

The Shape

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

FROM STEPHEN

What a grand and glorious Holy Week and Easter it was. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to John Leslie, the choir and all our musical performers for Maundy Thursday, to our readers throughout the week who did a wonderful job on the lessons, to all acolytes and servers, to Betty Consorte and Nancy Romer for the beautiful decorations, to Andy Kerr and the Folk Choir for Easter Sunrise, to John Leslie and the choir for doing double duty on Easter Sunday, to David Hoyt whose trumpet playing added greatly to the joy of Easter Day, to Dennis Elliott and the office volunteers who cranked out reams of bulletins, to our coffee hosts who kept us awake throughout the week, to Dennis and Mary Moran who hung the crucifix on Good Friday, to Katie McCormick and the Sunday School for a splendid Easter Egg Hunt, to the 7:30 congregation who hid the eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, to the ushers who kept things moving and orderly, to the counters who kept the offerings straight and made sure we were good stewards of your generosity, to the youth who labored mightily and searched valiantly for the Alleluia Banner, to the Altar Guild who kept things in order and rolling along and without whom our worship would be impossible, to our greeters who welcomed friends and strangers and made them feel at home, and to you the people of ECA who attended, participated, and were our worship this Holy Week. Thank you and bless you.

One of the most exciting parts of Holy Week and Easter was the increase in attendance at our services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday especially. Those increases testify to a deepening spirituality and growing emotional health among the congregation. The music on Maundy Thursday was especially moving and I have had lots of wonderful comments about it. I also won a bet with Kevin. He thought there would only be 20 – 30 people at the Easter Sunrise Service while I told him I thought there would be 50. There were 50 exactly. I will try to not let him forget that for at least another year.

We are grateful to the Providence of God for brining home safely AVUCC members Dave and Rae Harris and Phyllis and Hi Dong Chai. They were on a Mediterranean cruise when their cruise ship, *The Sea Diamond*, hit a reef and sank. They escaped, literally, with just the clothes on their back. They had to be met at the airport by a locksmith because their keys were at the bottom of the ocean. Welcome home!

Finally, we have a wonderful event coming up. On May 11th the Montgomery Meals cooking crew is going to prepare not one but two batches of its culinary delights. The first batch they will take downtown to feed the hungry and homeless and we get the

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After last month's column, I have to say I have drawn a total blank on my time at ECA. After much thought, I think the only thing I can add now is how I came back to ECA. Much of this probably has to do with a rather conventional childhood:

parents want you to go to church, so naturally you don't want to have anything to do with the place. By the time I graduated high school you could say that I was on my way to being "unchurched." I still went to ECA now and then, but I didn't really think much of the practice of religion at all, mainly because I had doubts about "the whole God thing."

Still, I had fond memories of days past at ECA with Ginger leading the youth group, Anne getting the Sunday school kids to frost Styrofoam and pass them off to the adults as "cakes." Ahh, those were the good old days.

High School years are an interesting time: a time of self discovery, a time of growth, and a time you think you know everything there is to know about everything. The reality of course is, as we all know, that you really know very little about anything, especially life. So off into the world I went working a summer job before college and starting to question the meaning of life within my new found freedom. One of first realities I questioned was my self-proclaimed position as a "self contained person." For most of my time in school I was the one that the class picked on, my best friend was the one they picked on when I was not there. Rather than going postal, I adopted the policy that it didn't matter because *I* didn't need *them* to be complete. Of course as you come to realize later in life, that's not wholly true: feelings of acceptance by others is an important thing in life and something that all humans require. Churches that follow the example of Christ give you that feeling of acceptance and inclusion. Around this time I also came to the realization that I was gay.

Being gay isn't something you just trip across suddenly and *off you go*. It is difficult to describe as there are no helpful parallels I can

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FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

Family. What kind of picture does that word conjure up in your mind? During the month of April my small group Bible study took a close look at one particular family's story found in Genesis 37-46:7. Now there was a family with some issues!

First, with 12 brothers, one could expect some sibling rivalry. But, really, did Dad have to play favorites and rub it in with some fabulous gift? Then add the arrogance of a teenager who felt a need to flaunt his giftedness. Who is going to bow down to whom? Jealousy led to anger, and unchecked, led to hate. A family bent on destruction because of tension and conflict. And yet, in His time, (*over 20 years*) God softened hearts, mended relationships, and brought a family back together. Just imagine over 20 years to affect a change and accomplish a plan that was once only a dream.

An old, old story of a time long ago when things were so very different. Or were they? Jacob's family lived through times of plenty and times of scarcity...times of joy and times of sorrow...times of forgiveness and times of reconciliation...times of healing and times of love. An old, old story that can, even in the days of high speed Internet and instant messaging, bring a clarity and direction to our lives today. God's hand was in Jacob's story and He wants to be in every one of our stories today.

God extends His hand to each of us, often; but how often do we take it. He's always reaching out –

on Sunday, Wednesdays at the Rector's Bible study, Thursday mornings, too, at vestry meetings, while cooking for Montgomery meals, through the Prayer Vine, through music, song, and praise, when serving others, and again and again and again. Take it as often as you can and let Him grow your heart, your faith, and your love just as He did with Jacob's family.

Susie Ferguson
Senior Warden

RECTOR

second batch. For just \$10.93 per person you can come and enjoy this gastronomical delight. We don't know exactly what will be on the menu but our best guess is that it will include turkey. This is a fundraiser for our 40th Anniversary Celebration. While we are on the subject, it is not too early to begin individual preparations for that celebration. Would you begin to ask yourself: What has ECA meant to me? What brought me to ECA? Who have I met at ECA who was truly a companion along the way? What are the joys I have celebrated and the sorrows I have mourned at ECA? I believe these are important questions as we celebrate this milestone of our time together.



Salaam, Stephen +

STEWARDSHIP

One of my goals for the year is to focus on a spirit-led life which could be a prayerful, contemplative focus. However, one needs to be careful about going overboard to the point of a total inward focus – being withdrawn and introspective. Balance is needed. The following prayer is taken from the Right Reverend Michael Creighton's booklet which was published after his tenure at ECA, "For Starters". The booklet is a summary of "opening prayers" for worship.

"Gracious Lord, be with me as I wrestle with Christian giving. Part of me is reticent. Be with me in my resistance. Part of me is ready and eager. Lord, there is this inner tension about giving. Part of me wants to be left alone, and part of me wants you to rattle the cage. Seek me out and overcome my awkwardness, my reserve, and my caution with your love. You, who have given your life for me, did you not go through the same tension? Gracious Lord, set me free . . . free to give of my life, cheerfully, in your Spirit. Amen."

As this last Easter Season fades from vivid memory, this prayer reminds us of Jesus' struggles similarly related in the Bible but with much higher stakes than simply helping my neighbors and contributing to the programs of ECA. Lord, help us to keep this perspective as we put our pledges of time and talent to your work and contemplate what might further be achieved in our local community with more people involved and therefore, more resources to work with. Invite someone to come to church

with you! If you see someone at church you don't know, introduce yourself and introduce them to someone else. Invite them to coffee or Bible study.

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PRAYER VINE

Prayer truly is one of the most powerful actions we use in our daily lives. It is also one of the finest moments in our lives. On Monday, March 5, I asked the members of our ECA Prayer Vine to pray for a long time dear friend of George's and mine who had suffered a hemorrhagic stroke while we were with her. Sitting in the hospital ICU, we felt an incredible calm and sense of well being as we questioned doctors and provided comfort and support to her family. Now, almost 5 weeks later as I write this message, our friend is doing incredibly well. She is able to clearly communicate and walk without any hesitation. I know that the prayers that were said on her behalf lifted her up to healing and provided the inner resources for her doctors and family to overcome this very difficult time. God bless you and thank you all for the powerful force you provided in her recovery. You are a cornerstone of our ECA family.

Nancy Romer

GOOD NEWS FOR MARION

The Kidney Transplant Medical Board at UCSF Medical Center met in mid-April and has given the final go-ahead for Marion to get her kidney transplant. Now we wait – with charged cell phones turned on, and gas in the car. We will have in hand: phone numbers for Marion, the Nurse-Coordinator-On-Call, the dispatcher, and other pertinent phone numbers and maps in hand. We will support Marion during the time before her transplant and afterward, during her recuperation. After her kidney transplant the plan is for her to stay for two weeks with Betty and Dom Consorte. During that time and when Marion returns to her house we have a battery of helpers who have agreed to run errands for groceries, etc and to do light housekeeping chores. We have offers to bring No-Salt meals to Marion, as well.

This ECA church (and in fact AVUCC, too) is the salt of the earth and has heard our request and responded with enthusiasm. Marion Grunge (Grunge) has eighteen willing drivers to get her up to San Francisco Medical Center and Hospital for her kidney transport. A chart has been made to have a driver on-call for every 24-hour day of the week through May. And everyone on the list knows they could be called for back-up even though they are not named for that day. New volunteer driving charts will be made for June and July. We will continue for as long as needed. Sandie Mueller and Cindy Francis are alternating as dispatchers for “The Call”. We will keep you all informed in a timely manner as we go through this process with Marion.

Will you please keep these volunteers in your prayers?

Drivers: Gayle and Dave Byers, Phyllis Chai, Hank DeVoss, Kathy and Doug Dunham, Kathleen Eagan, Cindy Francis, Amy Griffith, Jim Hicks (Marion’s friend from Tai Chi), Andy Kerr, Susanne and Peter Mayo, Pat McGarvin, Bonnie and Jim McPherson, Sandie and Ed Mueller, Sam Sarmecanic, Betsy Shoup, Anna Spanjaart, Maryke and Robin Williams.

Local errands: Charlotte Boileau, Betty Consorte, Gwen Hacker, Elaine LaVallee, Kim Petruzzelli, Leslie Rousseau.

And most of all will you keep Marion in your prayers?

For continued good health, peace of mind, and the awareness of God’s love and presence in her life. Pray for a good strong kidney to come in for her and a successful transplant and retention of the new kidney.

Sandie Mueller

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draw. It's something you've always known but either unable to express, dared not express, or a combination of both. I cannot adequately impart the way it feels to realize that you are gay and have your family and friends and peers making off color jokes. It really makes you realize something about humans: in this day and age you would never tell an off color joke about a woman in the presence of a woman, so it is increasingly rare for women to experience these things first hand. Similarly, it is increasingly rare for the targets of racial slurs to be present when they are spoken. The problem with sexuality is that you don't have a sticker on your forehead; consequently you sit there with everyone else while they make fun of what you are right in front of you. Worse yet you really get a glimpse at the "human underbelly" the fact that many of us make jokes that would be offensive to someone, when they are not there. We may have developed to the point where we no longer joke in front of people, it just has moved "into the closet" if you will. The purveyors of such jokes are of course blissfully unaware and are acting based on the assumption that they are in a homogeneous group. They aren't aware you are one of "them" you're too scared/lost/unsure to say anything about it. Worse yet, you engage in the same behavior as a way to hide yourself. I quite distinctly recall being in a restaurant as a couple across from us (two men) showed their friends rings they had exchanged. My father (of course being none the wiser) made an extraordinarily offensive remark and my heart sank lower than it ever had; even my own flesh and blood despised who I was, and yet I did not fully understand who I was, but I knew it was hurtful.

Through a series of the twists and turns common in life, I ended up at Baylor University in Texas which oddly enabled me to gain perspective. I ended up attending the local Episcopal Church for reasons I cannot explain, other than I was drawn by the Holy Spirit into that place; back to my roots as it were. The Episcopal Church there felt so much like home: I knew what to do, what to say, who to be. Feeling like you belong was very comforting in a sea of confusion and unspeakable disorder. During this same time my father told me I had shamed the family name and that my beloved grandfather was turning in his grave. My mother told me her son was dead.

Being told you are dead to someone has an almost theatrical ring, yet when you are the receiving end and it is spoken in the gravest earnest, it has an entirely different and demoralizing effect. It is as if something inside of you actually does die, almost as if on command. What dies is your heart, and part of your soul. To be told you mean nothing by the only people that matter in life; the people you seek approval from, praise from, and love from is dehumanizing. What kept me going was the feeling that God was there. Understand me well: My parents are wonderful people, I owe much that I am to them, I love them dearly and they love me. Situations, expectations and human foibles lead to the events that I endured; unfortunately many endure the same without love, or faith.

Around about Christmas of 1998 I found myself drawn to ECA. As a child you have this impression that priests are infallible and that they are the embodiment of morality and spirituality; they have every answer and can solve any problem. Logically

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of course, Father Nolan would have every answer I required. Yet again the Holy Spirit was leading me. Father Nolan and I spoke for quite some time. He spoke of the relationships between children and their parents, between children and God. I asked how I could be fixed, and he said he didn't have an answer for me because there was nothing broken. The disorder was organized, the sea of confusion; calmed. The weight of the world which had been upon my shoulders was now removed.

After I decided that a Baptist college in Waco was not quite my cup of tea, I ended up back in San Jose. Gradually familial relations improved and my parents moved to their ranch in Texas. Again there was a void in my life and again I was drawn to ECA. I discovered what I had been missing all these years, a sense of belonging, of family and companionship; this is what ECA is to me: its home. I was baptized and confirmed at ECA, my God parents are here at ECA, my Sunday school teachers from 20 years ago are here at ECA, and now my friends and my *family* are here at ECA. Rob asks me frequently why we drive all the way to Almaden for church. The answer really is: ECA has always been in my life, sometimes in the centre, sometimes on the sidelines, but always present; much like God is to us all.

Alex Dykes



CALLING ALL ECA MEMBERS!!

If anyone has information on the whereabouts of the following old ECA members, could you please let Francie Kerr or Susanne Moore know. We would like to invite them to the 40th Anniversary. Even if you don't know the street address, but do know the city or state we would like that information.

**Annie Agha, Ross Alesdandro, Allan Bonds
Ted & Gerry Boulard, Cheryl Brown, Fred &
Susan Brown, Fran Carp, Sean Ciappa, Dave &
Jan Curry, Matthew Dirst, Jason Esswein
Jim & Florance Frichette, Karin Frye, Bill &
Norma Flemming, Simon & Tess Grace, Mike &
Betsey Garvin, Alan Guichard, Tucka & Sally
Halsey, Andy & Sherry Hove, Bob & Mary
Hinchcliff, Robin & Judy Kipp, Marcus & Ian
Laing, Stephanie Little, Georgia Near, Rev. Bruce
& Bev Ravenel, Jennifer Saito, Drew & Lori
Sheppard, Connie Symon, Leigh Ann Vriend,
Roger Wilson**

You can email the information to franciekerr@aol.com or birthday@eca-sj.org. Or, if you prefer, just call.

*Francie Kerr (408) 997-3651
Susanne Moore (408) 358-2077*

Youth

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are nearing the end of our Sunday School year. In fact, the last day is May 13th. This is a big day. We will be celebrating with a joint church service at 10:00AM and three events will be taking place. It's Mothers Day so, of course, we will be honoring all mothers with a short play. The Sunday School teachers will also be honored and the fifth graders will experience the Receiving of the Scriptures ceremony when they will be given their bibles from our churches. The fifth graders I have on my list are: Eric Fernandez, Tyler McPherson, Delaney Gaydon, Daniel Quint, Annie Hall, Claire Henderson, Susana Machado, Kara Nieders, Maggie Garg, Erin Ridgeway, Jacob Graham, Triston Taylor and Will Bond. If you are a fifth grader and you are not on this list, please come to Sunday School and talk to Mr. Henderson or Mrs. Mueller and they will make sure you are included.

Vacation Bible School will be held the week of June 30- August 3, 9:00AM- 12:00noon
All adults and youth who are available to help please contact me by email or sign up on the Sunday School bulletin board in the hallway. Our theme this year is Avalanche Ranch.

Katie McCormick



YOUTH GROUP

The Seder meal is a special dinner that recounts the story of the Jewish people's deliverance from slavery in Egypt. It is the same story that Jewish people have told for over 3,000 years. The story of Passover illustrates their passion for freedom. Imagine a world without freedom and so much cruelty. Many times in their history the Jewish people have lived without freedom. The Haggadah tells the story of one of those times. The story of Passover reminds us to celebrate our freedom and peace. The Youth Seder dinner was Friday, March 30th in the Youth center. As we sat at the beautifully set table and the candles were lit Melanie Click led us in the prayers from the Haggadah. We enjoyed trying the different foods on the Seder plate and the fare of chicken, potatoes, green beans, matzo, and mystery brownies! Thank you everyone who attended for your participation and joy.

Katie

SHYG's meetings coming up April 22 mini golf 6-8:30

JHYG New Beginnings is April 27-29 here at the Joint Venture Churches. Anyone interested in participating in this event needs to register with me ASAP.

Katie McCormick

DEFIBRILLATION AT ECA

I hope it does not happen to you, but you should know that a defibrillator plus CPR can dramatically improve your chances of surviving a heart arrhythmia problem and actually save your life, compared to CPR alone. Most cardiac arrests that lead to sudden death occur when the electrical impulses in a diseased heart become rapid (ventricular tachycardia) or chaotic (ventricular fibrillation), or both. This irregular heart rhythm (arrhythmia) causes the heart to suddenly stop beating. Because of this and because many people have a possibility of an arrhythmia problem, there is interest in purchasing a defibrillator for our JV churches.

A defibrillator is a device to deliver an electric shock to a patient, in an effort to stop ventricular fibrillation or ventricular tachycardia. It is used to restore a normal heart rhythm by delivering an electrical shock to the heart. Studies have shown that use of a defibrillator within moments of collapse significantly increase the survival rate from cardiac arrest and the possibility of recovery.

A defibrillator costs about \$1500. Many institutions are buying defibrillators: airlines, airports, businesses and our local schools for example, and some people are buying them for their homes. It is safe to use and only works when it detects that it should be used. It is also easy to use and people can learn to use one in a few minutes, and in the event of an emergency one can even follow the simple instructions at the time of need. Some people at JV are also taking CPR classes and they can learn to use a defibrillator too. We encourage more people to do so.

The men of UCC have already raised \$1000 towards the cost of buying a defibrillator and the challenge now is for ECA (and others at UCC) to match them. Let's keep this simple and quick. If the ECA men would each give \$25 (or more) we can buy a defibrillator. Any extra money collected will be used to support our new disaster preparedness program (e.g. to buy first aid kits and supplies for JV). Please respond generously and promptly for the JV disaster preparedness fund with a check to ECA or UCC, or cash (you can give it to me, Maryke Williams or the UCC treasurer).

Thank you to all those who have already contributed to buying a defibrillator for the Joint Venture churches. By April 5 the ECA response to the verbal announcements is \$426, with more promised. One person volunteered that their company would most likely give us a good price (if we choose their brand).

Robin Williams

ECA WORK DAY

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped at the Work Day March 24th and give notice of future Work Days this year. The scheduled dates are June 23rd, October 27th, and December 8th. I'll post a sign up two weeks before each Work Day. It's really a joy to see the finished product at the end of each Work Day. Thank You All!

Ron Howie

Surviving the Sea Diamond

On the ten-day trip that my husband Hi Dong and I recently took to Greece, along with Rae and Dave Harris from AVUCC and 47 others in a group of IBM retirees, I carried with me for those days, as is my custom when travelling, pages from the UCC Calendar of Prayer” and daily devotional readings, as part of my usual spiritual practice which helps to “center” me as I begin my days. It is safe to say that I was less than thrilled to be away from my church “family” during Holy Week. Little did I know, though, till I arrived in Greece that this year, in a country where 92% of the population is Christian, Lent and Easter were celebrated at the same time as we. It was a good feeling to hear that our very wonderful and able Greek guide, Eleni, was a practicing Christian, and I sensed that at least one other very able guide was, also.

For four days, we cruised on the Greek ship, the Sea Diamond; one of our memorable shore excursions was to Ephesus in Turkey where we visited the mostly restored home where Mary, the mother of Jesus, lived in hiding, the last two or three years of her life. John, the beloved disciple, took her there where her life was thought to be in less danger; after providing for her, he left her alone, but returned at intervals to check on her well-being. It was moving to me to be there and to hear a nun singing “Were You There When They Crucified My Lord”. We also visited the monastery where St. John dictated the book of Revelation to his disciple and later saw the reproduction of the book of Job in the

nearby museum...On the island of Rhodes we heard from our tour guide that the Greek people loved the apostle Paul who told them about the 13th and “Unknown God”; when Paul was later being led through that island back to Rome to die, the grateful Greeks named the very beautiful, blue bay below the Acropolis, the Bay of St. Paul. Hearing this about Paul and my husband’s having sung Beethoven’s “Ode to Joy” in the huge amphitheater where Paul spoke, gave me a whole new appreciation of the gift that he gave those who heard from him the Good News.



need on time and in abundance”; “I am the bright and shining one, filled with Light and power”; “Let me smile by Your smile”; “Each morning I offer my body, mind, and any ability that I possess, to be used by you, oh infinite Creator, in any way that thou dost choose to express Thyself through me; all work is Thy work, and no task is too difficult or too menial, when offered in loving service to Thee; and so it is”...At about 4 p.m. that afternoon our ship hit a reef about a quarter mile from the island of Santorini, our last stop before sailing back to the port near Athens that evening; the boat took on water, and began to sink. Rather a bit could be said

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about that experience, some of which many of you have already heard, first-hand from those of us who were on the trip, or from news reports.

My husband and I were initially separated for perhaps twenty minutes. I am grateful that I was able to remain calm and initiate conversation with an older couple next to me on the top deck and with a seemingly somewhat fearful woman from Columbia on my opposite side. Even more thankful was I to meet up with my husband two decks lower; he was wearing his life vest, and immediately began assisting me to put on mine. At one point after we had transferred from a lifeboat into a tender (boat), I observed several young crew members who were trying with difficulty and some anxiety to raise the lifeboat to the top of the ship. I prayed that they may have the needed wisdom and strength to attach the ropes.

I inwardly repeated a favorite Thich Nhat Hanh prayers with my in-breaths and out breaths:

In...Out
Deep...Slow
Calm...Peace
Smile...Release
Present Moment...Wonderful Moment

Suffice it to say that the luggage and belongings in our cabins is now at the the bottom of the Aegean Sea. The experience for me has been a reminder to travel lightly, in all ways; that said, I miss my "Beneficio More Than Fair Trade" t-shirt (I'll use any opportunity to "plug" the worthy cause), the lovely red, zippered UCC "God Is Still Speaking" bag, and the book by our NCNC member, Dor-

othy Parker, YOU TOO COULD GO TO FEDERAL PRISON.

Having returned safely home, the experience gave a whole new meaning to the experience of Easter...I know that 'rain falls on the just and the unjust', and that 'bad things DO happen to good people'. I don't believe that those of us who survived the experience are any better than those who didn't. I'm sad that the French father and his daughter seem to remain missing, and for their loved ones; also, for the entire ship's crew and their loved ones. That most everyone was safely evacuated from the ship is truly "amazing grace" !!!

On Easter the greeting of Greek "believers" is "Christos anesti" (Christ is risen). The corresponding response is "Alithos anesti" (Indeed He is risen)... "Kahlo pascha" ("Happy Easter).

Since the late 1960s I have loved the Avery and Marsh song, "Every Morning is Easter Morning"...Yes !!!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Phyllis Chai

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WE WANT YOU!

Want to write for The Shape? Do you have some event you need to let everyone know about? Want to see your name in pretty type on a monthly basis? Have we got a deal for you! If you whip up something by the 15th of the month and e-mail it to TheShape@eca-sj.org you'll see it at the end of the month in sharp Adobe Garamond font! Have a picture you want to share? E-mail that too, we love pictures here. Here are some kind requests we might make to ensure that everything is in the Shape properly:

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If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail the editor (that's me), or any of your Vestry members.

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