

The Shape

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

FROM STEPHEN

Gee it's great to be back home! As most of you know by now Ellie, Faith and I had quite an adventure in Hawaii. On the last day of our vacation as we were headed to the airport, Ellie said she was not feeling very well; that her stomach hurt. We got to the airport, got on the airplane, and she became violently ill. We got off the plane, and waited to see if she would feel better. I was in denial and thought it was just food poisoning, but thankfully she was able to listen to her body and call the paramedics. At Kona Community Hospital a CAT scan confirmed that it was appendicitis. They performed emergency surgery about 4:00 in the morning. The appendix had just started to rupture. Because of the infection, she had to spend an additional five days in the hospital and in had to spend an additional week in Hawaii. One of the things that amazed me was the kindness of strangers towards us. I have come to the belief that the kindness of strangers is the foundation stone of the Kingdom of God. Another thing that amazed me was your kindness towards us. Desi delegated out all my responsibilities; Kimberly Axtell was incredible in working with Kevin and in transforming him into an Episcopal priest in less than 48 hours. Kevin was willing to step out of his comfort zone and minister to all of you in my stead. I deeply appreciated your ministry to me. The calls from Sandie Mueller and Mary Leal. Suzanne Mayo's insistence on picking us up from the airport. Pete Mayo's getting up at an ungodly hour to drive to the airport to meet us. Pete and Suzanne, Dom and Betty Consorte and Pat Fox having breakfast and lunch for us when we arrived home. Pat Fox's gentle care for our cats while we were gone. The Petruzelli family for offering to have Faith stay with them if Ellie and I could not come home when we did. And especially to all of you for your prayers. I felt loved

and supported and prayed for the whole time we were there. Thank you and bless you. You enabled me to experience a side of you I had heard about but not experienced before. You are wonderfully caring and I will never forget your love.

I am excited about the start of the new church year. Robin and Terry Root have left a rich legacy for Mike and Desi Brown to build upon and as I write this, they are at Camp Oakhurst with 11 of our high school youth team-building and planning for the coming year. Under the inspiration of Debbie Bishop, we are beginning a High School Bible Study during the Sunday School hour. We had an awesome turnout for the first Junior High Youth Group meeting of the year with Katie McCormick and John Mills. The staff has been working diligently to clean, prepare and restock the Sunday School rooms with supplies (if you get a chance, look in the cupboards). We have two bible studies meeting on a regular basis and both are well attended. We had a wonderful "Steak and Stein" night with over 30 men in attendance. George Romer has worked diligently to prepare for our Harvest Festival and it promises to be a fantastic event. Tom Rose from AVUCC is teaching an adult education class on the Gospel of Mary. I believe that we are on a path to nurture and deepen our spirituality.

May your journey be filled with joy and punctuated with love!



Salaam,
Stephen +

From the Editor



At times I marvel at the paths we take in life. The particular path that I have been slowly dragging myself (sometimes falling) down has put me in an interesting place. The old Chinese proverb goes: “may you live in interesting times” and I suppose this is a positive thing. There seems to be an age you eventually reach (the age differs amongst the throng) when you look back on your life and say “how’d I end up here?” or you start to question your planning for the future “I’m here, how do I get there?” or even more profoundly “is here where I want to be?”

Right now, I’m at 725 feet above sea level on a hillside about 4 miles away from Mount Loma Prieta. How I got here is something I have not figured out yet, but the method did include a 30 year loan with payments that keep me up at night. “Is here where I want to be?” Humm, I haven’t figured that out yet, check back if we ever have a house to live in built on it. “I’m here, how do I get there?” That is the most straight forward question to answer: build. The real question in life is: how *do* I get there without going bankrupt, killing myself, or just giving up half way thru. You may have guessed at our latest “project” in life: 8.5 acres in the Santa Cruz Mountains that we [hopefully] will be attempting to build on. Of course, no plan of ours would ever be complete without some hair brained scheme tossed in, and this plan is a doozy: we’re going to be building the house ourselves to save money. Now, most people seem eager to tackle reasonable tasks to save money: they clean their own carpet, paint rooms themselves. The more adventurous in the crowd might even tackle a bathroom remodel that will not only live in infamy with the occupants of the house, but could also drag on for two or three years. Even the most brave weekend warrior will oft think twice about constructing a new house from scratch. This is the point where we throw both caution and better judgment to the wind and plow head first into major construction. So far we’re off to a smashing start: We have plans that aren’t quite right (we have a failure to communicate with the architect), a budget that’s too small, power that’s too far away, a well that’s 600 feet down the hill from the house, a gravel road that my car is too low to the ground for, and several hundred tanbark oak trees that are on death row because the property is located in sudden oak death disease central. Stay tuned, I’m sure there will be many an amusing moment to come in our quest for affordable-do-it-yourself housing. Perhaps along the way the meaning of life will be revealed, my quest for enlightenment satisfied and the eternal question that has plagued mankind for centuries answered: can two people design and build a home together without murdering each other in the process?

Alex Dykes

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Fellowship

HONK AND BE PART OF THE ECA FAMILY

It was the “honking” that first got my attention. Flying across the soft evening sky was a formation of geese. It took me back to an ECA women’s retreat quite a number of years ago when I learned the “honking” is how the geese in formation encourage and support their leader, assuring him they are working right with him to reach the goal. When the leader gets tired and needs a break he merely falls back into a supportive position in the formation and another flies readily into the lead spot. The journey is long but as each takes a turn being support or leader, the goal is reached year after year. The more geese in the formation to share the task at hand the easier it is to reach the goal.

The geese remind me of our church. ECA has some very exciting goals and visions for the years ahead. Some may seem overwhelming, too big a job. Some may seem challenging, too hard a job. Some may seem impossible, too big a dream. The truth is we can reach our goals and visions even those yet to be dreamed, just like the geese, if everyone (100% of us) is willing to find some way to offer support to our church family. Whether your support is small or big, it is significant in the Lord’s eyes.

Opportunities to participate are around every corner at ECA. Let’s consider the Sunday School program as one example. You may not feel called or equipped to teach. Maybe it is just too big of a commitment for you at this time. *No problem.* How about volunteering one Sunday a month to help a teacher. Be that extra pair of hands to pour juice, clean up a spill, help children with craft activities, or help with crowd control. It’s a great way to support and encourage someone who has said, “yes” to teaching.

Perhaps you like to attend church activities or fellowship events. But your schedule is hectic and working on the preparation is just out of the question. *No problem.* Consider helping on clean up. What a boost and

encouragement to those who have put the event together and who by then may be on their last dregs of energy.

Perhaps you are doing all you can with your time and energies and just want to drop by our church for worship on Sundays. *No problem.* Consider pledging if you are not already doing so. Knowing exactly how much funding we can anticipate in the next year helps your vestry plan and provide needed programs for others. The amount you pledge is not near as important as the act of pledging. God honors any amount.

In the next few months keep your eyes and ears open. You may find just the right opportunity and way to offer your support to our ECA community. Consider all that is available to you and step up, volunteer, give a little or give abundantly, but most importantly “honk” in your very special way.

Susie Ferguson
Senior Warden



Section Title

WHY SHOULD I JOIN A BIBLE STUDY?

Hiking in quicksilver this morning, I realized I wanted to write an article on this subject. So, when I got home, I did what I do more and more when I have a question I need an answer to. I googled, “ Why should I join a bible study”. Here are 10 wonderful reasons why people study the scriptures. (Modified from [http://www.faith-bible.net/content/view/66/92/.](http://www.faith-bible.net/content/view/66/92/))

1. To Meet And Connect With Other Christians

Being in a Bible Study is an effective way to meet and connect with other people from ECA, enabling you to build and deepen relationships.

2. To Use Your Spiritual Gifts

Being in a Bible Study allows you to exercise your spiritual giftedness (caring, mercy, hospitality, etc.) in the context of a smaller community. This is a great environment in which you can serve and be served.

3. To Fulfill Biblical “One Anothers”

Being in a Bible Study will offer you the opportunity to provide and receive the “one another” statements (love one another, care for one another, etc.) of the Bible.

4. To Share Life Experiences

By coming to Bible Study, you will become part of a caring and listening community where you can freely discuss your life experiences, trials and joys. Some burdens are too heavy to carry alone, and a bible study group provides you with others who are willing to share your burden and lighten the load.

5. To Learn To Talk About Your Faith

Coming to Bible Study will give you practice talking about and sharing what you know and have learned with others. Good preparation for discussions with those outside church.

6. To Experience Answer To Prayer

A Bible Study is a safe place where you can pray for others and have them pray for you. You will be able to share personal prayer requests, as well as intercede for others, and you will be encouraged as you see God answering the prayers of His people.

7. To Mature In Your Walk With God

Being in a Bible Study will help you experience and observe maturity and growth in spiritual disciplines, such as Bible application and prayer. Not only will you see yourself maturing in these areas, but you will also be able to observe and be encouraged by the growth of others in the group.

8. To Learn To Apply Biblical Truths To Everyday Life

By studying the Bible, you will deepen your understanding of the truths of the Bible and how to apply those truths to your everyday life.

9. To Grow In Your Understanding Of God

By being in a Bible Study, you will grow in your understanding of who God is.

10. To Model The Christian Life

By being in a Bible Study, you will be following the model of early New Testament Christians who met in small home groups for prayer and fellowship.

ECA offers two opportunities to study the bible in a small group. Study the lectionary for the following Sunday with Stephen at the Muellers every other Wednesday evening. On Thursday mornings, come to church for a lay led study of the book of Romans. Hope to see you there!

Mary McPherson

Music Notes

VOICE RECITAL – featuring HI-DONG CHAI (and friends!)

Hi-Dong Chai, a member of AVUCC, will present a voice recital on Saturday, October 28 at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. He will sing music from the classical, musical theatre and sacred repertoire, including opera and oratorio arias, art songs, love songs, Broadway show tunes, hymns and spiritual songs. Hi-Dong will be accompanied by his wife Phyllis Chai, and JV Music Director John Leslie. Also on the program will be soprano Susan Gaydon, and mezzo-soprano Gwen Hacker. All are welcome to attend this recital at no charge, as well as a reception following in Fellowship Hall to meet and greet the artists.

MOVIE NIGHT with DEAN COOK, organist

Please see the Movie Night article elsewhere in this issue for an exciting Hallowe-en movie event with theatre organ master Dean Cook, coming to JV Churches , Sunday October 29.

ADULT ECA CHOIR

The ECA Adult Choir rehearsals have resumed. If you are interested in joining us, please talk to John Leslie, or one of the choir members. We especially need men's voices. Rehearsals are held Thursday nights in the Choir Room at 7:30pm.

JV BELL CHOIR

JV Bell Choir will resume rehearsals Wednesday, October 4 at 4:30pm in Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining us, please talk with John Leslie or one of the Bell Choir members.

JV CHILDREN'S CHOIR AND BELLS

A new group of young handchime ringers is forming. Rehearsals will be Saturday mornings from 10:15-11:00am, beginning October 7. Young people will learn about music note-reading, counting rhythms, and the appropriate ways to ring handbells and handchimes. No experience is needed. In late October we will add one half hour of rehearsal time for singing, to prepare music for the upcoming holidays. Please sign up, or talk to John Leslie if your child is interested in the student handchime choir.

*All God's critters got a place in the choir.
Some sing low, and some sing higher.
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire,
And some just clap their hands, or paws,
or anything they got now.*

-Bill Staines

John Leslie

You can always reach John, or leave him a message, by calling the church office (408) 268-0243 or by E-mailing him at music@jointventurechurches.org.

STEAK & STEIN THANKS

Thanks to all the men that came to a very successful Steak & Stein event. After many years of not having this event, it was great to get together again. Special thanks go to: Dave Byers' and his barbeque crew, Dwight Dorsey and Mike Reilly. Mark Ciccarello prepared all of the potatoes and salad. Many spouses helped with the desserts. Nancy and George Romer and Susanne Moore for all of the table setup and decorations. I think everyone took care of cleanup, so thanks to all of you. Ed Mueller for taking all of the photos. Thanks to Los Gatos Meats for the marinated tri-tips. Thanks to Bev-Mo for giving us a break on the "pale ale". I hope there is someone that attended that would like to take on the event next year. There are plenty of people with lots of skills that can help. We did turn a profit and this will be used to offset some of the expenses for the "Harvest Dinner" that is coming up on Saturday, October 14. I hope to see you there.

Arnold Moore.

YEAR END EVENTS

We have many events planned this fall, so mark your calendars now and plan to attend these dinners.

Saturday October 14, 2006 Fall Harvest Dinner (See George's announcement for more details)

Sunday November 5, 2006 ECA 39th Birthday Dinner and Annual Meeting (This is an Italian Pasta potluck, sign up now.)

Saturday December 16, 2006 Christmas Party and Dinner at the Church (More details next month!)

We need people to help cook and clean-up for the October and December dinners and set-up and clean-up for the Annual Meeting in November. Please contact, Jim McPherson (408) 229-8217 or Susanne Moore (408) 358-2077 for more information or to volunteer to help.

Susanne Moore

FOR WHAT ITS WORTH

Peter received this note from our son, David, and we wanted to share the article, that he sent to his father, with ECA. Families.

We quote: "Dad, This article appeared in our Church bulletin this past Father's Day, and I thought it was very enlightening. Bottom line: thank you for taking Kim and me to church and taking an interest in our spiritual growth" Love, Dave

We personally feel that it is a 50/50 (father/mother), but this article certainly points up the importance of father influence.

Fathers: Key to Their Children's Faith

By: S. Michael Craven

I am afraid that our culture has reduced the role of fatherhood to something nonessential or unnecessary. Many men today regard parenting as being primarily the mother's role and somehow no longer associated with masculinity or "real" manhood. Instead they have bought into modern cultural caricatures and its label of "hunter-gatherer" and thus assume this to be their primary and sometimes only contribution to the family. As a result to many men, including professing Christian men, express their roles as "father" exclusively in terms of financial provider. The fact is children are not looking for financial provision; they are looking for love, guidance and a role model for what it means to be a man.

While research does indeed show that paternal absence (whether it is physical or practical) is a significant contributing factor in almost ever category of societal ill, my concern here is the spiritual effect. A study conducted by the Swiss government in 1994 and published in 2000 reveals, "It is the religious practice of the father of the family that, above all, determines the future attendance at or absence from church of the children." The study reported in short, if a father does not go to church, no matter how faithful his wife's

devotions, only one child in 50 will become a regular worshipper. If a father does go regularly, regardless of the practice of the mother, between two-thirds and three-quarters of their children will become churchgoers (regular and irregular).

This confirms the role of father as spiritual leader. Dear brothers, I pray that as we lead our children to church this Father's Day we will reflect deeply on the vital role of spiritually mentoring our children in the faith of our Lord Jesus and put into practice the admonition of the Lord to teach our children "when they sit at home, when they walk along the road, when they lie down and when they wake up." (Deut. 6:7) Happy Father's Day!

Pete & Suzanne Mayo

ALMADEN ADVENTURES IN THE ARTS

Our 2006-2007 concert series is really shaping up! We are very excited about the concerts we have lined up for you. As of the press deadline for this issue, we were still awaiting confirmation from one or two artists, and when all performers have been confirmed, we will have our money-saving Subscription Package ready for you all!

As of this writing, the artists include: A Celtic Heart (St. Patrick's Day concert), A Touch of Brass (big band group with vocal soloist), Jeff Strametz (60s & 70s rock: Eagles, Mamas and Papas, Jimmy Buffett, Simon & Garfunkel), Peninsula Banjo Band, and our two January "Soup, Salad & Sound" organ concerts: Ruthanne Adams (organ, harp, piano, handbell soloist) and an organist to be confirmed. In April we will also present many of your JV performing favorites in a tribute to the music and lyrics of Cole Porter, a revue featuring John Leslie and cast members from our JV Musicals.

To God alone be all the Glory!

John Leslie

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Sandie and Ed Mueller: Thank you for your gracious hospitality opening your home for our Wednesday Bible study on a regular basis.

The Mayos, the Consortes, Pat Fox, Kimberly Axtell: Thank you for your extended kindness to Stephen, our Rector, and his family after their Hawaii adventure and mis-adventure.

Arnold Moore and his team, Dave Byers, Mark Ciccarello, Jim McPherson, George Romer: Thank you for spearheading a successful return of the "Steak 'n Stein Men's fellowship event in September.

John Leslie and company: Thank you for a reflective and meditative Taize service on September 11.

Mary McPherson: Thank you for your leadership and inspiration with the Thursday morning Bible study.

John McPherson: Thank you for all your work on the tree lot and rose garden.

Sharon Hall, Kathryn McAbee and all their helpers: Thank you for all your organization and coordination for the SHYGS barbeque and celebration of Robin and Terry's ministry to the youth.

Desi & Mike: Thank you for stepping forward to lead the SHYGS.

Mr. Pim: Thank you for entertaining us with laughter.

From the Longs: We want to thank all the wonderful people of the congregation for the wonderful flowers, food, and prayers that helped get us through the long recovery period. Thank you one and all!

Youth

JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

- Oct.** Sun.8 – meeting 6-8
Sat. 21 – Great America 10-7
Sun.29-Dean Cook Halloween movie night
JHYG’s will run the snack concession stand in costume
- Nov.** Sat.- Sun 11-12 24 hour retreat at All Saints Episcopal Church in Carmel
Thurs. 23- Thanksgiving
Sun. 27 Meeting 6-8
- Dec.** Sat.2nd 4-5:30 bring baked goods to church to package for bake sale
Sun.3rd 10am Alternative Christmas bake sale
Sun.3rd 6-8pm meet at church to go Shopping for adopted family
Sun.17-meeting 5-8 **pie baking**
18-29 SJUSD Christmas break
- Jan.** Sun.7-meeting 6-8
Fri-Sun.18-21 ski trip – **Joint SHYG and JHYG**
- Feb.** Sun. 11-meeting 6-8
Tues.20 Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner - **Joint SHYG and JHYG**
Sun. 25 outing
19-23 SJUSD winter break
- March** Sun. 11-meeting 6-8
Sun. 25- meeting 6-8
Fri 30- Seder – **Joint SHYG and JHYG**
- April** Easter April 8th
*6-13 SJUSD Spring Break
Sun.15-meeting 6-8
Fri – Sun 27-29 New Beginnings at our church
- May** Sun.13 meeting
- June** Fri. 1 end of the year party

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Oct. 1** - Regular Schedule
Sat. Oct. 7 - blessing of the animals
- Oct. 8** - Regular Schedule
Oct. 15 - Regular Schedule
Oct. 22 - Regular Schedule
Oct. 29 - Regular Schedule
- Nov. 5** - Regular Schedule
Nov. 12 - Regular Schedule
Nov. 19 - Regular Schedule
Nov. 26 - Regular Schedule
- Dec. 3** Advent wreath making during breakout
Dec. 10 - Regular Schedule
Dec. 17 - Instant Christmas Pageant - no Sunday school (SJUSD winter break Dec.18-29)
Dec. 24 – No Sunday School
Dec.31 - No Sunday School
- Jan. 7** - Regular Schedule
Jan. 14 - Regular Schedule
Jan. 21 (no Sunday school for Junior High/ski trip)
Jan. 28 - Regular Schedule
- Feb. 4** - Regular Schedule
Feb.11- Pass around the alleluia banner to classrooms
Feb. 18 - Receiving of the Scripture for 5th graders
Feb. 20 shrove Tuesday – pancake dinner
Feb. 21 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 25** - Bury the alleluia banner
- Mar. 4** - Regular Schedule
Mar. 11 - Regular Schedule
Mar. 18 - Regular Schedule
Mar. 25 - Regular Schedule
- April 1** - Palm Sunday no S.S
April 8 - Easter - Alleluia banner / Easter egg hunt
April 16 - Regular Schedule
April 15 - Regular Schedule
April 22 - Regular Schedule
April 29 (no Sunday school for Jr High)
May 6 - Regular Schedule
May 13 - Regular Schedule
May 20 - Last day of S.S. – celebration in classrooms and cake in fellowship hall

Youth

SHYGS KICK OFF

September 15th we kicked off SHYGs this school year with a trip to Camp Oakhurst to go on the ROPES course there and to being planning for the year. There was a total of eleven people who went, nine youth plus Mike and Desi. We left the church around 4:30 on Friday afternoon for the long drive down to the camp. Including a dinner stop in Los Banos we made it to Oakhurst in about four and a half hours. Saturday morning we played around on the skate park right outside the guys cabin. We didn't let only having one skate board stop us from having fun. After breakfast we played a lot of games and had fun getting to know each other. Just before lunch we got a chance to try out the giant 65 foot swing. Everyone had a turn using the swing, with some of the more adventurous guys flipping upside down. After lunch it was on to the climbing wall. Some of the youth were brave enough to take on the more challenging of the two walls and all made it to the top with encouragement from the others. Next it was on to the high ROPES course where we had to first climb up a cargo net, then cross a series of different types of bridges, and finally launch down a zip line. All the while we were made to sing songs, tell jokes, or do dances by the Camp Oakhurst staff. Everyone had a great time. Saturday night we started to plan out just what we wanted to do for the up coming school year. The teens came up with a lot of good ideas and we will discuss them more at the first SHYGs meeting with the rest of the group. The night was capped off by board games and movies. The trip was a big success and everyone had a lot of fun. We are looking forward to the rest of they year and the activities that were planned.

Mike & Desi Brown

About Mike and Desi Brown:

Desi grew up in San Jose until the age of 16 when she moved with her parents to Newman in the central valley. She has been an active participant in the various youth activities put on by the Diocese of El Camino Real since 1997. For the last two years she and Mike have been the coordinators for New Beginnings. Desi is also the Coordinator of Youth Activities for the Diocese.

Mike grew up in Salinas. Growing up he was active with his local Boy Scout troop where he eventually earned his Eagle Scout award. He also worked at the local scout camp for 5 years, most of it as a councilor. Like Desi, he has been involved with ECR's youth activities since 1997, including being the music team leader for both Happening and New Beginnings.

Both Desi and Mike have a real passion for working with youth, especially teens. They are excited about the chance to work with SHYGs and are looking forward to the year ahead.



Stewardship

We have arrived at the Season of Giving of Time, Talent, and Treasure. To kickoff this fall campaign we are inviting all to come to the Harvest Festival Dinner/ Program on Saturday, October 14. Here is what is happening and we hope you are involved:

- You will be (or have been by the time you've received this Shape) asked in the Services and notified in the Sunday Bulletins to attend the Harvest Festival Dinner.
- The week of September 25, a special mailing is or has gone out to all which includes information about the start of the campaign and what to expect in the coming weeks. Also, there will be some thought provoking pages on Positive Steps Forward, Next Steps in Stewardship, and pledge history.
- We are encouraging everyone to pledge, regardless of the amount.
- ECA Directory Page Captains are calling everyone on their assigned page to encourage you to come to the Harvest Festival Dinner/ Program.
- The Rev. Canon Britt Olson from the Diocese of El Camino Real Office of Evangelism and Congregational Growth will be our guest speaker on the subject of, you guessed it: stewardship.
- At the Harvest Festival Dinner, the Page Captains will distribute the Campaign Packets which will include personal Time & Talent Survey forms and a Pledge Card, instructions, and a small gift. The Page Captains will make sure those, who can't attend the Harvest Festival Dinner, get their Pledge Packets.
- You are encouraged to bring your Gifts of Time, Talent, & Treasure to church on the following 3 Sundays, October 15, 22, and 29 wrapped as gifts.
- The Page Captains will be calling during those 2 weeks to follow-up, as needed.

Our goal is to have 100% pledge participation and 100% Time & Talent Surveys and Pledge Cards delivered to the Church by Halloween. Please help make that happen for ECA.

It would be really nice to be able to report completion of our Season of Giving of Time, Talent, and Treasure Campaign at our ECA Annual Meeting on the 5th of November.

The Stewardship Ministry needs your help with the fall campaign. When you are called, please receive the call enthusiastically, call back to the caller as soon as possible, and do everything you can to help us achieve the above goals. Mark your calendar to save the date for the Harvest Festival Dinner on October 14. If you have questions or need information, please call George.

George Romer
(408) 268-4435

ECA Life

KID'S BREAKOUT

Kids' Breakout is that time when we take elementary school children down to the Youth Center during the regular 11 am church service: we go downstairs after announcements and return during the Passing of the Peace. During our time, we do a variety of Christian-based activities, from learning Bible verses, singing songs, doing crafts, and playing games to cleaning up around the church to watching Christian videos ("Veggie Tales" and "Adventures from the Book of Virtues" are the favorites). Our numbers vary, from 2 children to 20 children, but are usually in the 6 - 10 range.

I've been remiss in the past year in setting up a regular schedule of helpers, and would like to rectify that this year. Can you help me out? If you are interested in supervising the children anywhere from one Sunday a year to one Sunday a month, please let me know, either by e-mailing me (lprousseau@aol.com), calling me (480) 927-7298, or signing up on the calendar on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. I can provide you with a plan for your time with the kids, or you can come up with your own activities.

You don't have to have children in the program to help!
Teens - earn community service hours!

Thanks in advance for helping out with this rewarding program.

Leslie Rousseau

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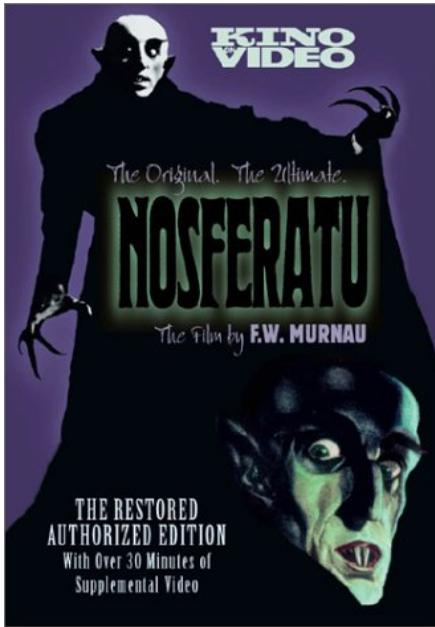
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Roland Darnell	4
Linda Nollette	8
Ron Howie	10
Bonnie McPherson	13
Susanna Machado	14
Carol MacDonald	15
Judy Blankenheim	16
Jennifer Taylor	17
Desire Brown	18
Bill Hird	18
Jan English Lueck	28
Josephine Tshibola	28
Earl Griffith	29

Events

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT AT JV CHURCHES



Nosferatu

Sunday, October 29 | 6:00pm

JV Sanctuary

Organ Music performed live by Dean Cook

The quintessential silent vampire film. Rather than depicting Dracula as a shape-shifting monster or debonair gentleman, F.W. Murnau's Graf Orlok (Max Schreck) is a nightmarish creature - the most genuinely disturbing incarnation of vampirism yet envisioned. An atypical expressionist film, *Nosferatu* was shot on location in the Carpathian mountains, and is infused with the subtle tones of nature: both pure and fresh as well as twisted and sinister. UAC Films.

Germany 1922 | 84 minutes | Silent / B&W | NR |

Directed by F.W. Murnau

Admission: Adults \$10.00; Students \$5.00

Refreshments provided by JHYG

SPECIAL CONCERT & MOVIE FOR HALLOWE'EN

Music @ Joint Venture Churches, in association with the JV Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups, present master theatre organist Dean Cook, accompanying the silent film "Nosferatu," the original, and ultimate silent vampire film! This special event will take place in the JV sanctuary on Sunday evening, October 29 at 6:00pm. Refreshments and fellowship in the JV social hall will follow the movie (no food or beverages in the sanctuary, please). Costumes welcome, but not required. Sign-up soon.