandberg
25 Tiffany Handorf

Anniversaries

6 Dennis and Mary Moran
20 Jack and Frances Steitz
26 Nolan and Ann Redman
30 Terry and Robin Root

