

# The Shape

## FOUNDING THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN AMLADEN

In 1965 the City of San Jose was beginning to act upon its plan for the development of the Almaden Valley. Some were even thinking about creating a new “southern diocese” out of the increasingly un-gainly Diocese of California. As a newly ordained priest, I had been called to serve as the latest member of the group known as “Ward’s boys” (all ordained were boys back then) at St Marks, Santa Clara. Recently deceased Ward McCabe was Rector of St Marks, a noted mentor for a succession of young clergy and Chairman of the Diocese of California Department of Missions. In that capacity it was his vision to found a new congregation in Almaden Valley. I remember hearing from him about his travels to share his vision, consider parcels for purchase and interest prospective pioneers for a then virtual congregation. After serving two years with Ward, he thought he had found his founding priest while persuading California Bishops Myers and Millard on the viability of his project. Suffragan Bishop Richard Millard had received a seed money pledge of \$20,000 from an interested San Franciscan who had just sold his candy factory.

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Bishop Millard, who still lives in Portola Valley, called me to be the founding vicar. I purchased a home at 6414 Almaden Rd (the expressway had two lanes back then) for the worship center, office and my residence. I still own the home. Ward’s five family pioneers joined me. Soon I was meeting their friends, calling in their homes and the congregation became too large for my living room with a card

table and folding chairs. Our first move was to rent Sunday morning space in the Full Gospel Assembly facility on Bose Lane. By fall of 1967, the congregation was ready for official founding. At the end of November, Bishop Millard came out for the founding ceremony on Boise Lane. The Bishop and I had dinner at the then public Country Club where I shared some on my background as an engineer with the Kaiser Corporation. I mentioned Kaiser’s practice of forming Joint Venture partnerships with other companies to construct projects too large for one company to undertake. At the founding ceremony, the Bishop mentioned a joint venture as a model for the new congregation. I took the Bishop’s connection of my story with a vision for congregational devel-

opment to have been a movement of the Holy Spirit whose work it is to facilitate creative connections to advance God’s ongoing work of creation. Moreover, his vision seemed to follow what at that time was the popular Consultation on Church Union movement. However, I was more interested in cooperation between congregations than the extremes of unification or competition between denominations in San Jose.

The Almaden Valley United Church of Christ had preceded my arrival in the valley and had a sign on their property where the JV facility now stands. I looked up their founding pastor, Frank Jagers, whose office was in a shack in front of a prune drying shed. It had originally been converted to church use by the newly founded the Holy

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# From the Editor



As some of you may have noticed, The Shape has a slightly different shape this month. It has been decided to revamp The Shape for ECA's 40<sup>th</sup> and to that end a creative committee has been established to assist in forming new ideas, better content and fabulous door prizes for our readers. (Just kidding about the door prizes) Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make The Shape more useful and more meaningful for you. And now to our regularly scheduled program:

As anyone who has spoken to me for any length of time will eventually discover that I have an addiction. No, the addiction isn't smoking or drinking, it is possibly one of the most expensive sort to have in America: cars. There's just something about cars that gets me excited, I read about them, test drive them, talk incessantly about them, research them, work on them... Just about the only thing I don't do with them is invite them inside for a cup of tea (believe me, if I could get the thing in the door I would). With some gentle prodding from Marion I finally decided to try my hand at freelance auto journalism in an attempt to turn my psychosis into something that turned a meager profit. Keeping in mind that most of the big boys in the auto journalism industry are either in Detroit, Los Angeles or New York (or close by) the only solution was a [much] smaller venue. As if guided by fate the day I decided to give it a whirl, one of the auto sites I frequent was looking for writers. If any of you out there are car nuts like me, give [www.thetruthaboutcars.com](http://www.thetruthaboutcars.com) aka [www.ttac.com](http://www.ttac.com) a try sometime. They specialize in my sort of car reviews: brutally honest. Now that I've had a few things published (Volvo V70R & Honda Element) and a few in the pipeline I have come to realize that indulging your addiction just drags you deeper into the pit. With the pay per article being laughable, it's also a case of "don't quit your day job." Still, it helps take care of those between-car-purchase-jitters and much like smoker's automatic responses it helps calm the desire for me to sit in my office with my arms outstretched turning the imaginary steering wheel while shifting gears and humming engine noises to myself. Good thing Agnews is closing, I might have been sent there by now.

Alex Dykes

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# ECA's Senior Warden

**O**n May 14, last month, a “Joint Venture Service” was scheduled to honor & thank Sunday school teachers and mothers (Mother’s Day), to present Bibles to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders, celebrate with our youth and with each other (UCC & ECA.) What a loss to me if I had let past memories keep me from taking a fresh look at a Joint Venture Sunday Service.

In the early 80’s the JV Sunday services I attended felt like business meetings. All the JV representatives were introduced and thanked. Numerous litanies were recited as to what had happened, was happening, and would be happening. Oh, there were prayers and scriptures, but somehow they were lost and disjointed in my mind as I sat “in the board room.”

Somewhere in the 90’s I remember an attempt to do something about the disjointedness by alternating whose service would serve as the basis for the “Joint Venture Sunday.” Well, perhaps, for some that worked well! For me personally, it simply meant every other year I would attend the service.

At the turn of our century I found the Joint Venture Services, which highlighted milestones in the church year, Maundy Thursday, as one example, to be extremely worthwhile and meaningful to attend. Those services touched to the core of my being a hunger and desire to grow spiritually and closer to Christ.

On Sunday, May 14, hunger and desire was once again rekindled very gently and celebrated through our youth, teachers, and mothers. First, listening to our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders share their “word of faith” from scripture and its meaning to them was such a blessing. Reflecting on their thoughts and understandings as young people growing up in today’s climate of uncertainty confirmed our need for the closeness of God and the power of Christ. Through those youth how could we not recognize and praise God for the blessings of all those who give of

themselves unselfishly to our youth that they may know God’s Word. Next, the humorous drama was quite poignant in reminding us of our responsibilities to know our stories of faith and be prepared and ready to give an answer when called upon. And finally, three hymns in three hymnals but the same message was at the heart.

Truly, that Sunday in May was “Joint Venture” worship at its very best. A sharing from the people of their own thoughts and understandings of God’s word, both seriously and humorously, by word, song, praise, thanks, and prayer. A blessing with the Holy Spirit’s imprint all over it.

*Susie Ferguson*  
*Senior Warden*

# 2007 ECA Vestry

## Ministries at ECA

Over the last two years, the ECA vestry has been working on a number of tasks, one of them has been to create a list of ministries at ECA. Some items are dreams and hopes. Some items are up and running. Some items may seem a bit stalled. Truth is, the leaders and spokes people for the various ministries can only do so much as volunteers. Many could use a lot more help to be truly effective or further grow the ministry.

Look over this list. Is there an area in which you would like to contribute some of your time, talent, energy, and /or finances? Please contact the lead and offer your support. If there is an area in which we do not have a lead, perhaps you would be willing to take that position. If so, please contact Susie Ferguson and she will help get you started.

Don't be shy and wait to be asked. Feel God calling you? Then, please step forward and speak up. Help us with some new energy.

*ECA Vestry*

### ***Business Operations***

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**Vestry Liaisons – Inge Bond**  
40th Anniversary in 2007- Susanne Moore  
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Games  
Ladies Luncheon & Dinner – Amy Griffith  
Men's Breakfast & Bocce – Arnold Moore  
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Singles Group – Kathy Mastre  
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Montgomery Meals: Amy Griffith, Suzanne & Pete Mayo  
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Replenish Membership  
Santa Maria Urban Mission  
Tacky Luncheon  
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## Ministries at ECA

### *Stewardship*

**Vestry Liaison - George Romer**  
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George Romer  
Annual & On-Going Capital Campaign – George  
Romer, Sharon Hall, Kelli Casale

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**Vestry Liaison – Stephen Mills**  
God Squad – Stephen Mills  
Good Sams – Kelli Casale & Brenda McHenry  
Junior Warden – Ron Howie  
Prayer Vine – Dorothy Willard  
TLC

### *Spiritual Growth*

**Vestry Liaisons**  
Adult Education  
Cursillo – Tim Miller  
Inquirer's Class – Stephen Mills  
Small Groups – Pete Mayo  
Retreats  
Revival  
Seniors



### *Worship*

**Vestry Liaisons – Sandie Mueller, Tim Miller, Jim McPherson**  
Acolytes – Valerie Tysanner & Marcus Bond  
Altar Guild – Betty Wood & Elaine LaVallee  
Breakout – Leslie Rousseau  
Bulletin – Stephen and Office Staff  
Coffee Hosts – Peter Mayo  
Folk Sunday – Andy Kerr  
Greeters – Sharon Mills  
Lay Reading – Jenny Hoyt  
Matrix – Sharon Mills  
Music – John Leslie



Nursery – Pauline Gilligan  
Ushers – Dave Byers  
Youth Sunday – Jim McPherson & Bryan Bond  
Eucharistic Lay Ministers

### *Youth*

**Vestry Liaison – Jim McPherson**  
Confirmation – Stephen Mills  
Happenings - Diocese  
Jr. High Youth Group – Katie McCormick  
New Beginnings - Diocese  
Sunday School – Christian Ed. Dir. Katie McCormick  
Sr. High Youth Group – Katie McCormick  
Vacation Bible School – Christian Ed Director

**Ministry Mission Statement Formation – Pat Fox**  
**Senior Warden - Susie Ferguson**  
**Junior Warden - Ron Howie**

## Rector's Bible Study

**E**CA offers a Wednesday evening Bible Study on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday evenings of the month. During June and July there are a number of events conflicting with our scheduled Wednesdays. The study will resume on **August 15** at the home of Melinda Jennings and Ron Howie. Thank you, Melinda and Ron, for helping us start our new season of study.

Mark your calendar for these dates and locations:

**August 15** at the home of **Melinda and Ron**  
425 Mat Avenue

**August 29** at the home of **Melinda and Ron**  
425 Mat Avenue

**September 5** at the home of **Betty & Dom Consorte**  
6611 Bubblingwell Place

**Opportunities continue, could you help and host one evening?**

**Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Oct. 31, Nov. 7**

We sincerely appreciate all those who are able to open their homes to us for an evening of Bible Study. If you are able to host an evening for us please contact Susie Ferguson at (408) 997-0107 to secure your date.



## In the Beginning...

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Spirit Catholic parish. That shed and the prune orchard was located where the Copperwood condominium now stands. It was a challenge for Frank to consider the cooperation that I suggested on our first conversation, but his Council and our Mission Bishop's Committee could see the value of the proposal. Even our Diocesan Department of Missions disapproved the plan on first consideration. A radical vision, even when prompted by the Holy Spirit, can be hard to absorb on first brush.

An ad hoc Joint Venture committee developed the by laws which still govern Episcopal-UCC development, ownership, use and maintenance of the facility. Cooperation for the program soon came to be seen as important as the economics of joint ownership. These economics called for Episcopalians to contribute their \$20,000 seed money and the Congregationalists to contribute their land and construction plans. Meanwhile we joined the AVUCC in sharing use of the prune shed. Plans for the facility, developed by the AVUCC, were modified to suit both congregations. With completion of the facility both congregations said good by to the hallowed prune shed and moved on together.

History has shown the main challenge to have been pastors and congregational leadership holding the vision for cooperatively working together. On the level of the pastors, that has proved, at times, to be a challenge. At those points, lay leadership stayed the course. The basis of the venture was our common link to Jesus Christ as Lord which is the essential affirmation of baptism as practiced by all Christian denominations. I, both then and now, consider denominational differences to be derivative of second level issues of long out of date reformation conflicts and differing personality types which create different spiritualities. These remain long overdue for rethinking. My hope was that participation in either AVUCC or ECA would gradually broaden individual congregant's perspective beyond primary denomi-

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## In the Beginning...

national loyalty into a more universal comprehension of the presence and activity of Christ in the world. I counted on members experiencing the value of cooperation to enlarge spiritual imaginations limited by institutionalized religion.

I considered several practicalities as crucial to JV success: how well times for Sunday worship work out, the capacity of each congregation to consistently pay its part of the JV budget (to opt out would be forfeit initial investment), the willingness and ability of each congregation to call succeeding clergy capable of inheriting the spirit of Joint Venture (many clergy are themselves imbued with and thus limited by denominational religion) and the vitality of the Holy Spirit proving herself year after year. After all, it is the Holy Spirit that creates the Lordship of Jesus Christ which is the basis for serious and covenanted cooperation.

After five years, the founding process was complete and both the Joint Venture and both parties were growing and operating smoothly. My choice was to accept a call to St Judes, Cupertino and leave the longer term ministry to a successor. Mike Creighton was the perfect fit for this role. My part in originally responding to the movement of the Holy Spirit in Richard Millard and helping it along remains one of the most fulfilling experiences of my ordained life. It created my personal sense of spiritual gifting to develop new congregational lifestyles on the basis of present and prospective reality rather than jack up old historical and currently irrelevant models. The clean slate of new church development is ideal, perhaps even necessary, for such creativity. I still drive by the JV facility as I care for ownership of the original home where it all started and enjoy occasional calls to provide Sunday supply for ECA. Those were memorable times for many, especially me. However, the future is what counts, and the ECA is in your hands now.

*John Buenz*



## Jenny Survives MS Walk

**N**ot only did Elizabeth and I complete the walk at UC Irvine in aid of Multiple Sclerosis on April 14, 2007 but thanks to the generosity of so many of you at ECA, we collected by far the highest amount of pledges (\$675) of any mother/daughter team at Elizabeth's sorority, Kappa Alpha Theta!

Thank you so much for your financial support! (Elizabeth's friends are all too poor to sponsor her, oddly they are ALL students!) We really had a great time and I met some really fun people down there. Over 4,000 people walked in all – on a lovely sunny, warm day across the beautiful UC Irvine campus. It was a fun weekend, and we just really, really appreciate your financial support to help fight MS!

*With love  
Jenny & Elizabeth Hoyt*

# From Stephen

June promises to be a busy and exciting month. We begin with the presentation tour. The five candidates for bishop will circulate throughout the diocese and the delegates, alternates and people in the pews will have a chance to meet, hear, ask questions and get to know the candidates the dates and times are as follows:

- June 6 , 6-10 PM St. Barnabas, Arroyo Grande
- June 7, 6-10 PM York School, Monterey
- June 8, 6-10 PM St. Stephen's School, San Jose
- June 9, 1-5 PM St. Paul's, Salinas
- June 10, 1-5 PM St. Andrew's, Saratoga

I hope you will have a chance to attend one of these sessions.

On June 10<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Romero will be at ECA for the bishop's annual visit and will be performing confirmations. Our combined confirmation class has 11 very intelligent, highly energetic youth. It has been a joy for Kevin and me to teach. We will also have the sad task of saying good-bye to Bishop Romero. This will be his last visit to ECA as our Assisting Bishop. He is a person of God and has been a wonderful healing presence in the diocese. We will miss him.

On June 16 we will gather as a diocese in Convention and choose a new bishop. The convention will be held at the York School in Monterey. In order to be elected, a candidate must receive a majority of clergy votes and a majority of lay votes on the same ballot. Usually multiple ballots are needed for an election. Please keep the delegates in your prayers on that day.

Lots of thanks are in order also. We had a wonderful fundraising dinner for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Amy Griffith and Craig Stephan did a wonderful job of cooking along with the entire Montgomery Meals crew. The food was delicious. Craig told me their motto is they would never serve something to the hungry they would not serve at home. I think that says a great deal

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about the spirit of Montgomery Meals. The entertainment was good too. Suzanne Moore and Susie Ferguson did a wonderful job of keeping things light and fun while at the same time taking a look back from whence we have come. Kristen Petruzelli and Sabrina Whitman, who provided childcare for the dinner donated their payment to Montgomery Meals to feed the hungry. A wonderful inspiration for us all. Speaking of the anniversary celebration, on the cover of this issue you will find a column by the Reverend John Buenz. This is the first is a series of columns, one by each of our former rectors to reflect on their time at ECA.

The combined service in celebration of our Youth receiving the Scriptures/Sunday School Teachers Thanks/Mother's Day Celebration was wonderful. Byron Henderson, Tom Fahlen and Melanie Click had the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders well prepared with bible words or verses to share. Brad Bond, Kristen Petruzelli, Joshua Bemis and Shannon Haley did a wonderful job on the skit under the direction of Susie Ferguson. Katie McCormick had gifts ready for the teachers to thank them for their gifts to our youth and thanks to Jenny Hoyt and her crew, we were able to present each of the mothers with a rose. Finally, the day was topped off with a barbeque thanks to Dave Byers and Warren Willard.

Finally, congratulations to Kimberly Axtell on her graduation from CDSF.



Salaam,  
Stephen



# ECA Life

## Counting Counts!

Please join me in sending a BIG thank you to the counters who faithfully give their time to count the offering money that is given every Sunday. They are: Jerry Ferguson, Roger Hoyt, Jerry Long, Martha Lou Reynolds, Sam Sarmecanic, Carol MacDonald, and Anna Spanjaart. Some of our counters have been volunteering for years, and some are new to the task, but you are all invaluable! A very special thank you is due to Carol MacDonald for stepping up and being a counter once again.

Without a doubt the counting would never start if it wasn't for the special person who sets the schedule, monitors supplies and fills in when required: Fran Sandrock. Without the counters ECA couldn't pay our bills and function. Please thank these terrific people next time you see them! And by all means if you want to be a counter, please contact either Fran or Maryke.

*Maryke Williams*



## June Anniversaries

Terry & Mel Stonehocker	10
Robin & Maryke Williams	12
Ted & Lynda Fahlen	14
Ed & Sandie Mueller	14
Russ & Kim Petruzzelli	15
Stephen & Ellie Mills	16
Roland & Betty Darnell	17
Ron Howie & Melinda Jennings	19
Jeff & Linda Nollette	21
Andy & Francie Kerr	22
Jim & Bonnie McPherson	22
Roger & Jenny Hoyt	24

## June Birthdays

Alex Bishop	3
Evelyn Wing	3
Mike Reilly	6
Rosario Cassetta	8
Jenny Hoyt	8
George Romer	9
Charlotte Boileau	10
Fabrice Akue	11
Tyler Nollette	17
Winnie Jackman	18
Frank May	22
Greg Lukanc	23
Margeret Halliwell	25
Michael Taylor	28
David Mastriana	29

## Youth Groups

**T**his month our attendance has been low at the SHYG's meetings but we had a lighthearted discussion about popular slang and bowling was a lot of fun. Unfortunately, the catacombs event was postponed because it was not on the church schedule and I assumed it was.

Upcoming events:

**May 20**

discuss summer plans and the mission trip 2008

**June 23**

Boardwalk day and beach concert - Greg Kihn

*Wednesday evening volleyball nights start June 27th*

JYHG's also had a cancellation as Desi Brown was hospitalized due to her pregnancy and New Beginnings was not held. (Desi had her baby and mother and son are doing fine) Jon Mills ran a last minute meeting that Sunday. We had a skit and discussion on authority figures as well as what's at the top of your list? Bowling was also on the agenda for Junior High. I had to bowl to make the teams even. It was a little embarrassing but better when I put the bumpers up. The next meeting will be at John and Mary McPherson's in the pool! It's the end-of-the-year party where we will welcome the new 6th graders and say farewell to the eighth graders. The JHYG's are also on the schedule for the Beach and/or concert. Drivers are needed.

*Katie McCormick*



## Sunday School

**O**ur Joint Venture end of the year celebration was a week earlier than planned and our 5th grade Receiving of the Scripture ceremony was moved to a much later date both to coincide with our Mother's day celebration. It was a busy and wonderful service.

I could not find the white stoles we have adorned the 5th graders with in the past. Thankfully, Betty Consorte donated fabric and the two of us sewed the stoles the children wore for the ceremony. The stoles were held in place with a pewter cross pin which the children were given after the service. The 5th and 6th grade class did a great job of reading their chosen word from the Bible. Some of the words were joy, love, God, and evil! (Twice!)

Our teachers received God's Promises for You by Max Lucado and a certificate of thanks for their commitment and service to our children. We had a Sunday school program this year because of these wonderful people: Trish Reilly, Londa Larson, Kerry Sisler, Sharon Hall, Leslie Rousseau, Tammy Neiders, Kelly Yamanishi, Sandy Baldwin, Bonnie McPherson, Byron Henderson, Melanie Click, Tom Fahlen, Sharon Mills, Sam Sarmecanic, Jon Mills, Ron Howie, and Debbie Bishop as well as Stephen Mills and Kevin Smith.

The Sunday school teachers handed out Certificates of Appreciation for attending Sunday school to the children in their classes after the service. The children who were not present and the 5th and 6th graders will receive their Certificates by mail.

*Katie McCormick*

## Stewardship

**T**his message bears witness to being on the receiving end of stewardship lived out in our ECA. Nancy said that she really felt held up in prayer. This is a genuine witness to the power of prayer. Prayer vines were working at ECA, our small study group, Ascension in Sierra Madre, St. Andrew's Encinitas, St. Mark's Upland, St. Margaret's Woodbridge, and ad hoc prayer groups all over California, Montana, Arizona, Montana, Washington, and Virginia.

God blesses us all with His Miracles and thank you all for enabling one.

*George Romer  
Stewardship Chair*

## THANKS!

**E**CA and The Shape would like to thank two of our Junior Youth Group members: Kristen Petruzelli and Sabrina Whitman. These two outstanding volunteers were Caregivers in ECA's Nursery and Kindergarten one Friday evening. Kristen and Sabrina decided to not accept payment for their services and instead asked that the money be donated to ECA's Montgomery Meals fund to feed the homeless. Acts of generosity like this are what ECA is all about. Keep up the good work girls, you are an inspiration to us all.

## Sunday School Offering

Our offering for the second half of the year was to benefit the Turning Wheels for Kids charity. The children raised \$70.00 which will purchase about 1 1/2 bicycles.

*Katie McCormick*



## Beneficio Coffee More Than Fair Trade

**I**n a news article not long ago by journalist Joanna Corman, I learned that "because the (Beneficio) company bills itself as 'more than Fair Trade', it has opted not to pay ten cents a pound for a Fair Trade label from a certifying organization. Instead, it gives that money directly to the farmers.

Thank you for your continued support of "Beneficio". Please contact Phyllis Chai (408) 226-7150 to place an order, or if you have questions.

## Sacred and Much Loved Songs

**T**his year Hi Dong Chai had some of his favorite vocal music recorded, with his wife Phyllis accompanying him. CDs of the songs have been given to people that Hi Dong thought might enjoy them; more copies will be available in the near future. If you're interested, please contact Hi Dong or Phyllis at (408) 226-7150. Some people have offered to pay for the CDs; If a person is so inclined, a contribution to an orphanage in Africa would warm Hi Dong's heart (for example, a check to ECA for Bishop Shalita's orphanage or AVUCC for similar work).

# Music

## Summer Musical - June 28-30

Music at Joint Venture Churches will present Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's ever-popular musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* for this year's summer musical. The performances will be given in the church's sanctuary, which is both handicap-accessible and climate-controlled for your comfort.

*Joseph* is nothing short of a phenomenon, one of the most enduring and endearing shows of all time. Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's sparkling family musical has been a hit all over the world and enjoyed sensational reviews: "Amazing" "Superb" "Wonderful" and "Brilliant" - with standing ovations at every performance. With the liveliest, most energetic company of actors, singers and dancers, *Joseph* is brimming with non-stop action, laughter and infectious fun that will delight both the young and the young at heart. Retelling the Biblical story of Jacob's favorite son, Joseph, his eleven brothers and the coat of many colors, this magical musical is full of unforgettable songs including *Close Ev'ry Door To Me*, *One More Angel in Heaven* and *Any Dream Will Do*, which was voted The Broadway Song Of The Year

Performances will be on Thursday June 28, Friday June 29, and Saturday June 30 at 7:30pm, with an additional family performance on Saturday, June 30 at 3:30pm. Please make your ticket reservations early, as this show is very popular, and seating is limited. Call the church office for reservations, or for more information (408) 268-0243.

Cast members will be Betsy Dingman as a Narrator, Dennis Elliott as the Pharaoh, Bart Smith as Potiphar, and Joseph's brothers will include Jim McPherson, Sandy Baldwin, John Hawes and Steve Coutinho. Children's chorus will feature Cindy & Lin Eschenfelder, Delaney & Eric Gaydon, Claire Henderson, Susana Machado, Caitlin McPherson, Kara & Kristen Nieders, Anna & Jack Pfeffer, Alison & Hannah Yamanishi, and others.

The pivotal role of Joseph will be played by a mystery guest star. (Aren't you intrigued now????)

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice also team-composed the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar." Sir Lloyd Webber also composed music for the mega-hits "Phantom of the Opera," "Evita," and "Cats," as well as "Starlight Express," "Song and Dance," and a musical version of "Sunset Boulevard."

Tickets are now on sale, but get yours soon, as they will go fast! General admission is \$15.00 per person. Please call and ask about our senior, student and family discounts. (408) 268-0243

