



The Shape

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

FROM STEPHEN

We have several fall adult educational opportunities for you. The first one is an adult bible study led by Mary McPherson on Thursday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find more details.

The second educational opportunity is a four week course on Money – that's right money. This course grows out of my own struggle to come to terms with my "money issues". Compared to the rest of the world, I am wealthy beyond measure. I have food on the table every night. I have a roof over my head. I have a house that the bank and I own. I have a small amount of money in the bank. I have Social Security and a pension which I can draw when I reach retirement age. So, why don't I feel wealthy? Why don't I feel blessed? In the Gospels Jesus talks a great deal about money and possessions. In fact, Jesus talks more about money and possessions than he does about prayer. Jesus even sets money in opposition to God when He says "You cannot serve both God and mammon." Our society has an uneasy relationship with money. In a very real sense, money is power. How else can you explain the corporate financial scandals which plague our society? Why are people who are wealthy beyond our wildest dreams engaging in illegal activities to acquire still more money? Why would someone like Martha Stewart risk jail time just to save herself from losing money she really does not now and will never "need"? How much money is "enough"?

I believe that one of the principal callings Jesus has for us and one of the principal hallmarks of the Christian life is generosity. Jesus calls us emphatically to lead generous lives. In order to do so we need to come to terms with our relationship with money. To that end I have scheduled the following sessions:

Monday, September 19th 7:30 p.m. – "What is Money?"

Monday, September 26th 7:30 p.m. – "Know Your Money Life!"

Monday, October 3rd 7:30 p.m. – "Making Peace with Money."

Monday, October 10th 7:30 p.m. – "Balancing Life's Ledger."

All sessions will begin with a brief bible study, view a video and group discussion. This is not an attempt to raise money for the church. You will not be asked to pledge or to give. This is an opportunity for you to grow spiritually in a way that will deepen your commitment to Jesus Christ.

I hope to see you there!

Salaam,
Stephen

A WORD FROM THE EDITOR



Another month, another Shape, and just like old times, this Shape was assembled in the tubular confines of a Boeing 737 winging its way back to San Jose. This month's Shape has some changes that I hope all of our readers will appreciate. In an effort to keep the look fresh, this month the Youth section has a brand new look.

As advance warning, the October edition of the Shape may be a few days late. Rob and I are heading off to Great Britain on vacation next week, so wish us luck with our travel arrangements. Travel arrangements which, by the way, I seem to always manage to mess up. Mind you, I do make 40-50 business trips a year and have done so for the last 5 years, and not once have I ever managed to have a reservation go awry due to my own error. Vacations are a different matter: last year, with my parents, grandmother, and aunt in tow, we arrived back from our cruise to a very busy Ft. Lauderdale and no car rental reservation. I apparently made the reservation for some months earlier.

Fast forward to this year, and it appears that I managed to do exactly the same thing, only with the hotel reservations in Edinburgh. The difference here is that I have managed to identify and correct the error *before* we leave. Last year, the scene was out of a bad movie. We all took the shuttle to the off-site rental car location, where, upon arriving, we discovered, that not only was my reservation for the wrong month, but that there were no cars available at all. After haggling, and begging, they said they had one subcompact available, as if this was a solution for six people and a great deal of luggage. Fortunately I had brought my laptop along with me so I whipped out my cellular modem, and hopped onto the online yellow pages. After about an hour and a half, I had called, quite literally, every single rental car agency in the greater Ft. Lauderdale area and managed to find exactly one available minivan. The bad part was that the place was all the way across town at a Budget Local Edition that closed in 40 minutes and had no pickup service. The hunt for a cab was less than successful, so I had to take the rental car shuttle back to the airport, to get a cab, to go to the other rental car agency where we arrived \$80 poorer but barely on time. The moral to this story is always triple check those pesky reservations... especially if it was me who made them.

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VESTRY BIOGRAPHY

DEBBIE BISHOP 101

Debbie is from Texas, but ya'll know that! What you may not know is that she's the oldest of four girls, and was born and raised in Fort Worth. Monte knew he wanted to marry her a month after they started dating but she made him wait a year. Their oldest daughter, Alex was born a year later. The Bishops decided to seek their fame and fortune in central California but they flew back home long enough so their youngest daughter Bailey could claim Texas as her home state, too.

Although Debbie is a cradle Episcopalian, she and Monte couldn't find an Episcopal church in central California with the same friendly atmosphere they were used to back home. When they moved to the Bay Area in 1993, Debbie told Monte he could choose the church they'd attend as long as it was Episcopalian. She found the addresses of several churches in South San Jose, and they decided to try out each one. The first one on their list was ECA. Off went the sweet, unsuspecting Bishops who, like many other new attendees, were quickly waylaid by Pete Mayo. Naturally they looked no further.

You've probably seen many, many A&B Energy Systems signs around San Jose. A&B stands for Alex and Bailey (the reason Debbie and Monte work). The Bishops own the business, and Debbie handles the bidding and administrative end of it. Each time you see one of the A&B signs it means Monte has replaced the windows

and/or doors in that home or business—and done an excellent job of it!

Saying that Debbie is a busy person doesn't begin to describe what this woman is up to. This is someone who has been a real estate agent, a dental assistant, a substitute teacher, and a restaurant manager. She's currently filling in for a year on our Vestry where she serves as both a Christian Education liaison and a Spiritual Outreach and Evangelism liaison. She's also

been active in Cursillo, Alpha, bible studies, every fundraiser we've ever had, the Almaden Valley Women's Club, and this year she joined the National Charity League. The NCL is a mother-daughter organization and, as their first project, Debbie, Alex and Bailey washed 144 wigs for the American Cancer Society.

If I had to name Debbie's single greatest strength, and she has many, it would have to be her ability to talk anyone into

anything. Her Texas accent probably helps, but her real effectiveness lies in her warmth, enthusiasm, and sincere belief that whatever she's talking you into is the perfect thing for you. So if you get a call from Debbie, relax...you're likely to have fun and it may even be good for you.

Kim Petruzzelli



FELLOWSHIP

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

A useful thing to add to your mobile address book!

It was thought up by a paramedic who found that when they went to the scenes of accidents there was always a mobile phone but they didn't know which number(s) in the phone to call (ICE) and he thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name to file "next of kin" under.

Following the disaster in London . . . East Anglian Ambulance Service has launched a national "In Case of Emergency (ICE)" campaign with the support of Falklands' war hero Simon Weston.

The idea is that you store the word " I C E " in your mobile phone Address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted "In Case of Emergency".

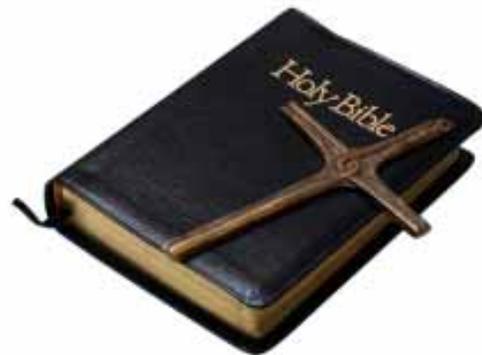
In an emergency situation ambulance and hospital staff will then be able to quickly find out who your next of kin are and be able to contact them. It's so simple that everyone can do it. Please do, it really could save your life, or put a loved ones mind at rest.

Desi Brown
Administrative Assistant.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

Coming in September! Whether you are an old pro, or a novice who's never done it before, you are invited to study the Bible with an informal, lay-led group beginning September 15. The only requirement is a willingness to engage in reflection on the Bible's meaning for our lives today. We will meet each Thursday morning from 10-11:30am at the church. Everyone is welcome. Come when you can. More details will be forthcoming.

Mary McPherson



ADULT CHRISTIAN ED

Ideas on topics!!? Willing to teach!!?

We are interested in knowing what you may want for adult Christian Ed. Do you have an idea, a book, or a subject that you would like to know more about? Or would you be willing to lead/assist in teaching a class? We are wanting to expand our adult ed program and need your input. Please let Katie McCormick, our Christian Ed director know of any of your ideas.

Ellen Lukanc
Christian Education Committee

FELLOWSHIP

MONTGOMERY MEALS UPDATE

Greetings from your Montgomery Meals Ministry. Our news is all good and we want to share it. Our winter and spring meals have mostly featured turkey casseroles, ranging from turkey tortilla casserole to turkey tetrazzini casserole (which we fondly refer to as turkey Petruzzelli). This summer we also served up our favorite warm weather dish, a Caribbean turkey and black bean salad. Reviews from our clientele remain most positive. Now to share our most recent good fortune: The former Stuff Pizza in the Old Almaden Shopping Center is under new ownership and is now known as the **Almaden Pizza Company**. The new owner Hilda Lisa Lara, endorses our Christian outreach program and has generously agreed to provide her ovens to us for our cooking of 60+ turkeys on Thanksgiving Day. We have long dreaded even the thought of having to ask our congregation to "please, pretty please, cook an additional turkey at home on Thanksgiving morning"!

You can help us share our good fortune, by dropping in the Almaden Pizza Company, near Bloomster's, and when picking up your order, mentioning your appreciation of their generous help on the day we need it the most. The pizza is now better than ever!

Amy Griffith



AVUCC CALLS NEW MINISTER

Wonderful news from AVUCC-they have called a new minister! Kevin Smith will begin moving into his new office on September 22. He recently completed his M.Div from Harvard Divinity School. He also has a BS in Political Science from Portland State University.

Kevin's wife is Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones, and Nancy is the new Senior Minister of the First Unitarian Church of San Jose.

Welcome Kevin and Nancy!

PURPOSE DRIVEN

Spiritual growth, like physical growth takes time. Wouldn't it be nice if a sermon, a seminar, or an experience would instantly resolve all problems and release us from all growing pains? We may want that, but real maturity is never the result of a single experience, no matter how powerful or moving. Growth is gradual. God isn't in a hurry. We may worry about how fast we grow, but God cares about how strong we grow. One reason we are slow learners is because growth is often painful and scary. Consider this, there can be no growth without change. Change always involves fear or loss; and there is no loss without pain. Believing God is working in our lives - even when we don't feel it - is key to finding the patience we need to endure and ultimately grow.

From The Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren

FELLOWSHIP

FAREWELL EVELYN

My Dear Church Family,

A Fond Farewell (for now)...

ECA and UCC (the two churches together in one building) have formed a wonderful community. In the time I have spent at ECA, I have learned so much about life and spirituality. This church has become more than just a church to me – it has become my second home. I consider every single person in this congregation as part of my extended family. What experiences, what love, what support have I been given! As I head off to College, I just wanted to say thank you for enriching my life with encouragement, guidance and friendship. Every person here has helped make me the person I am today and I am eternally grateful. Thank you for helping to equip me with the right tools to be successful at college and life in general. You have given me a strength that will carry me far and a great spiritual foundation to build on. I love you all and will see you again soon.

See ya'll later – Texas here I come...

Evelyn Wing

WELCOME DESI BROWN

Stop by the church office and say hello to Desiré Golda-Brown, our new administrative assistant. Desi joined our staff in August, and will be working 20 hours a week for ECA and 16 hours a week for UCC.

Besides being friendly and outgoing, Desi is a fast learner and good with computers. She and her husband Mike have a gorgeous seven month old daughter named Misha. The Browns live in Morgan Hill, and are members of St. Stephen's in the Field.

FROM THE SR. WARDEN

Over 140 attendees joined in this year's Spring Fling Fellowship Dinners. It is good that so many were able to participate. I thank my fellow Vestry members and Susie Ferguson for contacting the membership and organizing dinners. Special thanks go to Mary McPherson and Kim Petruzzelli for getting this task started and seeing it through to completion. Finally, great thanks go to the 16 hosts that opened their homes and prepared meals and to the facilitators that captured over 400 comments. Hopefully, you had the chance to review the lists of comments when they were posted in the fellowship hall during the first BBQ this summer. Currently, the lists are being reviewed, analyzed, and sorted into categories. This summary will be shared with everyone once it has been completed. Plans include Vestry Liaisons to use this information to guide and implement suggestions through their various ministries. Likewise, the Vestry will compare this information to our long range plan to ensure that they are in agreement.

The Vestry would like to thank Jack Jackman and Kathy Dunham for their service and contributions to ECA while on the Vestry. Jack, for personal reasons, and Kathy, for health reasons, have decided to step down from the Vestry. Both will be missed by their fellow Vestry members and our prayers are with them.

Other activities the Vestry is working on include: a new illuminated ECA/AVUCC sign and a reconditioning of the old sign, an updating of the JV Bylaws, and a resolution for Tabard (AVUCC has responded our letter—requesting a meeting to discuss the issues).

Remember to reserve November 5 on your calendars for ECA's Annual Meeting/Dinner. More details will be forthcoming.

Jon Mills
Senior Warden

YOUTH



SHYGS FALL CALENDAR



The regular meeting nights for SHYGS is the first and third Sundays, but please make a note that SHYGS will have many events on Friday nights this year. The Junior High group has moved their meeting night to the 2nd and 4th Sunday in order to improve attendance; this means, however, that if we have a conflict with our 1st and 3rd Sundays we need to move to another night of the week. We are hoping the senior high will be flexible and continue to make SHYGS a priority as we tap into these other nights of the week. Thank you!

Sunday, Aug 28 6-8:30 Planning meeting to determine our goals and activities for 2005-2006

Friday, Sept 2 6:30-9:30 Our kick-off event! Volleyball Challenge-Parents v Teens-Potluck BBQ

Friday, Sept 9 7-10 Field Trip-Whassup with creation? (St Edwards)

Sunday, Sept 18 6-8:30 Meeting-Topic TBD

Sunday, Oct 2 6-8:30 Meeting-Topic TBD

Sunday, Oct 16-Meeting, Plan Servant Auction

Friday, Oct 21-Field Trip-Sin, Death and Halloween (St. Judes, Cupertino)

Weekend, Nov 4-6 Happenings in Pacific Grove-Robin and Terry will take you! Applications have been mailed-If you still need one, contact me.

Sunday, Nov 6 6-8:30 Meeting

Friday, Nov 18 Field Trip-Hunger, what's that? (Trinity Cathedral)

Sunday, Nov 20 Servant Auction during Corree Hour; Shop for Thanksgiving food for our adopted families right after church

Sunday, Nov 27 Servant Auction during Coffee Hour

Sunday, Dec 4-End Servant Auction at Alternative Christmas 6-8:30 Meeting

Sunday, Dec 11-Shop for adoptive families right after church

Robin Root

KIDS BREAKOUT

Kid's Breakout will continue on Sunday mornings this fall. Breakout is a time for kids preschool through 5th grade during the Sunday Service. The children go downstairs to do crafts, sing songs or just play. They leave after announcements and return to the sanctuary prior to Communion. We need parent volunteers to take turns doing Breakout so everyone gets the opportunity to worship in church. If everyone who has kids in the program volunteer once or twice for the year, it will be easy for all. No special training needed and activities will be planned for you. Please contact Leslie Rousseau to sign up. Sign up is also available on Kick Off Sunday, Sept. 11th or first day of Sunday School Sept 18th. Thank you.

Ellen Lukanc





SHYGS WELCOMES NEW FRESHMEN

Our senior high teens have been spread to the winds since returning from their mission trip, visiting friends, attending camps, going on family vacations and getting ready for the new school year, but we were able to gather most of them together in August to welcome our new freshmen into the group.

Terry and I took the group on a 2 day camping trip to Manresa State Park south of Santa Cruz. We took 15 teens, including 4 of our new 8 freshmen, to the walk-in campground and had a blast! We had a boys' site, a girls' site and a cooking site as well as a work detail chart so that everyone had a chance to do meal prep, cooking and clean-up, as well as taking their hand at managing the nighttime bonfire, fetching water and planning activities.

All were kept as busy as they wanted to be with volleyball, Frisbee, digging holes in the sand, walking on the beach, body surfing (brrrrr), going on a scavenger hunt, playing charades and 'Finish the Sentence', building bonfires and making 'smores. Oh yeah, and just hanging out.

Our new freshmen are fabulous! They entered right in and became SHYGS overnight. We're so happy to have them. Our new freshmen who attended were David Hoyt, Chris Coutinho, Guido Spaanart, and Faith Mills. Also joining the group will be Josh Bemis, Kristen Petruzzelli, Ryan McPherson and Trace Rimroth.

SHYGS want to thank our drivers who got the mega-tons of camping gear, beach toys and food over to Manresa: Sharon Hall, Bryan Bond, Jenny and Roger Hoyt and Evelyn Wing. We couldn't have done the trip without your assistance! Also, thank you to Ellen Lukanc for doing our food shopping, and to Greg, David and David for planning our meals and serving as head cooks.

It sounds like a big job for Terry and I to take all these teens to the beach, but don't give us too much credit-the teens were so fantastic doing the work that we really just were along for the ride. Our SHYGS are a wonderful team.

I also want to thank Evelyn Wing who led an impromptu discussion after our last breakfast and challenged the group to love one another as brothers and sisters, to continue their spiritual search and to support study within the group, to self-regulate the formation of cliques and to enjoy the differences in each other. We are so sorry to lose Evelyn as she is a natural leader and a wonderful role model for teenage Christian living, but we celebrate her journey as she leaves for Texas A&M this month. Go Aggies!

Look to our schedule for upcoming events. Many of our original dates for Sept/Oct have changed so make sure you've got these current dates on your calendar.

We are looking forward to a new year with a new group. Anyone who has questions about or suggestions for the group, feel free to call me.

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YOUTH & CHRISTIAN ED



JR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP

Our beach trip to Sea Cliff was great fun. It rained most of the way over the hill and we were all thinking this might just be scenic drive which would end up back at the McCormick's for a swim. However, to our delight, the rain stopped and the sun actually managed to break through. Everyone brought their own lunches, shovels, buckets, boogie boards, mp3 players and towels and had fun either swimming, digging, sunning or winning the scavenger hunt. Caitlin actually found some sea glass! We adults knew it was time to go home when one of us said, "look at the antlers on that crab!" We named him Rudolf the red nosed crab!

Thanks Brian Gaydon, Karen Click, Marc Bond, Caitlin McPherson, Doug Lukanc, Katerina Popov, Sean McCormick, Brooke Mills, Brennan Hall, and Bailey Bishop for your participation. You are awesome kids.

Thank you Inge Bond, Bonnie McPherson, Melanie Click and Ken McCormick for driving our 10 JHYG's and 5 future JHYG's to the "root beer" beach.

Katie McCormick

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is that time again to put our Sunday school teaching team together. Please contact Katie McCormick through the bulletin inserts or by calling if you are interested in being a part of this ministry. I am asking again for 3 teachers for each class. This means that you will teach once a month for 2 months and twice during the third month which is approximately 10 times for the year. Our teacher meeting is on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 7pm.

Katie McCormick

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Jerusalem Marketplace VBS was a great success. The children's joy and enthusiasm made all the preparation and work worth every minute. Everyday VBS opened with the gathering of the tribes – Zebulun, Asher, Joseph, Levi, Reuben, and Benjamin. The leaders of each Tribe then gathered their children for some "Tribe time" in their homes(tents). Just after this, our drama team, lead by John Leslie, drew everyone out to the well at the center of our village and showed the children the main lesson of each day through their skits. Then the tribes rotated through Synagog school with "Rabbi" Paul or "Rabbi" Stephen, the playground with Evelyn Wing and the market place. The market place offered shops for herbs and spices, pottery making, jewelry, carpentry, basketry, bakery, candy shop and weaving. We even had a barnyard one day. The tribes met back at their homes briefly before gathering again for singing, snacks and closing.

There are so many people to thank who volunteered their time before and during VBS that made all of this possible. Here is a list of our Marketplace creators and workers: Anna Spanjaart, Phyllis Chai, Mel Stonehocker, Anandi and Michael Cox, Sean McCormick, Guido Spanjaart, Tammi Neiders, Sharon Hall, Mary Leal, David and Carol Pullen, Bonnie McPherson, Katie Smith, Melanie Click, Kelly Yamanishi, John Leslie, Paul Smith-Telfer, Stephen Mills, Desi Brown, Evelyn Wing, the drama team, Hannah Ward, Amber Cottle, Chris Coutinho, Taylor Mills, Brian Gaydon, Bailey Bishop, Brooke Mills, Alex Bishop, Karen Click, Dennis Moran and Mary Moran. I also want to thank everyone for donating or loaning items that we used to bring the marketplace to life for our children.

Katie McCormick



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

By Jane O'Callahan

Carol Hoyt is not only the oldest member of the Episcopal Church in Almaden. She is also the oldest founding member of the Episcopal Church in Almaden. Turning 97 years old August 2 celebrates Carol as the oldest member age wise. But she is also the oldest member time wise too.

Even before the famous Crown Boulevard's famous prune shed, considered the start of the church in the 1960's, Carol and her husband James stepped forward to help when the bishop first proposed starting a new Episcopal church in Almaden. They and two other couples, who long ago moved away, were the initial core for what was to ultimately become ECA. They started out in planning sessions at one another's home. The Hoyt family moved from Cambrian to their new home on Almaden Country Club's 10th hole on April 15, 1965. There they hosted several of the original planning meetings for the church yet to come. After 40 years and several challenges along the way, Carol still lives in that house.

ECA was not the first Episcopal church Carol and James Hoyt helped to found. It was the third. When they lived in Santa Barbara, they were very active in their church there. When the University of California at Santa Barbara first opened in the 50's, they helped found a new Episcopal church near the campus. In 1955 the Hoyts and their three children then moved to

San Jose and became active at St. Francis in Willow Glen. At the time builders were chopping down orchards fast and furiously in San Jose's Cambrian Park area to build houses. The diocese bought three acres of land with plum trees in Cambrian to someday construct a church building to serve all these new families living in all these new houses. James and Carol Hoyt became part of the core that started St. Edward's in Cambrian Park. Church services were held in an old green two-story ranch house there long before the present church building was constructed.



Carol Hoyt comes from a long line of Episcopalians. Her grandfather was an Episcopal minister. Her grandson is also a minister.

Ninety-seven years ago Carol was born at home in her family's New York City apartment on 151st Street in Manhattan. Even though she has lived in California more than 50 years, Carol often still thinks of herself as a New Yorker. Taking care of the previous generation has always been in her family. Her mother took care of her own father. Then Carol took care of her mother. Now Carol's daughter takes care of her.

When Carol was eight years old, she transferred from New York City public school to a private school called Ethical Culture. (Later in life her children teased her that that's why she was always so ethical and cultured.) For the next 10 years until graduating high school she was one of only two children in her class who were Christian. All the others were Jewish. The academic

CAROL HOYT!!

competition was so fierce that when Carol got to college, she thought college was easy.

College did come in 1926 at a time when women attending college was the exception rather than the rule. Carol's father thought she should learn to earn a living for herself—just in case someday she might need to. At the insistence of her father she majored in business at Boston's Simmons College, an all-girls school. She minored in literature which included the political history of nursery rhymes. Ask her what "London Bridge is falling down, falling down" was really about.

Carol met her future husband James, an Episcopalian, on a blind date in college. They courted for five years during The Great Depression and were married in 1936. They were married for 49 years and two weeks.

During World War II James and Carol took their family of three children to Washington, D.C. where James worked as an economist for the government's Office of Price Administration. In Washington Carol was a volunteer tour guide for the Washington Cathedral—the Episcopal church considered America's National Cathedral. In the nation's capital she also attended classes at the Washington Bible Institute. Since then she has studied the Bible her whole life long.

A later move back to New Jersey and Carol got that business job her father predicted she might someday need. She worked for a children's polio hospital as medical secretary. That was the first of many jobs as medical secretary, from New Jersey to Santa Barbara to San Jose.

All this time, however, long before Carol became a senior herself, her great passion was seniors. Her daughter remembers being seven years old and taken in hand by her mother to visit shut-ins in nursing homes. Then Carol organized friends at church to visit seniors in nursing homes.

One thing led to another and Carol feels her greatest achievement in life besides founding three churches was to found the Friendly Visitors. It was through ECA that Carol formally founded the Friendly Visitors to visit shut-ins. After a year of full-time volunteer work, the Santa Clara County Council of Churches took up sponsoring the Friendly Visitors and Carol had an income again. She led the group for 11 years and built it up so that more than 100 volunteers visited more than 250 shut-ins every week.

Even after Carol officially "retired" from leading the Friendly Visitors, she continued to work with seniors on a daily basis. Now age 97 Carol Hoyt enjoys being on the receiving end of visitors and still has a lot of love to give.

THANKS VBS DRAMA TEAM!

Thanks to the great and generous performers who lent their acting talents to this summer's Vacation Bible School program, portraying the last week of Jesus' life. Each morning the members of this Drama Team lent great energy and passion to their roles as Mary Magdalene, Peter, James, John, a Roman guard, Jesus, etc.

Those who participated, and gave so freely of their time and expression were Mary Leal, Evelyn Wing and Taylor Wing of ECA, Sandy Baldwin, Chris Coutinho, Betsy Dingman, John Hawes, Byron Henderson, and Kendrick Hough of AVUCC.

Appearing every day was the character called "The Wise One," a woman who inspired and informed the young people with her knowledge and love. She answered any and all of the children's questions about what they had seen in the skits. This role was played to perfection by Sandie Mueller of ECA.

Thank you all for blessing this year's VBS "Jerusalem Marketplace."

Katie McCormick

DON'T BE EARLY!

**Don't forget! The late
service returns to 11 am
on September 18th.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!!

Thank you to all who have signed up to teach Sunday School. We are still in need of teachers for the following Classes:

- 3 & 4 Year olds : Trish Reilly, 2 Teachers Needed
- Kindergarten: 3 Teachers Needed
- 1st and 2nd Grade: Sharon Hall, Tami Nieders, 1 Teacher Needed
- 3rd and 4th Grade: 3 Teachers Needed
- 5th and 6th Grade: Sandy Mueller, Byron Henderson, 1 Teacher Needed
- 7th and 8th Grade: Sharon Mills, 2 Teachers Needed

Please contact Desi or Katie McCormick to sign up to teach. Please help teach the children of our Churches.

BYE-BYE SUMMER BBQ

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Folk BBQs a success this summer. Our extremely talented, yet ever so modest celebrity chefs were Terry Root, Jon Mills, Bryan Bond, Pat Rimroth, Sam Sarmecanic, Roger Hoyt, Alex Dykes, Rob McClaine, and Ken Pitroff. The fancy toppings were generously donated by Leslie Rousseau, Kathy Mastre, Susie & Jerry Ferguson, and Cindy & Terry Francis. The great frozen drinks in July were compliments of Don Hall. And an extra special thanks goes to Warren Willard for all the trips he made to Costco for the BBQ supplies.

Kim Petruzzelli