

September 2019

# The SHAPE

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*From the Rector*

## Dear Friends

At Let's ROC for the month our theme was "Sharing Home." The focus was on our return at the end of the summer to the comfort of regular routine. We remembered that there are many – even in our own neighborhood – who do not have the luxury and blessing of home...or maybe even regular routine. The children cooked a homey casserole dinner to be delivered to our friends at Village House and cooked for the Let's ROC participants too. The emphasis was on being aware of those who do without, even as we are comfortable. Our scripture was Jesus saying, "Do not worry...your heavenly Father knows your needs... seek God's kingdom first and all these things will be given to you."

ECA is "home" for so many of us. We have an extraordinary number of very long-term parishioners, as well as newer members who have begun to call ECA "home." We are reviving a ministry of welcome that was part of our past. As visitors become regulars, we will ask members to be "shepherds" to them – to welcome and help them become part of our community.

We are very welcoming and friendly at ECA. I believe welcome is one of the charisms (gifts of the Holy Spirit) of our faith community. I remember how welcomed David and I felt four years ago! But the next step beyond welcome is incorporation into the life of the community. This is an essential transition that can be either encouraged or discouraged by church members.

One characteristic of Christ's church is that we open the circle to invite in new people. This is a non-negotiable trait of Christians. We realize – and rejoice in – the fact that each person added to our number changes us. Living bodies change. Only dead things do not change. As we incorporate our newer members into our common life, we are enriched by their perspectives, questions, and contributions. Each of us was new here once.

At ECA, we are engaged in the work of transitioning toward being the sustainable Church of the Future. This work is about seeking to build God's kingdom among us, and it includes ALL of us...folks who have been here for decades and folks who are new, working to serve our neighbors in the name of Christ...working to live out the Gospel.

As we ease into fall, I pray that each of us will be keenly aware of God's blessings and yearn for closer relationship with our God who is, first of all, Loving Relationship.

Blessings,

*Shelley+*

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## Hi to All My ECA Friends!

Thank you for the lovely “Send Off Service” before my move to Michigan. It was special and touched my heart! Thanks for being a large part of my California family, for help when I’ve needed it, knowledge gained from a group of talented, loving, caring people, and for the love and joy you have brought into my life.

Angels were watching over me on my trip to Michigan, buying my condo and getting settled in. I moved into my 2 bedroom condo on July 2nd. It’s a perfect size for me in a nice quiet neighborhood close to shopping and the library, with pleasant neighbors. It’s very close to my bother & sisters, and it’s very affordable.

It’s great having my sibs close by. We hang out regularly. I love being close to them!

I’m attending St. Michael’s and All Angels Church, in Lincoln Park, MI. It is my childhood church, and my sister, Patti, has been a very active member there for years. They are also a very huggable group!

In the summer on Wednesdays they hold prayer services in a park on the river. Its great! You can see freighters, jet skiers, kayakers, seagulls and diverse groups of people during the service. Three different Episcopal churches participate in the Wednesday service. The deacon from one of the churches is very active working

with Vets who are struggling with life.

I’m going to be on the condo board where I’m living. Can anyone who’s been on a condo board give me advice?

I miss all of you, especially my Wednesday night group. Hope all is going well for all of you.

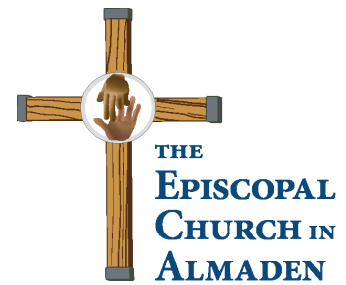
Thank you for all the blessing you have been to me over the years!

Please come and visit if you are ever in Michigan. (Kathy’s contact information will be in the latest directory.)

*With Love, Hugs & Smiles,  
Kathy Mastre*

## Book Group

The JV Book Group’s September meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18th (generally on the 3rd Wednesday of the month). September’s book is *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama. Meetings are held at 5:30 PM at the Marie Callender’s Restaurant on Blossom Hill Road. If you have not attended the group before, please know that all are welcome. RSVP to Amy Griffith (408 268-0920) or email amy-g@pacbell.net.



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Let's ROC

## A Glimpse Into Let's ROC

“Can we wash the dishes? Now, can we wash the dishes?” Judah and Jonah, two of the young cooks who joined us to cook a meal for Village House thought that cooking was fun but absolutely loved washing the dishes. Maybe it was the water on a hot day or a familiar job that made it their favorite, I'm not sure, but they sure did enjoy themselves. Anna was our youngest cook and so excited to try all the things she made. She went through lots of spoons to make sure everything was just right. Naomi and Michal-Donna were happy to catch up, excitedly talking about the start of a new school year as they chopped and stirred.

This delightful group of children made dinner to share with the ladies of The Village House and their families and guests at the August Lets ROC. Their families were so pleased that their children got a chance to serve their neighbors and to help build the Kingdom of God. Around the dinner table, they talked about more ways to build the Kingdom of God.

Help us build God's Kingdom by connecting with our neighbors and being church in a new way. Join us for Let's ROC this fall. Mark your calendar for September 21st, the blessing of the animals on October 21st, and a Thanksgiving Feast on November 19th. Then look for the sign-up



sheet in the fellowship hall. Having you at Let's ROC helps us to welcome our neighbors.

*Holly McCullough,  
Building Bridges Coordinator*



### JV members:

*Steve Wing  
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#### Stewardship

*Kelli Casale*

# ECA Activities September 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 7:30am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Holy Eucharist 12:15pm WTO Meeting	2 <u>Labor Day</u> 9:30am Yoga 3pm BBQ @ Hoyt's	3	4 7pm Class/Discussion Group	5 8am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Morning Prayer 10am Lectionary Bible Study	6	7 10am Meditation Group
8 7:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Resource Research Team 10:45am Holy Eucharist Casual Choir 12:15pm Summer BBQ 12:30pm Connection Team Meeting	9 9:30am Yoga	10 7:15pm Vestry Meeting	11 4:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Class/Discussion Group	12 8am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Morning Prayer 10am Lectionary Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	13	14 10am Meditation Group
15 7:30am Holy Eucharist 9:30am Our Neighbors' Needs Team 10:45am Holy Eucharist 2pm Deanery Meeting @St.Timothy's in Cupertino	16 9:30am Yoga	17 7:30pm JV Board Meeting	18 4:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 5pm Book Group 7pm Class/Discussion Group	19 8am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Morning Prayer 10am Lectionary Bible Study 7:30pm Choir Rehearsal	20 2pm Montgomery Meals	21 10am Meditation Group 4:30pm Let's ROC
22 7:30am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Holy Eucharist 12:15pm Reseource Research Team	23 9:30am Yoga	24	25 4:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 7pm Class/Discussion Group	26 8am Men's Breakfast 9:30am Morning Prayer 10am Lectionary Bible Study 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal	27	28 10am Meditation Group
29 7:30am Holy Eucharist 10:45am Holy Eucharist 12:30pm WTO/ Connection Training: Anna Eng	30 9:30am Yoga					



**WTO Status Report:**

In July and the beginning of August the various teams made lots of progress. We held our first JV Transition Team meeting on August 1st, with The Rev. Marty Williams, Debbie Bemis, Tom Gerber, Kelly Yamanishi representing CCAV-UCC and The Rev. Shelley Denney, Joyce Wing, Don Hall, Ellen Lukanc representing ECA, Don was unable to attend the first meeting.

This was mainly an introductory meeting to get to know each other and understand where we each are in our efforts and transitions. It was a very open and constructive meeting. We mainly focused on what ECA's overall project and focus areas are to date and how we could work together on this effort. Shelley, Ellen and Joyce attended the CCAV-UCC's Council meeting on August 4th and Shelley and Ellen attended CCAV-UCC's service on August 11th to provide an overview, along with an interactive discussion at coffee hour. Both meetings went well and there was a lot of good dialog at both. These various discussions provided more information to CCAV-UCC as they discuss their options and involvement.

**Our Neighbor's Needs – Focus Together group – Status Update:**

As mentioned in prior articles, members include Ellen Lukanc (lead), Marianne Schmidt (scribe), Kimberly and Todd Axtell, Kelli Casale, Anne Tysanner, Ann Mayers, Donna Yamamura, Kathleen Eagan, Abi Roy, Shelley Denney, and Joyce Wing. The purpose of this group is understanding the needs of our neighbors.

For reference purposes, Demographic Report requests were submitted to the Diocese (Jesus Reyes) to provide information pertaining to the zip code areas: 95120, 95118 and 95123.

Some of the team members will be attending a class on "Organizing & Leadership Development Training" as it pertains to community services and organization is scheduled Sunday, August 18th 2:30pm to 8:00pm and Monday, August 19th 10:00am to 5pm at the Grace Baptist Church at 484 E. San Fernando St. This is sponsored by the Silicon Valley Sponsoring Committee and Industrial Areas Foundation. Another one day class will be offered at ECA by Anna Eng.

Two groups were interviewed to date by this focus group. First, Katy Carter from Almaden Valley Counseling Services. She has lived her entire life in Almaden Valley and provided an excellent perspective and her current activity. Katy has offered to discuss with our group ways to discover the needs of the community.

Secondly, Pat Briggs, who is active in the Almaden Community Association that serves the needs of healthy seniors who are losing their support systems with family and friends moving out of the area. She mentioned the needs for the less healthy seniors are growing and assistance is required.

A high-level timeline has been determined to finish interviews in September and October, with analysis to be completed November and December and a final report to be provided in January at the annual meeting.

**Resource Research – Focus Together group – Status Update:**

As mentioned in prior articles, members include Letty Duenas (lead), Inge Bond (scribe), Wendy Martin, Judi Dimicelli, George and Nancy Romer, Shelley Denney and Joyce Wing

This group is focusing on learning what other churches or organizations have done and other identifying resources that can provide information or consulting services. The goal is to understand the foundational information, the who, what, why, how, when, where questions (cradle to grave) so we know what is involved and how others did things, as well as what not to do. This group is not brainstorming on what we may want to do, just fact-finding and learning about others' processes.

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The first interview was with Will Turner from SacredSpace in Palo Alto. The team was provided an overview of their service that provides free workspace at their facility. They were asked why and how they decided on this service, what were the costs, the main purpose of the service, how it was resourced, what their outcomes were, who helped them and if it has been worthwhile. SacredSpace's biggest finding was the great need for people to belong to a community and that there are many who are very lonely. They are fulfilling this need by providing a place and community to belong to.

Secondly, Bob Jacob from St. Margaret's Episcopal Church of Bellevue, WA, was interviewed regarding their efforts that resulted in building 41 units of "affordable low-income housing". Their main purpose was to reduce their existing debt of \$2.8 million by partnering with St. Andrew's Lutheran Housing Group. The outcome reduced their debt to a manageable level and the low-cost housing provided a managed pathway for residents to move to mainstream housing. It has provided a steppingstone for those in need.

A timeline will be developed in future meetings.

*Joyce Wing,  
Senior Warden*

## Opportunity for All Interested in Our Transition Work

Anna Eng is the lead organizer for the Bay Area Industrial Areas Foundation (IAF), with which our Connection Team (community organizing team) has been working for the past five or more years. The transition work that ECA is doing to move toward becoming the Church of the Future is community organizing work. We have teams concentrating on learning Our Neighbors' Needs, Researching Resources, Founding Documents, and Joint Venture Transition. We call this Working Together as One (WTO.)

Anna will be at ECA on September 29th from 12:30-2pm for a training geared especially for our WTO work. This is especially for all the members of these teams but is also open to anyone who is interested. This is a unique opportunity for ECA, because it is a professional training geared particularly to us. I hope that many of you will put this on your calendar and plan to attend.

## Liturgy - How We Worship

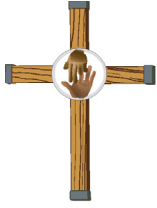
Liturgy is "the work of the people" in worship. It is formed by Episcopal tradition and our Book of Common prayer, hymnals, and additional approved resources. I

sometimes refer to it as being like Mr. Potato Head...there is a set formula, but the pieces change.

At ECA, we have a Liturgy and Music Committee comprised of our Music Director and Organist, Lynda Ford, Andy Kerr, Todd and Kimberly Axtell, and me. We meet monthly. This committee chooses both the hymns and the service music (Gloria, Sanctus, etc.) and discusses the choices for liturgical pieces (creed, Prayers of the People, confession, Eucharistic prayer, thanksgiving after communion), as well as scheduling our three choirs: Choir, Folk Choir, and Casual Choir. Our approach is to change the liturgical pieces with each change of church season. That gives the congregation time to get used to the new liturgy and enjoy it but changes often enough to keep the liturgy fresh and our hearing of it acute.

Our Anglican heritage of liturgy is broad, deep, and rich. We draw on many different resources to make our worship meaningful and hopefully to allow it to challenge us. If you would like to share thoughts about the liturgy or music and your experience of it, we are happy to listen to you. Contact any of us on the Liturgy and Music Committee.

*Shelley*



## Worship Schedule

### September 1 – *Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost*

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

### September 8 – *Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

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

### September 15 – *Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

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

### September 21 – *Let's ROC*

4:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### September 22 – *Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

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

### September 29 – *Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

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

## Gifts of Gratitude

Thank you ..

- to Todd Lukanc and Don Hall for their work assembling the new bookcase in the Narthex.
- to Ruthanne Adams Martinez for making art to support Let's ROC, including Jesus breaking bread and a book for this month's Let's ROC.
- to Judi Dimicelli for her commitment to Let's ROC and for her work in welcoming the families that join us.
- to Anna Spanjaart for her leadership as the children made a meal for Village House. The way Anna interacts with children empowers them to use their gifts.
- to Tom Ruffo for his dedication to cooking for Let's ROC. We are so blessed by the table fellowship his work provides.

## Looking Forward

October 5 • *OktoberFest Dinner*

October 19 • *Blessing of the Animals/Let's ROC*

## OktoberFest ECA!

Come to ECA'S OktoberFest Celebration on Saturday, October 5, 5:30-9:00pm in Fellowship Hall. Wear your best German Costume!

Our celebration will include a wonderful German dinner prepared by Guest German Chefs: Evelyn (Wing) and Marcus Krsynowski, with support from ECA folks.

### Appetizers

- Pretzels with Mustard
- Flammkuchen (Flatbreads)

### Main Dishes

- Bayrish Kartoffel Salat (potato salad)
- Gurken Salat (cucumber salad)
- Gegrillte Schwein & Hahnchenbeine (beer/mustard/onion marinated grilled pork chops)
- Bratwurst
- Sauerkraut

### Dessert

- Apfel kuchen (classic apple cake with streusel)

Make your reservations on the Sign-up Board that will be in the Fellowship Hall soon.

- Price for dinner is \$15. Tickets at \$3.00 per ticket will be sold for wine or beer
- Lemonade and water provided
- Bring your German beer steins
- Prize for best German costume
- There will be fun and festivities after the dinner



*Todd Lukanc and Don Hall, volunteering their time to assemble the new bookcase located in the narthex.*

## September Birthdays

Kelli Casale	September	8
Jan Henderson		8
Dorothy Willard		9
Debbie Estill		14
Marcus Bond		16
Maryke Williams		17
Pat McGarvin		19
Jerry Long		20
Kathy Mastre		24
Gwen Hacker		28
Nancy Romer		29

## September Anniversaries

Ellen and Todd Lukanc	1
Kelli Casale and Matt Gunderson	3
Susie and Jerry Ferguson	21
Lynne and Graham Kelly	21

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