



The Shape

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

From Stephen

It's hard to believe it is October already. If we were living in New England right now the leaves would be spectacular shades of yellow, orange and brown. There would be a nip in the air and on cold mornings the smell of wood smoke from the fireplaces would permeate the air. For those of us who are church veterans, we know what October means. The beginning of a not particularly popular season of the church year entitled "Stewardship". It is strange that we should find stewardship at least mildly distressing, because Jesus had a great deal to say about money, and possessions and their use. As a matter of fact, Jesus said nothing about homosexuality but about 80% of what he said was about wealth and those who had it and those who did not. I believe it makes us feel uncomfortable to look at where we spend our money and where we don't. After all Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." Where we spend our money then becomes a sometimes worrisome window into our hearts. And yet Jesus never tried to make people feel guilty. In fact, he had the utmost disregard for the scribes and Pharisees who did. Instead what Jesus did was to paint a picture of what the Kingdom of God was like. Jesus gave people an image of what life could be like if they would only let it be so. Jesus helped people to see who they really were and what they could be if they quit following

the false gods and started following the real God.

That is what I would like to do. Before your eyes glaze over and you turn to another page of this publication, I would like to challenge you with some simple questions:

- What would ECA look like if everyone in the church tithed or came as close to tithing as they possibly could? (A tithe is giving 10% of your income to charity, and become easier the more income you have.)
- What programs could ECA have if we had an extra \$25,000; \$50,000; \$100,000.
- How would I feel about myself and my family if I was giving more of what I have to God?
- What kind of an example would I be setting for my children to give more of my income to God and god's work in the world?
- ... Would I enjoy what I have more if I knew that everyone had enough to eat, had decent clothes and decent shelter?

We believe as Christians that God created the world and all that is in it and pronounced it good. God want each one of us to enjoy the fruits of what God has given us so freely out of God's bounty. God wants us to be as responsible in the use of what we have as God is in creating us and blessing us richly.

May this year's stewardship be a wonderful journey of discovery and blessing.

Salaam Stephen+

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A Word From the Editor



In another ill fated business trip, I had the great joy of being able to drive from Cleveland to Minneapolis in one day (11.5 hours). While this may not seem like a joyous occasion to everyone in the crowd, especially when you take into account the 765 miles and one written warning in Indiana (oops), it gives one the opportunity to contemplate the immense beauty of nature. The fall colors in the mid west are unbelievable this time of year, if you have spent your whole life in California, you really should spend a fall or two back east to really get the experience.

While I was in Minneapolis I was able to visit the Cathedral of the Minnesota Diocese, it's a gorgeous stone building and the weekend I was there they were dedicating the last 5 stained glass windows completing the cathedral after some 60 years. Interesting thing to note is that the Diocese of Minnesota is being hit almost as hard as the Diocese of El Camino Real in pledges translating to reduced fair share payments by the parishes in the diocese. Fortunately for them, their Diocese seems to be working with Parishes on the subject of fair share adjustment... Interesting isn't it?

Please accept our sincere apologies for the tardiness of the October Shape. It appears that the post office managed to misplace the Shapes intended for a particular zip code. We have spoken with the post office and I don't believe this will happen again. Because of this, we have decided to re-run a few of the pertinent articles, so don't worry if this looks the same as last month on the outside, I assure you on the inside it's quite different!!

Also, I'm moving the Shape over to a more contemporary newsletter two column look, this should be easier for everyone to read as I have also raised the size of the text so that those of us with eyes less than perfect (myself included) can read the Shape with greater ease.

Lastly, please don't forget to cut out and submit the reader survey at the end of the Shape, it's important that we receive input from all of our readers!

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November Financial Update

The financial lifeblood of any church is its annual stewardship campaign and ECA is no exception. No one wants to talk about finances, but the actual work of the Church cannot be sustained or grow without a sound financial foundation. The intent of ECA's annual stewardship campaign is to provide that financial base for the coming year. Although a number of ECA's long-time members have recently moved out of the area, somewhat eroding our financial base, we have been blessed with many new individuals and families with young children.

To continue our presence in Almaden Valley, which includes paying our share of Joint Venture costs, compensation to our Rector, staff salaries, and our share of Diocesan costs, we need to achieve a certain level of pledge income. However, as Christians, we are also charged with reaching out to others, to make a meaningful impact beyond our parish. We have an enthusiastic multi-generational membership seeking to grow spiritually and willing to take on new challenges. In addition to our many current outreach projects, we now have in place strong, dedicated adult leadership for our youth. The youth, themselves, are enthusiastically taking on new challenges, seeking both to find their own spiritual identity and reaching out to those in need on all levels.

In the past month, many of you have shared your dreams for ECA on our stewardship board in Fellowship Hall. Let's make those dreams happen! *The Sky's the Limit!* Please consider prayerfully how you and your family might stretch yourselves, possibly pledging for the first time or significantly increasing your pledge, so that our Vestry

might make sound plans for the coming year, enable us to reach out to make many of those dreams a reality, and help take some of the financial burden off those members of our Church family who are currently struggling.

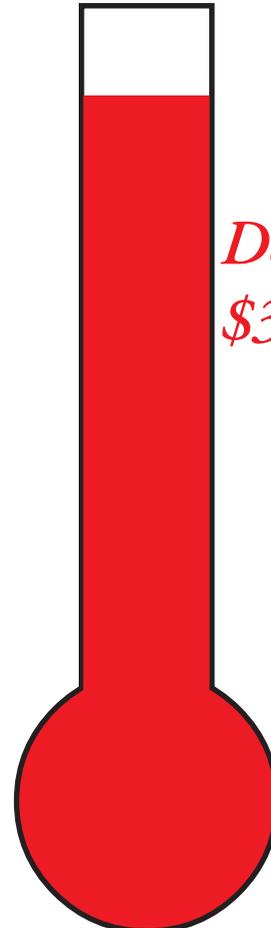
Please join us Saturday night, November 1st at 6:00 PM for our Annual Meeting, Elections, Stewardship Dinner with Father John Buenz as the featured speaker, and a fun evening celebrating ECA's 36th birthday. The dinner is free with a suggested donation of \$5.00 per person to help defray expenses. The following day, November 2nd, is Pledge Sunday.

Ken McCormick

Sr. Warden & Stewardship Chairman

Jerry Ferguson

Stewardship Co-Chairman



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News From Everywhere[else]

Archbishop of Canterbury Visits Rome

In an effort to forge closer links with the Roman Catholic Church, the Most Revd Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury and president of the Anglican Communion, began a three-day visit to Rome yesterday, which will include a meeting with Pope John Paul II on October 4.

Archbishop Rowan is being accompanied by his wife, Mrs Jane Williams, and representatives of the Anglican Communion, including Canon James M Rosenthal and the Revd Canon Gregory Cameron. Also present as a member of the Archbishop's official party is the Rt Revd Geoffrey Rowell, Bishop of the Diocese in Europe, who is responsible for overseeing the Anglican work in Rome.

During his visit the Archbishop will have talks with Cardinal Kasper and other members of the Pontifical

Council for Promoting Christian Unity as well as discussions with other Catholic representatives.

On Saturday morning, the Archbishop will visit the tomb of St Peter in the Vatican for a private time of prayer prior to his meeting with the Holy Father at 11am. During the afternoon he will attend Evensong at Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, near the Pantheon, and a ceremony for the official installation of the new director of the Anglican Centre in Rome.

Archbishop Williams will preside at a Eucharist at All Saints Anglican Church on Sunday morning, before returning to London.

This is Archbishop Williams' first visit to Pope John Paul II since he was enthroned as Archbishop of Canterbury in February.





TLC and Volunteer Office Assistants Wanted

As the poster in Fellowship Hall says, Getting involved changes lives! Having our TLC friends come and help out every Wednesday morning has really made a difference for us in the church office. In addition to taking on organizing and cleaning tasks, these volunteers also help prepare our newsletter mailings for ECA and AVUCC. If we have additional mailings or other projects, they happily tackle these tasks too. The poster also says, Laughter is the Best Medicine, because this is what friends do together. When they're finished with their ministry to the church on Wednesdays, they go out to enjoy fellowship and lunch together. TLC gathers at the church every Wednesday morning at 9:30. For more information about joining this Joint Venture ministry, contact Jan Day: 268-6690 or Janice@yahoo.com or Mary Leal: 268-0230 or mlealo@aol.com.

Volunteer office assistants are wanted too. This could be your chance to save a life or, at least, a secretary's sanity! Diane's departure will leave HUGE shoes to fill. I'll be cutting back at ECA and adding hours to my workweek to serve as AVUCC's secretary as well. Your help, occasionally, or on an on-call basis to provide: phone relief; help with special projects such as Christmas bulletins, publishing the member directory, poinsettia order coordination; and/or prepare bulletins, would be greatly appreciated. If you feel called to this ministry, please contact me at: 268-0243 or office@eca-sj.org.

Shalom,
Lorraine Zeller

Old Sourdough's Ranch Beans

We had 79 people attend the linedancing event in September and it was a huge success thanks to the creative efforts of a lot of people. Folks had a choice of three 'bean' recipes, and the Old Sourdough's Ranch Beans was one of the favorites. Here is the recipe:

Saute one small onion with 1/2 lb ground beef and 6 slices of bacon. Pour off the fat.

Drain:

1 can kidney beans

1 can lima beans

1 can pinto beans

Put in a pot with the meat mixture.

Add:

1 can pork and beans

1/2 C bbq sauce

1/2 C ketchup

1/2 C brown sugar

1 tbsp. dry mustard.

Slow cook a couple of hours or bake in the oven 45 minutes at 300 degrees. Best if it sits overnight.

Important Reminder!

The ECA Annual Meeting will NOT be in January this year. We will have the Annual Meeting and celebrate ECA's birthday on November 2 at 6:00 pm.



Episcopal History Series, Episode 3

If you recall from last month, we left off at the end of sixteenth century England, arguable one of the most glorious ages in the British Empire. After the coronation of Elizabeth I England in general started to settle down religiously. In 1603, James I was crowned king of Scotland and England, it was this coronation that united the two kingdoms to this day. The new union however exacerbated the divides already present on the country: Episcopal vs. Puritan, Scottish vs. English, and Catholic vs. Protestant. In 1605, four Catholics plotted to blow up Parliament in an attempt to assassinate the king, which brought forth a new wave of anti-catholic sentiments across England. Despite his apparent dislike of the Catholics, James was not fond of the incessant demands of the puritans either. His actions had the effect of spurring the first immigrants to the Americas from England. Worthy of note is in 1604 James I commissioned a new translation of the bible, now known as the King James Version. In the years to follow, Charles I came to power and through his policies, indifference to the voices of parliament and the people was overthrown in the English Civil War and Oliver Cromwell, a Puritan became Lord Protector. During this time there were a greater number of immigrants to America, including Church of England members due to the abolition of the Episcopacy in England. The revolt was short lived and 10 years later Charles II was invited by parliament to claim his throne. Charles restored the Episcopacy and regained the title of Defender of the Faith.

Meanwhile in America, small parishes were forming, but because of Parliamentary politics, anyone wanting to get ordained in the Americas would have to make the dangerous and long journey to England and back to be ordained. The reason for this was that the English parliament has a House of Bishops which at the time had authority in secular matters. If a new bishop was created, he would belong to the House of Bishops and would therefore have a vote in parliamentary matters, this was not acceptable for

members of Parliament. (Samuel Seabury, the first American bishop was not consecrated until 1784)

Back in England in 1685, James II (brother of Charles II) was crowned King amid a great deal of excitement. Charles II had created a strong monarchy again and a united church. Unfortunately James II was a staunch Roman Catholic and jubilation turned into dissention when James attempted to return England to the authority of Rome. In 1688 he was deposed by Parliament and fled to France. His eldest daughter Mary (a protestant) and her husband William were offered the crown jointly and for the first and only time ever the King and Queen of England ruled as equals. Parliament made their accession conditional. As the monarch they were required to sign several acts into law that limited the power of the monarchy and declared that the Parliament must be called at least every three years (this is still the case today). In addition, the Parliament now gained the power to point to decide on the secession of the monarchy and permanently insured that only a protestant monarch will rule. In addition the laws forbid anyone with a catholic spouse from being in the line of secession. Any monarch had to take an oath of Allegiance to maintain the Church of England (and after 1707 the Church of Scotland). Finally the Church was stable, but during this tumultuous time immigration to the Americas increased by leaps and bounds finally culminating in 1776 with the American independence.

After the war of independence, a new country was born, but there was a problem for the Anglicans living in America. The prayer books at that time included prayers for the King and Queen of England... This was not politically acceptable and changes had to be made. In addition, there were no American bishops and limited clergy in general. The problem was solved by a classic Episcopalian circumvention of the system.

To be continued...

Youth Group



Jr. High Youth Group

The Junior High Youth Group remains busy! We have had several great meetings with interesting discussion and fun games and activities. Here is what we have coming up:

Sun., Oct. 26 Talksheets, fellowship, and fun and games
Sun., Nov. 9 Planet Granite indoor rock climbing trip 3:00-6:00 PM
Sat., Nov. 15 Bake Sale for Adventures in the Arts
Sun., Nov. 23 Talksheets, fellowship, and fun and games

For those who have already signed up for the Planet Granite trip, please return your permission slips by the October 26 meeting and remember to include a photocopy of your parent's driver's license. We will meet at the church at 2:15 on November 9.

The Junior High Youth Group meets on the second and fourth Sundays of each month from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Youth Center. We welcome all junior high students and their friends.

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InkJet Recycling

We have now collected 48 inkjet cartridges out of the 50 we need to send our first batch to Empties4Cash and collect \$100. Proceeds will directly benefit our Joint Venture youth programs, so keep those cartridges rolling in! If you want to be a real go-getter, ask your family, friends, and co-workers to bring you their inkjet cartridges too.

Any cartridge with a printhead can be recycled, including HP, Lexmark, Xerox, Compaq, Samsung, Kodak, Canon or Apple. Empties4 Cash will NOT accept Epson or any cartridge (or toner) larger than the size of your palm. Bring in your empty cartridges (use a Ziploc bag to avoid ink spills) and put them in the Empties4cash box in Fellowship Hall on Sundays or in the office workroom during the week.

So help keep the earth clean AND raise funds for our youth by bringing in your inkjet cartridges. This is a Joint Venture fundraiser and everyone is urged to participate.

Lorraine Zeller
Recycling Person





Youth Group

“Win a Servant Auction” Youth Fundraiser

Get ready to bid for the expertise our teens will be putting on the auction block at their first fundraiser of the year. The ‘Win a Servant’ Silent Auction kicks off during all coffee hours on Sunday, Nov. 23rd and the last silent bid will be accepted at the end of Alternative Christmas on Dec. 7. Our teens will be offering their time and talent as gardeners, chefs, pet sitters, tutors, musicians and well, the talent knows no bounds! They’ll auction themselves off as servants to provide you with a multitude of offerings for your next event, party or need around the house. You’ll be surprised at how much talent they have and how willing they are to work!

The format will be a silent auction, so check out the auction items on Nov. 23, and make your first bids. Then come to Alternative Christmas on December 7th and be there when the bidding closes. All proceeds from this event will be used for outreach projects the senior high group has planned throughout the year. If you can’t be present at the final event, please call Robin Root (408) 268-1203 with your top bid and she’ll make sure it’s submitted for you!

-Robin Root

Alterbative Christmas Coming Soon!

Make your shopping list soon because it’s coming! It’s your opportunity to buy a lasting gift in honor of a friend or family member, or to purchase a Christmas gift that has lasting value. Alternative Christmas will be held after all coffee hours on Sunday, December 7th. You will have the opportunity to visit many tables offering items from various philanthropic groups and to make donations to those in need.

Those represented will be the Heifer Project, Habitat for Humanity, Santa Maria Urban Mission, the Senior High Youth Servant Auction, the Middle School Youth Group bake sale, Friends Outside, and African Team Ministry and they will all have items for sale or opportunities to make a donation of goods.

Don’t give the same old tie or bottle of lotion this Christmas. Give a gift of the heart that helps someone else throughout the coming year!

If you would like to assist in Alternative Christmas, or have another organization that you would like to present at Alternative Christmas, please call Robin Root (ECA) or Phyllis Green (UCC).

- Robin Root



Youth Group



Youth Group Rockets Off!!!

The senior high youth of our joint churches have entered into the new youth group full force. We have had 10-12 teens at each of our first meetings, and they have been really enthusiastic.

I want to thank these folks for coming to our first meetings and making the commitment to have a year of fun and fellowship: Brad Bond, Rochelle Ciappa, Betsy Dingman, Tom Haley, Elizabeth Hoyt, Greg Lukanc, Julia Machado (and friend!), David Mastriana, Eric McCormic, Bethany Nollette, Matt Rimroth, Dan Root, Jacquelline Rousseau, Hannah Ward and her friend Amber, and Evelyn Wing (If I missed anyone, let me know!).

In September, we kicked off the year with a 2-hour brainstorming session that included some fun activities (ask about train wreck!) to get us thinking and moving.

In October, we had a great meeting discussing dating. Our rules are that what is shared in the meetings, stay in the meetings, but I can tell you this: The top 5 of 12 qualities that these teens look for in someone to date are these: Honesty, a sense of humor, good listener, they enjoy trying new things and they are respectful. They've got their heads and hearts in just the right place and it's great to hear what they have to say. We'll be having more discussions on topics such as parents (this one scares me!), peer pressure, depression, being alone, school stress, and others as they are requested.

The group packaged over 30 gallon Ziploc bags of toiletries that were donated to Next Door, A solution to domestic violence, for their women's shelter. We have decided to keep the collection box open and we will package these items 3x/year as they come in.

Thank you to the donor who contributed the funds to improve the youth center! Katie purchased an air hockey table and a foosball game and we broke those in at our October 5th meeting. They are a huge success!

Also a thank you to Jean Cassetta and Ann Mayers who are assisting in the youth group this year. It's great having their support at our meetings.

We also had 20 adults and youth go to S.F. on Sat., Oct 12 to walk the labyrinth at Grace Cathedral, ride the cable car, have a pasta dinner and attend the musical Jesus Christ Superstar at the Orpheum theater.

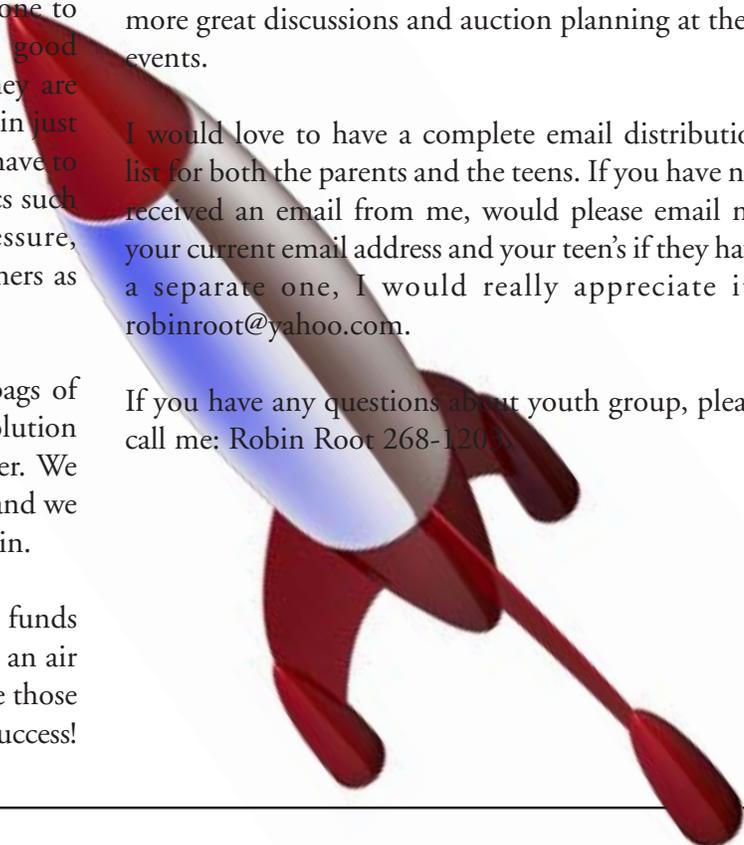
Laser Tag was great fun on the Oct 19th-We came back and ate pizza and worked through the details of our upcoming fundraiser, a servant auction. Please look for that article elsewhere in this edition.

Three teens attended Happening (a teen Cursillo-type event) in Gonzales the weekend of October 24-26. We are hoping that they will share with others how much fun they had so that others will want to join the spring Happening in San Jose.

November meetings are on the 2nd and the 16th, in the youth center at 6:30. We look forward to having more great discussions and auction planning at these events.

I would love to have a complete email distribution list for both the parents and the teens. If you have not received an email from me, would please email me your current email address and your teen's if they have a separate one, I would really appreciate it!! robinroot@yahoo.com.

If you have any questions about youth group, please call me: Robin Root 268-1203.





Fellowship

Alpha, *Alpha*, *Alpha*..

Alpha evenings begin at 6:30pm, best of all, dinner is always included!! The format is a video first (appetizers will be served so you don't starve). We will then sit down to dinner and a conversation in small groups about the presentation. We promise we will make our best effort to start and end the class on time so everyone can be on their way home by 9pm. If babysitting is an issue, please let us know so special arrangements can be made.

There's no homework, no requirements, no pre-requisites, no participation demanded just lots of fun!

As always, watch the Shape for more info...

Alpha Course Schedule

Wednesday, November 5
Why & How Should I Tell Others?

Wednesday, November 12
Does God Heal Today?

Wednesday, November 19
What About the Church?

ECA Nursery

Worshipping on Sunday at ECA can be a challenge for parents of Nursery age children. Often these parents face a quandary between leaving their youngsters in the Nursery and taking them into the sanctuary. Lorry Long, who is in charge of the Nursery for ECA, knows how difficult it is for some parents. She has always tried her best at hiring responsible people to baby sit as well as maintain a safe and clean environment.

Most recently she received a much-needed boost with Carolyn and Dave Hennings spearheading the refurbishing of our Nursery. If you haven't as yet peeked in the door, you are in for a delightful surprise. Freshly painted white with exciting Bible characters illustrated on the walls, new furnishings, bright red buckets to store and organize the toys, and a darling little "kitchen set," make our nursery inviting for newborns thru age 3 or 4.

Amanda Phillips (from UCC) and Ruth Cabada are two college students who serve UCC and ECA on Sundays caring for the children who visit our Nursery. If you have a nursery age child you'll want to stop by to check things out, meet Amanda and Ruth, and perhaps give it a try.

We are very fortunate to have Lorry serving in this ministry. Lorry and her husband, Jerry, came to ECA in 1992. We have Maureen and John Heath, visiting parishioners from England in the early 90s to thank. Maureen and Lorry were tennis partners. First, Maureen invited Lorry to participate with her in Montgomery Meals. Next, she invited Lorry & Jerry to come to our service. It was the welcoming nature and personal greetings that made a difference and kept Lorry and Jerry at ECA.

Lorry and Jerry maintain an active participation in our church family. Jerry now serves as a counter. Both have played numerous roles in a variety of fellowship events, fundraisers, and outreach projects over the years. What began as one small act of evangelism has led to many blessings for all of us at ECA. Thank you Maureen and John. And bless you, Lorry and Jerry.

-Susie Ferguson



Gift of Gratitude



ECA is blessed with people who give generously of their time and talents; some with a big fan fare that everyone notices and others with a whisper. In both cases, ECA is grateful for their gifts. Perhaps, you will notice someone during the next month that you would like to give the “gift of gratitude.” If so, please just submit their name and what they did to the Shape Editor by deadline so they can receive their gift right here.

Suzanne & Pete Mayo: Thank you for all your hard work cooking, preparing, setting up and cleaning up for our introductory Alpha dinner. You always give so generously of your time and energy to make events at ECA special for others.

Russ Petruzzelli: Thank you for all your help in coordinating the Alpha course, getting all our AV equipment in line, setting up and taking down. Every group needs its very own engineer.

Sharon Mills: Thank you for all your creativeness, support and energy to put together our Ministry Faire this fall.

Dennis and Mary Moran, Suzanne and Pete Mayo, Amy Griffith, Katie McCormick, Terry Root, Robin Root, Pat Rimroth and Elizabeth Ward, Jenny Hoyt, Mary Leal, and Russ Petruzzelli: Thank you for all you efforts to put together exciting and colorful displays for our Ministry Faire.

Eric McCormick, Greg Lukanc, Hanna Ward, Bethany Nollette, and David Hoyt: Thank you for your participation as readers of the lessons and prayers for our Kickoff Sunday. You all did a fantastic job. You can be proud of yourselves!

Travis McPhee, Doug Lukanc, Kristen Petruzzelli, Sean McCormick, Alex Bishop and Trace Rimroth: Thank you all for the great job you did ushering on our Kickoff Sunday.

Lorraine: Thank you for your dedication to serving ECA and UCC as our secretary. Thank you for all your support and encouragement as we move ahead this fall.

Kelli Casales, Pat Dorsey, Suzanne Mayo, Francis Steitz, Kathy Mastre, Terry Root and Robin Root A big thank you to the committee who organized the linedancing fellowship event in September:

An additional thanks to **Daniel Root** and **Christy Kondo** for their mural, to **Alyce Gallego** for her help with posters, to **Carol MacDonald** and **Mary Leal** for their help with the centerpieces, to **Amy Griffith** who perfected the chili recipe and helped in the cooking, and to **Ron (Howdy) Howie** and **Melinda Jennings** for donating their skill in teaching us all to become official linedancers.

Robin Root: For spearheading the “Line Dancing” fellowship event and for her enthusiasm in making it such a success. Also for her commitment to our Senior High Youth program and getting it organized

Lorry Long, Hans Spanjaart, Jim Woodridge, Roland Darnell, and Joan Wagner from ECA and Diane Smith, Dave, Carolyn, Kirsten, and Kathleen Hennings, Betty and Chuck Benson, Bessie Hutchens, Audrey Wiedrick, Carla Gerber, Charlotte Duerksen, Robyn Dorsey, Jim Ballek, and Julianne Stokstad from UCC: Thank you for your gifts of time, talents, and donations to make refurbish our nursery.

Al and Jan Day for their tireless work deep cleaning the kitchen, stove, labeling the cabinets, staining the baseboards in Fellowship Hall, scraping the floor, etc. Jan Day also worked with our TLC volunteers in washing all the dishes before they were returned to the clean cupboards.



Parish Life

November Birthdays

Mary Moran	1
Todd Lukanc	10
Alex Dykes	12
Brad Bond	14
Brian Root	14
Jack Steitz	15
Amy Griffith	21
Evan Reilly	21
Mary Leal	22
Eilene Lueck	22
Jacqueline George	24
Joan Wagner	24
Wayne Tomczyk	25
Monte Bishop	27
Melody Prince	29

November Anniversaries

Doug & Kathy Dunham	7
Warren & Dorothy Willard	9
Ed & Beverley Deveaux	16
Vince & Nancy McCord	17

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ECA Choir Schedule Correction

Rehearsals for the ECA choir are held from 7:30-9:00pm on Thursday nights. The time was given incorrectly by me as 6:30-9:00pm. Sorry for the mis-information. John Leslie sacrifice all they have to buy the other a treasured Christmas present. Dates are Nov. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, with special matinees on Saturdays. Look for more information at the church in future Sundays.

Special Musical Theatre Presentation

John Leslie is the Music Director/Pianist for a local community theater production, "The Gifts of the Magi," which will be presented by the Tabard Theatre at South Valley Christian Church.

This musical is based on the Christmas short story by O. Henry about the poor husband and wife who sacrifice all they have to buy the other a treasured Christmas present. Dates are Nov. 7-8, 14-15, 21-22, with special matinees on Saturdays. Look for more information at the church in future Sundays.

Adult Volunteers Requested to Work With the "Kids Choir"

Any adults willing to help with Kids' Choir may contact our Joint Ventures Director of Music John Leslie via E-mail at JohnQL@aol.com. Positions available: song teacher, music accompanist (piano, guitar, autoharp, etc.), librarian, attendance taker, refreshment scheduler.

Special Festival Singers Invited

The ECA Adult Choir and the UCC Shalom Choir will be combining forces as the Joint Ventures Choir for two services on Sunday, November 2, All Saints Sunday. We will be preparing a wonderful and exciting version of "When the Saints Go Marching In" by John Rutter. A combined rehearsal will be held on Wednesday, October 29 at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. Any interested singers are welcome to join us that night to prepare for the 9:00am UCC and 11:00am ECA worship services.

We will also be preparing special music for Sunday, November 23, The Festival of "the Reign of Christ" (Christ the King Sunday). Please consider joining us for that service as well...and don't forget: special festival singers will be welcomed to sing with us during Advent and Christmastide.





Adventures in the Arts

Jazz/Blues/Pop Quintet, Primary Colors, Kicks Off Adventures in the Arts Season

Primary Colors returns for an encore performance on Saturday, Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. here at ECA. The group appeared as part of the Almaden Adventure in the Arts second season and many who attended asked if the concert committee could ask the group back for another appearance. The group enthusiastically agreed.

Vocalist Nate Pruitt and guitarist Rick Vandivier are *Primary Colors*, a jazz and blues duo often featuring other great musicians in the California Bay Area. Their music is more than jazz and blues, with elements of swing, soul, pop, spiritual, and latin rhythms ... even a trademark deep Southern yodel. In the year 2000 the band delighted fans with the release of their beautifully mastered CD "We Know How It Feels". In June 2003, the band pleased their fans again when they released their second album "Every Mother's Son" to much critical acclaim.

Primary Colors Who's Who

Nate Pruitt – Vocals. Nate has developed his unique style over a long and varied career. The master of jazz, blues, and popular vocals that you hear in Nate today is the result of a long and multifaceted musical education. Nate grew up in New Haven, Connecticut, in a musical environment; his brother Willie Ruff is a renowned jazz performer and educator. He studied at Boston's Berklee School of Music, and then fronted a band in the Army that included Phil Upchurch and Keith Copeland. Since the early 1980s Nate has been a mainstay of the San Francisco Bay Area jazz scene. Along with performing, Nate shares his love of singing with students he teaches both privately and at Gavilan college in Gilroy, California.

His singing has been featured in numerous movies (including *The Lost Man* with Sidney Poitier and *Mad City* with John Travolta and Dustin Hoffman) and commercials.

Among the many artists he has performed with are Dizzy Gillespie, Diane Schuur, Dave Brubeck, Carmen McRae, Quincy Jones, Lionel Hampton, the Mitchell/Ruff Duo, Ernie Watts, and John Abercrombie.

Rick Vandivier – Guitar. Rick has been performing and recording in the San Francisco Bay Area for the last 20 years. In addition to his work with Nate Pruitt in *Primary Colors*, Rick has been active in a numerous other projects as a guitarist and composer, including leading his own ensemble. Rick is a graduate of the Berklee School of Music in Boston and the Jazz Studies Program at San Jose State University in California.

Other artists Rick has performed with include Smith Dobson, Albert "Tootie" Heath, Bruce Forman, John Handy, Skylark, Mose Allison, David Grisman, and Art Van Damme. He has also worked with the San Jose Civic Light Opera, the orchestra of Opera San Jose, and the San Jose Symphony Orchestra.

Bob Johnson – Saxophone. Bob has played in the San Francisco Bay Area for over 20 years. In addition to leading his own jazz band, Bob has worked with many fine musicians, including: Tootie Heath, Russell Ferante, Will Kennedy, Robben Ford, Mike Wolff, Roy McCurdy, Paul Nagel, Benny Rietveld, Susan Muscarella, Eddie Marshall and many others.

Jason Lewis – Drums. Jason graduated from the classical percussion program at San Jose State University, under the direction of Tony Cirone of the San Francisco Symphony, with a B.A. in music. Mr. Lewis has taught privately in the bay area, coached at the Stanford Jazz Workshop, and has performed clinics at schools throughout the San Jose area.

He has played with a variety of talented musicians including; Joshua Breakstone, John Stowell, Mark Murphy, Norma Winstone, Larry Coryell, Darol Anger, Regina Carter, Johnny Frigo, Ann Dyer, James Carter, John Handy, Anton Schwartz, Mark Levine, Peter Apfelbaum, Dmitri Matheny, Cornelius Bumpus, Kurt Elling, and Boz Scaggs. Mr. Lewis has also performed with the San Jose Symphony and the San Jose Civic Light Opera.

Glen Richman – Bass. Glen is a highly regarded bass player in the San Francisco Bay Area. He studied at the prestigious Mannes School of Music in New York City and at the Berklee School of Music in Boston. Prior to his move to the bay area, Glen lived and played professionally in New York City for 16 years and in Japan for 4 years.

Some of the musicians Glen has played with include: Jon Hendricks, Dave Leibman, Bobby Hutcherson and Larry Willis.

The Almaden Adventures in the Arts, a joint venture of the Almaden Valley United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Church in Almaden, is an effort to share the arts and our worship/performance space with the surrounding community. Hopefully, in so doing, we will introduce the churches to some new parishioners while providing current congregants with quality entertainment offerings close to home.



Shape Article Submission

Just a brief note to everyone submitting articles to the Shape. It was brought to my attention that some people have been having troubles getting articles to me. Upon closer (well, it didn't have to get too close) attention, I realized that the published e-mail address for the Shape is incorrect! In future, please send your articles for the Shape directly to me at: adykes@coit.com Be sure to include "Shape" in the subject line of your e-mail. And if possible, write your article in Microsoft Word, and attach it to your

e-mail instead of typing your article in the e-mail. If you do not receive an automatic reply from my e-mail address saying your e-mail has been received within 48 hours, please contact me ASAP at (408) 839-2632. Due to some recent concerns over the lack of procedures and protocols, all articles will now be run by an approval committee created by the Vestry. Any articles considered inappropriate will be discussed with the author prior to publishing.

Reader Survey

We are continually striving to improve the quality and usefulness of the Shape. To this end, I have included a survey this month (look below). In order that we may receive a good sampling of opinions, I employ you to fill out the survey completely, feel free to say anything you wish, cut it out of the Shape along the dotted line, fold it in half, put a small piece of tape, a stamp and drop it in the mail. Or, you can simply put it in my box at church, what could be easier?

-Alex Dykes

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Please rank the following on a 1 to 10 scale. 1 being poor and 10 being excellent.

Content of the Shape overall	Poor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Excellent
"From Stephen" Column	Poor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Excellent
"A Word From The Editor" Column	Poor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Excellent

Please give the following statements a rank from 1 to 10 according how closely you agree with the statement. Give the statement a 1 if you do not agree with the statement at all, and a 10 if you strongly agree with the statement.

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Did you know the Shape was available to read online at www.eca-sj.org? Yes / No

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The Faith Community Heals Relationships

The Restorative Justice Commission of The Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real invites you to “**The Faith Community Heals Relationships**,” an interfaith, community conference on restorative justice. During this weekend session we will seek ways to heal the wound of crime for victims, offenders, families, and the community.

The two-day conference begins Friday evening, November 21 at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Salinas with a focus on restorative justice in our schools and an introductory video.

The program on Saturday, November 22 will feature workshops, a musical presentation by Shannon White

Eagle, and a keynote address by The Rev. Dr. Jacqueline Means, Director of Prison Ministries for The Episcopal Church. As an advocate for those driven to the margins of society, The Rev. Dr. Means has tirelessly and creatively led the Christian community to recognize, embrace, and live out the baptismal promise to serve Christ in all persons.

Look for the registration form in the *Mission Bell* or find it on the Bulletins and Documents page of the website of the Diocese of El Camino Real at

<http://www.ecrweb.org/page/page/480168.htm>



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