

August 2020

The SHAPE

From the Rector

Dear Friends

As we shelter at home and are traveling around less, perhaps we have more time – and maybe more motivation – to check in on the news in the world around us. If there's anything we have learned, it is how interconnected we are with everyone else on Earth!

When people get sick in Wuhan, China – it affects the whole world. When there are protests in this country about racial inequality – we see them reflected and repeated all over Europe. When our numbers of virus infections surge – other countries close their borders to us. We can no longer avoid the fact that all God's people everywhere are part of One Body...the Human Body, which God loves so much and dignified by becoming one of us. There is only one race: the human race.

This is an extraordinary time. The triple threat of pandemic, severe economic distress, and an uprising against systemic racism has rocked the world to its core. We are in a perhaps unprecedented time, at least in the modern and post-modern world. This might seem like nothing but doom and gloom, but journalist Nicholas Kristof notes that these “overlapping catastrophes have created conditions that may finally let us extricate ourselves from the mire.”¹

Our God is a God of history, involved with humanity since creation, who broke into the world as a human being at one point in time. Through the Holy Spirit our God of resurrection continues to bring new life where we can see only death. This is the foundation and core of our Christian belief as the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.

Jesus told us to love God with all our heart, soul, strength, and mind and to love our neighbors as ourselves (Luke 10:27). And he made sure we understood that our neighbors are not just those who look, talk, pray, and live as we do (The story of the Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37.) Jesus told us to love our enemies (Matthew 5:44.)

Jesus' teachings and the example of his earthly life show us that God empowers us to co-create God's kingdom here on earth. If we are to build God's reign, there must be deep and powerful change to the way we live and treat one another. I believe that this uncertain time, when the ground seems to be shaking under our feet and so much has been turned upside down, offers that opportunity. Let us seize the moment before us and work toward the realization of the dream of God!

Blessings,

Shelley+

¹Kristof, Nicholas, “We Interrupt This Gloom to Offer...Hope”, New York Times Opinion, July 16, 2020, https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/16/opinion/sunday/coronavirus-blm-america-hope.html?campaign_id=2&emc=edit_th_20200717&instance_id=20379&nl=todaysheadlines®i_id=44936180&segment_id=33622&user_id=836bf3cc49f52e177aa74c93e1fda177

Vestry Update

The Vestry met on July 9 via Zoom. As usual, the business meeting began with a financial report from Todd Lukanc. Pledge income remains at 107% of planned income to date. However, due to our agreement to increase payments to the Joint Venture, this expense is now at 121% of plan. This expense will remain for the entire year. It is partially offset by a reduction in payroll and payroll taxes. Joyce and Steve Wing continue to count once per month and make the bank deposit.

The Vestry thanked Steve Wing for taking on a difficult, unpleasant task when he cleaned out the exterior freezers and cleaned the storage room. All remaining casseroles have been moved to the inside freezer. These freezers have now been unplugged to save electricity.

Both the Vestry and the JV have approved ECA's first phase re-entry plan. ECA will continue to meet for worship, fellowship and education online only for the foreseeable future. Before we make any change to this plan, we will submit a revised plan to the diocese for approval. Live participation in the Sunday morning Liturgy of the Word will follow the diocesan rule about the number of people allowed to gather, maintaining at least 6' distance at all times. The building will remain closed and should be entered for essential needs only. Guidelines have been put in place for those who must enter, including using a sign-in sheet placed inside the Narthex' front door. Masks, gloves, hand sanitizer and cleaning wipes are provided.

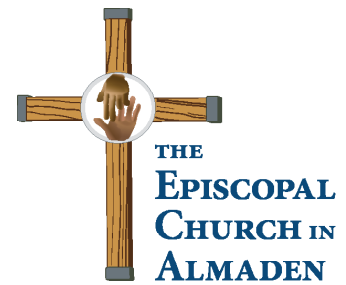
The "walking ministry" has been renamed "Hearts and Soles". A memo is being drafted to provide appropriate protocols for those who have volunteered to participate. This group will self-organize, following these protocols.

The next Vestry meeting will be held Thursday, August 13 at 6:00 pm, via Zoom.

Elizabeth Guichard

Calling All Parishioners...

We are looking for interesting articles about our members' uplifting experiences during the lock-down. If you have something you would like to share, please send it to Mike Schmidt, Shape Editor, at: mschmidt1109@gmail.com The deadline is the 15th of the month before.



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Paying Our Pledges

Though the church office is closed, all ECA staff are still working hard and our bills continue. If you are accustomed to putting your pledge in the plate on Sundays, please mail it to the church (6581 Camden Av, SJ 95120). It goes into our locked mailbox; I pick it up each Sunday and put it directly into our locked safe. It is then counted and deposited. So, it is very safe.

If you need to revise your pledge, due to the uncertainty of these times, please let me or our Treasurer, Ruthanne, know. If you need financial assistance, please speak to me – I have a discretionary account for this purpose. If you wish to contribute to my discretionary account, please mark the memo line on your check made out to ECA.

*Thank you,
Shelley*

If you have any needs – spiritual, emotional, or physical – please let me know. You can always get me on my cell: 805-550-0582 or my email: shelleydenney@gmail.com The office is, of course, closed – but Ruthanne is working from home. If you have an “office” question, call on her cell phone: 408-482-4014. Please be mindful that though at home her hours are still Tues-Fri 10am-2pm. You may contact me at any time.

Shelley

To Attend a Zoom Class or Meeting

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ZOOM DOWNLOADED ON YOUR COMPUTER OR IPAD:

- Go to this website: (Just click this link): <https://zoom.us/signup>
- They will send an email to the address you input. Press the “Activate Account” button in that email
- It will take you to a screen to input name and select a password
- On the next screen you can skip inviting others to Zoom
- Finally, you may start a “test meeting” and it will show you just how your screen will look when you log into a Zoom meeting.

WHEN YOU HAVE ZOOM DOWNLOADED:

Shelley will have emailed you a link to each class once she knows you want to attend. Each class or meeting requires its own invitation link. Just click on the link

a few minutes before the class or meeting starts. Be sure you’re clicking on the right link...the name and date of the class will be in the invitation.

You can also call into a Zoom class/meeting, but you will not be able to see anyone or see what Shelley shares on the screen. The class works much better if everyone joins with their computer or iPad. If you have questions, email Shelley.

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*Steve Wing
Don Hall*

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ECA Activities

August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom)
2 10:45am Worship Service - Liturgy of the Word (may be viewed on Facebook in real time or at personal convenience) Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)	3	4	5 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom) 7pm Class/Discussion Group (may be joined in real time via Zoom)	6 10am Lectionary Bible Study (via Zoom)	7	8 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom)
9 10:45am Worship Service - Liturgy of the Word (may be viewed on Facebook in real time or at personal convenience) Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)	10	11	12 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom) 7pm Class/Discussion Group (may be joined in real time via Zoom)	13 10am Lectionary Bible Study (via Zoom) 6pm Vestry Meeting	14	15 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom)
16 10:45am Worship Service - Liturgy of the Word (may be viewed on Facebook in real time or at personal convenience) Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)	17	18 6pm JV Board Meeting	19 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom) 7pm Class/Discussion Group (may be joined in real time via Zoom)	20 10am Lectionary Bible Study (via Zoom)	21	22 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom)
23 10:45am Worship Service - Liturgy of the Word (may be viewed on Facebook in real time or at personal convenience) Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)	24	25	26 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom) 7pm Class/Discussion Group (may be joined in real time via Zoom)	27 10am Lectionary Bible Study (via Zoom)	28	29 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom)
30 10:45am Worship Service - Liturgy of the Word (may be viewed on Facebook in real time or at personal convenience) Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)	31					

RE- ENTRY Plan for ECA

As a member of the group that has been working on a Re-Entry Plan for ECA due to Covid-19, I wanted to share information with everyone on our work.

This Re-Entry Plan contains guidelines and procedures in the use of the building. We have discussed, developed and received approval from the ECA Vestry, the Joint Venture Board and Bishop Lucinda and the Diocese of El Camino Real for this plan. Our most important goal is to keep everyone as safe as possible. The plan is based on the requirements that are in place from our Diocese and local, county and state governments. It is current for now with those requirements and when we are able to progress safely into being more open, we will review and develop new guidelines as needed. The guidelines are for entering the building and maintaining a clean environment to help limit the potential exposure to the virus. They will be posted at the Narthex entrance, in the office and restrooms.

ECA will continue to meet for worship, fellowship and education ONLINE ONLY for the foreseeable future. The building is to be entered for Essential Needs/Services only. These include online streaming worship, picking up mail, office administration tasks not done remotely, collecting pledges, regular and unexpected maintenance/repair and instrumental music practice. AVUCC is

also not having in person worship at this time. The building is not presently being used by any community groups.

We will continue with live streaming, on Facebook, for our Sunday Worship. The participants, following the rule by the diocese as to the number of people who can be present inside, will maintain 6 feet social distance, wear masks when not speaking, and no singing within the building. Readings, instrumentals or singing videos done remotely can be dropped into the live stream.

Coffee hour, Bible Study, Meditation, Vestry, discussion or any committee meetings will be held using video (Zoom) conference calls.

Procedure for entering the building/using office space/using restrooms:

- Before coming into the church please make sure you do not have any Covid 19 symptoms or that you believe you may have been exposed to Covid 19. These may include: Fever greater than 100.4, Sore Throat, Cough, Shortness of breath, Chills, Fatigue, Headache, Loss of Taste or Smell. If you do not feel well or feel you may have been exposed to Covid -19, please do not enter the building.

- Enter only through the front Narthex doors. There is a table with a sign in sheet, pens, wipes, hand sanitizer, masks and gloves.

- Sign in with name, date, time and reason.

- Put on mask, or use your own and clean hands using hand sanitizer. Please use gloves in touching common surfaces.

- Wipe down surfaces or items that you touch. Alarm pad, pens, door handles, cabinets, office equipment, faucets etc.

- After using restroom, please use a wipe to clean off door latches, sink faucets and door handle. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be available in each restroom.

- Please maintain social distancing from each other, 6 feet distant, and limit the time you are together to shortest amount of time possible.

- When leaving the building, please sign out including the time. It is important we are aware of timing in the event that someone becomes ill and we can then do follow up contact tracing.

- If you do become ill or have symptoms of a possible Covid-19 infection after being at the church, please notify one of the clergy and we will follow up as needed with anyone who might be at risk.

- Dispose of used wipes, gloves, and masks in provided waste container or at your home.

Thank you all for Keeping Each other Safe!

*Ellen Lukanc
Re-Entry Plan Lead*

Three beloved members of our congregation - Pat Fox, Jan Henderson, and Charlotte Boilleau - passed away during the past month. With in-person memorials all but impossible during Covid-19, we would like to make sure that all three are warmly remembered in this month's Shape.

Pat Fox 1935 - 2020

I have known Pat for 35 years, and together we had many adventures and shared our ups and downs as best friends do. We met at ECA. And it was ECA that nourished her and supported her throughout the rest of her life.



I sponsored Pat for Cursillo in 1989, and after that weekend, she served on many more as both table leader and cook. My best memory of a Cursillo weekend with her, was Pat dressed as Prune-ella and belting out a bluesy version of the Prune Song during breakfast.

Pat was a Lay Healer, and offered prayers for healing at the altar rail during Nolan Redman's tenure as Rector. She was also a Lay Eucharistic Visitor. When Carol Hoyt (one of the founding members of ECA) was no longer able to attend Sunday services, Pat took her communion weekly until Carol's death.

Pat participated in the musicals that ECA did. She was a graduate of Education for Ministry, and was working on a degree in dual diagnosis counselling, but unfortunately she never finished.

Pat worked until she was 74, retiring from Gartner, Inc. where she surveyed CEOs and CFOs across the country providing information for their research publications for hi-tech companies.

Pat loved people but was a very private person. I was blessed to have lived with her twice. We joked that we did 3 things well together: eat, talk, shop. And we had great fun doing all three! Her home was my base during the years I was in seminary. She offered me loving, but brutal, critiques of sermon drafts and my physical presence when I assisted at ECA during my first summer after ordination. Although her critiques were hard to take, she helped me become a better priest because of it.

Pat's health began to fail in 2013, and she was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at that time. By the spring of 2014 she had decided that it was time to move into Assisted Living, and she found

a home at Carlton Plaza on Branhams Lane. Within 18 months the delusions and paranoia from her Parkinson's Disease and the dementia that had begun about the same time, forced her into the Memory Care Unit at Carlton Plaza where she lived out her life. Even though she no longer knew who I was during the last few years, she always recognized the voices of her sons Chris and Steve. And she would always participate in the music program, whistling or humming along to the music.

Although death is inevitable, the loss is always felt. We were blessed with Pat's presence in our lives and I know that her life was not in vain. Her sons were the joy of her life, and I know how proud she was of them. As they do, may we carry the Pat that we remember in our lives.

Pat returned to God, her maker, on June 23, 2020.

Dori Torrey

Jan Henderson 1940 - 2020

Janice (Jan) Henderson, born in 1940, chose to become a nun in an order near her home in Wisconsin, when she was 17 years old. She loved her time as a nun, especially participating in Community Organizing in local cities. After ten years, Jan left the order and became a teacher, eventually teaching in San Jose Schools. She was an excellent teacher and

was loved by her students and colleagues. When her husband passed away in 1985, Jan enjoyed traveling with her close friend, Barbara Hartsell.



The love of miniatures and collecting dolls drew Laurie Long and Jan together, as they both belonged to the Miniature Society and the Doll Club. Laurie invited Jan to the many social activities at ECA, and Betty Wood invited Jan to sit with her and Doug for the church services. Jan found a spiritual home and family at ECA and helped in Sunday School and Kid's Camp when she could. Jan was an important member of the Search Committee in 2014 in the calling of Shelley Denney to be our priest.

Jan had an uplifting spirit and was loved by her large circle of friends. She had energy to keep going, even with major health issues.

Jan passed away peacefully on June 19, 2020.

*Marianne Schmidt
and Betty Wood*

Charlotte Boileau 1937 - 2020

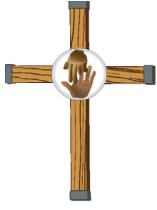
Charlotte and Walt Boileau and their children, Walt, Jr., Andrea and Jean, were part of the fabric of ECA since the early 1970s. The whole family was active in the fellowship and spiritual life of the church. Charlotte served on the Vestry and was the Senior Warden among the many roles she played. The children were active in the youth group, and Charlotte enjoyed supporting the group in many ways. She served on the Altar Guild for years, and some members on the Altar Guild fondly remember being trained by her. Charlotte worked in nursing for 39 years while raising her family.

After Walt, who worked at I.B.M., died in 1999, Charlotte moved to the Villages. She continued to be active in ECA and many community organizations, often playing the piano and organ for other churches and clubs. Opera San Jose was one of her passions.

Charlotte is remembered by her many friends at ECA. She had a great sense of humor and was a delightful conversationalist at ECA's social activities. Her faith was always very important to her. Charlotte's family took great care of her after Walt died and were with her as she passed peacefully on July 20, 2020.

Marianne Schmidt





Worship Schedule

August 2 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

10:45 a.m. Worship Service -
Liturgy of the Word

August 9 – Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:45 a.m. Worship Service -
Bishop's Visitation online

August 16 – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

10:45 a.m. Worship Service -
Liturgy of the Word

August 23 – Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

10:45 a.m. Worship Service -
Liturgy of the Word

August 30 – Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:45 a.m. Worship Service -
Liturgy of the Word

Gifts of Gratitude

Thank you ..

•to Pat McGarvin for continuing the walking ministry. She and Grace Daun, a friend of Judi Dimicelli, are still visiting those not as connected. Martha Lou Reynolds is very grateful for this ministry and very thankful for Pat and Grace's help when she really needed it. If it wasn't for them she may have not received the medical care she urgently needed. We are all grateful!

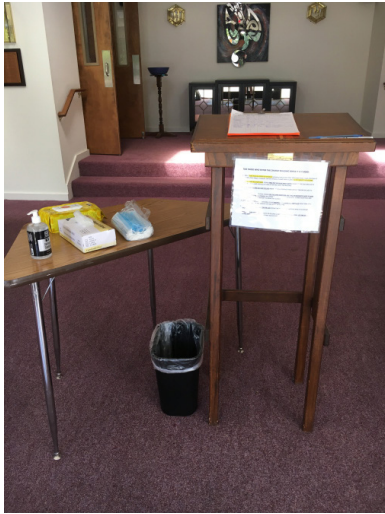
•to Wendy Martin for keeping in touch with everyone with birthday cards. It is nice way of staying connected.

•to Letty Duenas, Pat McGarvin, and Marianne Schmidt for arranging for all the frozen casseroles and other food in the freezer in ECA's kitchen to be donated to local organizations that serve the homeless.

•to Steve Wing for cleaning the outdoor pantry (see photo, below), along with the three freezers. The room and freezers have never looked so good! The freezers have been turned off so we should bring our electrical bill down.



In December, Montgomery Meals volunteers made 30 casseroles for ECA Day Center and Village House Night Shelters. Village House had to close in March, leaving us with many casseroles. Letty Duenas and Marianne Schmidt found places to give the casseroles including a local food pantry and Martha's Kitchen in Willow Glen. All the food from the freezer in ECA's kitchen, including the last 15 casseroles, were delivered to Martha's Kitchen by Mike and Marianne Schmidt. (Mike shown with Sharon and Maria from Martha's Kitchen.)



Entering into the church building these days, for whatever reason, is no longer the simple task it was once was. It is now necessary to sign in, avail oneself of hand sanitizer, gloves and disinfecting wipes, carefully and responsibly go about one's business, and sign out before departing. Please read Ellen Lukanc's article on page 5 for important details.

August Birthdays

Ashley Martin	August	13
Jessica Skowronski		14
Roger Hoyt		16
David Byers		17
David Hoyt		19
Lynne Kelly		31

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