

# The Shape

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

## FROM STEPHEN

As we begin a new year, I believe that it is appropriate that we reflect on where we are and where we are headed. This is the summary of the sermon I preached on December 11:

Several months ago, the vestry decided it needed a new vision. That conclusion was the result of a very raw, open, and honest discussion. I believe it is a correct one, and I would like to share with you my belief about a vision for ECA. We need to be a Spirit led and lay driven congregation. What does it mean to be Spirit led? At its heart, to be Spirit led means to have a vision. A vision is not a business plan. A vision is in essence a self-offering. We offer ourselves, we offer our resources, we offer the congregation and its resources to God and we ask God where God would have us go and who God would have us be. It is not an easy process. It means we acknowledge our limit- edness; that we are a people who, for the most part, walk in darkness. It is painful to wait there for God's light to shine upon us. But it is also the way, the only way, of faithfulness.

What does it mean to be lay driven? You are the min- isters of the church. You are the ones who are called to take the light of the Gospel of Jesus Christ out into the world. You are also the continuity. Clergy come and clergy go, but you are here. You are the church.

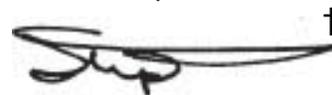
I also believe that we have some wonderful founda- tions on which to build. The first of these foundations is youth. The area in which we are located has a high percentage of youth. You really do not know how blessed you are. There are any number of Episcopal churches who long to see a head without gray hair in church. Our youth are a wonderful energy and vitality

to the church and to our worship. Robin and Terry Root and Katie McCormick have done an outstanding job with the youth programs which are the strongest I have ever seen.

The second of these foundations is outreach. I have found that every church I have seen which seemed active and alive was heavily involved in outreach. We have a long history of outreach. We built a building in Uganda. Montgomery Meals is an ongoing and excel- lent program of feeding the homeless. It is well run and well supported. Last year we sent over \$2,000 to the victims of Hurricane Katrina, we gave over \$1,000 for support of the "Lost Boys", and we gave almost 150 backpacks filled with school supplies to children in need through SMUM. We can build on these suc- cesses to further reach out to the world around us.

The third of these foundations is caring. Again, ECA has a long and proud tradition of caring. I have been tremendously impressed by the way the people of ECA minister to each other, especially in times of need. We can use that caring to turn outward into the world. The church exists primarily to serve those who are not yet members of the church. This is evangelism in its broadest sense. We need to turn outward more.

Finally, if I had two wishes for you, they would be that you would see that what you do as your "secular" vocation as your religious vocation also and that you would see yourselves as being richly blessed by God.



Salaam,  
Stephen +

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## GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

**Debbie Bishop and her Christmas Party Committee** – Thanks for a wonderful evening. Our fellowship hall looked spectacular. The food was delicious. The entertainment was great fun. You all did a great job!

**Nancy, Anna, Bryan, Bonnie, Russ, John, Melinda, Ed, Joyce, Arnold, Jerry, and Donna** – Thank you for your support, encouragement, and prayers in the coming year as we serve on the vestry. *Your Spouses*

**Jon Mills, Terry Root, Pat Rimroth, Debbie Bishop, and Ellen Lukanc** - Thank you for all your hard work and dedication serving ECA through your vestry terms. We appreciate all the hours you have contributed and all you have done for ECA in Christ's name.

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## 2006 SENIOR WARDEN

“Been there! Done that!” Have you ever heard someone say that? Or maybe you’ve even said it at one time or another yourself. Certainly, I have, perhaps, even more than I would like to admit. Teach Sunday School...been there, done that. Lead a Bible study...been there, done that. Work on a fellowship event...been there, done that...etc. etc. etc. Serve on vestry...been there, done that! So much for that one!

Truth is that God has given each of us special talents, abilities, interests and passions that He wants us to use in service to Him and growing his church. He doesn’t say use them once and be done with your responsibility. He wants us to use our talents for a lifetime. Maybe not always the same talent or in the same scenario, but use them to bring His kingdom to all we know and in all our environments.

My small group had been studying “our shapes for service.” We were discerning our unique gifts and talents and how the Lord desired us to use them. One week in preparing for our meeting I was reading Romans 12. I felt the Lord speak loud and clear to me through that scripture. There was no doubt in my mind that He didn’t want to hear from me “been there, done that.” It didn’t matter that last spring I may have shredded all my church files that I was sure I would never need again (except for the lobster dinner notes). After sharing the Lord’s call with Jerry, and with his encouragement and support, I stepped out in faith to volunteer to serve once again on vestry.

What the Lord has in mind for me this time, I am not sure. I know if I remain faithful and open to the Spirit I will be gently led through the course He has for me and more importantly the course He has for me in relationship to ECA. I look forward with great anticipation for the wonders He has in store for all of us.

Now I do have two requests of you. First, please keep each of the vestry members in your prayers throughout the coming year. Pray that each of us will listen carefully for the Lord’s direction and the

Holy Spirit’s inspiration as we serve and lead this special community of ECA. Second, pray for the Lord’s discernment for your own life within this parish. What special talents, abilities, interests and passions has the Lord blessed you with to share with His church in 2006?

God’s blessings be yours, Susie

*Susie Ferguson  
Senior Warden 2006*

## EPIPHANY TALENT SHOW

Our third annual Epiphany Talent Show (Evening of Gifts) will be held at 7:00 pm on Saturday, January 7. All acts will be welcome. Please contact John Leslie at the church office to volunteer, or to request more information.

## WORSHIP CORNER

We are always trying to make our worship experience at ECA more meaningful for all of you. If you have any requests for more services or different kinds of services, please mention them to me at church or by phone call. If you know of people who are shut in and need a visit, or communion brought to them, please call immediately and we will make it happen. We have been through much together here at ECA and we want to build and continue to support our community. Moreover, we want to grow in Spirit.

*Sandie Mueller  
Worship Committee Chair*

## THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bible study will resume on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 10am. We begin the new year by studying Matthew 13:1-23. See ECA’s website for the questions we will discuss. All are welcome and encouraged to come.

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**George Romer**, married to Nancy for 39 plus years, came to ECA in 1970. They have two children, Holly and Mark, who are both married and parents themselves, which makes George a proud "Grandpa." George is retired so that means he's busier than ever with being

a Notary Public, Engineer, project manager, business process manager, building/flying radio controlled gliders, photography, hiking, mountain biking, and SCUBA diving. (He wonders why he's getting "tired" again?) George's passions for ECA are getting those who are elected to serve to be more directed to longer range visions and goals and inspiring other parishioners to share their talents and skills to programs and projects moving forward.



**Hans Spanjaart**, married to Anna for 14.8 years, first came to ECA in 2000 on a special invitation by Debbie Bishop. They have one son, Guido, who is 14. Hans works at Philips, the Semiconductor group, managing an engineering team of highly skilled

techies. Their domain is chips for audio and video processing. Currently they are very proud as one of their products is now in the stores. (Check our Philips plasma HDTV, PF9630/9830.) Hans loves sailing. (Anyone for a sailing club?) Hans also loves flying model airplanes and rebuilding them after high impact landings! He is very proud of his family. Anna has been and is heroically weathering breast cancer. Hans is grateful and impressed with how she is handling that. He also is very proud of Guido who is rapidly becoming a young man. At

ECA he recognizes an enormous sense of community and support. His family helps with Montgomery Meals, which he finds an amazing undertaking with so much joy on the side of the giver and receiver of this ministry. He would love to see us build on that. As a vestry member responsible for finance, he wishes that the financial situation of our church would be the least of where we spend our energy. Hans states, "We have a rich community, and I mean that more in terms of openness, willingness, skills, enthusiasm, and love for each other, than in financial terms. I would like to see more done with that toward people less fortunate in terms of community, health, or finances."



**Inge Bond** has been married to Bryan for 16 years. They first came to ECA in 1989 when they were married in our church. They have three boys, Brad, 16, Marc, 13, and Will, 9. Inge is a grants/project manager and sometimes researcher at Stanford. She loves soccer, cooking, and reading. When asked what she feels most passionate about at ECA or in her Christian walk she shares most openly that growth can be a very scary process. (*Many others probably share the same anxieties over growth.*)



**Jim McPherson**, married to Bonnie for 14 years, came to ECA in 2004. They have two children, Caitlin, 12, and Tyler, 9. Jim is a Senior Program Manager with the County Public Health Department's Emergency Medical Services Agency. (Now there's a

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mouthful!) Jim also serves as the “special deputy assistant to the Team Manager (Bonnie) for their son’s traveling roller hockey team. Jim enjoys working on his house or so he must, having worked on it for 11 years! He’s always on the run keeping up with his kid’s many recreational and other activities. We see him on the run, too, at church being the coordinator of our youth for Youth Sunday. Jim recently retired after 14 years as a Reserve Deputy Sheriff and has started back to school. ECA to him is a welcoming, warm, embracing, and supportive family.



**Kim Petruzzelli**, married to Russ for 20 years, first came to ECA in 1998. They have 2 girls, Kristen, 14, and Danielle, 12. Kim keeps busy with family, church, and computers, and finds God in all three. She has two part time jobs: first as a technology re-

source at Pioneer High School and second as a Webmaster for a travel company. She will be starting on her MA in Instructional Technology in January at San Jose State. Kim maintains our very own website. She enjoys reaching out to people through ECA’s website. We’re a very active church, and posting the ministries and events on the website allows searchers to find us, and for members to stay involve. Best of all, Kim finds this to be a fun way for her to keep in touch with everyone.



**Mary McPherson**, married to John for 22 years, first came to ECA in 1981 and has been here since except for a temporary assignment that took them to Toronto, Canada, between 1995 and 1999. They have 2 boys, Ryan, 14, and Steven, 12. This school year they are

sharing their home with Yvonne, 16, an exchange student from Germany. Mary fills her days with family activities, caring for her elderly mother, Kitty, and currently leading our Thursday morning Bible Study at church. Mary is passionate about maintaining a right relationship with God, which for her means daily Bible study and prayer. Her desire for ECA is for more people to receive the blessings she believes God gives us, when we read the Bible regularly and apply it to our lives.



**Ron Howie**, married to Melinda for 11 years, came to ECA in 1992. He has 4 kids and 4 grandkids. Ron is a Union Electrician, who has offered ECA much of his expertise all the years he has been with us. This is the second time he has willingly served on our

vestry. Ron loves to remodel and always has some project underway. He enjoys hiking and travel when he has the opportunity. Ron is a strong Christian man who has great passions for our youth, Cursillo, and Montgomery Meals at ECA.

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**Sandie Mueller**, married to Ed for 46 years, first came to ECA in 1974. They have two sons, Mark, 45, and Carl, 43, and a daughter, Jenny, 41. They have lots of grandchildren whom they thoroughly enjoy when they get together. Sandie volunteers at the Unicorn Thrift Shop,

which supports EMQ. She loves writing, reading, swimming, walking and her violin lessons. Both Sandie and Ed are very active and involved in the ECA community having served numerous times as needed on vestry, joint venture council, and as Diocesan delegate. Sandie is currently teaching the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class. She is also the liaison from the vestry to ECA's worship committee. Sandie is most passionate about spiritual growth at ECA.



**Steve Wing**, happily married to Joyce for 25 years and better known as Taylor and Evelyn's parents, has been coming to ECA since 1990. Both children have been very involved at ECA over the years, especially as Acolyte Masters. Taylor is now 21 and

a junior at Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon. Evelyn is now 18 and a freshman at Texas A&M University. Steve keeps busy at his job as a Systems Analyst at the Santa Clara Valley Water District. The Wing's home is not really an empty nest since Joyce's Dad, Col. Ben Heckemeyer, lives with them and has now for 12 years. He's 94 and still going strong. This is Steve's second turn on the Vestry. He served in the late 90's for three years, two being the Junior Warden. Steve enjoys coordinating the Turkey

Drive for Montgomery Meals each year. He prefers working with his hands and acting on his faith through action versus being vocal. He serves our community as the strong, silent type. He hopes to contribute and build his faith through constructive and productive actions.



**Susanne Moore**, married to Arnold for 40 years, first came to ECA in 1976 via a camping trip. Yes, a group of ECA members camping at the same park as the Moores invited them to join their campfire and their church. Susanne and Arnold have a daughter, Meg, 33, and a son,

William, 37. They are equally blessed with 2 grandchildren, Sarah, 7, and Jackson, 5. Susanne loves to cook, decorate, party plan, camp, hike and picnic. Susanne's passions for ECA revolve around friends, family, fellowship, and support of each other.



**Susie Ferguson**, married to Jerry for 30 years, came to ECA in 1981. They have two sons, Jason, 26, and Josh, 24. Susie manages a sales and marketing office for her family's printing business that specializes in full color postcards, flyers, and brochures. She loves reading,

writing and producing dramas, and learning to play the piano under John Leslie. Her greatest passion for ECA is growing a strong, spiritual community with a generous heart for giving & serving others.

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**Tim Miller**, married to Donna for almost 27 years, came to ECA after they moved into their house in the Greystone area in September of 1996. They have two daughters, Jennifer, 24, and Danielle, 23. They now are legal guardians of their two grandsons, Ma-

son, 5, and Tyler, 4. Tim keeps pretty busy with his job at a new start up company called ClairMail, working on websites, video production, and music (guitar). His great passion for ECA revolves around our music ministry in which he hopes to contribute in new ways.

## EMERGENCY DISASTER PLANNING

**January 7  
8:30 AM**

Dr. Earl Stevens  
San Jose Prepared!  
City of San Jose  
Office of Emergency Services

Dr. Stevens, coordinator for San Jose Prepared!, will speak on emergency disaster planning in San Jose at the AVUCC Men's Breakfast in January. This most informative and timely 2-hour talk will provide information that our Joint Venture churches can use as we consider developing an emergency response plan for our congregations.

AVUCC men will have their regular breakfast meeting beginning at 8 am and people from both churches who are interested in hearing Dr. Stevens talk should plan to attend beginning at 8:30 am.

## LADIES' LUNCH AND DINNER SCHEDULE

The ladies' luncheons and dinners are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month. If anyone wants to be in charge of a month, we can change what we are doing and put a note in the SHAPE. Guests are always welcome.

There will be a sign-up in Fellowship Hall with the time, place, date and any other directions/instructions needed. Call Amy Griffith if more details are needed.

### **January**

Lunch at the Poor House Bistro, downtown SJ

### **February**

Dinner at the Left Bank Restaurant, Santana Row

### **March**

Lunch near City Hall, touring City Hall San Jose (Nancy Romer & Maryke Williams in charge)

### **April**

Dinner at Mexico Lindo Restaurant

### **May**

Lunch at Aldo's, Santa Cruz Yacht Harbor

### **June**

Dinner at Ednaray's Chinese Restaurant, Los Gatos

### **July**

Lunch at Bahama Billy's, Carmel Valley

### **August**

Dinner at Bella Saratoga, Saratoga

### **September**

Lunch at McCormick and Schmick's, downtown SJ

### **October**

Dinner at PF Chang's, Oakridge Mall

### **November**

Lunch at Max's Café, Westgate

### **December**

San Francisco by train

# YOUTH

## YOUTH SKI TRIP

The ski trip has been moved up a weekend. The new dates are Jan. 19-22. The cost is \$100 per person which covers lodging for 3 nights and food. We'll be skiing at Alpine Meadows ski resort. Lift tickets will be purchased down here for the days that you don't take lessons and we would prefer that skis be rented down here if at all possible. First time skiers should probably rent a package at the resort in case there is a problem with fit, etc. We'll be staying in Carnelian Bay, Lake Tahoe (north shore), at cabins that are within walking distance of each other. Girls and Boys will sleep in separate cabins. A \$50.00 deposit was due Dec. 19th. If you need assistance with the cost please just contact Katie McCormick or Jon Mills and they'll make sure everyone that wants to go will be able to attend. If you have any questions, contact Katie or Jon.

## SHYGS HOLIDAY SPIRIT

December flew by for SHYGS as it is traditionally their big Outreach month so they had a lot going on. We completed our annual servant auction which resulted in a profit of just a little over \$1000 to fund the SHYGS adopt-a-family program. We also had a gift-wrapping day on Sat, the 17<sup>th</sup>, but I have no figures as this goes to print. Thanks to everyone who supported the teens' efforts. Read on to see what this allows them to do!

SHYGS bought full carts of groceries for two families at Thanksgiving. Thank you Brad Bond, David Mastriana, Ryan Hall, and Hannah Ward for putting your shopping skills to work in order to make your shopping dollars stretch!

On the 11<sup>th</sup>, 14 SHYGS hit the aisles of Target to shop for a single mom and her 4 kids for Christmas. Each team had a leader and a human calculator (well, ok, Trace used his Palm pilot) to make sure they didn't go over budget. Each team bought both clothes and fun items for their child. We pro-

vided the mom with \$100 Safeway and \$100 Target gift cards so she could get something for herself. Our shoppers: Brad Bond, David Mastriana, Ryan Hall, Josh Bemis, Hannah Ward, Alex Bemis, Val Tysanner, Kristen Petruzzelli, Ryan McPherson, Yvonne Freitag, Trace Rimroth, Erinn Hoyt, Alex Bishop and Bethany Nollette – you were wonderfully thoughtful and careful shoppers! Thanks to all the other SHYGS who couldn't make it but contributed time and talent in the servant auction to fund this activity! Nancy Romer delivered both the groceries and the gifts to the EOPS program at West Valley for distribution. We appreciate this continued connection with the program that she so lovingly led for years. AND thank you to the families of Ryan Hall and Taylor Mills for loaning us their 'big' cars for our shopping trip. I think we're ready to buy a SHYGS bus!

Our meeting topic in December focused on Matthew 25: 24-36 where we hear the challenge to see others with the eyes of Christ and to see the eyes of Christ in others. We are the hands and eyes of Jesus on earth and this helps us to understand that outreach projects aren't all about getting community service hours checked off on a form, but it is what the blueprint is for our lives as given to us by Jesus himself. We decided it would be more desirable to be sheep than goats. Our prayer time centered on lighting a candle for someone who had exhibited a kindness to us at some time in our lives that did not involve money or a gift.

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## SHYGS SCHEDULE

### What's coming up next?

Jan 15 and Jan 29-Regular meeting times 6-8:30  
Jan 19-22-Joint Youth Group Ski Trip-See Katie McCormick or Jon Mills for details  
Feb 4 and 5-SHYGS help Greg Lukanc with Eagle Scout project-At church  
Feb 12-SHYGS works on a Habitat for Humanity project downtown-Look for the article on our Habitat Day elsewhere in the newsletter.

# FELLOWSHIP

## SHYGS

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By the time you read this, we will have experienced our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual MOVIE MARATHON held on New Year's Day. We lounge and eat and watch movies together like a pile of puppies from noon-midnight. Wow, this is such a fun time to just let the stress go and enjoy one another.

Happy New Year and Blessings for 2006 from Terry and Robin Root

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## ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS

Thank you to all who participated at the Alternative Christmas by donating to some of the outreach programs of our church. Although the final figures are not in because people are still making donations, we know that Heifer Project received over \$1300, Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity received about \$600 and the Africana Team Ministries received about \$1,550 with their jewelry sales. The Giving Tree received \$315 plus some donations of blankets, socks, and other warm items for the Women's Shelter and the children of Santa Maria Mission received gifts from shoppers for the "angel tree". The Reading Intervention Program received \$150 toward helping at risk children learn better reading skills. Beneficio coffee was sold along with several entertainment books. The busy bakers of the youth were sold out by the end of the morning and the youth completed their auction. It was a very busy morning of fun and raising money for many worthy groups of people. Thank you one and all for your participation.

*Phyllis Green*

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## LEAF BLOWING

Needed: an able-bodied/willing person to take on the task of weekly Saturday leaf-blowing of the patios/walkways at the church. Please contact Hi Dong Chai (408) 226-7150 to volunteer.

## 2005 TURKEY DRIVE

27+ Families helped  
50-60 Volunteers worked  
73 Turkeys roasted  
445 Pounds of turkey meat bagged & frozen  
1000+ Dollars donated

Steve Wing has headed up another wonderfully successful Turkey Drive. This 5-day event began with the procuring and prepping of the turkeys on the Monday before Thanksgiving, and ended that Friday afternoon when the floor was mopped and the last counter was cleaned.

As always, our turkeys were roasted in pizza ovens. Thank you Almaden Pizza Company (5965 Almaden Expy. at McAbee Rd.) for allowing us to use your ovens once again for this unique endeavor.

Thank you to everyone who donated time, talent & turkeys for this event. Your generosity has ensured that Montgomery Meals will have plenty of turkey to feed the homeless during the next year. Amy Griffith heads the awesome cooking staff who prepares the turkey in a myriad of different ways every other week throughout the year to serve to up to 200 hungry people. Special thanks to the tireless Pete Mayo who is there in every aspect just about the whole time. Kudos also go to Master Roaster Craig Stephan for his dedication and expertise. And a big thank you to Trevor Wilson (Margaret Halliwell's grandson) for his kind donation of a number of free passes to the Bonfante Gardens Holiday Lights show to the volunteers.

Something to think about for Thanksgiving 2006: Steve needs more help on Thanksgiving Day. In particular, he could use help during the 1-2:30 PM shift that helps with the cooling and carving and makes sure that all the turkeys are placed in the refrigerators. If your holiday schedule allows it, please consider signing up for this shift in 2006.

*Steve Wing*

# FELLOWSHIP

## THANK YOU

The 2005 year was highlighted with the SHYGS Mission Trip to Montana and the Spring Fling Dinners. Both of these events are important in defining ECA's future direction. Undoubtedly, youth is now a vital part of ECA and will continue to be so in our future. Thanks to the leadership of Robin Root, Terry Root, and Katie McCormick and the support of parents and the congregation, our youth programs are thriving and growing. Thanks to the leadership of Mary McPherson and Kim Petruzzelli over 130 ECA members participated in the Spring Fling Dinners. Thanks to the dinner hosts and discussion leaders the fellowship dinners allowed us to collectively recognize our gifts, appreciate our blessings, and ponder our potential. Information gathered at these dinners is being studied and prayerfully reviewed to discern the future of ECA. Hopefully, a clearer vision will emerge from the upcoming Vestry Retreat in January. Thanks goes to the many writers that provided more details about these events and other important activities from the year for all to read in the 2005 Annual Report. Extra copies of the report are available at the church.

A well deserved thanks goes to my fellow outgoing vestry members; Ellen Lukanc for her work on Youth and Christian Education Ministries, Pat Rimroth for his diligent service on the Finance Committee, Terry Root for his continued work with the SHYGS, and Debbie Bishop for chairing the 2005 Christmas Party. Our continued prayers are with Kathy Dunham and Jack Jackman who both stepped down from the vestry earlier this year to battle health issues. To continuing vestry members: thanks for your ongoing dedication. I have been blessed to serve on the vestry with you all. Thanks to the new incoming vestry members and your willingness to serve. I look forward to your leadership.

Thanks to Kim Petruzzelli and Alex Dykes for their quiet work in getting The Shape put together every month. Equally important are all the writers—thank you for your articles throughout the year. Special thanks go to Allan Jones and George Romer

for their time spent generating a draft of the updated JV Bylaws. Kim, thanks for maintaining the ECA website. I especially thank Father Stephen for his guidance and friendship.

I thank everyone for the support and encouragement that I received throughout the year. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Senior Warden for ECA; a church that continues to not only be a place of worship, but also of fellowship and family. My best wishes to Susie Ferguson as she takes over as Senior Warden in 2006. I am looking forward to 2006 to better understand where the Holy Spirit is leading ECA.

Jon Mills  
2005 Senior Warden

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## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Here's your opportunity! SHYGS are working on a Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity building project on Sunday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. The project is to work on a Victorian that was moved to make way for the new City Hall and then was donated to Habitat. It is being refurbished into 4 condominiums. The size of the work team assigned to this particular project is 25 workers/day (Habitat will have people on site who provide the tools and the direction. We provide bodies and lunch). Depending on the number of our teens available that day, we would like to offer an additional 5-8 spots for members of either church to join us to work that day. Habitat can bring in other people, but we thought it would be fun to work along members of our own community. If you would like to be put on the list to join us that day, please email or call Robin Root. Kevin Smith will be conducting a short worship service for the work team at the site right before lunch. If you would like to organize and bring lunch to the work team downtown San Jose that day, please call Robin. We will pay for this out of our budget. This will be a really great day. We hope some of you can join us! Contact info: robinroot@yahoo.com, (408) 268-1203.

# ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS

## SOUP, SALAD & SOUND ORGAN RECITAL

The first of this season's Soup, Salad & Sound organ recitals will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2006. The concert will be preceded by a potluck dinner featuring soup, bread and, new for this year, salad. Both the potluck soup offerings and the organ recital promise to be as tasty as ever. Soup is served in Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. and the recital, on our state-of-the-art digital Phoenix organ, begins at 7:30 p.m.

The recital will feature Mary Norton, Organist and Assistant Music Director at Saratoga Federated Church. Highlighting a more classical oriented program will be a performance of a Mozart sonata featuring clarinetist Doug Zuehlke.

If you have kindly brought soup to share in past years, please consider doing so again this year. Or, consider bringing a salad or bread. There will be a sign up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall starting January 1.

Advance and will call tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and children. At the door, it's \$15 for adults, \$8 students and \$5 for children. Call the church office at 268-0243 to reserve tickets in advance. Childcare is available.

It's not too late to subscribe to the balance of the Almaden Adventures in the Arts concert season. Music at Joint Venture Churches needs your support to continue to present the concert series. We have fashioned attractive season ticket packages to help entice your support.

If you buy the rest of the season, you'll get one show free. Plus, as an added bonus, season ticket holders will be able to purchase reduced price tickets to next summer's musical production.

Here's the rest of the 2005-06 concert line-up:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2006 7:30 P.M.  
**SOUP, SALAD & SOUND WITH ORGANIST  
MARY NORTON**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2006 7:30 P.M.  
**SOUP, SALAD & SOUND WITH ORGANIST  
DEAN COOK**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2006 7:30 P.M.  
**SIDESADDLE & COMPANY**

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2006 5:00 P.M.  
**BANANA SLUG STRING BAND**

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2006 3:00 P.M.  
**PIONEER HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR  
AND  
CASTILLERO MIDDLE SCHOOL STAGE BAND**

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2006 7:30 P.M.  
**DOCE BRAZIL featuring Jennifer Lee**

Here's a summary of the single and latest season ticket prices:

### Single Performance prices:

**Adult:** \$15 advance/will call, \$20 door; except organ recitals \$10 advance and \$15 door

**Student:** (valid ID for those over 18): \$10 advance/will call, \$12 door; organ recitals \$8 and \$10

**Child:** (12 and under): \$5 all performances (childcare also available)

### Season Ticket Packages:

One **Adult**

**\$65.00** 6 shows for price of 5

One **Student**

**\$40.00** 6 shows for price of 4

One **Child**

**\$20.00** 6 shows for the price of 4

**Soup, Salad & Sound Pack**

**\$15.00** 1 adult, 2 recitals

We thank you sincerely for your continued and gracious support of Almaden Adventures in the Arts!

**Joint Venture Concert Committee**

# EVENTS SCHEDULE

<b>1/1</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	
1/1	Holy Communion	7:30 AM
1/1	Holy Communion	11:00 AM
1/1	SHYGS Movie Marathon	12:30 PM
1/2	JV Duplicate Bridge	7:00 PM
1/4	Mah Jong	1:00 PM
1/4	JV Bell Choir	4:45 PM
1/5	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	8:00 AM
1/5	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
1/5	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
<b>1/6</b>	<b>Epiphany</b>	
1/6	Tai Chi	12:00 PM
1/6	Montgomery Meals	3:00 PM
1/6	Bridge Group	7:00 PM
1/7	AVUCC Disaster Planning Talk	8:30 AM
1/7	JV Talent Show	7:00 PM
<b>1/8</b>	<b>Folk Sunday</b>	
1/8	Holy Communion	7:30 AM
1/8	Sunday School	10:10 AM
1/8	Holy Communion	11:00 AM
1/8	JHYG Meeting	6:00 PM
1/11	Mah Jong	1:00 PM
1/11	JV Bell Choir	4:45 PM
1/12	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	8:00 AM
1/12	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	10:00 AM
1/12	Ladies' Lunch at Poor House Bistro	
1/12	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
1/13	Tai Chi	12:00 PM
1/14	JV Aluminum Can Drive	Sat & Sun
1/14	Soup, Salad & Sound - Mary Norton, Organist	6:30 PM
1/15	Shape Deadline	
<b>1/15</b>	<b>Youth Sunday</b>	
1/15	Holy Communion	7:30 AM
1/15	Sunday School	10:10 AM
1/15	Holy Communion	11:00 AM
1/15	SHYGS Meeting	6:00 PM
1/16	Martin L. King, Jr. Day	
1/17	TLC	8:30 AM
1/17	JV Board Meeting	7:30 PM
1/18	Mah Jong	1:00 PM
1/18	JV Bell Choir	4:45 PM
1/19	Youth Group Ski Trip	19 - 22
1/19	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	8:00 AM
1/19	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	10:00 AM
1/19	JV Book Club	7:30 PM
1/19	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
1/20	Vestry Retreat	20 - 22
1/20	Tai Chi	12:00 PM

1/20	Montgomery Meals	3:00 PM
<b>1/22</b>	<b>Healing Sunday</b>	
1/22	Holy Communion	7:30 AM
1/22	Sunday School	10:10 AM
1/22	Holy Communion	11:00 AM
1/24	Vestry Meeting	7:00 PM
1/25	Mah Jong	1:00 PM
1/25	JV Bell Choir	4:45 PM
1/26	Men's Breakfast at Denny's	8:00 AM
1/26	Gospel of Matthew Bible Study	10:00 AM
1/26	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
1/27	Tai Chi	12:00 PM
1/28	Diocesan Convention	
1/29	Holy Communion	7:30 AM
1/29	Sunday School	10:10 AM
1/29	Holy Communion	11:00 AM
1/29	SHYGS Meeting	6:00 PM

## Birthdays

Matthew LaRochelle	1
Amanda Pulling	1
Sharon Mills	4
Patrick Ward	11
Jacqueline Rousseau	12
John Beacher	13
Kathy Dunham	15
Kim Petruzzelli	21
Karl Lueck	22
Henry Blankenheim	24
Jacob Fahlen	26
Hans Spanjaart	27
Lynda Fahlen	28
Payton Jaciow	28
Doug Lukanc	28
William Bond	29

## Anniversaries

Dennis & Mary Moran	6
Dennis & Gloria Skowronski	11
Hank & Mariolein Ciappa	13
Lola & Tom Fahlen	16
Bill & Elaine LaVallee	19
Bill & Sandy Taylor	26