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The Shape

Newsletter of The Episcopal Church in Almaden

From the Rector

My kids have a favorite game they like to play with their dad. Whenever there's a treat to be enjoyed, one of them pipes up, 'Dad, let's play the last game.' This is the cue for Jim to say, 'We're already playing the last game, and this time I'm going to win.' Saying this, he pops the last bite of the treat in his mouth and pretends to gloat. Then he looks over at the kids, who hold up the still-remaining several bites of their treat left to enjoy. 'Awww,' Jim says. 'You know what I have to say about that?' 'Oh MAN,' the kids say in chorus. They love this game. They win by making the treat last, and they've long since learned that they're better at it than their dad.

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Service Schedule

SUNDAY SERVICES

7:30 AM

11:00 AM

THURSDAY SERVICE

7:30 AM

Rector

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Jenny Hoyt

Lay Readers

Ann Avoux

Prayer Vine

Dave Byers

Ushers

Bonnie McPherson

Junior High Youth Group

Inge Bond

Senior High Youth Group

Andy Kerr

Stewardship

Worship Schedule

Apr 1 - Palm Sunday

7:30 & 11 AM Palm procession & Passion narrative

Apr 5 - Maundy Thursday

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist

6:00 PM Soup supper & JV Communion service

Apr 6 - Good Friday

12:00 noon Good Friday Liturgy

5:00 PM Experiential stations of the cross

Apr 8 - Easter Sunday

6:00 Sunrise service, Quicksilver Park, Mockingbird Hill

7:30 & 11 AM Choral Holy Eucharist (both services)

Apr 12 - Easter Thursday

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

Apr 15 - 2 Easter

7:30 & 11 AM Holy Eucharist - Healing Anointing

John Buenz preaching & presiding

Apr 19 - Alphege

7:30 AM Morning Prayer

Apr 22 - 3 Easter

7:30 & 11 AM Holy Eucharist

Apr 26 - St Mark, trans.

7:30 AM Thursday Morning Eucharist

Apr 29 - 4 Easter

7:30 & 11 AM Holy Eucharist - New Music Sunday

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From the Rector

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You could say that our kids are teaching us mindful eating. No one at our table is very good at mindful eating. Four people with four large appetites, we tend to chomp through our meals pretty fast and then look to see what more we can eat. (This is why Jim and I have to keep exercising so much.) But in the one respect of treats, the kids have the mindfulness part nailed hands-down. They know it's special and rare that they have sweets at all, and they make the experience last. We might have to remind them to say 'thank you,' but there's a certain kind of gratitude in taking your time with a cookie. They steward the sweet experience well.

We use the word stewardship a lot in church – it's one of those churchy jargon words, really, often-times simply a euphemism for 'giving money to the church.' But its roots go deeper than that. Being a steward means that you are in charge of something that belongs to somebody else, something that's been given into your care. When we say we are stewards of the earth, of our bodies, of our resources, of our time, we are saying something pretty revolutionary: all of those things actually belong to somebody else. We're just taking care of them. They're gifts given for us to use well and carefully, to make them last and make them count.

Stewardship is a key part of our relationship with God, in other words. In the creation story God makes humankind stewards over all the earth, to take care of it. God gives to us, and we are to use these gifts thankfully and carefully. What we have isn't ours to hoard, or to destroy and abuse – God is pretty clear about that in the scriptures. Instead, what we have is meant to be offered back to God first – the first fruits of the harvest – and then shared with others, especially those who have little of their own. With great privilege comes great

responsibility – the abundance we have means we are responsible for using it well.

Sometimes we spend all of our stewardship focus in church on the fall pledge drive. But there is so much more to say about it than that. So during this Easter season we will be spending some time together on our role as stewards of creation. The great gift of salvation and new life that we celebrate at Easter is itself a lavish display of abundance and love from God. What can we do with it? How can we make it last, and make sure to share it around? We'll worship together and pray together along these themes. We'll do some study together in classes on these themes. And we're signing on with the Beautiful Day initiative with other local churches, a weekend of being good stewards of our community and neighborhoods. So many ways to live into the gifts we're given, to be grateful for our abundance, to give out that abundance to others. Thank God for all that we have, and make it last.

Kate Flexer

Senior Warden

I am happy to report the glow of our Mission-focused Vestry burns brightly as we met in March to share and flesh out our programs for this year. There is considerable support for keeping our Mission up-front to help us stay focused as we move forward. The renowned theological author and church health and development consultant, Peter L Steinke, has identified one of the most significant markers of any healthy congregations — a vision and passion for mission. He points out that the inverse is equally true: unhealthy churches are usually consumed by anxiety, which causes them to become unduly rigid, self-serving, and inwardly focused. Becoming a mission-focused church will improve the systemic health of a congregation. In consulting with more than 200 churches in 8 denominations, ranging in membership from 100 to 6,000, located in different population areas, he witnessed both meager efforts and impressive responses to the challenges provoked by change. The following responses are present in every case:

Without mature and motivated leaders, little happens.

Resistance to change is far less intense and protracted when change is made for the sake of mission.

How emotional processes are understood and handled plays a major role in outcomes.

Leaders are able to reframe problems as opportunities.

People will be more receptive to ideas that are solidly grounded in Scripture and theology.

People are motivated by both pain and hope.

Hope provides a new angle of vision. When things look bleak or unmovable, hope sees more than what is there. Victim thinking only reinforces a sense of powerlessness. Hope can carry a congregation over the threshold of “can’t.”

Your Vestry has reflected on these thoughts and roundly endorsed the use of our Mission Statement to guide us going forward. Further, the Vestry is “on-fire” with ideas for enhancing our visions and programs. The consensus is that we are balanced in our inward and outward foci. They see problems as opportunities and are a very hopeful bunch. So, catch the passion and light some fires.

George Romer

From the Editor



Life is full of moments when time just drags on. I'm not talking about my childhood where my sense of time was distorted and a week seemed like such an eternity, I'm talking about the dull monotony of adult life.

Two years ago we started construction on our house in earnest, a year ago we moved in and about 10 months ago we stopped construction on the house. No, we are not done with construction, we just stopped working. This is a state of affairs that has perplexed friends and mild relations. The reason is simple and pragmatic: owing to the state of the financial markets when we started the house, a construction mortgage wasn't an option so we had to finance the house "creatively" at higher interest rates and short terms. The upside to this is that the house (such as it is) will be paid off in record time, the downside is work is at an impasse until the house is paid off.

Only a handful of our most adventurous friends seem to understand our mindset, the rest of them constantly ask "what is the latest your house construction?" Even after 10 months of the answer being "*nothing until 2013*", they continue to ask how we manage. The simple answer is that humans can adapt to just about any situation. The long answer is I don't really see a problem with doing things the hard way.

When I was growing up my mother was convinced there was something wrong with me. When she used the phrase "why does Alex always have to learn things the hard way". She wasn't *really* talking about our current situation, but the thought of "doing things the hard way" seems strangely biased towards modernity. What exactly is wrong with

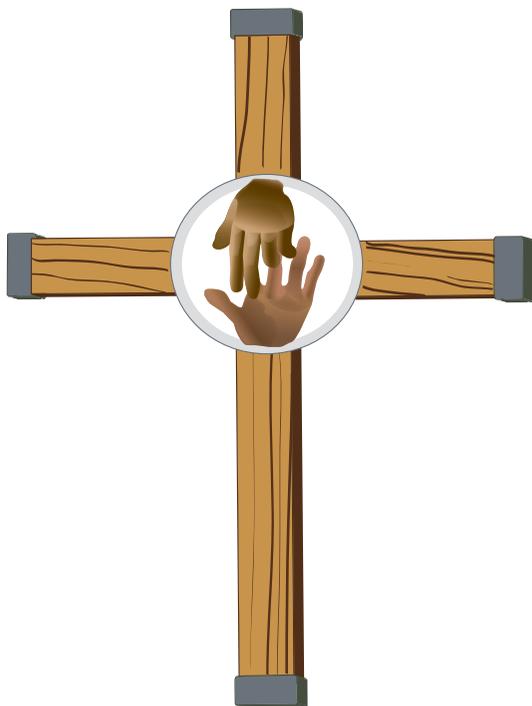
doing things the hard way? Is labour bad for the soul? Our lives are perhaps too full of time saving devices from single-purpose electric kitchen appliances to prepackaged foods and automatic watering devices.

I will be the first to admit that our desire to have a home and be debt free is the *reason* for our situation, however now that we are "here" it's easier to see the benefits. Once we weren't bothered by manual garden labour, adding farm animals to the mix really wasn't a leap. While I truly dislike killing my own animals, preparing that dinner yourself from slaughtering and plucking the chicken to collecting things from the garden to season it you truly gain a deeper appreciation and thankfulness for your food.

It seems our lives have become so full of fluff we justify our time saving devices so we can have more time to "relax". While I enjoy sitting on my backside doing precious little as much as the next person, I'm not really sure how that is more relaxing than spending a few hours on a glorious sprint afternoon watering daffodils. Sure, the absence of a sprinkler system with an automatic timer means I might miss *Glee* on primetime TV, but these tasks and the holding patterns we find ourselves "stuck in" are only as arduous as you make them.

We all find ourselves in various holding patterns of seemingly endless circling waiting for the ability or the opportunity to do something from our jobs to our relationships with others. It's what you do with those dull moments that matters, since you're circling anyway, use the time to reflect and connect with God and your neighbour instead of wishing it was over.

Alex L Dykes



Pastoral Care

If you or anyone you know is in need of assistance, please give one of our willing volunteers below a call!

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Small Repairs

Allan Jones
adjones9966@yahoo.com
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Prayer Vine

Ann Avoux
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Card Ministry

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Beautiful Day

Several years ago, Westgate Church began an outreach project called Beautiful Day. This year it is happening in every district in San Jose on Saturday and Sunday, April 28 and 29. The Journey Church at Pioneer High School is leading in our District #10. Projects include a community garden, painting over graffiti, clean-up in local schools, etc. At the moment, projects focus on the Via Monte-Hoffman neighborhood. If anyone is interested, please call our church office or contact Betty Consorte, Vestry Outreach Ministry. This might be a wonderful opportunity for introducing our church to other areas of the community, or if anyone has a suggestion for our own area, please let me know.

Betty Consorte
(408) 268-7768



Fellowship Events

The St. Patrick's dinner and planning event was held on Friday March 16th and was a huge success. We look forward to a variety of activities for the year, so be sure to put these on your calendar! Some dates are still to be determined so keep your eye on The Shape for details!

- Apr 21 - ECA's annual chili cook off
- May 12 - Hiking at Point Lobos
- Jun 10 - Bar-B-Que after the 11 AM service
- Jun 24 - Living History Days at the Grand Hotel
- Jul 4 - Concert at Los Gatos High & picnic
- Jul 8 - Bar-B-Que after the 11 AM service
- Aug 12 - Bar-B-Que after the 11 AM service
- Aug 25 - Steak & Stein
- Sep 8 - Annual Wine & Swine
- Sep 25 - Garden Party fund-raiser
- Sep - Pilgrimage Walk of 95120
- Oct 13 - Oktoberfest dinner
- Oct 28 - 45th Anniversary & visit by the Bishop
- Nov - San Jose Museum of Art
- Dec 15 - ECA Christmas Party

Chili Cook-off

Come out for the fourth annual Chili Cook-Off and remember Tasters are as important as cooks! This is a fellowship event, so even if (especially if!) you have no interest in cooking up a pot of chili, come out and savor the fruits of others' labors, along with corn bread, salad, and drinks (lemonade and coffee provided - other beverages are welcome, BYOB).

When is it? Saturday, April 21st, beginning at 5 PM (*chili cooks, bring your crock pots/casseroles by 4:45*)

Want to compete? Sign up now to bring in your best offering and see how it stacks up against the rest! There will be several categories to compete in, including: Best Vegetarian, Old School Chili, Most Unusual.

There are no rules, just bring your best and come to enjoy a fun evening of food and fellowship. Tasters and cooks alike, please sign up on the poster in the fellowship hall! See you there!

Bryan Bond



Junior Warden

JV highlights include the JV Board's confirmation of ECA's Jim McPherson as JV Vice-President for 2012. Many thanks are due to Jim for agreeing to do this service for us! The JV Documents/Organization Committee has completed a review and applied updates to the JV By-Laws. These By-Laws haven't been touched for many years and have never, to my knowledge, been approved by both Vestry and Council. Well, we're gonna get 'em done this time! The updated By-Laws, as dated March 1, 2012, have been approved by the JV board and are now proceeding on to be approved by both the ECA Vestry and CCAVUCC Council.

The JV Treasurer met with an independent auditor recommended by the Diocese to start an official audit of the JV books. This audit is expected to be completed by the end of March. The JV Finance Committee agreed to meet to go over the proposed JV budget one more time to look for likely reductions. I expect that a final JV budget will be approved at the March JV meeting.

The contract for concrete work around the church has been completed. Dave Byers and the Maintenance Committee have seen to the replacement of a number of interior light bulbs throughout the church. Mike Hertzler on the Grounds Committee has spearheaded lots of trimming work around the church as well as an all-out attack to eliminate the ubiquitous gophers. Thanks to Dave and Mike for their continued diligence.

Steve Wing

Pastoral Care

ECA has always been a warm, caring community that supports its members during their times of need, using an informal method of communication, practical support (meals, transportation, etc) and emotional support (prayer, fellowship, and visiting). We also have a Pastoral Care ministry that several members coordinate: Meals: Anne Tysanner; Rides: Gayle Byers; Small Repairs: Allan Jones; Prayer Vine: Ann Avoux; Card Ministry: Margaret Halliwell, and Receptions: Marianne Schmidt. These ministry leaders are listed in the SHAPE each month with their contact information so that ECA members can contact them to let them know of a need in our congregation.

I will now be heading up Pastoral Care, with Mike Schmidt's capable help. He is also leading our Communications ministry, which is great, because we both believe that part of the challenge in ensuring that all those who need assistance receive it is the need for frequent communication of the information! As wonderful as our current support to congregation members may be, there are likely other folks who could use some assistance and are not aware of these resources or are perhaps reluctant to ask for help. So, we will be working on improving the communication and outreach to ECA members, similar to the intent of our new Senior ministry- matching volunteers with needs in our community, with an emphasis on connecting people of all ages within our congregation.

If you are aware of pastoral care needs, practical, spiritual or otherwise, please contact one of our ministry leaders or vestry members. We are interested in your ideas and contributions!

Kathleen Eagan

Wheelchair Lift

Our Wheelchair lift has been installed and is now certified for use by the State! This project was a huge undertaking and could not have been completed without the tireless efforts of Michael Moore running the project in the lead role. His attention to detail, ability to manage the vendors and to keep all the volunteer workers on target speaks volumes.

Other members of the project team contributed countless hours including Ron Howie of ECA who pulled wiring, installed conduit, boxes, and ran a forklift to unload the lift on delivery day. (While he was resting, he and David Byers changed out all the light bulbs in the Sanctuary!)

Were it not for Bob Green discovering a dimensional problem, which caused us to reject the first submittal, we would have been in a real pickle!

Bryan Bond helped us get a phone line in the lift shaft so we would be ADA compliant.

We should also thank Dennis Widmann and David Byers for their help with the major project. It was an honor and a real pleasure to work with all of them.

It is clear from this and other recent projects, what a great team we have collectively between the two congregations. I learned a lot, personally, on this project and am grateful for the efforts of every member of these two great groups of people. We don't always agree on everything, but when push comes to shove, we all do the right thing, and we accomplish great things.

The JV Board

Children's Christian Education

March gave new meaning to multi-tasking in the Christian Education ministry at our churches. First, we were very busy in the completion of our Sunday School unit, Calling the Disciples. Kelly Yamanishi, Ann Mayers, and Janice Krahenbuhl were wonderful teachers and shepherds during the month which featured our art and cooking centers. Hopefully you reaped some of the benefits of those centers on Sharing Sunday for our unit, March 25th.

March was also very busy as we prepared for Easter People, our next Sunday School unit, which begins on Palm Sunday, April 1st. As has been customary since I took on this ministry, we held a workshop for teachers and interested adults one Saturday morning to reflect on what it means to be "Easter People." These workshops do not obligate adults to teach or be involved with our Sunday School program. They are designed to enrich our faith community and help us all grow in our own faith, in light of our upcoming Sunday School theme/unit. These workshops have been like a "mini, mini retreat" (just two hours) with some food for thought and time for reflection and sharing. Talk with Phyllis Chai, Wendy Martin, or Ann Mayers to find out what the experience is like and see if it is something you might like to consider in the future.

Our Easter People unit has some very exciting learning center plans and great guest teachers already lined up to take us right up to Pentecost Sunday and our big finale for this year. We will have a special Sunday School class on Palm Sunday, featuring a puppet show, "One Boy's Donkey." On Easter Sunday, we have another special Sunday School class planned for our students and any other children who might be visiting that Sunday. During this unit we also have special plans for Earth



Day, Sunday April 22, and Mother's Day, May 13. All these plans were put in place in March and are all set to go.

If working on two units simultaneously wasn't enough, we added VBS (Vacation Bible School) into the mix. After selecting our theme, "Go for the Gold," Melinda Jennings volunteered to design our advertising flyer for us. Maybe you have noticed it on one of our JV or Youth bulletin boards. Next, we established a team to plan the scope and overall design of our VBS. Kate Flexer, Wendy Martin, Kelly Yamanishi, and Sharon Hall joined me to be that team and are underway developing an exciting program of our own creation for the week.

I appreciate all of you who have already mentioned to me your desire to help us with our VBS program in some way. I am keeping good notes and will be calling on you soon. We are certainly blessed at our churches with faithful servants ready and willing to serve as they are called. I thank you for your continued support and encouragement with our Sunday School program.

Susie Ferguson

Birthdays

Dennis Moran	3
Ryan Hall	4
Stephen Taylor	4
Hank Ciappa	7
Amanda Degnan	9
Steven McPherson	9
Sandie Mueller	9
Juliette Rousseau	9
Jim McPherson	10
Elizabeth Ward	10
Doug Dunham	11
Grace Yomtov	11
Gayle Byers	13
Sean McCormick	16
Matthew Degnan	20
Mariolien Ciappa	22
Laura Moore	22
Sandy Taylor	22
Tyler McPherson	25
Georgina Dunn	26
Caitlin McPherson	26

Anniversaries

Steve & Joyce Wing	19
Todd & Kimberly Axtell	29
Bryan & Inge Bond	29
Karl and Jan English Lueck	30



Vestry Retreat

At our recent vestry (one-day) retreat, we spent considerable time reworking the mission statement that we had come up with during the previous year's vestry retreat. The end result was one that we were well pleased with, that for us was an accurate statement concerning the mission of ECA. It is our intention, as a vestry, to return to this statement regularly, whenever we meet, in hopes that it will guide us in some of the decisions that we might be called upon to make. We'd like to share it with the congregation as well, as a reminder to all of us concerning our call to love and serve God and one another. We share it here, and you may see it in various other places in the weeks to come.

ECA's Mission

We are joyful followers of Jesus Christ, serving God and community through the church and in our individual lives. We help each other in our spiritual journeys, striving to nurture and grow a strong faith community where each member feels welcomed, loved, valued, and empowered to serve.

In Christ Alone

*In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm*

*What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand*

*In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save*

*'Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again*

*And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny*

*No power of hell, no scheme of man
Could ever pluck me from His hand
'Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I stand*

Natalie Grant

Submitted by Mary McPherson

Gifts of Gratitude

Alexanna Alvarado: Great photographic contributions to the ECA website

Mike Hertzler: Really “hitting the ground running,” being relatively new to ECA and agreeing to bring his expertise to the JV Board

Susie Ferguson: Her planning of the spiritual Saturday meeting to discuss the upcoming “Easter People” theme for Sunday School

Melinda Jennings: Organizing/spearheading the women’s retreat, and designing the VBS flyer

Bonnie McPherson, Inge Bond and the Jr and Sr High youth groups: Putting on a great Pancake Supper to celebrate Shrove Tuesday

Craig Stephan & The “Head Chefs” for Montgomery Meals

Betty Consorte: Decorating the church and fellowship hall at social functions

Amy Griffith: Organizing the fellowship ministry

Kate Flexer: Leading an inspirational and fun women’s retreat

Andy Kerr: Introducing/reminding us about the importance of intergenerational activities at ECA that involve all ages in fellowship and service

Allan Jones: His prompt response to making needed repairs in the Sacristy

Ann Mayers, Janice Krahenbuhl and Kelly Yamanishi: Committing to being guest Sunday School teachers in March

Kate Flexer, Wendy Martin, Sharon Hall and Kelly Yamanishi: Their willingness to serve on the VBS creative team

Suzanne and Pete Mayo: for their continued assistance to the Christian Education program



Youth Group News

The youth have been, and will continue to be, very busy in the coming month! They had a successful Shrove Tuesday fund raiser, where they made about \$350 toward their mission trip. Thank you to everyone who came out and supported them!

On March 11th the youth groups gathered to bake snickerdoodle, chocolate chip and oatmeal cookies for ECA's Montgomery Meals ministry. We had 8 kids attending and everyone had a blast.

By the time you get the Shape in the mail we will have had our jambalaya dinner fund-raiser where we discussed our upcoming inner-city mission trip and hopefully found prayer partners for everyone going.

Bonnie McPherson & Inge Bond



Calling all 18-30s!

ECA would like to bring you together in a group that is just for you! I don't know what the program will look like, as I want you to decide what this group will look like. I would like to talk to as many as will share their ideas with me, and then I would like to get the group together for a fellowship dinner where we can share these ideas with the larger group. This can be about service, asking tough questions, alternative worship opportunities, or just fellowship. It's about what you need, and how ECA can better support you. Please let me know if this speaks to you, and you want to be a part of this group. Contact Bonnie McPherson at mamasaur@comcast.net or call me at (408) 656-2426

Bonnie McPherson

Women's Retreat

Twenty-four women attended a “Women of Prayer” weekend at the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista from March 2-4. This beautiful location, with its quiet, peaceful hillsides, ponds, and trails provided a perfect atmosphere for our time together. The Franciscan brothers were terrific hosts, the accommodations were simple but well maintained, the food was wonderful, and the spirit of welcoming and service was inspirational to all of us.

Our rector Kate designed a well-balanced schedule of teaching, sharing, meditation, music, and of course, prayer throughout the three days. She led us through the work of three remarkable women: Hildegard von Bingen, Julian of Norwich, and Dorothy Day, and finished with the work of the Order of the Holy Spirit, an Episcopal monastic order in New York. We learned about each woman or group's prayer practices, ministries and legacy, and discussed how we are or might be following their examples in our lives today. We listened to various musical traditions in these discussions, and talked about the role of music in our individual prayer lives. Kate also led us in a session of “Centering Prayer,” a simple but profoundly effective way of bringing our attention to ourselves in God's presence.

Saturday night, we shared stories of those who had served as “lights in our lives,” and lit candles to remember those individuals. Sunday morning, we celebrated the Eucharist together, and before leaving the retreat, acknowledged the warmth and increased connections that we had developed over

the short time together. The consensus affirmed our appreciation for the time, place, leadership, and commitment of those present to work together for the betterment of ECA and our larger community.

It was an honor to be part of this retreat; I commend Melinda Jennings for coordinating the details, thank Kate for an exceptionally well-designed and thoughtful program, and will always remember my fellow participants for their honesty, spirit, and grace.

Kathleen Eagan

Need Eggs?

Interested in eggs that are fresh and organic and laid by humanely treated free-roaming chickens? All 50 of our girls are laying and with the daylight hours increasing so is our egg production. Our standard dozen is \$5. For more information please call or email Alex Dykes or Rob McClaine.

Alex L. Dykes
alex@dykesfamily.net



Many Hands Made Light Work

The Creole aphorism “Men anpil chay pa lou” means “Many hands lighten the load.” And as ECA recently proved, we share more than this aphorism with our brothers and sisters in Haiti. In the last 3 months, we contributed \$1980 toward rebuilding Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince.

Our contributions are helping to rebuild the central pillar of a support system that was once very broad and strong. In a country with a per capita income of \$480, The Episcopal Church in Haiti provided education in over 200 schools, medical care through health clinics, and cultural training through the Cathedral music school. The January 2010 earthquake wiped out 70% of the Episcopal Church’s properties in Haiti. But with our help, they are building back.

ECA joined 14 other parishes across the Diocese of El Camino Real and countless parishes across the country in the Rebuild Our Church in Haiti campaign. I will post the overall diocesan contribution results once they are available. Thanks to everyone who made this possible!

Mary McPherson



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