

# The Shape

June 2010

## *The Episcopal Church in Almaden*

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*You have fixed all the bounds of the earth;  
you made summer and winter. Psalm 17*

# Opportunities at ECA

## Worship

- Jun 3 - 7:30 AM Thursday Morning Eucharist
- Jun 6 - 7:30 & 11 AM Holy Eucharist
- Jun 10 - 7:30 AM Thursday Morning Prayer
- Jun 13 - 7:30 & 11 AM Holy Eucharist - Folk Sunday
- Jun 17 - 7:30 AM Thursday Morning Eucharist
- Jun 20 - 7:30 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist - Healing Anointing
- Jun 24 - 7:30 AM Thursday Morning Eucharist
- Jun 27 - 7:30 & 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist

## Fellowship Events this Month

- Jun 6 - New Member Brunch, 9:30am to 10:45am (Page 9)
- Jun 6 - Barbecue after 11am service (Page 7)
- Jun 16 - JV Book Club, 7:30pm (Page 14)
- Jun 17 - Theatre on San Pedro Square (Page 8)
- Jun 18 - Lobster Surf & Turf (Page 16)
- Jun 26 - Trip to SF Academy of Science (Page 9)

## Fellowship – Teens

- Jun 13 - SHYG pool party

## SHYG Upcoming summer events:

Afternoon at the Beach, Summer Barbecue and Volleyball, Rafting. Details will be available *soon*.

*We have two youth groups, the JHYGs (Junior High) and SHYGs (Senior High). Both groups meet on a regular basis for Sunday night fellowship and activities in the community. Check our web site for current information.*

## Study - Adult

- Adult Thursday morning bible study 10:30 AM to Noon
- Jun 13 and 27, financial forums after each service (Page 9)

## Study – Children and Youth

*Sunday School is on summer break.*

**Vacation Bible School will be held on June 21-25 for children ages 4 to those entering 5th grade.**

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

### SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30 am and 11:00 am

### INTERIM MINISTER

The Reverend Dr. Frank Hegedus

### SENIOR WARDEN

Kimberly Axtell  
(408) 623-6076

### JUNIOR WARDEN

Alex Dykes  
(408) 839-2632

### MINISTRIES

ACOLYTES	Marcus Bond
ALTAR GUILD	Anna Spanjaart
COFFEE HOUR	Pete Mayo
FOLK CHOIR	Andy Kerr
GREETERS	Sharon Mills
GOOD SAMs	Kelli Casale / Brenda McHenry
HAND BELL CHOIR	Ruthanne Adams
KIDS' BREAKOUT	Leslie Rousseau
LAY READERS	Jenny Hoyt
MONTGOMERY MEALS	Amy Griffith
NURSERY	Dot Allfrey
PRAYER VINE	Ann Avoux
USHERS	Dave Byers
SR HIGH YOUTH GROUP	Jon Mills
JR HIGH YOUTH GROUP	Bonnie McPherson
STEWARDSHIP	HANK DeVoss, George Romer
WORSHIP	Andy Kerr

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# Father Frankly Speaking

With Pentecost and Trinity Sunday, we have brought to conclusion the great cycle of the Church year which began last December with Advent and then progressed through Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, and Easter. Now begins the great – perhaps long is a better word for it – season of time after Pentecost extending all the way to next November when the liturgical year begins anew with the First Sunday of Advent.

In some Church circles, the season we now enter is called “ordinary time.” I suppose this is to distinguish it from the string of extra-ordinary events in the life of Christ and the Church recounted in the liturgical calendar from Advent to Pentecost. After all, not much happens during the time after Pentecost. There are few, if any, great feasts or fasts of the Church. And, the liturgical color remains standard-issue green for months on end.

Still, the time after Pentecost has always been a good opportunity for study and reflection in the life of the Church. And that is significant. For, while folks sometimes tease that Episcopalians do not read or study the Bible, the reality is that our worship is firmly grounded in Scripture, and never more so than in the time after Pentecost. This year, in our Sunday lessons for example we will be reading the Gospel of Luke pretty much straight through. Ditto for several other books of the Bible, including various letters of the New Testament. Call it our summer reading program. So while these months are sometimes thought of as down-time at Church, they are anything but that.

Ordinary time may have another sense to it as well when we consider that we are today still living in the time after Pentecost – quite literally. Let’s see. If the original Pentecost occurred about the year 33

AD, that would make about 1977 years of Sundays. So, if my math is right, we have already surpassed the one hundred-thousandth Sunday after Pentecost. That’s a lot of ordinary time in the ordinary lives of ordinary people like you and me.

But that’s also a lot of sanctification. Some pretty extraordinary things have happened during these ordinary times. Great saints have inspired us with their learning and holiness, for example. Important movements and reforms have arisen in the Church. Bishops, rectors, and interim ministers have come and gone at thousands of cathedrals and churches near and far. And, you and I have been baptized, fed at the Lord’s Table, and lived out our lives and common faith together.

Not bad... For being so ordinary.

Truth is, nothing is ever really ordinary about God’s plan for us. Not our birth. Not our life. Not our work. Not our family. Not our death. As humorist Garrison Keillor might say, we are all above average, every last one of us. In everything we are and do, we share in the life of God.

And that is pretty extraordinary, if you ask me.

So as we enter our liturgical ordinary time, listen carefully to the story of God’s extraordinary love for us as recounted week after week in Scripture. God’s amazing work of salvation is not over. And, celebrate the ordinary in your own life, knowing that the extraordinary gift of God’s love is yours in ordinary time and for all time.

*Father Frank*  
The Rev. Dr. Frank Hegedus  
Interim Minister

## Search Committee News

*“Dear Lord, we ask you to guide us as we do the work of our ministry. Knit us together as we respect each other’s views; remind us of your constant love; grant us patience as we grow into the body of Christ that we are meant to become. Our goal for the end of this process is that we have called the person you have already selected for us and we have become one with our church brothers and sisters and with you, our Lord. Amen”*

**M**onday, May 10, 2010 was a day of distinction for the Episcopal Church in Almaden! We were notified by Canon Brian Nordwick from the Bishop’s Office that we were officially in the search step for ECA’s sixth rector. The timing of this was slightly ahead of our projected time line! This is the first major process in the search journey and was made possible because so many people contributed their time and talents. Once again, thank you. Everyone can be very proud of the search website and have confidence it will help lead our next rector to ECA.

The Search Committee is hard at work developing phone interview questions both for the candidate and those that might be asked of us. We will be conducting mock interviews in preparation.

In the next few weeks, candidate applications will be received by Canon Brian and Bishop Mary for their review. The next step will be forwarding them electronically to me. It will be my responsibility to forward them to the Search Committee members.

Each member will read, score and discuss them all. We cannot tell you anything concerning the candidates. It is vital that our process remains confidential and it will. As we have information concerning where we are in the process, I will keep you informed within the bounds of confidentiality.

Some time in June, we expect to have received the first batch of applications. This is a time of high excitement and deep prayer.

*Nancy Romer  
Chairperson*



## Senior Warden

What is in a name? One of the comforting benefits of faith in Christ is the reminder that God knows us by name. John says that, “He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” John 3:10. We are God’s sheep, a flock that is called and named by God.

Something that I have been eagerly waiting for and expecting, is to hear of the new vision that is moving among ECA. I have been waiting for the new life and new creation to emerge from our time of discernment, both together in our forums and separately in small groups. What a blessing it was when after the second Sunday forum back in March, the search committee and the vestry brainstormed together and came upon the phrase, **God stops here for love and laughter**. This phrase was suggested by Marc Bond and immediately it took. It was, for me at least, a way of summing up the essence of ECA.

This is not to say that this is the only place where God stops, or that God is to be taken lightheartedly. Instead I see this as an affirmation of the love and caring that exists in this community, in the laughter and the jokes, in our fellowship and in our worship. And if God might be traveling along Camden Road and needed a bit of cheering up, ECA would be an excellent place to start.

God stops here for love and laughter is proudly displayed at the top of our redesigned website (thanks to Hans, the search committee, and their many helpers and supporters). And we’re not stopping there. With Pastor Kevin Smith’s inspiration, both churches are joining together once again to start advertising. There are plans to advertise in the Almaden Times as well as start handing out door hangers to our neighbors, letting them know that we are right here in their neighborhood.

And hopefully you’ve noticed in the Sunday bulletins where we announce our activities, a hint to invite your neighbors and friends to our fellowship events. This is an easy way to let others know that we have a strong and vibrant community, and in the words of Father Frank, to bring them to Christ.

Thanks to you all. It has been a pleasure to see this process unfold and to be reminded that not only does God stop here for love and laughter but also that the Holy Spirit has made a dwelling among us.

*Kimberly Axtell*  
*Senior Warden*



## From the Editor



I have a calendar in my office that represents my somewhat twisted humour. It's a "de-motivational" calendar. As the name implies, it is the polar opposite of the cutesy-fluffy motivational posters we all see in offices around the country. Motivational posters were very 1990s corporate team building tools that thankfully we seem to be outgrowing. This month's choice phrase is: "**FEAR: *Until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore, you will not know the terror of being forever lost at sea.***" Personally I find this phrase more inspirational than depressing as I prefer to think of myself as a realist rather than a pessimist. Perhaps this is optimism at the heart of pessimism. Since it is very human to err, and then beg forgiveness; to be warned and proceed without regard, I have to agree with the poster. The fact of life seems to be that we are idyllic until something happens and then we understand the world.

Like the disciples in the fishing boat, we need reminding that though we may be lost at sea, we are never alone. Of course the disciples were lucky, they just woke Jesus up and he calmed the storm. One classic interpretation of this particular passage (Mark 4:35-40) is: if you act as Jesus and simply command the chaos to "be still," then you will at least achieve some inner sense of peace and thus be less troubled by what is occurring. I attempt to do just that every time we have to deal with the County of Santa Cruz's planning department. If Jesus had to pull permits for his carpentry, permits and liability insurance for his Sermon on the Mount, not to mention paying the Romans for crowd control, this whole Christianity thing may never have gotten off the ground. Be still.

Rob and I are continuing our quest for simplicity in life. Simplicity in living arrangements by reducing our lives to what we consider the essentials. But more than that, simplicity in doing ourselves as much as we are able. When I look back at generations past, and some of our youth in church that are our future, I am constantly forced to wonder how we may continue to function as a society if we forget how to perform those simple manual tasks.

How much better would we all be if we learned just a little about how everything goes together in life? Case in point: clotted cream. If you are not familiar with clotted cream or "cream teas" allow me to explain. Clotted cream is unpasteurised cream that has been heated gently until clots form. It is technically a type of butter in that it is formed when the phospholipid membrane around the fats is broken allowing the milk fat to bind together. One serves it with scones or a Cornish split, and the addition of tea creates a "cream tea". The problem of course is that nobody really makes clotted cream themselves anymore, and it is near impossible to find in the United States in any form, so we decided to try our hand at the process which we discovered in *The Book of the Farm* from the early 1800s.

Essentially you go to Whole Foods, buy several pints of unpasteurised cream, then in a double-boiler you heat the cream to 190 degrees Fahrenheit and wait. Be careful to not exceed 200 degrees as the clotting will stop. As the yellowish clots form on the surface you skim them off and that's your clotted cream. Simple right? I encourage you to be a bit adventurous and try it yourself some time. Until you have the courage to lose sight of the shore...

*Alex Dykes*

## Dinner Groups

**M**any of us have enjoyed being in dinner groups with our friends from ECA. It is a good opportunity to meet and get to know other members of our church community in a relaxed atmosphere at someone's home or elsewhere. And it is fun! If you haven't ever tried it, here's your chance. We are going to be forming new dinner groups very soon and we want to give everyone a chance to participate.

As in the past there will be three categories of dinner group: a Restaurant Group – dinner at a restaurant chosen by the hosts; an Adults-Only Group – dinner either at people's homes or at a restaurant; a Family Group including children. If interested, please contact Maryke Williams at [maryke@sbc-global.net](mailto:maryke@sbc-global.net). When you reply, please indicate: How many people you are; and which group you would like to be in.



## Summer BBQs

**T**he summer barbecues are heating up, and we'd like to welcome you to our first scheduled after service barbecue on June 6th, after the 11:00 am service. We will be serving the usual fare of hamburgers, cheeseburgers and hot dogs. A new addition for this event will be a marinated chicken sandwich. Last year, several of you graciously provided some salads and other tasty treats, to go along with the main dish. If anyone is so disposed to do so again for this event, please feel free to do, so as your generosity and participation is always welcome. We are planning to have one barbecue a month, through September, so please come to church and read about this event in the bulletin for future dates.

If you would like to invite friends to the barbecue, remember that the barbecue IS NOT exclusive to ECA. This would be a great event at which to bring guests to share in our wonderful ECA spirit and hospitality. Why not invite the neighbors, friends, Uncle Harry, or Cousin Ruth?

We welcome any and all to attend. A modest donation is requested, so we can continue the event with revolving funds.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in June at the barbecue!

*David Byers  
Warren Willard*

## Theatre on San Pedro Square

### *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*

A video starring former Joint Venture Music Director John Leslie as Pseudolus. Thursday, June 17, 6:45 pm, Theatre on San Pedro Square.

Admission is free, no reserved seats. John would like a count of those attending if possible. Guests are always welcome! There is a sign up in Fellowship Hall with the information from John and the review from the local paper.



## Photo Board

Vestry member, Hank DeVoss, has agreed to be the keeper of our parish photo board in the hallway near the Music Room. Many of the photos are fading. And, many folks in our community are not represented on the Board. So, do not be surprised if you find Hank on Sunday mornings with his handy digital camera cajoling members into having their photo taken. By the way, these photos will never be used in our online communications without prior approval from those photographed.

## Fellowship Opportunities

After being the Vestry representative for Fellowship at ECA for the last six months, I have found that there are four areas in particular that need help on holidays and special events:

1. Food preparation
2. Decorating
3. Set-up
4. Clean up

Every one helps and there have been few, if any problems.

But I would like to be able to alert those who help via e-mail or a phone call when they are needed. And, there may be others that I haven't contacted who would also like to contribute.

This is another form of socializing that is fun. It makes the jobs enjoyable and much quicker. Those who would like to help in these areas can sign up in Fellowship Hall. Of course, those who do sign up will not be obligated for every event. There are almost always enough volunteers to get the job done.

*Amy Griffith*



## Parish Outing

**W**e're taking a trip to the Academy of Sciences in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park on Saturday, June 26. We'll be carpooling from church at 10:00 am. Details and sign-up on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. We'll be visiting the albino alligator and hopefully the new planetarium. Hope to see you then!

## Sunday Financial Forums

Plan now to attend two very important forums in June. Members of our parish finance team will be updating us on the current status of our parish finances. You will not want to miss out on this important briefing as we come to the end of the first-half of budget year 2010.

The first session will be held after each service on Sunday, June 13, and will focus on our overall financial picture. The second session will be held on Sunday, June 27, with an emphasis on rectory renovation and refurbishment. For more information, contact Doug Dunham.

## Aluminum Can Drive

**T**hanks to the good efforts of members and friends of both congregations in collecting, saving, and delivering your empty aluminum cans to church, you have generated \$226 for Habitat for Humanity thus far in 2010. The next collection will be in the early Fall on a weekend yet to be selected. Have a great summer and save those empties.

## New Member Brunch

**I**f you are new to our parish in the last two or three years, this event is for you! Join with other members – old-timers and newbies alike – for a wonderful brunch at the home of Betty and Dom Consorte on Sunday, June 6, 9:30 am to 10:45 am. Contact Betty for details at (408) 268-7768.



# Financial Update

**W**e are in the midst of change this year. We've met as a congregation as we prepared ourselves to search for a new rector. We've identified who we are, what we're looking for in our new priest, and where we want to go as a family of God. We are preparing ourselves to invite that person who will be our new rector into our midst. We've all done a great job working together to do this work, and our new ECA website shows the results of that collaborative spirit. There is still work to be done, and working together, we can make ECA ready to launch a new journey of faith with our new priest.

Part of the work that needs to be done is to keep ECA financially sound in order to give our new rector a healthy start. As you noticed in our Annual Report, we are faced with a deficit budget. As of April 30th, the shortfall for 2010 is projected to be about \$17,000, accounting for current income and operational expenses. This includes the cost of running our church programs, supporting Joint Venture, and paying Father Frank. We are currently exploring ways to reduce this deficit.

<i>April 30, 2010</i>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>2010 Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Income</b>	\$63,915	\$72,383	<b>-\$8,468 (-11.7%) Bad</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	\$74,430	\$77,985	<b>-\$3,555 (4.6%) Good</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$10,515</b>	<b>-\$5,602</b>	<b>-\$4,913 (-46.7%) Bad</b>

The chart shows our income and expenses so far for this year. The Difference column shows the percentage difference between how we're actually doing (Year to date) and how we expected to do (2010 Budget). This is a "health index" of sorts for our finances so far this year. You could say we have a bad cold at this point.

*Why do we have this deficit budget?  
Good question!*

When we started looking for our interim pastor, we found that we needed to increase our compensation for the priest we hire to meet the diocesan guidelines. We have done this for Father Frank. That pretty much accounts for the difference from last year's budget. We will continue to pay a comparable wage for our new rector, knowing that health care costs could be higher if our new rector has a family. This could be a major challenge for next year.

We also have an unfunded budget item for Search Committee expenses of \$24,000. This money, needed to do our search, includes visiting candidate priests, having finalists visit ECA, and providing moving expenses for our new rector. In addition to our \$17,000 budget shortfall, that gives us a combined deficit for 2010 of \$41,000.

The other financial challenge we have is the renovation of the rectory. This fall is the perfect time to upgrade our rectory, allowing us to provide modest and durable upgrades that will increase its value and make it a more inviting place for our new rector to live.

We estimate that we will need \$60,000 to do this work. The money for this project would be borrowed from our investment accounts and paid back over time. We will provide more information as we develop this rectory renovation plan.

# Financial Update

*How can we meet these financial challenges?  
I'm glad you asked!*

For 2010, we have 68 individuals or households that are pledging money to ECA. If every one of our "pledging units" gave a one-time offering of 15% to 20% of their annual pledge, we could cover this shortfall. For example, "Dick and Jane Smith" contribute \$4000 annually. 15% of that \$4000 is \$600, and 20% is \$800. Dick and Jane plan to pay their extra offering over the summertime, in addition to their regular pledge payments.

That would be the easy solution, but it might be unrealistic in these recessionary times. We are asking for your help with whatever increase you can afford. In addition, if you are not currently pledging, we ask you to reevaluate your ability to do so. Let Hank DeVoss (408) 268-2799 or Doug Dunham (408) 281-0468 know, and we'll get you started.

There will be a parish forum covering these matters on June 13th after each of the services. Members of the Finance and Stewardship Direction committee will talk about our current budget issues and solutions, and we will answer any questions you might have. Please join us then.

*Doug Dunham  
Vestry Financial Liaison*



## Account Balances

### Period Ending April 30, 2010

Checking	\$1,930
Savings	\$21,586
Endowment	\$272,841
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$296,357</b>

**Total at the end of 2009** \$281,012

*Bill LaVallee  
ECA Treasurer*

## Liturgical Change

The Book of Common Prayer offers us a plethora of arrangements and formats to help us from falling into routine and tedium in our corporate prayer life. Beginning on Sunday, June 6, we will commence using:

- Prayers of the People Form VI (which includes our Confession and Absolution)
- Eucharistic Prayer B
- And the Post-Communion Prayer on BCP 365.

We will continue with these forms into the fall season.

## Summer Schedule

The summer schedule will begin this year with Sunday, June 20. During the summer our later service will be at 10:30am. Our capable choir will also be on summer break during this time. Adult forums will continue through the summer after each service.

## Thanks!!

A big thanks to an anonymous donor for the gift of a wheelbarrow, it will be put to good use! And another big thanks to John and Mary McPherson who donated funds for the rental of a wood chipper.

## Fathers' Day

Fathers' Day is June 20! Be sure to bring all dads, grandpas, great-grandfathers, and godfathers to church for special recognition and prayer! Note that our later service this day will be at 10:30am.

What a terrific opportunity to invite guests to worship with you!

## New Paten

Our new paten, or altar bread-plate was dedicated on Pentecost, May 23. The paten is a gift from Charlotte Boileau and Family, and is given in memory of Walter Frank Boileau, Sr.

A big thank you to the Family for this extraordinary memorial donation! It will enhance our worship for decades – maybe centuries -- to come. The art work, by the way, is the design by our own Dennis Moran, which has come to symbolize our Joint Venture parish communities.



## Handbell Choir

Handbell rehearsal is over now until the fall. Maryke will let you know when rehearsals start up again.

# Discovery Day

**D**iscernment Ministry is a lifelong process of attending, perceiving, listening, and discovering how best to express Christ's ministry through the Church.

Once each year, the Commission on Ministry sponsors a workshop on discernment. This Day of Discovery offers the opportunity for those already engaged in active ministry to renew their call to a particular ministry, or to explore new ways to respond to God's call. Although this Day of Discovery is a required first step to anyone discerning a call to ordained ministry, it is in no way limited to such individuals. We explore and celebrate the ministry of all the baptized, and look at ministry development in each of the four orders – laity, deacons, priests, and bishops. Everyone would benefit from engaging in this process. Previous participants in the "Day of Discovery" have used such words as rejuvenating, validating, and transformative to describe their experiences.

Following the Day of Discovery workshop, participants may choose to take on a self-guided twelve-week exploration to enhance their appreciation of how the four orders of ministry complement each other in fulfilling the mission of the Church, and discern where they fit into that mission. Members of the Commission on Ministry provide support as people work their way through this program. It is required of anyone seeking ordination to the diaconate or priesthood but is also of great value for those who are exploring their call in the lay order.

## **Who?**

All who want to explore their call to ministry

## **What?**

A Day-Long Discernment Workshop

## **Where?**

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church,  
1071 Pajaro Street, Salinas 93901

## **When?**

Saturday, June 12, 10:00am to 3:00pm  
(9:30 coffee and gathering)

## **Why?**

Discerning is the "Why?"

Be sure to register online at [www.edecr.org](http://www.edecr.org) or email [jrshreve@aol.com](mailto:jrshreve@aol.com) (put Day of Discovery in subject line) by June 7. \$10 donation at the door for lunch and supplies

## Anniversaries

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

## 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 Nolette	17
Winnie Jackman	18
Gregory Lukanc	23
Margaret Halliwell	25

## Book Group

The book for June is *In Defense of Food* by Michael Pollan. It is the "Silicon Valley Reads" pick for this year. The June group will meet at Amy Griffith's home on Wed, June 16th, at 7:30 pm. Book group is open for anyone wanting to attend. Guests are always welcome. For directions or more information, contact Amy Griffith at amy-g@pacbell.net or (408) 268-0920.

## Canvas Banner

The Joint Venture canvas banner at the entrance to our main parking lot has reached the end of its useful life and will be taken down early in June.

## JV Board Member

Our Vestry is seeking a volunteer to serve as our parish's representative on the Joint Venture Board. The board, consisting of members from both congregations, helps oversee and maintain our beautiful grounds and buildings, among other things. Please contact our Senior Warden, Kimberly Axtell at (408) 723-7262 or kimberchik@aol.com.

## JV Legal Update

The date for mediation in our ongoing legal matters has been set for Friday, June 4. The Joint Venture Board is hoping for some resolution to be reached and decisions to be made. But the Board also cautions our parishes' membership that this is simply one further step in an ongoing process, although an important one.

The Board is committed to keeping members and interested parties fully informed. If you have any questions about the issues involved, please feel free to contact Father Frank, Pastor Kevin, or Melinda Jennings.



## Pete Mayo

**A**fter many decades of effort and involvement as our trusty groundskeeper, Pete has decided to hang up his rake and hoe for good. Thank you, Pete, for all you have contributed to our churches!

Pete's "retirement" means an opportunity for someone—or several someones—in our parish communities to step forward and volunteer. If you can assist on a regular rotation, please contact Alex Dykes (Junior Warden), as soon as possible at [alex@dykesfamily.net](mailto:alex@dykesfamily.net) or (408) 839-2632.

## Vacation Bible School

**W**e have wrapped up our Sunday School year and are looking toward summer! The new curriculum for preK-8th grade seems to be working out well. There are still some kinks to work out, and we will need more people to participate in the fall, but overall it has gotten high marks from adults and kids alike.

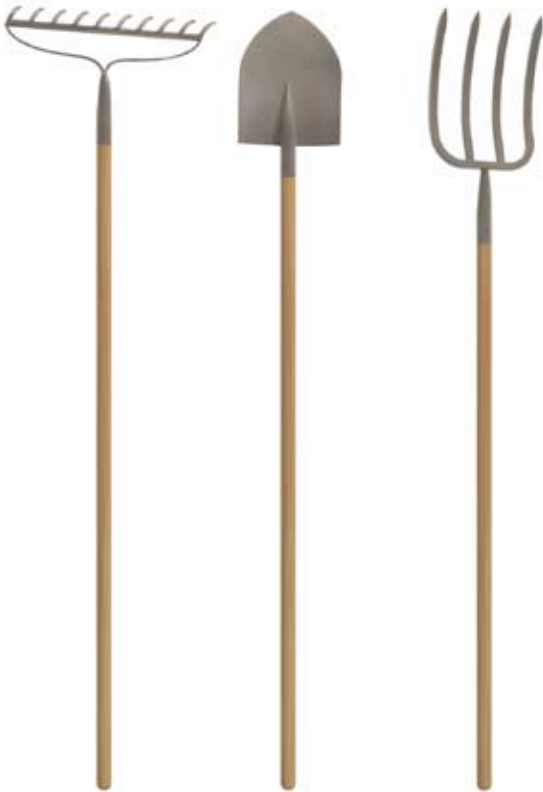
Now it is time to think about Vacation Bible School. This will be held June 21-25, 9:00 am until noon. The theme is Galactic Blast! We will learn about God and gain a new perspective on the earth by adventuring out into space. Our activities will include recreation, crafts, Bible stories, snacks, and science.

Both the UCC and the Episcopal Churches have SUMMER CAMP! All the camps are open to all who are interested. For information about the UCC camps in our area, go to [www.ncnuc.org](http://www.ncnuc.org) or ask anyone in the Click family. For more information about a camp run by the Episcopal church, go to [www.stdorothysrest.org](http://www.stdorothysrest.org). For the camp run by St. Andrews Episcopal Church, go to [www.camp-saintandrews.com](http://www.camp-saintandrews.com).

I can't wait to see you there!

If you have questions, concerns, comments or suggestions, please contact me at (408) 307-3709 or [mjclick@comcast.net](mailto:mjclick@comcast.net).

Melanie Weiner Click



## ECA's Lobster Fest

**F**ellowship Dinner – Surf or Turf: Join in the tasty fun on Friday evening, June 18th for our Maine Lobster Event. It's your choice of a 1½ pound hard-shelled Maine lobster or Rib-eye steak for \$25/person which includes appetizers, baked potatoes, green salad, rolls, and dessert. Iced tea, lemonade, water, and coffee will also be provided. This will be a BYOB event for any other beverage of your choice. (Two entrees per person will be \$40.) Reservations are required. Unfortunately, this event cannot accommodate any last minute drop-ins.

Sign up on the poster in fellowship hall. Make checks payable to ECA with “lobster” on the memo line.

All reservations and money must be in by June 13th as the lobster order will be placed Monday morning the 14th. Babysitting will be provided for \$5/child with a maximum of \$12/family. This will

include a “kid friendly” meal. Again pre-registration for babysitting is a must so proper coverage can be arranged. Payments will be collected during coffee hours after the services or put your checks in Francie Kerr's church mailbox. If you have any questions please contact Jerry or Susie Ferguson at (408) 997-0107.

*The Lobsters*

