

June and July 2017

# The SHAPE

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*From the Rector*

## Dear Friends

Most of you will have heard by now that I will be having total knee replacement surgery on both knees on June 9. I appreciate your prayers. I will be off, getting to know my new knees, until around the middle of August, supported and cared for by my dear husband. Your Senior Warden, Marianne Schmidt, will be in charge in my absence, and she will be the one to call in case of emergencies, concerns, or kudos. You can also always speak to any member of the Vestry, listed in the Shape. The Rev. David Breuer will be with you most Sundays to preside and preach, and Andrea Mackenzie will lead Morning Prayer and Bible study on Thursdays. We will have the Summer Sunday Series once again this year. There will also be interesting musical offerings at worship. So, I believe it will be a summer of opportunity, stimulation, and growth and I encourage you to participate fully. I say this because I know the Holy Spirit will be working and moving among you in my absence. And speaking of the Holy Spirit...

The first Sunday of June brings us the celebration of Pentecost. This is our remembering how the Holy Spirit came, in a rush of wind and tongues of fire, to empower the disciples to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with the world. This is not a mere rehearsal of ancient events, but an affirmation that we believe the Holy Spirit still comes powerfully on us who believe – changing our lives forever and empowering us for God’s work. On June 4th, we will also recognize everyone who has helped with our Children and Youth Ministries throughout this school year...and the list is long. I am so impressed by how many of you give of your time, talent, and energy to serve the youth in our neighborhood. We engage nearly 70 families who live around us!

Our Church Picnic will again be a festival of fun, with a Climbing Wall (!) and neighbors joining us on June 17th. July 2 will see a special Sunday celebration with our sisters and brothers from CCAV – a joint service, with patriotic handbell music, and a joint picnic following. And Let’s ROC will continue throughout the summer as well, with gathering, cooking, worshipping, and supping together! Plan to join your faith family for these and many other wonderful happenings this summer.

There is ample evidence of the work of the Spirit among us here at ECA. The last nine months have seen God calling us to much new work among our neighbors and those in need, and God has blessed this work and us. We continue fellowship and outreach, and are moving toward our goals of cultivating relationship with God, one another, and our neighbors – near and far. Your Vestry is working on a 3-5-year strategic plan that is based on our faith family’s values. This work will continue through the summer – and it is Spirit filled! And we are all eagerly awaiting our 50th anniversary celebration on November 10, 11, and 12. Stay tuned for details!

You will all be in my heart and in my prayers as I recover from surgery, and by August, I will be “bionic” – and eager to rejoin you and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Blessings and love,

*Shelley+*

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## Senior Warden's Goals

My goals this year for being senior warden are to support Shelley, the Vestry and our congregation. I appreciate standing on the shoulders of the dedicated senior wardens who have served over the past 50 years. There is a wonderful history of seeking God's direction for ECA, which is evident in how the Vestry is seeking God's direction now.

This year the Vestry is clarifying our values and developing a five-year strategic plan to build on our three goals of cultivating relationship with God, with each other and with our neighbors. We can see the need for clear values and a flexible strategic plan as we seek to discern the Holy Spirit's leading.

We needed to make a decision in May if we would have the Pumpkin Patch in October like we did last year. After we considered the input from our congregation, looked at the calendar for the year and reviewed the values we are developing, we had a time of silent prayer for each of us to center our spirit to discern the leading of the Holy Spirit. It was a unanimous decision to not have the Pumpkin Patch this year and be open to doing it next year.

As part of the discussion on the Pumpkin Patch we realized that ECA's 50th Anniversary

celebration November 10-12 is a valuable time to see God's faithfulness over the years and to renew our commitment to trust God's faithfulness for the next 50 years. This can be a transforming celebration of the past, present and future, so we need to support the planners with prayer, time to plan and offers of help.

While Shelley recuperates for the nine weeks this summer, ECA will continue to worship, fellowship and meet our neighbors because this congregation does not depend on one person but on the shared leadership of all. We will pray for one another and will look for ways to help each other while Shelley is out.

*Marianne Schmidt*  
Senior Warden

### Weekly Worship at ECA

*Sunday*

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

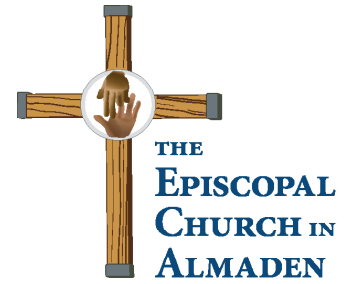
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Choral

*Wednesday*

3:30 p.m. Centering Prayer

*Thursday*

9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer



#### Rector

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*Children and Youth Ministries Director*

**Barry Ford**

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**Ruthanne Adams Martinez**

*Administrative Assistant  
Treasurer*

**Holly McCullough**

*Building Bridges Coordinator*

**Andrea Mackenzie**

*Field Education Intern*

#### Assisting in our Ministry

**Marianne Schmidt**

*Senior Warden*

**Don Hall**

*Junior Warden*

**Joan Wagner**

*Altar Guild*

**Ann Avoux**

*Prayer Vine*

**Debbie Estill**

*Ushers*

**Mike Schmidt**

*Shape Editor*

*Pastoral Care Coordinator*

**Kathleen Eagan**

*Senior Ministry*

**Taylor Wing**

*Webmaster*

## God's Paintbrush

Most of our energies in May were focused on preparing for our June Kids' Camp, "A Kaleidoscope of Colors, exploring as God's Paintbrush." Yes, we are all God's Paintbrush in our world today. All God created is now in our hands to care for and to love. That includes our earth and our neighbors wherever they are, here close by in Almaden or somewhere distant in the world.

During our camp week, we will learn more about Jesus, how we recognize him and share him in our daily lives through all our senses, seeing, hearing, speaking, touching, and doing. We do all this through a chapel time, and three daily centers of storytelling & puppetry, science and games, and art. Our camp in June is a 5-day camp, mornings only. For 30 campers, it requires 435 man/woman hours during the week and that just gets us through the morning. We are blessed at ECA to have volunteers willing to put in that commitment to share Jesus with children from our neighborhood.

For our June camp, we do offer extended care in the afternoon to help those working parents that need it. We have different numbers of children each day for this part of our program. During these hours in our summer program we

have a very relaxed time with the children able to make their own choices from a wide variety of options in our learning center. Volunteers are with us to help as needed, listen and interact with kids as the kids initiate. This part of our program requires an additional 30 to 45 man/woman hours depending on the number of children we are serving.

One very special day during our summer camp week is "Water Play Day." When we are lucky this particular day is a very warm and sunny day. On that day, our counselors lead their groups through 10 stations each with a fun game or activity that gives everyone the opportunity to get wet. When we sing our closing song on that day everyone is "drenched and smiling." Stop by on Thursday morning during camp week (June 15) and be part of this fun time, too.

*In Your Faithful Service,  
Susie Ferguson  
Children and Youth  
Ministries Director*

## Summer Sunday Series Begins June 25

The Summer Sunday Series will meet in the Learning Center from 9:30 to 10:30 each Sunday beginning June 25. Look in the mid-week bulletins for topics and for ways to help.

The Summer Sunday Series will:

- give us ways to support our senior members
- ask us how we are preparing for our future
- give us ways to support the church even after we die,
- challenge us to be stewards of our time, talent and money
- give us time to ponder God's love together!

*Marianne Schmidt*

### JV members:

*Jim McPherson (president), Bill Lavallee  
and Don Hall*

### Vestry Liaisons:

**Senior Warden**  
*Marianne Schmidt*

**Junior Warden**  
*Don Hall*

**Adult Education:**  
*Dan Hudkins*

**Communication:**  
*Joyce Wing and Inge Bond*

**Family/Youth/Young Adult Ministries:**  
*Jerry Ferguson*

**Hospitality and Fellowship:**  
*Jerry Ferguson, Bonnie McPherson,  
and Inge Bond*

**Finance:**  
*Todd Lukanc*

**Joint Venture:**  
*Don Hall*

**Outreach and Connection Team:**  
*Bonnie McPherson*

**Pastoral Care and Senior Ministry:**  
*Marianne Schmidt*

**Stewardship:**  
*Marianne Schmidt*

**Worship:**  
*Dan Hudkins*

## Spiritual Health

I recently read a book called *Praying Circles Around your Children*. I know I am not the only mom out there who prays for her children. In fact, I suspect the majority of us, if not all of us do.

One of my regular prayers is for my sons to experience and attain physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health. Another one is for their ears to be tuned to the still small voice of the Holy Spirit. You might be asking, "What exactly is spiritual health? How do I know if I've attained it?"

From a Google search, I found the following: "Having compassion, the capacity for love and forgiveness, altruism, joy, and fulfillment help you enjoy spiritual health."

Stewardship is strongly connected to spiritual health. I believe one reason this is so, is that giving our money away is unnatural. After all, we work so hard to earn our money! I confess that if God were not present in my life, I would have little motivation to give away my money. Being in a constant relationship with God allows us to respond to the needs of others. At his urging, and we find ourselves motivated to give to others things which we realize were gifts we received out of the generous bounty he gives us.

I see ECA as a unique church that creatively leads people to spiritual maturity and acts of love. All of the things we currently do result from our love of God and the community we serve. Among them, Montgomery Meals, Village House, Kids' camps, our work with the Abrahamic Alliance, the Pumpkin Patch, sharing our facilities with the Boy Scouts, Assistance League, Korean Methodist Church, working with our neighboring churches to replenish the blood banks with blood drives, our Let's Roc services, our SMUM donations, donations to Sudanese youth - all are indications of a spiritually healthy church. As individuals, we can grow and mature spiritually with God's help when we challenge ourselves to listen and respond. God doesn't generally shout out at us to get our attention. God usually whispers. Are you listening?

*Mary McPherson*

## Vestry Update

The most recent Vestry meeting was on May 9. Here are some highlights.

**Planned Giving.** Todd Lukanc, Jerry Ferguson and George Romer are putting together information on planned giving through estate planning and tax advantages of various approaches. They will look

for a speaker who can address this topic during our upcoming summer speaker series.

**Finances.** The budget looks good through the month of April. Revenue is higher than expected, especially in loose plate income, and expenses are right on track. Jerry Ferguson has done a review of our financial reports and is going to work on some recommendations for making them clearer and easier to read.

**ECA's core values.** The Vestry has been going through a discernment process in order to describe our core values, in order to develop a 3-5 year strategic plan. So far, five core values have been identified: 1-inclusive; 2-willing to risk; 3-spiritually grounded; 4-serving; and 5-valuing friendship. This process is ongoing.

In order to concentrate on a good fall stewardship effort, our 50th anniversary celebration, and hosting a warming center again in January, the Vestry voted to defer a pumpkin patch to 2018.

The Village House (the group that organizing the daytime warming centers and nighttime shelters for the homeless) would like all volunteers to be fingerprinted. The Vestry is going to discuss with Diocesan leaders how we might best support this request.

*Elizabeth Guichard*

## Another AAi Service Event Success

On Sunday, April 30, 2017, more than forty Muslims and Christians united together to serve the homeless and hungry in San Jose at an AAi (Abrahamic Alliance International) compassion event sponsored by Blossom Valley Muslim Community Center (BVMCC), The Episcopal Church in Almaden, and EIC, Evergreen Islamic Center - San Jose, CA. Volunteer orientation was led by The Rev. Shelley Denney, Rector of The Episcopal Church in Almaden, Br. Muneem Shaik, Board Member of Evergreen Islamic Center, and Br. Khaled Neouchy, founder and former Board Member of BVMCC.

Volunteers enjoyed getting acquainted in small buddy groups before working together to prepare nearly 300 halal meals for our friends who live outside. Br. Khaled Neouchy led his community in afternoon prayers as Christian volunteers observed and read an English translation of the Arabic liturgy. Volunteers then convoyed together downtown to serve a delicious Middle Eastern meal of chicken and beef kabobs at Cityteam's soup kitchen. The Reverend Shelley Denney offered a prayer of thanksgiving before recovery center residents dined. Thereafter, Br. Khaled Neouchy of BVMCC recited a dua (prayer)

of thanksgiving before homeless guests enjoyed dinner. Given the savory aroma of the meal, Chef Reynolds Stewart of Cityteam correctly predicted that most guests would be back for seconds, some even thirds.

Guests also thoroughly enjoyed the fresh fruit and green salads that were made together at ECA, as well as baklava for dessert. After guests dined, volunteers also enjoyed dinner together. Afterwards, Br. Muneem Shaik thanked all volunteers for their participation and remarked how Evergreen Islamic Center is eagerly looking forward to our next AAi event together. The Rev. Shelley Denney then offered a closing prayer, thanking God for the privilege of serving our neighbors together. Finally Br. Faisal Yazadi, President of Evergreen Islamic Center, offered some closing remarks regarding how delightful working together has been for him, and how he is also very much looking forward to our next service event together.

The Muslim groups hadn't done this kind of service before and felt it was very rewarding. They appreciated our knowledge and experience and would love to do this again. We highly recommend attending any future events – we are not so different afterall.

Special thanks to Br. Khaled Neouchy, Br. Steve Wing, and Sr. Joyce Wing for all the prep-

arations and arrangements they made to provide the food. Many thanks also to Sr. Mary Mcpherson and Sr. Rola Cheikh who made volunteers feel so welcome upon arrival. Kudos to Br. Muneem Shaik, Br. Khaled Neouchy, Br. Faisal Yazadi, and The Rev. Shelley Denney for their excellent leadership. Thanks to Br. Mir Islam, Br. Ed Mueller, and Sr. Joyce Wing for photographing the event with excellence. Many thanks to all AAi donors who made this event possible. Most of all, thanks be to God for blessing us all with the resources and strength to serve our neighbors together.

*Joyce Wing,  
Communications Vestry Liaison*



# ECA Activities

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## Gifts of Gratitude for the Year

**A** Thank you to all who have supported in some way our Children's Programming at ECA since last June. Thank you to all who have helped with **our Camps -- Go for the Gold, Caring for Creation with St. Francis, Travel the Globe in our Neighborhood, and Enrichment through the Arts.** Thank you to all who have helped with our Saturday Worship in **CPR** (Community, Prayer, & Refreshment) and beginning in January, **Let's ROC** (Reaching Out in Community). Thanks to those of you who helped with muscle to put rooms back together for another program. Just look at our list!!

Cynthia Apps • Ann Avoux  
Kimberly & Todd Axtell  
Zhoor Bishara  
Inge & Bryan Bond  
Gayle & David Byers  
Kelli Casale  
Beth & Winston Copeland  
Judi Dimicelli • Debbie Estill  
Jerry Ferguson  
Lynda & Barry Ford  
Eric Foreman • Tom Gerber  
Amy Griffith • Jan Henderson  
Ron Howie • Dan Hudkins  
Melinda Jennings  
Hanny & Widodo Krisman  
Nadine Kurita  
Myungjin & Jaegeun Lee  
Ellen & Todd Lukanc  
Carol MacDonald  
Joe Machado • Wendy Martin

Ruthanne Adams Martinez  
Kathy Mastre • Ann Mayers  
Holly McCullough  
Pat McGarvin  
Josh McLaughlin  
Bonnie McPherson  
Mary & John McPherson  
Susanne & Arnold Moore  
Mary & Dennis Moran  
Sandra & Ed Mueller  
Rachael Parakh  
Maysa Rohana  
Nancy & George Romer  
Leslie Rousseau  
Mik & Tom Ruffo  
Marianne & Mike Schmidt  
Anna Spanjaart  
Anne Tysanner • Joan Wagner  
Maryke Williams  
Joyce & Steve Wing  
Taylor Wing  
Michelle & John Yeider

This list includes four families from our neighborhood and one family each from AVUCC and the Korean Methodist Church.

*Susie Ferguson*

### Outreach

## Village House Update

**V**illage House continues to thrive and bless the ladies who are working hard to stabilize their lives and move out of homelessness! God provides what is needed, and most recently he answered the prayers of the steering committee who had no church to house the ladies for the month of May through June 7th with St Paul's Methodist Church

in downtown San Jose (405 S. 10th St at the corner of San Salvador right next to San Jose State)! St Paul's is new to Village House and has a building to do the night time shelter, but are not equipped to resource the shelter on such short notice, so they are looking to use the volunteers from the other sister churches to do the caring for the ladies, while they use their building and learn how this is done, as they will take a second month down the line and use their volunteers at that time.

So what does this mean for our Jesus followers here at ECA? Well I am glad you asked! Village House needs our help, as we know and love these ladies, and we are part of the network of volunteers that they need to help resource the night time shelter at St Paul's. The warming centers are supposed to do their best to fill the slots for the week of June 1st through June 7, not just us, but also Good Sam, St Francis, and Almaden Methodist too. There are many types of jobs, cooking (dinner or breakfast), assisting with checkin and checkout, a pantry coordinator, and staying the night based on 4 hour shifts, and more. A list of the jobs can be found on the Village House website: [www.villagehouseccca.com](http://www.villagehouseccca.com), and from there go to St. Paul's Methodist Church.

To sign up to work at the night time shelter we are all going to have to be pre-screened though,



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something we are working to set up here at ECA, but we are not there yet, so United Methodist is doing the pre-screening for Village House to get things started. To get the paperwork you need to go to:

1. [Volunteers.wgumc.org](http://Volunteers.wgumc.org) and download the background check paperwork and fill it out, and
2. You must also download the fingerprinting paperwork and make an appointment to get fingerprinted.

When you download the information there is a list of approved fingerprinting sites and the costs, the Sheriff being the cheapest at 10\$. The fingerprints will be on file at United Methodist, but accessible for all of Village House. I know this seems like a lot, but it is something that is desperately needed in the short term for this night time shelter, and a direction that all churches will be going towards as we work to protect the people we serve and make sure that our church is above reproach in how we handle at risk populations.

Please, please. please step up and help these ladies and Village House as we continue to do as Jesus has asked us to do with our time and treasure, 1 John 3:17: "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"

Working at a night time shelter will be a learning opportunity for all of us, and a opportunity to further bless the ladies and grow in God's love! Lets rock this opportunity!

Call me or email me with questions or concerns! Bonnie McPherson 408-656-2426 [mamasaur@comcast.net](mailto:mamasaur@comcast.net)

*Bonnie McPherson,  
Program Chair*

## Book Group

There will be no JV Book Group meeting in June. They will resume meeting on Wednesday, July 19 (3rd Wednesday of the month), at 5:30 PM, at the Marie Callender's Restaurant on Blossom Hill Road. July's book is *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman. Please RSVP to Amy Griffith (408 268-0920 or email [amy-g@pacbell.net](mailto:amy-g@pacbell.net)).

## Bridge Group

The Bridge Group will meet on Wednesday, June 28 and July 26 (last Wednesday of the month), at 2 PM, in the church fellowship hall. Not an experienced player? All levels are welcome. Come and bring a friend. Contact Amy Griffith (268-0920) if you have questions or need more information.

*Field Education Intern*

## Relational Meetings

Your Connection Team has been hard at work again in May. Our last meeting was very productive and inspirational. As we came together with Joaquin Sanchez, we did more practice on relational meetings with one another. I know that I have found my relational meetings to be opportunities to really learn more about the members of ECA and what they are passionate about. This was a delightful experience for the entire team. ECA is made up of so many individuals who have wonderful stories and care so much about a variety of subjects. I think of it as opening a treasure chest full of rare and precious gems. Thank you to all of you who have been a part of these meetings with myself and other team members. The more we come to know about each other and what we really care about, the clearer we can be about how best to be the Body of Christ with each other and in the world. Strengthening these deep connections and nurturing them are the work of the Kingdom. My life is enriched by every connection that I deepen with each one of you. Everyone is invited to share in this ministry and to bring new ideas to the team. The next Connection Team meeting is Sunday, June 11, following the 10:45 service.

*Andrea Mackenzie*

## Reach Out in Community Together

Our church picnic and Let's ROC, Saturday, June 17th, from 3-7p.m. will be an event not to be missed. We anticipate that kids and their families from that week's Vacation Bible School will attend. This would be a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors, and especially their kids, to attend. There will be a 25-foot climbing wall, "Corn Hole", lawn bowling, face painting, and more. Come spend a relaxing afternoon visiting with friends, enjoying a BBQ and an outdoor Eucharist. This will be a great chance to visit with our neighbors and make snacks to share with the campers at Santa Maria Urban Ministry.

Be on the look-out for a sign-up sheet. We'll be asking folks what they would like to eat at the BBQ and what side they would like to share. The BBQ will be 5 dollars per person. Children 10 and under will be free.

*Holly McCullough*

## Quiet Day, June 24

Contemplative prayer is considered to be the pure gift of God. It is a time to open our hearts and minds to Jesus. It invites us into a world where the Spirit dwells beyond thoughts, words or emotions. This Quiet day is an invitation to slow down and just listen to God. Whether you are discerning around a certain issue in your life, or just want to deepen your practice, this day is for all. You are warmly invited to join us as we come together to explore this great tradition of the Church that so many through the ages have found to be at the heart of their experience of God. Whether you have years of experience or have always wanted to learn more, this is the time for you! We will provide plenty of space and alternative activities as well as some structure.

Please join us on Saturday, June 24th, at 9am, beginning with Morning Prayer in the sanctuary. If you have any questions, or would like to help with food or other logistics, please contact Andrea Mackenzie at 408-504-2951, or by e-mail at: [andreashort@yahoo.com](mailto:andreashort@yahoo.com).

*Andrea Mackenzie*

## A Delightful Time at Spring Tea

The Spring Tea held on May 3rd at ECA was a rousing success! There was delicious finger food and wonderful desserts. Teas were served in beautiful china tea cups that were set around beautiful flower centerpieces. There were wonderful baskets of treasures that were raffled off and a variety of items for the silent auction. Besides all of the great fellowship we enjoyed Ruthanne's beautiful harp performance. Many attendees from outside the church commented about the event and church and some are considering coming to our services.

Over three thousand dollars was collected but some expenses need to be deducted. All of the proceeds will go to the Almaden Counseling Center and Joint Venture. All had a wonderful time in fellowship but even more so knowing that the event was raising funds for these two needs. We want to thank all the coordinators, those that cooked, those that put all the baskets and silent auction items together, and those that decorated the tables beautifully. We also want to thank the men of ECA for be our servants for the afternoon, they made and served the tea, helped setup and cleanup. It couldn't have been done without them!

*Joyce Wing,  
Communications Vestry Liaison*

## Worship Schedule

### June 1

7:30 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Eucharist

### June 4 – Day of Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### June 11 – First Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### June 17 – Let's ROC

5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### June 18 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### June 25 – 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### July 2 – 4th Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:00 a.m. JV Worship Service

### July 6

7:30 a.m. Healing Service and Holy Eucharist

### July 9 – 5th Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### July 15 – Let's ROC

5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### July 16 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### July 23 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

### July 30 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost

7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

## Gifts of Gratitude

Thank you ...

•to the new Prayers of the People servers

•to all those who continue to volunteer with Village House

•to all who came to the Abrahamic Alliance event in May, who worked with our Muslim neighbors to provide and serve a wonderful meal to those that are in need

•to all 80 people that attended the May tea. Thanks to the committee: Amy Griffith, Betty Consorte, Joan Wagner, Carol MacDonald, Maryke Williams, Mel Stonehocker, Mary Moran, Linda Sarmecanic, Francie Kerr, Marianne Schmidt, Nancy Romer and Susanne Moore. A big thanks to Ruthanne Adams Martinez, who entertained us, organized all the reservations and helped Maryke sort out all the finances. Thanks to the men that helped in the kitchen, George Romer, Bill LaVallee, Steve Wing, Arnold Moore, Jerry Ferguson and Mike Schmidt for keeping the tea pots full and the kitchen clean!

It takes a Village to put on an event like the Spring Tea, thanks to all of you.

•to Judy Dimicelli, Wendy Martin, and Ruthanne Adams Martinez for their help setting up for "Let's ROC"

• to Melinda Jennings for her help with Mother's Day cards at

"Let's ROC"

•to Jerry Ferguson and Kathy Mastre for their help in the kitchen at "Let's ROC"

## Cooking Class

The Cooking Class, with Alain Guichard, has been well-attended, with more than a dozen folks usually showing up. Alain demonstrates and supervises the preparation of a classic dish, which is then shared by all those in attendance. Please note that they will **not** be meeting during the summer months, June through August. The class will resume in the fall with the first session scheduled for Monday, September 18.

## Budget Update

As of May 16:

### Receipts

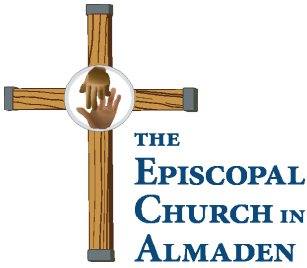
Budgeted	\$104,545
Actual	113,173

### Expenses

Budgeted	\$94,205
Actual	94,707

## Looking Ahead

Let's ROC • August 19  
Kids Camp • October 2-6  
ECA 50th Anniversary •  
November 10-12



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## JUNE AND JULY BIRTHDAYS

Emmett Van der Staay	6/01	Melinda Jennings	7/02
Evelyn (Wing) Krysnowski	6/03	Jessica Fahlen	7/04
Jenny Hoyt	6/08	Robin Williams	7/10
George Romer	6/09	Guido Spanjaart	7/11
Charlotte Boileau	6/10	Dominic Consorte	7/12
Tyler Nollette	6/17	Suzanne Mayo	7/12
Gregory Lukanc	6/23	Tyler Miller	7/12
Margaret Halliwell	6/25	Todd Axtell	7/15
Michelle Ruffo	6/25	Annie Estrade	7/18
Pauline Gilligan	6/27	Matt Gundersen	7/20
		Kathryn Hussain	7/22
		Ed Mueller	7/23
		Arnold Moore	7/25
		Ken Rousseau	7/29
		Taylor Wing	7/30

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