



The Shape

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

NEWS FROM THE FRONT

By now the bulk of the Spring Fling gatherings are over, and, hopefully, the final few are being scheduled. It was a monumental task calling everyone, ascertaining their availability, lining up hosts, hostesses and co-coordinators, and finally, scheduling people for the dinners (lunch, brunch, coffee, or whatever) By and large the feedback I have had so far has been overwhelmingly positive. The gatherings were a great chance to socialize and to get to know some people you might not know, as well as to secure your understanding as to where God is calling ECA to be in the future. Before I return to this last point I want to thank, Mary McPherson, Debbie Bishop, Kim Petruzzelli, Inge Bond, Kathy Dunham, Hans Spanjaart, Jerry and Susie Ferguson, and Jon Mills for working so hard to put these events on. All worked tirelessly especially Mary McPherson. The next time you see them in church please say thank you to them for all they have done for us. The principal reason for having these dinners is so you can chart the course of this church. I believe that the movement of the Holy Spirit is best discerned in community and the Spring Fling was the best way we could call the community together so that everyone has a voice. I was greatly impressed by the thoughtfulness of the comments at the dinner Ellie and I hosted. What we are going to do now is to take and read these comments and then to pray about them. I believe that there is a constant tendency to try to rush things by formulating an immediate plan. It is much more difficult to wait for the Spirit to lead us into wisdom and knowledge. Hopefully, we will have the courage to wait and have a clearer picture and plan in the near future.

Our secretarial hunt continues. We were overwhelmed by the number of responses we have had. I put one

ad on Craigslist and we received over 100 resumes. Plowing through them prayerfully has been difficult but rewarding. We have narrowed the list to 11 potential candidates and when everyone has had a time to review them, we will begin interviewing. So far we have been able to keep up with most things through the use of faithful volunteers like Mary Leal, Kim Petruzzelli, Pat McGarvin, and Caroline Crowley as well as our usual Shape and Kalos volunteers. Hopefully we will have someone on board soon.

By now most of you will have heard that the AVUCC Council voted not to renew the contract of the Tabard Theatre Group for another year but to allow them one production in the fall to give them time to secure a new location. Quite frankly, I am disappointed in the decision. I believe that allowing Tabard to use our space was one of the ways we had to give back to the community. The performances were first rate and a number of people from the larger community came through our doors who would never have come here otherwise. Of course, this does not translate directly into growth, but much of evangelism is simply sowing seeds. We will see if there is some negotiating room, but failing that, when there is a major decision to be made in a marriage and one party says no, the answer has to be no. I am grateful that Tabard was here and I am grateful for the wonderful productions they put on. I for one will miss them greatly.

Salaam,
Stephen +



A WORD FROM THE EDITOR



Southwest's Rapid Rewards program is a lovely thing. All you have to do is fly 8 round trips anywhere in the country and you get a free flight coupon that you can use for one round trip free with no blackout dates and no restrictions. You can even take your coupon to the airport and just

hop on a plane that day if you wish (if they have a free seat of course). With all the traveling I have been doing this year I have slowly been turning into a brand devotee and a travel awards collector. My new policy in regards to travel is: I will go only if Southwest can fly me there, Thrifty is there to rent me a car, and Starwood has a hotel in the vicinity. Of course, this approach does have its limitations. There are some areas of the country in which I end up commuting 20-30 miles each way to the office from the hotel, just to stay at a Starwood hotel. If that wasn't quote insane enough, everyone has some sort of special. Starwood will occasionally give you a few thousand bonus points if you stay in a Westin three times in one month or in a Four Points twice in the same week. Consequently I will have periods in which I "bank" trips that I need to make, so that I can make them during times when these specials are run. Or, in one trip, I'll check in and out of the hotel every day and deal with living out of a rental car to get the extra points. With Southwest, they will occasionally give you bonus points for buying your tickets online and not changing your reservation. Southwest's latest gimic for more points is to download and install "Ding." Ding is a Windows application that annoys the daylight out of you all day by downloading the Southwest special of the hour and literally dinging like an airplane when there is a new special (you know how they do, ding, buckle your seatbelt, ding, it's time to turn off the lights, ding, the airplane falling out of the sky...) One day last month, it dinged at me, and, as always I clicked on the special to see what special fares were offered. I found a round trip to Austin from SJC for \$180 per person and I snapped two tickets up to go see my mom for her birthday. Unfortunately the fates were conspiring against me, Rob and I both managed to miss the flight (this was in spite of a crazy taxi driver breaking all known speed laws trying to get me from SJC to home and back again in 25 minutes so I could get my wallet that I had forgotten). A word to the wise: If you are booking a realllly cheap fare, read the fine print. My fabulous fare ended up costing me over \$875 after all was said and done. Apparently the fine print says that if you make any changes to the itinerary, that the whole thing then must be re-booked at current rates, which was of course for us \$399 each way to fly out that day... So much for points and cheap fares.

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THE QUEEN HAS JAMES, BUT ECA HAS INGE

I am Inge Bond, one of the new members of the vestry (and yes, Jon, I am also the youngest member). Technically speaking I have been a member of ECA for 16 years, but I confess that we've had some "patchy" periods of attendance during that time. We have turned the tide, though, and our family moved to the Almaden Valley last month, in no small part because we wanted to be closer to church and to the friends we are making there.

I am married to the charming Bryan and we have three sons: Brad (15), Marc (12), and Will (9).

Bryan and I were married at ECA by Nolan in April 1989. Shortly after our first son Brad was born, we joined up with the newly forming "Lost Age Group," a fellowship group for members of congregation older than "youth" but not yet settled into adult life. Several members of that group continue to meet monthly to this day, among them Leigh Ann (Harwood) Vriend, Cheryl (Strandberg) Brown, Jean (Boileau) Cassetta, Natalie Mena, and Stephanie (Keck) Little.

My daily grind is similar to many in the valley – take one of the kids to school, go to my job as a project manager/researcher at Stanford, come home and supervise homework, then shuttle children to any of the ten soccer practices or games they have each week. I would love to find someone at ECA with whom to set up a books-on-tape swap for all the drive time!

I don't mind the amount of time I spend at the soccer field – soccer is my passion (along with reading, cooking, and dogs). Regretfully (albeit realistically), I resigned my job as a soccer journalist a few months ago, but for several years I had the privilege of covering local and national

soccer matches for American Soccer News, as well as the World Cup for ESPN.com.

I was baptized at St. Andrew's in Saratoga, mostly because it was the "right" church for my up-and-coming parents at that time. I found the familiarity of the weekly rites to be very comforting.

Years later I love the way that ECA offers warmth along with that tradition, as well as a sense of humanity and humility. Most of all I love the way ECA has embraced the youth in the congregation and has connected them with members of all ages. I hurt my back the day before our move, and the next day, after one phone call to Robin, found myself overseeing (and appreciating!) a moving crew that included both a 14-year-old and a retiree and friends of several generations in-between, and all of whom were comfortable together. What a gift for all of our different life-stage groups to form this larger community! I accepted the call to be on the vestry because I want to do what I can to further that inclusive sense at ECA. I want the middle-schoolers to feel comfortable talking to the seniors, the empty-nesters to take joy in all the youth (and take joy in the fact that they are done with their own), and all the generations to feel part of a whole in community and in worship. We can learn from each other at every age.

My mission for my service on the vestry is simple: I hope that I can help ECA and its parishioners to truly "love and serve the Lord with gladness and singleness of heart."

This is the third in a series of articles to introduce new 2005 Vestry members.

BISHOP CREIGHTON ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

April 7, 2005

Dear Partners in Christ,

May the Risen Jesus visit you this Eastertide with hope and peace.

I am writing this brief letter for all in the Diocese to know that I met with the Standing Committee on April 7, 2005 to ask for an orderly transition leading to the election and consecration of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania.

In recent months Betty and I have been discussing and praying about our future and when we should move into the next phase of our life, professionally and personally. I sought the counsel of Bishop Matthews who oversees episcopal election processes for the Presiding Bishop. He said the transition process takes 18 months. I realized that by the time a new Diocesan Bishop is elected and consecrated it will be the fall of 2006, and I will be 66 and entering my 12th year among you. So, I plan to retire as your Diocesan Bishop upon the consecration of our next Diocesan Bishop which I anticipate happening by November 2006.

I have also consulted with the Rev. Fred Miller, President of the Standing Committee. He and the Standing Committee are beginning to organize and work closely with the good guidance of Bishop Matthews.

Please know that this transition is initiated after much prayer time with our Lord. I ask for your prayers and participation in the shaping of our mission of loving and serving in the name of our Lord in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania as the future unfolds.

It is an immense and humbling honor to serve Christ as your Bishop. This is a fabulous diocese with a goodly fellowship and an enduring sense

of mission. How very much I have appreciated the support and encouragement of Bishop Charlie and Alice McNutt, and the wonderful leadership of all my predecessors. Yes, it is a challenge for me to write this letter because there is so much more I want to do to build up the Body of Christ in Central Pennsylvania. Yet, our time zips by so much faster than any of us can imagine. Please know that I will devote myself – mind, body and soul – to my ministry among you during the next 18 months.

As we begin this transition may Christ guide, strengthen and cheer us.

Yours in Christ,

Michael W. Creighton

Bishop





SPRING FLING UPDATE

Our May dinners and brunches have been a wonderful gift of fellowship. By the first weekend in June, more than 150 ECA members will have shared a meal with friends, and discussed "what in God's name is going on at ECA". Many, many thanks are extended to all those who opened up their homes and hosted the meals. Many thanks go to those who attended as well. We have tried to include everyone, but due to scheduling difficulties, illness, and communication problems, we haven't reached everyone.

Because we would like to include input from everyone, we are scheduling one last blast. On June 12 (Folk Sunday), we will have a barbeque after church. Everyone's invited. We will have the flip charts posted around the fellowship hall from each of the meals for you to peruse. Those who haven't attended a meal yet, this is your chance to use your dots to give us your input. (Dots and stars are used to add emphasis on the charts. Spend them wisely!)

Mary, Kim, Susie, Debbie, Jon, Stephen, Kathy, Inge, & Sandie

JV BOARD UPDATE

- UCC Council has decided to deny Tabard's request for contract renewal for use of our property.
- A color laser printer has been bought for the office.
- A PC has been donated for use with the PC projector and both are in Pastor Paul's custodial care.
- The search for a replacement Administrative Assistant has progressed to the preinterview stage.

George Romer



IT'S BBQ TIME! JUNE 12

Join us for our first fellowship BBQ of the summer. Stick around after the Folk Service for hamburgers and hotdogs on the patio.

Thank you Dave Byers and Warren Willard for getting the summer BBQ's rolling. These guys could use more help keeping the supplies stocked and the barbecue grilling. If you are a manly man or a woman who can figure out how to start the grill, please offer Dave and Warren your assistance with this ministry (yes, it's a ministry).

Kim Petruzzelli

SJ GIANTS FIREWORKS

There are fireworks in your future so mark your calendar for Saturday, July 2 and Sunday, July 3 (not sure which night yet). Todd Lukanc has graciously volunteered to organize another ECA goes the ballgame event. This is a fun evening out for the family that includes fireworks after the baseball game. The San Jose Giants will be playing the Modesto Bees, but the game is always secondary to the hotdogs, sodas and fellowship.

Watch for a sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall, and more information on the website and your Sunday bulletins.

Play ball!



MUSIC NOTES

YOU ARE INVITED TO . . . THE WEDDING OF THE YEAR!!!

Come leisurely 15-20 minutes ahead of time (as you would for a proper wedding). Please feel free to wear what you would wear to attend a wedding (but, ladies, please be willing to remove your hats during the ceremony!). Bring your invitation with you, check in with the bride's attendants (Jenny Hoyt and Katie McCormick-ECA), be seated by the groomsmen (Byron Henderson-AVUCC and Ken McCormick and Todd Axtell-ECA), and listen to some beautiful pre-wedding organ music played by Joanne Specht (AVUCC) and Schubert's "Ave Maria" sung by Betty Consorte (ECA). Please feel free to wear what you would wear to attend a wedding.

Gwen Hacker (Agnes) and John Leslie (Michael) will play a young couple getting married at the beginning of the show. The musical play features the popular love song "My Cup Runneth Over" and follows the young couple through child birth, child-rearing, job success, the daughter's wedding, growing older and retirement.

Tickets for "I Do! I Do!" are now on sale Sunday mornings following worship services. All seats are \$10.00, and all tickets must be purchased in advance. No tickets will be available at the performances. Performances are Friday, June 17 at 7:30pm, and Saturday, June 18 at 1:30pm and at 7:30pm. All those attending the Saturday afternoon performance will be welcomed to Agnes and Michael's 50th Wedding Anniversary party, to be held in Fellowship Hall. We will also recognize all those who have been married 50 or more years.

This will be a great way to celebrate the month of June: weddings, anniversaries and Father's Day. Purchase your tickets in person following worship services, or E-mail John Leslie at music@jointventurechurches.org with your ticket request. It is also an opportunity to raise some needed "start-up" funds for our summer production of 'Fiddler on the Roof.'

SUMMER MUSICAL . . . FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Last year we presented a spirited production of "South Pacific," and this summer we hope to do the same with a production of "Fiddler on the Roof," starring Byron Henderson (AVUCC) as Tevye and Fr. Stephen Mills (ECA) will play the role of the Rabbi. Other cast members to date include from ECA: Taylor Wing as Motel the tailor, Julia Machado as Chava, and from AVUCC: Marilyn Graham as Golde, Sandy Baldwin as Yente, Betsy Dingman as Hodel, Karen Click and Claire Henderson as Sprintze and Bielke, with Bart Smith as Lazar Wolf.

This show presents a man who has a GREAT faith in God (as well as great dialogues with God!), and looks at the subject of religious and ethnic prejudice, as well as love and marriage.

All AVUCC and ECA members of ALL AGES are urged to participate in the chorus of this summer's show, singing its great songs: "Sunrise Sunset," "Tradition" and "Sabbath Prayer" and many men are needed to join us to raise a glass and drink to the health and prosperity of the marriage of Tevye's eldest daughter (it's a tough job, but someone's got to do it...how about you??). Please sign up on the Music Bulletin Board outside the Music-Christian Education Office. L'chaim!

SUMMER SINGING GROUP

As we did last summer, we will meet on Thursday nights, beginning in July, to share fellowship, prayer, refreshments and new songs. Each week is hosted by a different family. More information in the next issue of The Shape.





LADIES LUNCHON

- Thursday, June 16th
- Meet at church at 11 am to carpool
- Hawgs Seafood Restaurant, downtown San Jose sign-up in the Fellowship Hall, guests welcome!

Amy Griffith

BELONGING TO A CHURCH

Following Christ includes belonging to a church, not just believing in God. The Bible knows nothing of solitary saints, or spiritual hermits isolated from other believers and deprived of fellowship. Over 50 times in the New Testament the phrase "one another" or "each other" is used. We are commanded to *love* each other, *pray* for each other, *encourage* each other, *admonish* each other, *greet* each other, *serve* each other, *teach* each other, *accept* each other, *honor* each other, *bear each other's burdens*, *forgive* each other, *submit* to each other, and many other mutual tasks. These are our family responsibilities that God expects you to fulfill through local fellowship.

It may seem easier to be holy when no one else is around to frustrate your preferences, but that is a false, untested holiness. It is easy to fool ourselves into thinking we are mature if there is no one to challenge us. Real maturity shows up in relationships.

The Christian life is more than just a commitment to Christ; it includes a commitment to other Christians.

From *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren

Mary McPherson

TALENT SHOW

Our July Talent Show on Friday, July 8th is open to both ECA and AVUCC members. If you have a talent you would like to share with the community, please give John Leslie a call at the church to let him know. All acts are welcome, and we will have a special portion of the evening called "Stagedoor Canteen," celebrating the music of World War II. Our January Talent Show was a wonderful event, featuring performers of all generations, and it was VERY well-attended. Free-will offerings are applied to the expenses of our summer show.

John Leslie

ECA MEN'S CLUB

- The men gather every Thursday at 8:00 am at Denny's on Blossom Hill Road for breakfast and fellowship for an hour. All men are encouraged to join us.
- On May 19 after breakfast, 6 men (4 from ECA, 1 from UCC, 1 other) carpooled and braved the drizzle to Moffett Field in Mountain View to tour restored World War II B17 and B24 bombers which are on a national tour from the Collings Foundation Wings of Freedom 2005 collection of vintage warplanes [see more at —>(<http://www.cfdn.org/menu.htm>)]. After thoroughly enjoying crawling through these two magnificent specimens and listening to WWII veteran flyers talk about their experiences in them, we went to the NASA Visitors Center. We viewed a wonderful film presentation of earth mapping, Mars Explorer simulation, and intergalactic travel which was created from mapping to various telescopic and instrumental observations. More can be seen by going to <http://www.researchpark.arc.nasa.gov/> For an experience similar to our earthmapping presentation try the following 7 day free trial from Google/ Keyhole <http://www.keyhole.com/body.php?h=downloadKeyhole>

George Romer



YOUTH GROUP

SHYGS MISSION TRIP

Our church family is fabulous! As of our last fundraiser in April SHYGS has met their fundraising goal to go on the mission trip and was able to keep each family's share of the cost for 8 days travel and work to \$375. As a group we wish to thank all of you who hired a servant, participated in our flea market or car wash, bought wreaths and entertainment books and made donations of both cash, time and money to this wonderful group of high schoolers. Even though we have 4 members of our team who are unable to attend the trip with us it's been heartening to have them working alongside their fellow SHYGS to assist in the fundraising.

Most recently we'd like to thank Liz and Ed Criner and Robb and Gayle Moore for hiring our teens to work with the caterers at their wedding receptions. I think we've got a team that now has enough experience to hire out into the community! Thank you for putting these special days in our hands. We also want to acknowledge Jan and Al Day for their recent donation to our fund, and Ellen Lukanc, Sharon Mills, Katie McCormick and Connie Rimroth for working at an event Jean Cassetta was organizing and donated the check for their services. Ron Howie recently donated 17 sets of safety goggles and 17 4 way screwdrivers to the team-thanks Ron!

Last, but not least, Ellen Lukanc has been in charge of keeping all the deadlines, trainings and loose ends together to make sure we are in great shape to board a plane on June 25th. Thank you Ellen for your dedication to SHYGS!

Please come, if you can, to church on Father's Day, June 19th when we have a special blessing for the teens before they leave. It will be wonderful to have a large group give them their well-wishes. If anyone would like to help Amy Griffith she is planning a welcome home dinner for the teens and their parents for the evening of July 3. Please contact her if you would like to help.

Robin Root

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The Jerusalem marketplace VBS will take place August 8-12 this year. Registration is open to 4 year olds through 5th graders. Volunteer opportunities are available for Junior High and Senior High. I need adults for the creative process now through Aug and adults to work in the marketplace shops during the week. Sign up sheets are on the hallway bulletin board.

Katie McCormick

SHYGS UPDATES

We had a busy May continuing to prepare for our Mission Trip and having meetings to practice our bible skills and singing skills! Thank you Kyle Dando, John Leslie and Tim Miller for helping lead these events.

SHYGS was honored at West Valley College when the EOPS program run by Nancy Romer had a dinner on May 13th honoring their students and our group was invited to participate. Thank you to Taylor Mills and Greg Lukanc for representing the group and receiving the plaque of recognition for our support this past year of the EOP students. Our coat drive, toiletries distribution and holiday food and shopping all went to support West Valley students in need. Thank you too to Sharon Mills for getting the teens to the dinner and to Nancy for inviting us!

Next Events:

- June 5-Regular Meeting-Be there early at 4:30 to pack tools for the trip!
- June 12-Regular Meeting-6:00-8:30
- June 19-Be in church at 11:00 for the blessing before our mission trip
- June 25-We leave for the trip!!!!

Robin Root



LAY READING AT ECA

I would like to thank all of the lay readers who contribute to our worship services by reading the appointed lessons, leading the congregation in prayer and bearing the chalice at communion. These volunteers give of their own time and adjust their busy schedules to share their talents with us. This ministry is always open to anyone who would be interested in participating.

Mary Leal, Brenda McHenry, Robb Moore, George Romer and Joan Wagner have all assisted in the early service. Sometimes at the early service they have assisted Fr. Stephen by also serving as an acolyte. Sandie Mueller generally handles acolyte duties and she brings a rich energy to our early service. We are grateful for the time she has given.

Kimberly Axtell, Jenny Hoyt, Gary Keck, Francie Kerr Frank May, Matt Mena and Jacqueline Rousseau share their reading talents at the late service. I thank all of you for taking valuable time from your busy lives to enhance our worship services with your talents. We are very happy to welcome back Russ Petruzzelli as a lay reader for the late service.

ECA now has a completed revised and Illustrated Lay Readers Guide. In addition, it contains a section on "Effective Public Speaking and Reading Techniques". In this section are basic tips that can help anyone be a more effective presenter. I have incorporated in it speaking techniques taught by Dr. Moatt, a former speech teacher at San Jose State University, and Gaye Brascher, an award winning Speech and Debate teacher. If you have a presentation or speech to make for a meeting at work, for a class at school or for a club or an organization, here are some good tips that will help you make a more effective presentation. The Illustrated Lay

Readers Guide will soon be available on our church web site, www.eca-sj.org.

Many people put their energy in to making the Lay Readers Guide a reality. Brenda McHenry, Jenny Hoyt, George Romer, and Francie Kerr proof read the manuscript and checked both text and illustrations for understanding. Also Craig Stephan donated his time and his expertise to check for agreement and syntax. (I didn't know there was a tax on that, but we won't get into the politics in an effort to keep church and state separate).

Kim Petruzzelli is doing an absolutely fantastic job of setting up the Lay Readers Guide on our web site. There are references in it to our Book of Common Prayer and the Bible. When you click on any of these references in the text, it will bring up that particular reading on your screen. This adds a whole new dimension to the Lay Readers Guide.

In years past, the diocese held annual workshops for lay readers where they would address these issues and train new lay readers. These workshops are no longer held, but now, any church that is training a new lay reader can come to our web site and download any portions of Illustrated Lay Readers Guide that are pertinent to them.

We are very fortunate to have Kim Petruzzelli bring her many talents to our church activities and to build our web site. She has made our website a powerful testimony to the rich tapestry that is ECA. Thank you, Kim, for all you do.

Dennis Moran



EVENTS

I Do! I Do! COMING SOON... DO YOU?

John Leslie, Joint Venture Music Director, is playing the lead role of Michael in an upcoming presentation of the two-character musical comedy "I Do! I Do!" Gwen Hacker has also been cast, and will portray Michael's fiancée-wife Agnes. John moved here to the San Jose area from central Massachusetts only two years ago in order to take the position of Joint Venture's Music Director and Organist. He also has a private music studio where he teaches both piano and voice. He has performed extensively on the East Coast, and some of his most noteworthy roles have been: Scrooge in "Scrooge, the Musical!" the Narrator in "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," Sancho Panza in "Man of La Mancha," Charlie in "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," and Mr. Snow in "Carousel." This is John's first on-stage performance on the West Coast, although he has provided music direction and accompaniment locally for Tabard Theatre's "Gifts of the Magi" and most recently "The Taffetas." Gwen can most recently be remembered as Nellie Forbush in JV Church's production of "South Pacific" last summer. Gwen has sung with the choirs of both churches and also participates in the ECA Folk Choir, and was previously the Director of the Junior Choirs. Gwen has learned a new skill for "I Do! I Do!": playing the violin, and John is also learning to play a little bit on the alto saxophone...you surely don't want to miss that!!!

Orchestra members include Roger Hoyt, Terry Shoup and Tom Eschenfelder in the rhythm section, with Debbie Bemis, Bob Thomas and Ann Mayers on woodwinds.

Others in the cast include Best Man Byron Henderson and Matron of Honor Jenny Hoyt, with other "wedding attendants," Katie and Ken McCormick and Todd Axtell. Special pre-performance music will be provided by Joanne

Specht at the JV Phoenix Organ, and Betty Consorte singing Schubert's "Ave Maria."

"I Do! I Do!" has book and lyrics by Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt, the same team that created the longest-running Off-Broadway Musical, "The Fantasticks." "I Do! I Do!" is a charming story of Michael and Agnes, which begins on their wedding day, and sees them through fifty years of marriage, and includes the ever-popular song "My Cup Runneth Over." You are sure to remember all the same joys and trials from your own years of wedded "bliss."

Come, join us and celebrate the month of June: Weddings, Anniversaries and Father's Day. The show is being presented in the sanctuary by Music at Joint Venture Churches during the Father's Day weekend with performances on Friday, June 17 at 7:30pm and Saturday, June 18 at 1:30pm and 7:30pm. Tickets are only \$10.00 each, but must be reserved in advance. No tickets will be available for sale on performance days. You may call the Joint Venture Churches office at (408) 268-0243, or E-mail your ticket request to music@jointventurechurches.org.



TACKY LUNCHON 2005

Photos courtesy of Ed Mueller





THANKS!

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Thanks to everyone who joined in to help with the Big Sur camping trip: *Katie McCormick who booked the camp, made the poster, and then was too sick to go camping herself; Hans Spanjaart who took the lead, purchased the breakfast food for Saturday, and made sure everyone knew how to find their way to the campground; Pete Mayo who made sure we had firewood for the smores; Pat McGarvin who taught the urban campers how to pitch their tents; Jon Mills, Russ Petruzzelli and the men who cooked the Saturday breakfast for all (sorry, I wasn't awake early enough to see who they all were); Don Hall who provided slushies for the kids and the adults so we could commune with nature in style; Stephen Mills who drove all the way down to conduct the Saturday Eucharist; and Debbie Bishop who carried back the leftover supplies.*

