



The Shape

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

FROM STEPHEN

It seems like Lent has just begun and it is almost over already. I want to especially thank John and Mary McPherson for heading up our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and our Youth and Craig Stephan for their labors. It was a great event and all had a good time.

Special thanks also to Katie McCormick, Robin Root, and John and Sharon Mills for the Junior and Senior High Youth Ski Trips. Thankfully, they brought everyone back alive.

Speaking of alive, please drive by the Rectory (6884 Burnside Drive) and see the new front lawn. Allan Jones and his son in law, Michael, most graciously donated their time, material, and labor to install a sprinkler system and lawn in front of the rectory where the rocks used to be. The boy scouts generously provided the muscle to move the rocks. They did a wonderful job and the front yard looks ever so much better. It is so nice to see things green and growing.

We also have been very blessed this Lent. In spite of it being Valentine's Day, we had nineteen people at our first meeting of the Lenten Study Series. We have more blessings coming in the near future.

On Palm Sunday we will be blessed to have our Assisting Bishop, Sylvestre Romero here for both services. We will also have confirmation on that day. I have been very impressed with Bishop Romero.

He seems like a humble man, who takes his love of God seriously, but does not take himself too seriously. I have heard good things from my colleagues about Bishop Romero and I believe that he has a special place in his heart for ECA.

Our Holy Week celebration continues on Maundy Thursday (March 24th), at 7:30 p.m. we will see Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and experience his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane through the service of Tenebrae. This is a joint service with AVUCC and will feature a joint choir presentation.

On Good Friday (March 25th) we will witness Jesus' death on the cross at noon with the Good Friday Liturgy and walk the Via Dolorosa (the way of the cross) through the Stations of the Cross at 1:00 p.m.

On Easter Sunday (March 27th and for the seven Sundays after Easter) we will, at last, experience the joy of the resurrection through the celebration of Easter. We will have Easter celebrations at both the 7:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services with music at 11:00. Please bring flowers and bells to both services.

May you be richly blessed this Lent and rejoice at Our Lord's resurrection through Eastertide.

Salaam,
Stephen +



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR



As you may have noticed, I took a few months off editing the Shape, one month because I was out of the country on vacation, one month as Stephen, the vestry and I decided what was going to happen since my term on the vestry ended last, and then another month because I really needed a rest. I want to extend my sincere thanks to Lorraine who stepped right in and did everything in my absence.

The process for publishing the Shape has changed in the meantime. All submissions for the Shape will be collected by someone (other than me) who will put everything together, organize the schedule, and solicit articles. Then, I'll put everything together and ship it off to Kim Petruzzelli for proofreading. Once it has been proofread and printed, our wonderful and gracious volunteers will then collate, fold, label, and mail the Shape direct to you!

Back on the usual column topics: When I was a kid, my mother, bless her heart, tried dearly to get my brother and myself interested in playing the piano. This probably had something to do with bad memories of piano practice from her past, which she figured she could rectify by being the kinder, gentler piano instructor. Well, Ross and I showed zero interest. Of course, as is the way with children, my interest piqued when my parents decided to get rid of the piano since we weren't interested. (sound familiar?) I recently decided that I needed a hobby, something relaxing and good for me overall, so thanks to some friends of ours, we got an extremely good deal on a Yamaha Digital Piano. For those of you not in the know, a "Digital Piano" is different from a "keyboard" in that they #1 actually sound like a piano, #2 have the correct number of keys, #3 feel almost piano-like, and lastly and most importantly, the harder you thunk the key, the louder the thing plays, so you can play it like a piano. Of course, this is all lost on me at the moment since I have discovered I am incapable of using both sets of fingers at the same time. My appreciation for anyone that can play an organ has suddenly skyrocketed. If I can't get my left pinky to play a different note than my right thumb, I have no hopes of ever coordinating my feet into the mix. Since hindsight is always 20/20, looking back, I missed a good opportunity, not only to lean the piano, but to annoy my parents by playing "Greensleeves" over, and over, and over, and over, and over...

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CALLING ALL PROPS! CALLING ALL PROPS!

We are in need of some props for the upcoming production of "I Do! I Do!" If you have anything on this list, please contact John Leslie!

- Clothes tree/hat tree
- 4-poster bed frame
- Wedding bouquet-victorian-1900's
- Mother-of-the-bride corsage
- Two pairs old age spectacles
- Woman's gray wig with black hat attached
- Victorian wedding gown and veil –size 6-8
- Woman's Wedding shoes – size 7 ½
- Victorian night gown – size 6-8
- Victorian robe – size 6-8
- Evening gown early 1920's – size 6-8
- Fur stole (ermine)
- Woman's formal white gloves
- Spanish shawl
- Hat with large feathers and veil
- Formal purse
- Man's night shirt – large
- Man's robe – large
- Man's union suit – large
- Man's pair of garters
- Man's opera cape
- Walking stick
- White bow tie
- Double bed box spring
- Victorian bed cover (off-white)
- Two gas lamps (appearing, not functioning)
- Antique alarm clock (not functioning)
- Cold cream jar
- Man's top hat
- Bed pillow with "God Is Love" embroidered on one side
- Small school bell
- Victorian bassinette
- Indian headdress
- Stuffed animals
- Baby clothes (1900's appearing)
- Antique child's fire wagon (toy) with bell on a string
- Antique tricycle and horn
- Cowboy hat

- Hobby horse
- Baby rattle
- Baby carriage
- Cloth diapers
- New Years Eve party hats and noise-makers
- Woman's "slumber helmet" (look like a "celestial aviatrix")
- Leather razor strop
- Bourbon bottle (empty)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

Tim Miller	1
Hayley Moore	1
Anna Spanjaart	1
Bill Taylor	1
Jack Jackman	3
Greg McCormick	3
Judy Graun	4
Luke Appleton	6
Julia Machado	6
Penny Sabin	6
Jackie Whitlock	6
Tristania Joslin	10
Jason Ferguson	16
Brian Appleton	18
Marie Deveaux	19
Len Whitlock	19
Ainsley Jaciow	21
Blake Jackiow	23
Gloria Skowronski	24
Edie Keck	26
Robin Root	28

Anniversaries

Monte & Debbie Bishop	3
Chris & Tristania Joslin	7
David & Gayle Byers	10
Henry a& Judy Blankenheim	14
Wayne & Anne-Lee Tomczyk	28



FORWARD INTO 2005

The 2004 Annual Report was distributed at the Annual Meeting held January 22nd. Additional copies of this report are available at the church. Thanks to those members of the outgoing 2004 Vestry for their talents, energy, and contributions. The 2005 Vestry met briefly after the meeting. To accommodate new members' schedules the Vestry has changed its meetings to the fourth Tuesday of the month—these dates for November and December will probably be changed as the end of the year approaches. At the next Vestry Meeting on February 22nd, Vestry Liaisons for the various ministries will be decided and a Junior Warden elected. In addition to the routine meeting agenda we are having a welcoming dinner for the new members and have invited The Reverend Canon Jan Smith Wood, Canon Educator for the Diocese of El Camino Real. Jan will be leading discussions on long-range planning and goals. This meeting will probably be the first of several with Jan about where ECA wants to go and how we are going to get there.

A small group supported by the Vestry and Rector met on January 25th. The group is comprised of Susie Ferguson, Mary McPherson, Allan Jones, Ken McCormick, Father Stephen, and me. The main purpose of this group is to help enable, support, and encourage Stephen. This group will meet as needed but at least quarterly. Next meeting is scheduled for March 8th. Vestry will routinely be updated on the activities of the group. After one year Stephen and the Vestry will evaluate the usefulness of this group and act accordingly.

I thank you for the encouragement and support that I have received as I assume the duties of Senior Warden. I am looking forward to this year. I think ECA is at a stage in its growth that choices made this year may have a significant impact upon the future. Please share your visions and concerns for ECA with me and other members of the Vestry.

*Jon Mills
Senior Warden*

PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE

You were put on earth to make a contribution. Any time you use your God-given abilities to help others, you are fulfilling your calling. God wants to use you to make a difference in his world.

If you are not involved in any service or ministry, consider this: Abraham was old, Jacob was insecure, Leah was unattractive, Joseph was abused, Moses stuttered, Gideon was poor, Samson was codependent, Rahab was immoral, David had an affair and all kinds of family problems, Elijah was suicidal, Jonah was reluctant, Naomi was a widow, John the Baptist was eccentric, Peter was impulsive and hot-tempered, Martha worried a lot, the Samaritan woman had several failed marriages, Zacchaeus was unpopular, Thomas had doubts, Paul had poor health, Timothy was timid. God used this variety of misfits in his service. He will use you too, if you let him.

From *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren



LADIES LUNCHEONS

The following luncheons are planned with places to visit, shop, etc. There will be a sign-up each month in Fellowship Hall for each lunch. Guests are welcome.

If the lunch/event is out of the San Jose area, travel time will be around an hour.

Reservations will not be made until the sign-ups, so there may be changes if the restaurant cannot accommodate the group.

If there are restaurants or places you are interested in attending, let me know and I'll incorporate them into the schedule.

February 17 – Sonoma Chicken Coop in Campbell – meet at 11:00 am at church to carpool. Downtown Campbell has shopping on the main street for those who have the time.

March 17 - Scharffen Berger Chocolate Factory in Berkeley – a one hour tour and lunch at a restaurant close by the factory – meet at church to carpool at 9:30 am.

April 21 – Aqui Restaurant in Willow Glen – meet at 11:00 am at church to carpool. The main street in Willow Glen has shopping for those who have time.

May 19 – Allied Arts in Menlo Park – lunch and shopping – meet at church at 9:30 to carpool.

June 16 – Hawgs Seafood Restaurant downtown San Jose – meet at 11 am at church to carpool or take the light rail. After lunch, the Quilt Museum is close by for those interested.

July 21 – The Slanted Door Restaurant in the Ferry Building, San Francisco – meet at 9:00 am to carpool. There are shops to browse in the building.

August 18 - Santana Row – Straits Restaurant – meet at church at 11:00 am to carpool. Shopping for those who have time.

September 15 – Bahama Billy's Restaurant in Carmel Valley at the Barnyard shopping area. Meet at church at 9:30 am to carpool.

October 20 – Los Gatos, restaurant will be announced.

November 17 – Stanford shopping center. Restaurant will be selected that month.

December 15 - TBA

Amy Griffith

MEN'S BREAKFAST

An Invitation from AVUCC Men's Fellowship-

Join us March 5th for a super breakfast prepared by gourmet chefs and a very informative talk by Thomas C. Rose, D.D.S., M.S. on "The Latest in Permanent Tooth Replacement with Dental Implants" After this very informative talk none of us will ever have to gum our food to death.



MUSIC NOTES

The **Joint Venture Children's Choir** continues to rehearse on Saturday mornings from 10:00-10:45 in the Choir Room. We have 10 enthusiastic singers-learners (Pre-School through grade 4), and welcome more. They did a beautiful job at both 9:00 am AVUCC and 11:00 am ECA services on February 6, Transfiguration Sunday. We are now preparing music for the Easter season, as well as learning scales, singing technique, and popular songs that are no longer taught in the public schools. Joint Venture Churches' Director of Music John Leslie is leading the children temporarily, and is seeking adult volunteers to keep the group going in the future: volunteer directors or accompanists. Please consider this important ministry with our young people.

The **Joint Venture Handbell Choir** (the JV Ringers) continues to rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:45 pm to 6:00 pm. They provided two beautiful musical offerings at both 9:00 am AVUCC and 11:00 am ECA services on February 6th, Transfiguration Sunday. They also had a lovely "brown bag lunch" and field trip to see the feature film "The Phantom of the Opera" because they are preparing a medley from that musical score for a special exchange concert with the Handbell Choir from St. Stephen's in the Fields Episcopal Church. Due to the contemplative nature of Lent, the joyful sounds of the Bell Choir will not be heard in church again until the Easter season.

The **AVUCC Shalom Choir and ECA Adult Choirs** had a great time singing with Earlene P. Davis and JOY on Sunday, February 20th at both 9:00 am AVUCC and 11:00 am ECA services.

They are now preparing combined music for the Joint Venture Maundy Thursday service, March 24th, and for their own Palm Sunday and Easter anthems.

The **Joint Venture Festival Band** will gather soon to prepare instrumental accompaniment for Easter hymns. Any instrumentalists that have not yet played in this group are invited and encouraged to contact John Leslie (through the church office) to let him know of their interest and availability to play with this group.

The **AVUCC flute quartet** is preparing a special arrangement of "Amazing Grace" to be presented at AVUCC worship on March 6th

"I Do! I Do!" in rehearsal: Gwen Hacker and John Leslie will co-star in this two-person musical comedy about marriage, family, and growing older. The show follows them through 50 years of marriage, beginning with their own marriage, careers, children, their children's marriages, and finally "down-sizing." The popular song "My Cup Runneth Over" was a big hit for Ed Ames. Please see the list of props and costumes we will need, and if you think you have something we might be able to use and borrow, please call John at the church or Gwen at 927-7476. Save Father's Day weekend, and plan to come spend a few hours celebrating life, love, and marriage.

"God so loved the world that God gave God's only begotten Son . . ."

To God be all the glory!

*John Leslie
JV Director of Music*



TACKY LUNCHEON - 2005

Mark your calendars! Tuesday, May 10th, at 11:30 AM!!

This year all proceeds from the Tacky Luncheon and Fashion Show will go to Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) at West Valley College. Director of EOPS, Nancy Romer describes what EOPS does:

EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs and Services) was legislated into being in 1969 by Senator Alfred Alquist who wrote the bill.. It is a California state funded program operating on all 109 community college campuses in the state. There are strict mandated guidelines which all programs must use to determine student eligibility and to provide support services to students. Program eligibility is based on income and educational disadvantage.

West Valley College EOPS provides services for 350 +/- students each semester. The students' ages range between 17 and 79. We have many single parents. Students come from many different ethnic backgrounds (Persian, Vietnamese, Hispanic, Chinese, African American, Russian, Bosnian, Caucasian to name a few). They are the poorest of the poor with incredible barriers that frequently stand in the way of their academic success. However, for the most part, our students are focused academically and appreciate the extra help we give them to be successful. The support we provide includes intensive academic, personal and career counseling, funds to help purchase books, transportation help in the form of bus passes or gas cards, small grants, helpful life experience workshops, food coupons, extensive referral help to find housing and child care, fee waivers for college applications, a computer/ homework lab and a family-like atmosphere in our office.

We know that our students come to campus hungry. Some of the funds from the wonderful "Tacky Luncheon" will purchase food coupons for our students to buy meals on campus. In addition, the funds will give the EOPS staff the flexibility to help students with extreme emergencies when they arise. Right now we know that we have several homeless students. Your donation will help us assist them. Recently, a student needed bus fare to travel to her dying mother's side. (Our staff donated for this from our pockets.) So as you can see, the funds you raise will go directly to students in need - students who want to succeed but just need some extra help to get there.

I am passionate about the work we do in EOPS. As a program, we truly have the opportunity to make a difference in these students' lives. I am always reminded about the story of the young boy walking along a beach which is filled with sea stars. One at a time, he throws them back into the ocean to save their lives. A man asks why he is doing this when there are so many. The young boy's remark is that it makes a difference to the one going into the water as they talked. EOPS is making a difference one student at a time.

Nancy Romer



SPRING CLEANING SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND

To raise funds for their Mission Trip, the Senior High Youth Group will be sponsoring a Flea Market on Saturday, April 2nd, from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Beginning Sunday, March 6th, spaces in the church parking lot will be available for sale at coffee hour for \$20 if you'd like to sell your own treasures. Or you can donate your items that need a new home to the Youth Group, which will be accepting donations at the church beginning Monday, March 28th. The Youth Group will also be sponsoring a bake sale at the Flea Market, so donations of baked goodies are welcome. And of course, come shop - you never know what bargains you'll find! Contact Kelli Casale at 408-225-8957 e-mail at kelli.casale@ci.mtnview.ca.us, or Elizabeth Ward at 408-997-9806 e-mail at elizabeth_ward@agilent.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

Kelli Casale & Elizabeth Ward

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BENEFICIO COFFEE

Effective March 1, 2005 the cost per bag of Beneficio Coffee will increase by 75 cents to \$6.25. Several factors led to the increase. Primarily, coffee yields are down, causing prices to fluctuate, and transportation and shipping costs have risen significantly. In order to enable Beneficio to continue its mission of giving back to the farming communities in Costa Rica and the customers' organizations for outreach and giving opportunities, the increase was found to be necessary.

Beneficio thanks everyone who purchased its coffee and supported its mission during the first seven months of doing business. Every person who purchased the coffee has made a real difference toward helping accomplish the goal of returning 20% of the net profits to the farming communities in Costa Rica and an additional 10% net profit to the UCC "Our Churches' Wider Mission" Funds (OCWM). It is anticipated that at least \$5,000 will be able to be given to "Costa Rica" and \$2,500 to OCWM at the end of the first fiscal year in June 2005.

Please contact Phyllis Chai at 408-226-7150 or via e-mail, hidong@pacbell.net, to order "Beneficio". Thank You!

Phyllis Chai



PANCAKE DINNER A SUCCESS!

The pancake dinner was a success. Our youth decorated with Mardi Gras colors, and they did a great job cooking and serving the delicious dinner. Thank you to Mary McPherson for overseeing this event, to Amy Griffith for doing the shopping, Robin and Terry Root for clean up, and to everyone who attended.

By the time you get this issue, will have had a guest speaker from the Almaden Valley Youth

Counseling Center talk to us about coping skills for teens. Stay tuned for next month's issue to hear all about it.

See you when I get back from my cruise!

Katie McCormick

-RESTAURANT NIGHT- SUPPORT THE SHYGS MISSION TRIP!!

Where: Chevy's restaurant

When: Wednesday, March 23, 2005
5:00- 9:00 pm

What: Come have dinner at Chevy's – or get it "to go" – and present the fundraising coupon available on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Twenty percent (20%!) of your charge will be donated to the senior high youth group to support them as they head to Montana to build houses for the elderly this summer!

Stay tuned for next month, when we head out for barbecue at Armadillo Willy's!

Thank you for your continuing support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We will be forming our committee to plan our Vacation Bible School by the end of February. The curriculum follows the crew and stations format that we used last summer and the theme is a Jerusalem market place. We need to plan the flow of the stations and decorations for VBS. If you are interested in helping, please contact me at mac6558@comcast.net or 408-838-6143.

The Coming of Age ceremony will take place on March 6th for all 5th graders. There will be prayers and songs during this service where they will receive their own bible. Please contact me at my email address if your fifth grader will be present for that ceremony.

Our Sunday School teacher potluck dinner is coming up on February 26th at 6:00 at my home. Everyone who taught and their guest is invited.

Katie McCormick



YOUTH GROUP

SHYGS MISSION TRIP - LIVING INSIDE OUT

You've all been hearing us talk about the mission trip fifteen of our senior high teens will attend at the end of June. Many of you have asked for more details about what this trip entails, so I thought I'd share information we've received from the company that facilitates these work camps all over the United States. Our work camp is in Polson, Montana where more than 300 teens from different denominations will work to serve that community by using their hands. The theme of this year's Work Camp is 'Living Inside Out'. At camp we'll be learning about the Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23). As God changes us on the inside, we display these fruits on the outside –which is what *Living Inside Out* is all about.

The teens will experience the thrill of accomplishment through hands-on home repair. Workcampers of varying skill levels will blend talents to paint, repair drywall, build porches and wheelchair ramps, and more. Each project is designed to be completed during the week, so that the teens experience the satisfaction of a job well done. To make the experience the best it can be, the facilitators, "Group Workcamps", ensure that every worksite is visited, detailed job descriptions written, tool and material needs calculated, and materials delivered to worksites. Skilled troubleshooters will visit the worksite to offer guidance and encouragement.

Some of the elderly, disabled, or disadvantaged people we will serve have to choose between putting food on the table and fixing a leaky roof. They simply can't afford the minor repairs their aging homes need, or they're not physically able to tackle repair projects. The teens will experience firsthand the reward of sharing their Christian faith through their actions and developing new, meaningful friendships with the local residents they serve.

In the evenings we will participate in youth-friendly worship built on an inspiring, faith-boosting program with great music, top-quality videos, games, and challenging presentations. The workcamp staff includes a music leader and program leader. We have received a list of twelve Christian songs that may be sung at camp, so David Mastriana has burned a CD for each SHYG to start listening to the music. Tim Miller and John Leslie will help us to learn these songs so that we have a head start before we get there, which is great.

Safety is a priority at Group Workcamps. All staff are pre-screened with background checks, proper safety equipment is required, safety videos educate participants on worksite safety, safety guidelines are published for volunteers, tailgate safety checks are conducted at each worksite, and every work team of 5 or 6 includes at least one adult. We will conduct three training sessions between now and the time we leave: Safety, skills, and sensitivity to cultural differences (our elderly group Native American, and we will work with teens from other states). Ellen Lukanc is coordinating this trip and arranging for all of our extra training sessions.

This should be one of the most meaningful times SHYGS spends together as they experience a healthy balance of Christian service, spiritual growth, and loads of fun! Group reports that more than *94% of campers said they grew closer to God through their Group camp experience*. Our teens will experience a mission of service and love where the "service" is secondary to "spiritual growth". Meaningful worship and devotions help to integrate service with faith, and cement the lessons learned during the week.

We will be staying in a school in Polson, sleeping on classroom floors. The community will come



YOUTH GROUPS ON SLOPES

in to serve breakfast and dinner, and sack lunches will be taken out to the worksite. The adults chaperoning this group June 25-July 2 are Katie McCormick, Terry Root, and Robin Root.

The cost of this program is \$399/person; our flight and van rentals will cost approximately \$300/person. We also will need to pay for our meals on the way there and back, and for any activities we undertake while in Montana. Our fundraising goal for this trip is \$15,000 and we have raised \$5200 of that to date. Whatever charges we are not able to fund through your donations will be passed on to the families of the teens attending. We hope that you prayerfully consider supporting our fundraisers, and if you are so moved, contribute to our fund. If you cannot support us financially, we are asking for fifteen prayer partners for each of our fifteen teens. We currently have four volunteers for this ministry from both congregations. Our hope is for better support in this area, so if you feel that this is something you can do, please contact me and I will give you the name of a teen you can support as they prepare and attend this event.

If anyone would like more information about our mission trip this summer, please feel free to ask! You can also read about Group Workcamps at <http://www.groupworkcamps.com/2005>.

Robin Root

Twenty-nine energetic youth spent the first weekend in February on the slopes at Dodge Ridge. Cabins at MiWuk and Long Barn provided rather plush accommodations relative to last year. Saturday was a spectacular sunny day on the mountain. Snow conditions were a little crusty in the shade and slushy in the overly sunny spots—but there were good skiing and boarding runs to be found. Lunch on Saturday included grilled hamburgers and hot dogs and even birthday cake. Before returning to the slopes there were the building of the snow forts and the obligatory snow ball fights. After a good day on the mountain everyone's hunger was satisfied at dinner with a main course of Chicken Tetrazzini at the cabin in Long Barn. That night SHYGs entertained themselves with a lively game of charades. After an hour and a half the underclassmen won it on: George W. Bush—which was not deciphered by the upperclassmen. Back at MiWuk the Junior High spent the evening immersed in Nickelodeon and video games. Sunday was mostly overcast, which made the snow conditions better, but made visibility and temperatures much lower. At the end of another fun but tiring day, most traveled home listening to the Super Bowl and wondering with the clock winding down why the Eagles wasted so much time in their final scoring drive. Thanks to those brave adults that accompanied the youth. You all displayed the patience and effort that these trips always require. Plans are already underway for the 2006 trip, although I am torn between missing the Super Bowl again or making great time when driving back to SJ like we did this year.

*Jon Mills
football fan and avid skier*



ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS

BRUBECK INSTITUTE SEXTET - MARCH 5TH

The Brubeck Institute Sextet performs in concert on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Almaden Adventures in the Arts concert series at Joint Venture Churches of Almaden.

Chosen from a pool of high school musicians of staggering abilities, the Brubeck Institute Sextet is a talented cross section of the top 18 to 19 year-old players from across the country. These young artists are part of a small and exclusive group who possess a love for jazz and an understanding of and dedication to the art form that belies their years.

They are the future of music, and through the Brubeck Institute and its outreach programs they will pass on their deep appreciation to other young people, helping to develop and ensure a future for music.

The 2004-2005 Fellows of the Brubeck Institute Jazz Sextet are Shawn McGinty from Missouri City, Texas on trumpet; Dominic Thiroux of Chatsworth, California on bass; Hayden Hawkins of Houston, Texas on drums; and Joshua Gallagher of Eau Claire, Wisconsin on piano. Returning for their second year is Scott McGinty of Missouri City, Texas on tenor saxophone and Mark Zaleski of Boylston, Massachusetts on alto saxophone, who has performed with Joint Venture Churches Music Director John Leslie.

Located just east of San Francisco on the campus of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, the Brubeck Institute is a living archive — a unique place and experience where jazz and contemporary music are studied, performed, composed, improvised, and brought to the world. Although for everyone, the Institute focuses on young people, developing artists and

audiences for the future, enriching lives in the process.

University of the Pacific alumni Dave and wife of 60 years Lola Brubeck (class of 1942) established the Institute in conjunction with University of the Pacific in 2000 to preserve, promote, and pass on jazz's rich legacy to future generations. A rare combination of formal and informal, university and street, artist and audience, the Institute is the realization of Dave and Lola's lifelong devotion to music, education, and humanity, created to nourish tomorrow's players and listeners for years to come.

The mission of the Institute is to build upon Dave Brubeck's legacy—quintessentially American in origin, international in scope, and unique in its breadth. Its philosophy regarding musical styles is one of inclusivity, reflecting the exploratory spirit and social values of the Institute's namesake, involving jazz, contemporary classical music, and interdisciplinary education in a variety of subject areas such as ethnic studies, philosophy, and sociology. At the heart of it all is a leaven of the humanities, civil rights, and social justice – values for which Dave Brubeck, now 84, has dedicated his life.

The Brubeck Institute Sextet will perform in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$15 advance and will call/\$20 at the door for adults and \$8 advance and will call/\$10 at the door for students with ID. Childcare will be provided. To get on the will call list or for more information, please call the church office at 408-268-0243.