

# The SHAPE

## Christian Education

### Our spring season begins

This month, we begin our spring session of Sunday School continuing to learn about Jesus' ministry and the events leading up to Holy Week and Easter. One highlight will be a short presentation of one Gospel story under the direction of Sandie Mueller. Hope you can be in church on March 30.

We are fully staffed with teachers, but could use a few more shepherds to help us during this session. A shepherd provides an extra set of hands for the teacher and is available when a child needs special attention or help. It is important that we have 2 people for each class each week. Could you help? High school youth are also welcome to fill this role. No special training is needed, just a willingness to serve and work with children.

Coming up early in April, everyone will be invited to join us for "It's a Family Affair Lenten Experience." It will be a wonderful community builder for all ages. So save the date— Saturday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.—and join us for worship, an interactive study with the Stations of the Cross, special crafts, and dinner. This will be a great opportunity for those without children to interact with our families with children. It will also be a wonderful time to invite new families to our church. If you would like to help with some aspect of this event, let me hear from you. Everything you need will be provided. We just need some willing hands for helping. Watch for the sign-up for the event in Fellowship Hall.

*Sparks Fly* will be the theme for our Summer Spirit Camp (formerly known as VBS). This fun week is being offered June 16 through June 20. Once again, we are trying to provide an exciting, enriching, and unique week for our children. Registration officially

opens March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will have a great staff of adults (teachers and helpers) and youth (counselors and training counselors). Watch for our banner announcing this exciting week. A big thank you goes to Kelly Yamanishi and her business, West Mountain Sign, for designing and providing our banner this year.

God often calls us in and out of various ministries over time. There are all kinds of opportunities for many different skill levels. Perhaps you are being called into this ministry at this time to replace another who is being called out into another ministry. If you are being called into Christian Education and Youth ministries, please let me hear from you.

*In your faithful service,  
Susie Ferguson*

## Healers in our community

### Betty and Doug Woods visit Sunday School

The Sunday School lesson this morning was about Jesus' healing Peter's mother-in-law, who felt so good afterward that she got right up and cooked them a meal. Our curriculum advised us to ask medical healers in to talk with the children. We invited the Woods: Nurse Betty and veterinarian Dr. Doug.

Dr. Doug told us he had been raised on a farm and had been around all kinds of animals while he grew up. He has handled large animals but settled in to practice with small animals. We asked him what animals they were.

"Oh, dogs, cats, sometimes snakes."

"Snakes," we said. "What kind?"

"Oh, once I was asked to come and treat an injured python."

"What was the snake's injury?"

“Well, it was a 17-foot-long python and it had decided to eat the arm of the man who was feeding him. They had to pry the snake’s mouth open with a metal prying tool to pull out the man’s arm. In the process, they had injured the snake’s mouth. Snake’s mouths, when injured, are very prone to infection, so it was important to treat the snake’s mouth.”

“How did you treat it?”

“Well, his keepers put a large metal U-bar over the python’s head, and I gave the snake a shot of penicillin way down at the other end of his body.”

Nurse Betty brought in her stethoscope and her blood pressure cuff and monitor and told the students that she had treated lots of children and adults of all ages. She put the pressure cuff on



*Clockwise, beginning from the left: Nurse Betty, Dr. Doug, Celeste*

one of the teachers and pressed the start button. The children gathered round and watched the numbers rise and rise and then go down and down, finally settling to the systolic and diastolic pressure count. Down at the very bottom of the readout they could see the heart rate count. One of the students said she had an uncle who had to take his blood pressure every day.



*Clockwise, beginning from the left: Dr. Doug, Celeste, Alex, Delaney, Debbie, Eric, Marilyn, Kelly, Sandie and Nurse Betty*

We have a lot of talent and loads of stories in our parish, and we enjoyed the wonderful visit from Betty and Doug Woods.

*Sandie Mueller*

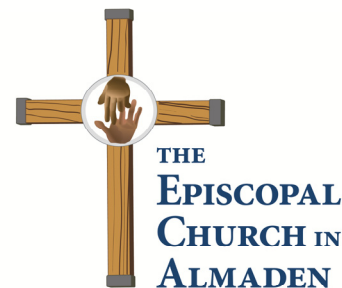
## Worship at ECA

### Sunday

7:30 AM Eucharist  
 10:30 AM Choral Eucharist  
 (Childcare available)  
 10:10-10:50 AM Sunday School

### Thursday

7:30 AM Eucharist



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From the Rector

## Journeying through Lent

We come to the season of Lent, the annual season of renewal in the church. Traditionally, the season was a time of preparing for baptism at Easter and a time for the church as a whole to reengage our baptismal commitment through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

What that looks like is different for everyone, of course. Some find it meaningful to give up a favorite food or a bad habit, using Lent as a time to reorient toward spiritual and physical health. Some attend more worship services than usual, setting aside more time to pray in community with others, while others add a private prayer practice to their day. Fewer, perhaps, challenge themselves to greater giving to others in money or time.

All of these are disciplines that can be helpful when done for the purpose of spiritual renewal and reconnection with God—or a distraction when done for other reasons altogether. The intention of this season is not spiritual heroics or another shot at New Year's resolutions, but rather a greater focus on God and our relationship with God. Or to use another metaphor, Lent is a pilgrimage, turning in a new direction (*metanoia*) towards resurrection life—the journey is less about the means of transportation and more about the direction we're headed.

Which is not to say that the means of transportation are irrelevant, of course. We make certain changes in Lent to help us in our journey. In our worship, we will return to a penitential emphasis and a more somber feel to what we do with music and silence. As suits this tone, we will use the kneelers again for communion, moving them into place at the Peace.

And we add worship services to the schedule, beginning with services on Ash Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 a.m. with a quiet Book of Common Prayer service and at 7:00 p.m. marking the day with our CCAV partners. Ashes will be imposed at both services. On Wednesdays throughout Lent, we will offer the beautiful service of Evening Prayer and silent meditation at 6:00 p.m. before our supper and evening program. On Thursday mornings, our weekly Eucharist will continue at 7:30 a.m.—a lovely start to the day as we engage with a different saint of the church from the calendar of *Holy Women, Holy Men*. On Sunday, March 16, we will offer a service of Taizé worship at 7:00 p.m., with chant and silent contemplation together in the church. For private prayer, our Lenten meditation book will be available on Ash Wednesday for personal use, an opportunity to read and pray each day with devotions from members of our ECA community. The rite of reconciliation, or private confession, is also a meaningful act for many during Lent. Talk to Kate if you would like to make your confession.

In study together, we will look at ways to balance our lives and know God more deeply. At church, our Wednesday evening series that begins on March 12 will lead us through the Benedictine balance of work and prayer, with Evening Prayer followed by a simple soup supper at 6:30 and the program following. Our Sunday mornings will focus on the baptismal themes of the gospel readings for the season and how those offer new understandings of our journey toward resurrection life.

And our opportunities for service will continue with two Fridays of cooking and serving for Montgomery Meals: March 7 and 21. But I encourage you to look further for ways you can serve and give of yourself and your time this season for this community and beyond.

In other words, there are resources here at ECA for your journey, tools, and companionship as you make your pilgrimage through this holy season. I encourage you to use them, to try something new, or to let go of something familiar as you focus more intently on God's call for you. But I also encourage you to your own prayer and reflection, attention to how you can serve in your workplace or in your school, fasting from what clutters up the system and burdens you too much for travel. This is a season of real gift for you—take the time to redirect, and understand the journey you are on.



The Rev. Kate Flexer

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Wednesday evenings

## Ora et Labora for Lent

This Lent, we will be exploring ways to nurture and deepen our lives using the template of Benedictine rule. The 6<sup>th</sup> century founder of the monastery at Monte Cassino, Benedict created a rule for his monks that prescribed a balance of prayer and study, time spent alone and time spent with others. In our time of overwork and isolation, of too much time spent in our own heads, and too little understanding, Benedict's rule can be a powerful guide to deeper knowing. Come for a series of thought-provoking ideas and spirit-settling practice as we engage a wiser way this season.

Each Wednesday evening will begin with Evening Prayer at 6:00 p.m., continue with a simple soup supper at 6:30 followed by program and practice at 7:00 p.m., and conclude by 8:00 p.m.. Come for what you are able to come for, and refresh your soul.

March 12	Prayer Alone
March 19	Work Alone
March 26	Prayer Together
April 2	Work Together
April 9	Living Out Our Rule

Kate

Mathematics of time

## Why does "Passing the Peace" take so long?

In an early morning service with only 20 people, if, when passing the peace, each person greets all the other 19 people, then that creates 20 times 19, divided by 2, i.e. 190 individual greetings. We divide by two because if A greets B, then B does not separately need to greet A. In general the formula is  $n \times (n-1) / 2$ .

Now assume each brief greeting take just 3 seconds, which is short and quick. Then, if everything flows perfectly in parallel, passing the peace could be accomplished in 19 parallel greeting times, i.e., within one minute. However, we are not so efficient—especially if we wander all over, line up for greetings, and exchange social news—so it actually takes much, much longer, as we observe every Sunday. For a larger service of 80 people, we have  $80 \times 79 / 2$ , i.e., 3,160 greetings; that becomes impossible, especially if we take more than 3 seconds to find and greet one another.

This may lead us to create guidelines, which I gladly leave to Reverend Kate Flexer.

*Greetings to all,  
Robin Williams*

From the Senior Warden

## Off-site retreat a great start for new vestry

The vestry is off to a great start. We had full attendance at our off-site retreat at St. Andrew's on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We were excited to welcome and get to know our four new members—Elizabeth, Will, Leslie, and Alexanna—plus our new vestry clerk, Anne. Community organizer Joaquin Sanchez joined us for part of our time as well. It was a productive day. We decided our mission statement from last year still describes our values:

*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.*

Using a form called Mutual Ministry Review (mutual ministry refers to priest, vestry, and congregation), we took a look at how well we are fulfilling our stated mission. This involved brainstorming everything we did this past year. As you are well aware, as a congregation we worked hard over the last year and we have many people to thank and much to celebrate. We also acknowledged some things



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we intended to do but didn't and looked at what we want to carry over to the coming year.

We made a first pass at matching our individual interests with our ministries. We have further work to do involving redefining some of the ministries. We identified resources that would help us do our job better, and we made a covenant for our group that all agree to keep our meetings as productive as possible and keep communication open and flowing. We look forward to pursuing the next steps in community organizing, which include leadership training in the near future. So, stay tuned for more to come in the year ahead. Thanks to everyone who works to make this place be the best we can make it.

*"A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out."*

*Isa 42:3*

If our inner voices tell us we lack talent or training, or that we are socially inferior, or perhaps we think we are too poor or sick or too young or too old to be of any use to serve Christ, we can always be encouraged by Isaiah's words. Serving him simply requires us to speak for him just as we are, just where we are because he looks at our loving motive and not our style and polish. Jesus sees straight through to the heart.

*Mary M  
Senior Warden*

*Lent madness*

## The Sainly Smack Down!

**G**rit, determination, and perseverance. These are the traits, along with the obvious one—holiness—that will be needed to win the 2014 Lent Madness Golden Halo. Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament, Lent Madness pits 32 saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket. It is also a wildly popular online devotional designed to help people learn about saints.

Lent Madness began in 2010 as the brainchild of Rev. Tim Schenck, an Episcopal priest and rector of St. John's Church in Hingham, Massachusetts. In seeking a fun, engaging way for people to learn about the men and women who make up the church's calendar of saints, Schenck came up with this unique Lenten devotion. Combining his love of sports with his passion for the lives of the saints, Lent Madness was born on his blog "Clergy Family Confidential."

Starting in 2012, Schenck partnered with Forward Movement (the same folks that publish *Forward Day by Day*) executive director the Rev. Scott Gunn, and Lent Madness went viral, reaching over 50,000 people and getting mentioned in everything from the Washington Post to USA Today, to Sports Illustrated (seriously).

Here's how it works:

On the weekdays of Lent, in-

formation about two different saints is posted at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org).

Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch. It's fun, it's informative, it's the saintly smack down!

This year, Lent Madness features an intriguing slate of saints ancient and modern, Biblical and ecclesiastical. The 2014 heavyweights include Thomas Merton, Catherine of Siena, J.S. Bach, David of Wales, John Wesley, Harriet Beecher Stowe, and Joseph of Arimathea. The full bracket is online at the Lent Madness website (and posted in our Fellowship Hall!).

If you're looking for a Lenten discipline that is fun, educational, occasionally goofy, and always joyful, join the Lent Madness journey. Lent needn't be all doom and gloom. After all, what could be more joyful than a season specifically set aside to get closer to God?

*Kate*

# ECA Activities March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:30am Holy Eucharist 10am Sunday School 10:30am Holy Eucharist						1
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## Worship Schedule

**March 2** *Last Epiphany*

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**March 5** *Ash Wednesday*

7:30 a.m. BCP service

7:00 p.m. JV service

**March 6**

*William Mayo,*

*Charles Menninger, et al.*

7:30 a.m. Thursday Eucharist

**March 9** *1 Lent DST begins!*

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist—

Folk Sunday

**March 12**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**March 13**

*Gregory the Great, trans.*

7:30 a.m. Thursday Eucharist

**March 16** *2 Lent*

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

—Healing Prayer

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

—Healing Prayer

7:00 p.m. Taizé Worship

**March 19**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**March 20**

*Thomas Ken*

7:30 a.m. Thursday Eucharist

**March 23** *3 Lent*

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**March 26**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer

**March 27**

*Charles Brent*

7:30 a.m. Thursday Eucharist

**March 30** *4 Lent*

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## Youth Group News

### Youth to cook Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The youth kicked off the new year with two great meetings. The first was an open discussion about LGBT topics with a guest speaker who shared with us what it was like to come out as a gay teen and how things have changed over her lifetime, along with her hopes for LGBT teens and their allies now. On February 9<sup>th</sup>, we watched the documentary *Jesus Camp* and then talked about the children in the movie (and their parents and adult leaders) and the similarities and differences to our parishes and faith.

Our next activity will be the beach trip on February 21–23. For this fellowship activity, we will play on the beach as the weather permits, play games, visit the boardwalk, watch movies, and do what we seem to do best—snack!

Tuesday, March 4th will be an all-hands-on-deck event—the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper cooked by the youth. Come on out to help cook or to enjoy the delicious fare before Lent begins.

On Sunday, March 9th, Pastor Michele will join our meeting to share the Amistad story.

On Sunday, March 23rd, we will have guest speakers from Almaden Cares, and this meeting will be for youth and their parents to learn about the hazards of

distracted driving.

Newsflash: This summer, two of our youth will be headed to Philadelphia for the national Episcopal Youth Event! This event takes place every three years and is a wonderful opportunity for Episcopal youth from across the country to gather and worship and play together, and then work together on an urban mission.

Just a reminder—youth group is open to all youth from 6th through 12th grade, and friends are always welcome!

*Faithfully,  
Bonnie and Inge*

## Satisfaction with accomplishments

### What makes a volunteer job FUN?

As we are going through our careful process of choosing new and exciting ways to reach out and care for our community, I've been thinking about how really and truly busy we all are. Do any of us have time to add something more to our plate?

It's fascinating to me how much we value time—and at the same time squander it. All of us have priorities: work often comes first, then family and friends, then "rest and recreation" for ourselves. Life doesn't fall into neat categories, though. Much of our R&R time is spent on activities that end up being exhausting instead of renewing, and the whole work/life balance thing is a chal-

lunge very few people manage successfully. And with all of this going on, where does volunteerism fit on the priorities list?

For me, it helps to take several giant steps back and look at the big picture. When I do, I see that the things I've been proudest of—the garden I built for Simonds school, the writers conference I ran for several years, the big fundraiser I helped stage for AVCS—were volunteer jobs. The time I spent solving problems with other dedicated people, pitching in, and eventually making a big difference for a lot of people ended up being completely worth sacrificing opportunities for other activities. At the time, I confess, I complained about the workload. Now, I look at what I accomplished with enormous satisfaction. When the day comes to count up what I've done on this earth, I don't think anybody is going to care about the hours I've spent watching every single episode of *Downton Abbey* . . . (although that was fun, too).

So, big picture, nothing I've done has been as satisfying to me as my volunteer jobs. Small picture, though, making space to do more is a challenge. Here's what makes the small picture brighter, for me at least:

- Working with a team
- Solving problems
- Creating value for the community that will endure over time
- The opportunity to come up with fresh solutions and use my creativity

What about you? What rocks

your boat when it comes to volunteerism? Inquiring minds want to know! Now that's a good "coffee hour" conversation waiting to happen.

*Beth Proudfoot*

### *Senior Ministry*

## Talking about Advance Planning

Our Senior Ministry Program has continued to grow and flourish. We have been meeting in discussion and presentation groups for a couple of years now, and lots of discussions and exchanges of information of service happen informally as well, under the auspices of Pastoral Care or just on their own, from one member to another.

A central theme in this ministry is the general idea of "Advance Planning," for as we age, there are many decisions to be made: finances, living situations, medical care, homecare assistance, end-of-life treatment, and, of course, our spiritual well-being amidst all this. As sensitive as some of these topics are, our congregation has shown a willing spirit in delving into the often thorny and complicated aspects of those "golden years." We have talked about common medical conditions, such as arthritis, diabetes, and cancer, that can affect our ability to maintain our usual standard of living.

Another of the conditions that can arise in those years is some form of mental change or decline, such as Alzheimer's dis-

ease or one of many other forms of dementia. Some of us know a friend or family member who is currently experiencing one of the brain-based diseases; but others do not, and there is an understandable fear of losing our mental capacity as we age. Common questions include: What do we look for in terms of symptoms or mental changes? Can we prevent dementia? Is it related to genetics? What are the available treatments? What are the costs involved with treatment and possible changes in living situations? How do we relate to the person affected with dementia, and how do we support their loved ones?

We were fortunate to have a very knowledgeable speaker on this subject—Nina Poletika, MFT, thanks to the connection by our own Beth Proudfoot. Nina is a therapist in Palo Alto who treats patients with dementia as well as their family members. In addition, her own mother has Alzheimer's disease and Nina is very involved in her mom's care. Nina met with us on Sunday, February 9, after the 10:30 service to tell us about her own experience and answer questions from the 25 or so participants from both Joint Venture churches. She described her mother's life, diagnosis, current living situation, and treatment, as well as her own journey in learning how to best support her mother, who is receiving good care and enjoys a warm relationship with her family and caregivers. Her story was personal, informative, and helpful to us, and we talked about typical



challenges (financial costs, communication, relationships, behavioral interventions) that arise when a loved one is experiencing dementia. Nina also provided us with fact sheets on a number of related topics: diagnosis, symptoms, communication tips, and other elements involved in dementia care. She received a positive response from her presentation and enjoyed her visit with us.

I hope that we can continue our discussion on this and other issues that may confront us or someone we care about in the future. The more we become familiar with both the gifts and the challenges of our senior lives, the better prepared we are to make constructive choices and help each other effectively. In the Bible, old is considered the positive and good fulfillment of a life devoted to God. Both the blessings and the responsibilities of aging are to be accepted with gratitude and a sense of stewardship. "For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but one of power, love, and sound judgment." (2 Timothy 1:7)

The next speaker in our Senior Ministry presentations will be Roger Wharton, an Episcopal priest who has served as supply priest at ECA in Kate's absence and spoke briefly afterward about his work in "palliative care," which is a developing type of hospice care. Fr. Wharton has a talk on "The Five Wishes," which addresses end-of-life issues, choices, and ways to make one's transition as meaningful and spiritually rewarding as possible. He will be

with us on Sunday, May 4, after the 10:30 service, and I hope to see many of you there. I am looking forward to an enlightening discussion about how we can empower ourselves before and even when ill, and help each other through it.

*Kathleen Eagan*  
Senior Ministry

*Coming soon*

## Core Team update

The Core Team, whose members include Bryan Bond, Kimberly Axtell, Kelli Casale, Jason Kazarian, Andy Kerr, Wendy Martin, Sam Sarmecanic, and Sheri Winkenwerder, has been meeting to listen and discern the results of the house meetings held in the fall of last year. There will be an update coming soon—March 9!

*News from South Sudan*

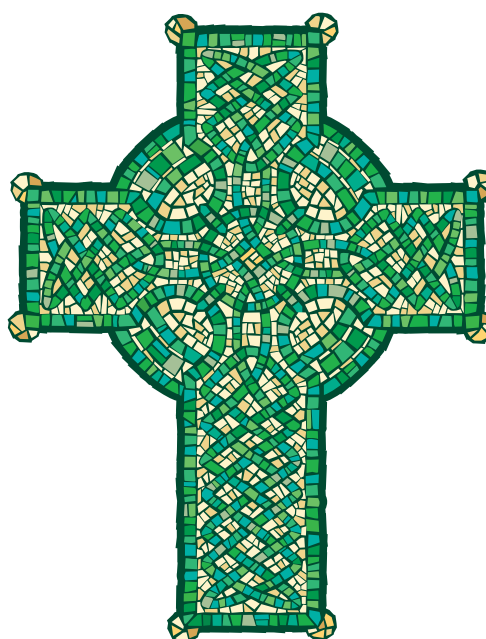
## Update from Peter Nyok

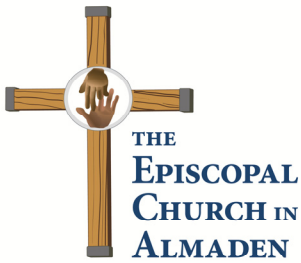
We spoke with Peter Nyok by phone on February 21 while he was in Nairobi, Kenya. He has escaped South Sudan with his family (wife Yar and their five-year-old daughter). He has also brought out more children from his country and is moving them all to the Refugee Camp in Uganda.

Peter's businesses in Bor and in Juba were pillaged and destroyed, but he still has a boat.

He said he will come to California in June.

*Sandie Mueller*





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### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Tim Miller	03/01
Hayley Moore	03/01
Anna Spanjaart	03/01
Beth Proudfoot	03/02
Jack Jackman	03/03
Wendy Martin	03/03
Linda Sarmecanic	03/03
Judy Graun	03/04
Julia Machado	03/06
Jackie Whitlock	03/06
Marianne Schmidt	03/10
Ainsley Jaciow	03/21
Blake Jaciow	03/23
Gloria Ashdown	03/24
Eddie Keck	03/26

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