

# The Shape

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

## SHYGS AT THE HEIFER GLOBAL VILLAGE

By Kristen Petruzzelli

The SHYGS trip to Heifer International was one that will be kept in our memories forever. When the group first arrived we were shown an informative video about how the project reaches out and why we were there to help. The video was only our first immersion into what life is really like to be in a third world country. After our thoughts were shared on the videos and a short orientation was given to us we went to sleep with mats, and a roof, wondering what the next day was going to be like. Unfortunately our day started around 6:15 when the roosters decided it was time to wake up.

After everyone was out of bed and we had our breakfast we set off to do our morning work assignments around the farm. My group went to scrape paint of the fence and then repaint it. The next group that had split off cleaned out the algae infested water troughs and helped out in the garden.

Once we cleaned up as best we could it was time for teamwork building games. At first they seemed like your typical cheesy game, but after the first couple it was interesting to see the ways we rethought the directions given to us to complete our challenges. One game in particular involved the group of about 13 of us placed on a log. We were then told to not talk, not touch the ground with our feet, and arrange ourselves in birthday order.

After many times of trying to inch around people and failing, Faith sat down and kept her balance with her hands. Then we realized we could touch the ground with our hands. We had all assumed to not touch the ground at all. That taught us our first lesson of how to really listen and think outside the box to get things done.

After a series of other games each teaching us a different lesson it was time to get ready for the Global Village. The object of this night was to really feel everything that someone much less fortunate than us feels. After we got sleeping bags (no pillows) and the clothes we could fit on our backs we got ready to hear which houses and people we were assigned to. Each group ended up with a pregnant mother to add to the mix (they ended up being three guys). The first group received the Asian house made of bamboo, the envy of the other groups. The second group was assigned the Mexican mud/straw house and lastly my group got the Urban Slums made up cardboard and spiders. The catch was that we each had limited or no food to last the night. My group consisted of five kids, no food and fire. We then had to pull together and trade all our assets just to be able to survive the night. Each group ended up with something small like fried rice with eggs, or a potato, carrot and rice for five people. At first we were selfish and would only give up what little we had in return for something else. After everyone had

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# From the Editor



I recently flew to New York on Southwest Airlines. While in the air, I began to realize a few things. First off, I don't think I could ever fly with my own kids. I spent the first three hours of the flight with visions of the kid in the seat behind me hung upside down by his toes as just payback for the constant kicking, hitting, rhythmic beating and jabbing of my seat. This combined with the parent pedantically trying to employ Dr. Spock's child rearing tips; she was trying to reason with a two year old who's only mission in life at this point was trying to drive his fellow passengers completely insane. I spent the entire time talking to myself, saying "would you please control your child?" or "would you please get him to stop kicking my seat?" I contemplated calling the flight attendant to complain. Propriety of course prevailed and all I did the whole trip was ask the 2 year old nicely if he could stop kicking. This was supposed to be a hint to mommy to keep the bugger on a short leash. I ask myself now, why aren't we just more direct? It is just one of the civilities that make life run smoothly? Are we just afraid of confrontation? My final step was to pray for deliverance, if Mary can ascend to heaven, perhaps God might find it in his heart to drop me off a few thousand feet down. Some prayers tend to go unanswered I discovered.

I must take some of the blame in the seat fiasco, I selected a flight that left at 10 am. Any seasoned traveler knows that a Southwest flight leaving a city like San Jose after 8 am is going to be an elementary school bus field trip in the sky, replete with chaperones, crying kids, a smattering of parents and the incessant drone of "are we there yet?"

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## FROM THE SR. WARDEN

***“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”*** This is a very common sentiment expressed by your vestry this year. First it was reflected at our retreat. Then it was evidenced in our Vision and Mission statements that were written this year. It is frequently at the heart of our discussions and plans we are making for this year. Of course, this is not a “new sentiment” in Christian circles. How about from the second century. Some of you may have recognized it from Hebrews 10:24.

Like Paul, Peter, Timothy, Barnabas, and other Disciples of Christ, Ron, George, Hans, Steve, Sandie, Tim, Inge, Jim, Kim, Susanne, and Mary truly have “hearts for Christ.” Like the disciples before us we are learning to urge one another to “get out of ourselves” and give ourselves to others. We are encouraging each other to serve one another in love and act in ways that bring Christ more into this world. The Christian life is life in community so we encourage each other to meet together in worship and support each other in prayer. As we grow to live and act more like Christ in our vestry community, we naturally extend it to our families, our church community and the greater world community in which we live, work, play and serve.

Ponder this thought. You are a follower of Christ therefore you must be Christ to one another. Do others recognize Christ in how you relate to them, speak to them, act with them, serve and care for them? No one and no act, no matter how small, is insignificant in bringing Christ into this world. Each of us has an indispensable role to play in Christ’s kingdom on earth. Join your vestry and let us each do our part so Christ’s Kingdom will be at hand and flourish.

*Susie Ferguson*

## HEIFER PROJECT

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food we realized we needed to share everything to make it. Only after dinner did we give up everything we had freely. Once everyone had their fires going the entire Urban Slum group decided we didn’t want to sleep inside with the spiders and would rather sleep in the dirt outside. It was such a repulsive idea to sleep in the dirt and bugs that many of us tried to stay up all night, but failed. It is horrible to think that every night people just like us have to live like this.

By the time morning rolled around everyone was very excited to get up and eat food. We cleaned up, talked about our nights and headed home with new found appreciation for every little thing we have in our lives. I am still sick from the cold of that night, but every time I take food for a meal or turn on the water I remember how lucky I am to have everything I do.

*Kristen Petruzzelli*

# ECA Life

## PLAY BALL

Saturday, August 5th at 5 PM is "Fellowship Night" at San Jose Giants baseball. Last year the SJ Giants won the California League Championship and are leading their division this year! Several of their players from last year are on the SF Giants major league roster. And if that isn't enough, they have a grrreat BBQ at the stadium! Pastor Kevin and Jim Ballek are organizing a group of AVUCC and ECA people to attend this special church night at the ballpark. If you would like to see some good baseball, eat a little (or a lot of) BBQ please email Pastor Kevin to let him know to put you on the list. The tickets are \$12 per person or \$19 per person to include the BBQ. Tell us how many tickets at what price you need. We must purchase the tickets in advance. As soon as Pastor Kevin hears from everyone who wants to go, we'll order the tickets and collect the money from you. Please email pastor Kevin at [revkev@avucc.org](mailto:revkev@avucc.org)! *Take me out to the ballgame!*

*Rev. Kevin M. Smith*



## AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

In memory of his late wife Anandi, ECA member Michael Cox and Anandi's sisters, Beverly and Colleen, have joined together to raise money for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention ("AFSP"). They will be walking in the "Out of the Darkness" 20-mile overnight walk in San Francisco in July. To participate in the walk, the team needs to raise \$3000 for the non-profit AFSP. Michael has already met his \$1000 goal, so he is asking for future donations to be made to either of Anandi's sisters. They live in Canada and it is difficult for them to raise money in the U.S.

Would you consider donating to the AFSP in this cause? Even a small donation of \$20 or so helps greatly. It does not take many before much is accomplished. Your donations are fully tax deductible. To make a donation, use the printed forms posted on the ECA bulletin board in the community room or donate on-line.

To donate on-line, visit the AFSP homepage: <http://www.theovernight.org>. Click on the "Support a Participant" link, and enter either "Beverly Burry" or "Colleen Myrhaug." A page will come up with Anandi's picture. Click on the "Donate to this Participant" link above Anandi's picture and use the on-line form. This will ensure your donation is properly marked to count toward the \$1000 fundraising goal of either sister. Please give to the sister that has yet to reach the \$1000 goal.

Thank you for your consideration. In this small way together we are helping to transform a terrible loss into positive action to save lives.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

This spring I had the opportunity to attend New Beginnings with a group of our middle school students. NB is a Christian retreat for 6th through 9th graders sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese. Similar to Happening (for high schoolers) and Cursillo (for adults), NB strengthens ones faith through music, skits, games, witnessing, and small group discussions.

Melanie Click and I drove Karen Click, Paul Coutinho, Fallone Kabeja, Patricia Kabeja, Kele Lavery, Caitlin McPherson & Danielle Petruzzelli into the Santa Cruz Mountains on a Friday evening. The kids and I were joined at the Mount Hermon Retreat Center by more kids and adults from other churches in the Episcopal Diocese. We stayed in rustic cabins with bunkbeds (thank God for the girl who gave up her bottom bunk so I didn't have to climb to the top), ate our meals family style, and spent a wonderful weekend on God's time.

The weekend was led by youth leaders—kids in grades 7 through 12 who have already made at least one New Beginning themselves. One of these youth leaders was our own SHYG Josh Bemis. Also on hand were NB administrators Desi and Mike Brown, spiritual leader Kimberly Axtell, and a number of adult sponsors.

As an adult sponsor, my favorite part of the weekend was watching the kids bond and become filled with the Holy Spirit. I really got a kick out of hearing them sing my favorite Cursillo songs while adding their own spin to them. I've never heard Shine Jesus Shine sung quite like that (flow river, flow river)! I was also touched by the witnessing that took place by both adults and kids.

Our mountain bliss was disrupted Sunday morning when we discovered the staff and meeting rooms had been burglarized by a couple of men

the night before. Many items were stolen, and the kids had to come to terms with knowing that our safe place had been dishonored. We were very fortunate to have Desi, Mike and Kimberly's level heads, and Mike's dad's experience as a child psychologist and school counselor. We prayed for the victims and the thieves, and the weekend soared on.

I want to thank Katie McCormick for Friday night's dinner, Melanie Click for driving the kids down, John Mills for driving the kids back, Father Stephen for performing the Sunday Eucharist and setting just the right tone for closure, and especially to Kimberly, Desi and Mike for an awesome weekend.

*Kim Petruzzelli*

## DEADLINES

The deadline for The Shape is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month (up to 11:59pm), any articles not received by this time risk not being included! Don't be the one left stranded on an insert, or left out in the cold! Please, think ahead and get your articles to us on time! Everyone's article is important to us, and everyone wants to read what you write! Helps us out by remembering to pencil us into your busy schedule.

*The Shape*

## GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

*Mary, Kim, Susanne, & Hans:* Thank you for welcoming Britt Oleson into our community with breakfast in May.

*George Romer and Hans Spanjaart:* Thank you for representing our vestry at the Stewardship Conference offer by the Diocese.

*Pat Fox:* Thank you for your Eucharistic ministry to Carol Hoyt.

*Dorothy Willard:* Thank you for your love, caring, and leadership of our Prayer Vine.

*John Leslie and Tim Miller:* Thank you for bringing new music to our worship service on Youth Sundays.

*Kim Petruzzelli:* Thank you for your willingness to be a chaperone for our recent Happenings Weekend.

*Mary McPherson:* Thank you for leading our Thursday morning Bible Study this past year. We look forward to your continuation of this ministry in the fall.

*John Leslie:* Thank you for your inspiring and encouraging music ministry at ECA/UCC. Thank you especially for the joyous music offerings at Easter.

*Britt Oleson:* Thank you for your willingness to listen and your constructive and supportive ideas and inspiration.

*Thank you to all who have served* our children and youth this past year as teachers in our Christian Education program. You are a rich blessing to our church community.

*Susanne Moore and Jim McPherson:* Thank you for your leadership and organization with our upcoming Appreciation Party.

*Kathy & Doug Dunham, Susie & Jerry Ferguson, & Russ Petruzzelli:* Thank you for giving of your time to help with the cleanup at the recent Cursillo Weekend.

*Melinda Jennings, Ron Howie, & Kathy Mastre:* Thank you for your dedication to work the recent Cursillo Weekend.

*The Halls and the Mills:* Thank you for the use of your cars during the recent SHYGS trip.

Thanks to all who participated in the Heifer Internatinal weekend: Alex Bemis, Josh Bemis, Alex Bishop, Chris Coutinho, Ryan Hall, Matt LaRochelle, Faith Mills, Ryan McPherson, Kristen Petruzzelli, Trace Rimroth, Guido Spanjaart, Terry & Robin Root.

## DEANERY MEETING - MAY 10, 2006

1. Search for a new Bishop is in the beginning stages.
2. The 2007 Diocesan Budget is being worked on. Currently the Diocese has a \$200,000 short fall.
3. Committees are working on a Diocese evaluation.
4. There are three new proposals being considered for a new Diocesan Structure. (Below)
5. Committee is working on Alternate Funding Formulae. (Below)
6. Diocesan Convention meets on October 20, 21 2006
7. September 6<sup>th</sup> convention packets will be sent to delegates
8. May 6 Deputies will gather to talk about Convention
9. May 11 – 13 there will be a Conference in San Juan Bautista for clergy and lay.
10. June 27 at Saint Mark's there will be an update on new structure and financial models.
11. August 1, at Saint Andrews, presentation of new models (finance/structure) to Standing Committee
12. Currently churches are collecting basic First Aid Kit materials to give to SMUM

People resources being used by the committee to form new Diocesan structures and financial models are:

Keith Brown from San Joaquin CPG  
Alan Blanchar President Emeritus CPG  
Bishop Swing Diocese of California  
Bishop Jefferts-Schori Diocese of Nevada  
Bishop Romero Diocese of El Camino Real

**Structure Models:** The Structure team is now working with three alternative structures. DESC will not decide on the final structure and funding

proposals; convention delegates will make these decisions. Any of these models will take time to implement, so the structure adopted by the October Convention will need a transition plan for making required changes. The details of proposed structure models may be found at [www.edecr.org/desc/](http://www.edecr.org/desc/).

**Structure model #1** - This proposal cleans up the ambiguities and overlapping responsibilities of our current structure, establishes clear lines of authority, and has flexibility to accommodate the talents of our next bishop.

**Structure model #2** – This proposal emphasizes shared ministry and effective communication, as well as clear delineation of responsibilities.

**Structure model #3** – This proposal emphasizes collaborative ministry, and would encourage local ownership of ministries and programs.

### **Financial Models:**

Alternative funding models will be presented, any of which could work with any of the structures, allowing for greater or lesser resources. Alternative structure models will require different budgets. DESCs finance sub-committee is working with Diocesan Council's Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) to formulate several funding models and budgets. There is consensus that the present Fair Share formula is not working. In each of the proposed funding models, the Fair Share will be calculated on the current year's income. The details of proposed funding models may be found at [www.edecr.org/desc/](http://www.edecr.org/desc/).

- The present canonical model is 10% of the first \$60,000 NDBI; 22% of anything over that.
- 10% of the first \$85,000; 22% of anything over \$85,000 (and allowing a 10% calculation for any

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# Stewardship

This is the 4<sup>th</sup> installment in a series of Stewardship explorations. These are intended to serve as a basis for our Stewardship Campaign in the second half of this year. Following are a couple of complementary quotes which apply to the spirit of Stewardship:

Whatever you do in this life, take time to sit quietly and let the world tell you what it needs from you. Take a moment to honestly understand what your gifts are—you all have them. The way you choose to live your life brings meaning to your life. - Ann Reed Songwriter and singer

What we must decide is perhaps how we are valuable, rather than how valuable we are. - F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940) Writer.

In the previous Stewardship articles we've explored the breadth and scope of Stewardship and what good stewardship can do for us. Fr. Stephen, Hans Spanjaart, and I had the good fortune to attend the Diocesan Stewardship Workshop last Saturday (5/13/06). We heard Terry Parsons, Staff Officer for Stewardship for the Episcopal Church in the United States of America. We started off with a breakout discussion centered on Mark's 6<sup>th</sup> gospel, verses 30-44. We were asked to answer the questions:

- What is Jesus saying to me? (in these passages)
- What he asking us to do? (locally)

Some revelations from the discussions were that no matter what we do to "escape" the call of Jesus to minister to the people, the people continue to find us. We need to take care of those in need in the short term as well as long term. We are challenged to:

1. Pray (Book of Common Prayer texts and Extemporaneous ones)

2. Engage the Gospel (see the questions above)
3. Rebuke scarcity (think of ways how to get something done, not how not to!)
4. Claim abundance (see Mark 8 for a redux of the rebuking of scarcity and claiming abundance); it must have been scary to the disciples to feed so many with so little but they did it with less trepidation the second time)
5. Forget the budget (Vestries should spend much less time worrying about the budget and more time "nurturing holy habits" such as, keeping the Sabbath, prayer habits, taking care of those in crisis or with survival issues among us, and encouraging total involvement and the tithe, etc.)
6. Say "thank you" for everything received (put as many "thank yous" as persons on the prayer list – more "thank you" 's to God for blessings received and less pleading for help or more abundance)
7. Remember you can't sell soap if you don't take baths! (in other words, "walk the talk" and live your church life with an abundant attitude)

In addition to Terry Parsons' presentation, representatives of various El Camino Real parishes gave stewardship presentations on the subject of "lessons learned". A common theme for successful stewardship was high involvement and acting like owners rather than renters with respect to church life. We each must ask ourselves, "Are we owners or renters at ECA?" Does that sound like "dare to dream" to you?

So, in line with the quotes above, the Vestry and I ask you to consider your gifts and to be prepared to offer them when the Time & Talent survey is

# Worship

promoted at harvest time. We will be rolling out our Every Member Canvas Campaign at the Harvest Festival Dinner on October 14. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to attend. We are planning a fun evening and we encourage everyone to attend.

In the coming months the Stewardship Ministry will be calling you to become involved and to contribute to the work necessary to make this Stewardship Campaign successful.

*George Romer*  
*Vestry Stewardship Chair*

## EVANGELISM IN THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Rev. Canon Britt Olson visited ECA on Sunday, May 7. She is the Canon for Evangelism and Congregational Growth in our diocese. She preached at both services and met with the vestry in between the services, where the topic of discussion was evangelism. She had some very interesting things to say.

If we look at the New Testament, we read how the apostles were effective in evangelizing. Nearly all the stories involve healing and meeting unmet needs. We may not all be gifted in healing diseases, but we can do what the early church leaders did - meet the needs of those around us - simply by listening to their stories. Our society is rich in resources but lacking in the deep connections that make life meaningful. People crave authenticity, meaning and connectivity. Church invites you to come and connect with other people.

In our faith, we have the ability to ask questions, have different opinions, and yet be unified.

Britt asked us what reasons our non-Christian friends give us for why they don't believe, or don't come to church. In so doing, she subtly was pointing out that usually we don't ask.

If someone is panhandling on a street corner, we may put something in his or her cup, but we pass people every day with empty spiritual cups and do nothing about it. Evangelism is about hearing people's stories and sharing our own.

Instead of saying to someone, "Let's go to a movie together," how about suggesting, "Let's go sit and talk, or have coffee, or go for a walk." Take the opportunity to listen to their story.

When confronted with the questions or challenges like the DaVinci Code, or crusades, or other stumbling blocks, don't try to defend doctrine. Do instead what Jesus did, and turn the conversation back to the person in their own life. Say, "How have you been wounded by religion?"

She suggests we pray for one person. Pray for the ability to love them. Give them focused attention. Call them on the phone. Offer assistance. By doing so, they'll experience the love of God. That should be our goal. Pray and ask, "Who in my life could I be most effective in helping?"

Britt will be leading an Evangelism Workshop on 6/10/06 at St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Cupertino 8:30-2:00. Lunch is included.

*Mary McPherson*

# Music Notes

John Leslie

## SUMMER MUSICAL – PERFORMERS

Our cast and orchestra spots are filling in quite nicely. I think you will enjoy coming to see all your AVUCC and ECA friends perform in this hilarious show, with great music by Cole Porter. Some of Mr. Porter's best songs were written for "Anything Goes." They include: "It's Delovely," "You're the Top," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," "I Get a Kick out of You," "Friendship," and, of course, the title song "Anything Goes."

## SUMMER MUSICAL - REHEARSALS

Music and staging rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays and Sundays at 7:00pm  
Tap dance classes are being offered on Saturday mornings at 10:00. This is another reason to come see this show: How many JV members can "shuffle off to buffalo"???

## ECA YOUTH & FAMILY SINGERS

This group will meet on Thursday, June 22 at 5:30pm for a light supper and rehearsal to prepare music for the June 25 Youth Sunday 11:00am service. All are welcome – any age – to join us to sing and play this contemporary, praise-style music.

## JV CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The JV Children's Choir sang and signed "Love in Any Language" on Mother's Day, May 14, with Gwen Hacker as a featured soloist. Thanks Alison and Hanna, Anna, Claire, Kara and Kristen, Jessica, Meghan. The girls are now on summer break, but many will be working with us on our summer musical.

## JV BELL CHOIR

The JV Bell Choir played several selections during the AVUCC and ECA worship services on Mother's Day, May 14. The ringers are now on a well-deserved summer break. There is a possibility this summer of holding some introductory sessions

for inexperienced people who would like to join the Bell Choir in the future. We will learn about note-reading, bell-ringing techniques, and rhythms. Please see John Leslie, Maryke Williams, or any other Bell Choir member to let us know of your interest.

## ADULT CHOIR

The adult choir will sing for the last time this season on June 4. Let us all thank them for their year-round devotion to worshipping God through music, and for leading the singing of the service hymns. Sunday June 4 is the festival of Pentecost, as well as being Confirmation Sunday. Anyone interested in being part of the summer music-makers (soloists, small ensembles; singers or instrumentalists), please let John Leslie know.

*When in our music God is glorified  
And adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried  
"Alleluia!"  
Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
"Alleluia!"*

- - F. Pratt Green (1982 hymnal # 420)



# Fellowship

## PROPOSED FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

Jim McPherson presented an updated schedule for the year:

May 20<sup>th</sup> – 7.30 Almaden Adventures in the Arts

May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6.30pm Tacky Supper & Really Nice Fashion Show

June 10<sup>th</sup> - Ministry Appreciation Dinner (Susie emphasized that ALL are invited and should plan to come).

June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – ECA Camping

July – TBD – Nature Hike

July 7,8,14,15 Musical (John Leslie)

August 5 – San Jose Giants “Fellowship Night”

August 12th – “A Night Under the Stars”

September 9<sup>th</sup> – Men’s Steak and Stein

October 14<sup>th</sup> - Harvest Festival (adult event) (Stewardship Every Member Canvas Kickoff with Britt Olson as guest speaker)

October 28<sup>th</sup> (Saturday, 4:00 pm) – “All Hallows Eve”

November 4<sup>th</sup> – Annual Meeting (6:00 pm)

December 16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party (6:00pm)

## SHYGS EVENTS

Special events in June: Hannah Ward and Greg Lukanc graduate from high school and Greg will also receive his Eagle Scout award on June 17<sup>th</sup>. We are excited for both of them as they head out into the world.

Sunday, June 4-Potluck dinner at 5:30 with Parents of SHYGS and a regular SHYGS meeting to follow at 6:30

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>-Attend Greg Lukanc’s Eagle Scout ceremony

Sunday, June 18th-Regular Meeting-Last meeting of the summer

*Robin Root*

## DEANERY MEETING

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- A flat 10% on everything (the “plus” of a 10-Plus model cannot be budgeted)

*Sandie Mueller*

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Corrin Degnan	10
Jon Mills	10
Mary Beth Majors	11
Terry Stonehocker	11
Michaela Fahlen	12
Pat Fox	14
Russ Petruzzelli	14
Miriam Lueck	15
Christopher Consorte	18
Warren Willard	20
Jennifer Miller	21
Tom Fahlen	23
London Joslin	24
Kerry Sisler	24
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## BIRTHDAYS

We apologize for the omission of last month's birthdays. Due to some schedule conflicts and some communication errors nobody seemed to notice the omission until The Shape has been sent out. Please accept our apologies and bear with us as we work out the kinks in our system. As I hope most of you know, Kim Petruzzelli was an enormous help with The Shape, I would even say an essential cog in the Shape machinery, but her schedule is such that she has had to step down. Join me in thanking her for her dedication and service and bear with us as we try to live up to her higher standards! P.s., the June birthdays are on an insert somewhere in here...

*Alex Dykes*



## THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Thursday morning bible study group finished studying the book of Matthew. We will be breaking for the summer, and will resume in the fall.

*Mary McPherson*