



March 2021

The SHAPE

From the Rector

Dear Friends

Lent, Pope Francis, and community organizing... what do they have in common and what do they have to say to us at ECA?

I read an interesting article in *America, the Jesuit Review* entitled, "Pope Francis has criticized both the left and the right's politics. Community organizing offers a third way." (Full article [here](#).) Naturally, this caught my eye, as ECA has been involved in community organizing for six years now.

One thing that I particularly like about the Silicon Valley Organizing Committee (the Industrial Areas Foundation-affiliated group that ECA belongs to) is that the work is based on creating relationships across differences: cultural, racial, socioeconomic, political, religious, etc. These relationships are the foundation upon which we work with one another to bring about changes we want to see in our neighborhoods and cities. This is institutionally based work, so it not only strengthens local institutions of all sorts (and thus our democracy), but it builds citizenship, along with the confidence and power to actually have a seat at the table where local decisions are made.

Pope Francis wrote that community organizing, "teaches that solidarity is more contagious than prejudice is. It reminds us that extreme attitudes are more likely to spread when meaningful relationships are absent. This is why fake populism has tended to spread through the media rather than through face-to-face encounters; in contrast, when people work together on issues of common concern, mutual respect and solidarity are more likely to blossom." Mutual respect, solidarity, recognizing that all are equally beloved children of God, with identical dignity, value, and

rights...these are Gospel values that Jesus both taught and modeled and ECA embraces.

Which brings us to Lent. Lent is a time of preparation for Easter – the "queen of feasts" and the center of our faith. In Lent we slow down so we can walk alongside Jesus on the way from his baptism and desert time to Jerusalem. We wave palms and shout hosanna at his triumphal entry. We stand at the foot of the cross as he breathes his last. We do this so we may grasp ever more deeply the actual reality of resurrected life, which is in and among us now. So we may know what it means to die to self and rise with Christ living in us, and to work for the spread of God's reign. This is not a wonderful old story; it is the present moment gift of indescribable value that God bestows. And it requires a response.

Many people give up something during Lent, as a way of fasting to make more space for God in their lives. Many others prefer to take on some good thing instead of giving something up. If you are taking on something, perhaps you might think of attending a few community organizing meetings with our Silicon Valley Organizing Committee. The next one is Sunday, March 14th from 4-5:15pm via Zoom. The link to register is: [here](#).

Whatever good work you take on to share the good news of God's redeeming love during this season of Lent, may you be blessed in it and may you be a blessing to others.

Faithfully,

Shelley+

Note From the Senior Warden

“Firsts” will always be part of our lives.....

Shelley has asked me to do something that will be the first time in my life to do so, being the Sr. Warden of ECA. Like many of us at ECA, I’ve been thinking that there are things that I will never do again because of aging, will, body parts or “been there, done that” thinking. So when she asked me to pray about taking on the role, I found myself doing just that...praying... and not immediately saying “No” as I was tempted to do. Like many of you, over the years I have been a part of the life of the church in large and small roles, giving whatever was necessary to do the work of our Lord. Stepping up now as your Sr. Warden seems to be the right time and the right place for me and I am grateful to be able to fulfill the role.

ECA, in partnership with CCAV,UCC as the Joint Venture, is about to do something for the first time too. As you know, Joyce Wing has led our minds to discover what the possibilities are for ECA’s future. There is a dedicated team of members from both churches who are part of this challenge. In the near future, there will be a consulting group engaged to determine the possibilities for our church of the future. This is another first of the many firsts to come. We are confident that our Lord is guiding us towards whatever the changes may be.

You all are needed more than ever to be part of

ECA’s (and Joint Venture’s) future firsts. We will be challenged to be open minded, be proactive, be positive, be the first to step up, and be part of the exciting new “future firsts” whatever lies ahead. Be faithful to the roots of this church and each other. Together, the “first” that is ahead will be what the Lord has intended for us.

*God Bless us all.
Nancy Romer*

Readers for Sunday Services

If you would like to be a reader for Sunday services, please let Shelley know. She emails you the readings and you record them on your mobile phone and send them to Marcus. She can provide all the details. Or, if you would be comfortable coming to church on a Sunday to read in person (there are three others of us there: Shelley, Lynda Ford, and Marcus Krsynowski), we are masked and maintain appropriate physical distancing, also let her know.

Covid-19 Vaccinations

If you need help making an appointment for, or otherwise accessing, a COVID-19 vaccination please call or email Shelley, who can help you.



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Church Services for Lent and Easter

We will continue to have Liturgy of the Word livestreamed on Sundays at 10:45am, and available as a video any time after, three Sundays a month, with Holy Eucharist once a month during Lent.

For Holy Week, we will have special music for Palm Sunday with the Liturgy of the Word, a Zoom service on Maundy Thursday, and in-person, outside Stations of the Cross (walked individually) on Good Friday noon to 3pm, followed by a livestreamed Liturgy of the Church for Good Friday at 5pm. There will be a pre-recorded Easter Vigil available on Holy Saturday, produced by the diocesan Liturgy Commission.

On Easter Day, we will have a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 10:45am, livestreamed, with special music. Weather and pandemic permitting, I plan to celebrate an in-person, outdoor Holy Eucharist at 1pm on Easter Day – up to 40 people may attend. There will be no singing at the outdoor service due to health regulations and for everyone's safety.

Shelley's Day Off Is Monday

As a reminder, Mondays are my day off. I am always available to you for a pastoral emergency – any time, day or night. In an emergency, text me or call, being sure to leave a voice message if I don't answer.

But if you do not have an emergency, please respect my 24-hours off each week, by not texting or emailing me on Mondays. This is my Sabbath time, which I need to rest and rejuvenate. Your support in this helps me greatly.

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 to 2pm. You may contact me at any time.

Shelley

JV members:

*Steve Wing
Ellen Lukanc
Judi Dimicelli*

Vestry members:

Worship, Music
The Reverend Shelley Denney

Senior Warden
Nancy Romer

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*Joyce Wing
Judi Dimicelli*

Outreach
Don Hall

Junior Warden
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Finance
Todd Lukanc

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*Kelli Cassale
Susanne Moore*

Pastoral Care
Marianne Schmidt

Stewardship
Kelli Casale

ECA Activities

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Shelley's Day Off	2	3 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom) 7pm Wednesday Night Discussion Group (via Zoom)	4 10am Lectionary Bible Study (via Zoom) 6:30pm Vestry Retreat with Bishop Lucinda (via Zoom)	5	6 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom)
7 10:45am Worship Service Liturgy of the Word (Facebook) Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)	8 Shelley's Day Off	9	10 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom) 7pm Wednesday Night Discussion Group (via Zoom)	11 10am Lectionary Bible Study (via Zoom) 6pm Vestry Meeting	12	13 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom)
14 10:45am Holy Eucharist (Facebook) Virtual Coffee Hour (Zoom)	15 Shelley's Day Off	16 6pm JV Board Meeting	17 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom) 7pm Wednesday Night Discussion Group (via Zoom)	18 10am Lectionary Bible Study (via Zoom)	19	20 10am Meditation Group (via Zoom)
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February Vestry Notes

The monthly Vestry meeting was held via Zoom on February 11. Shelley led an opening prayer and meditation. Then Judi led a Lectio Divina based on Genesis 12:1-9. Susanne Moore was welcomed as a new Vestry member, after which Shelley thanked outgoing Sr. Warden, Joyce Wing, and incoming Sr. Warden, Nancy Romer, for their service.

The business meeting began with a short financial review. As is typical in January/February, the numbers are still in need of some adjustment, so Todd announced that he would have a more comprehensive review in March. Shelley announced that we received one additional pledge, for a total of 47. The dollar amount remains \$191,020 as announced at the annual meeting, because the newest pledge was already included in the total.

The construction company renting part of the parking lot has continued their rental through February. There is no word yet on whether or not they will need the space beyond February.

Shelley will be on her annual Lenten retreat February 24-27. She will still participate in the Vestry retreat and lead the usual classes. Nancy Romer, Sr. Warden, will be in charge all other times. The Vestry retreat will be held on 2 separate evenings: February 25 and March 4. Bishop Lucinda will lead both sessions.

Alain Guichard was elected Jr. Warden, Elizabeth Guichard as Clerk of the Vestry and Ruthanne Adams Martinez as Treasurer. The following Vestry liaison positions were decided:

- Finance: Todd Lukanc
- Pastoral Care: Marianne Schmidt
- Worship: Shelley Denney
- Music: Shelley Denney
- Outreach- Don Hall
- Fellowship: Kelli Casale & Susanne Moore
- Stewardship- Kelli Casale
- Communications- Joyce Wing & Judi Dimicelli

Shelley Denney, Joyce Wing, Bryan Bond and Marcus Krsynowski are working on options for technological improvements to our live-streaming worship services and videos. They have purchased new microphones and are exploring better lighting, how to improve upload speed and possibly a mobile sound room.

The next Vestry meeting will be held March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Elizabeth Guichard

Lenten Wednesday Night Class/Discussion

Our Lenten Class this year is “A Beginner’s Guide to Creation Care and the Climate Crisis.” Its goal is to engage the congregation in thoughtful dis-

ussion. Class began on 2/24 and will run through 3/24 from 7-8:30pm each Wednesday. This class is given via Zoom, the link is in the Wednesday Message each week. All are welcome to attend.

The objectives of the class are to:

- Understand climate change and climate actions
- Encourage reflection and conversation
- Support climate stewardship actions by individuals and your congregation.

The five sessions are titled:

- 1) How Do Christians See Creation?
- 2) What Is Climate Change and What Are Its Consequences?
- 3) What’s a Christian to Do about Climate Change? – Personal Responsibility.
- 4) What Can We Do as a Congregation?
- 5) How Are We Called to Be Public Advocates for Climate Health?

The format for each session: Opening Prayer & Short Bible Study; Video; Small Group Discussion; Closing Prayer (Annotated Bibliography books videos, etc. for going deeper)

These resources were created by the Earthcare Committee of St. Benedict’s Episcopal Church, Los Osos, CA, with support from The Episcopal Church’s Task Force on Creation Care and Environmental Racism www.stbenslosos.org

Transition to the Future Through Technological Means

Well, my goodness isn't COVID-19 just moving us along! Here we are using Zoom, live streaming our services, staying connected to those that have moved, and connecting to those that haven't ever attended. Who would have ever thought these technological solutions and tools would help churches leave the building! Here we sit, desperately wanting to get back together, but also realizing technology can help us now and in the future to reach out and build our communities.

Let's see what has happened. Bryan Bond set us up to do live-streaming services, hired and trained Marcus Krsynowski to help manage these resources, upgraded software to enable us to mesh all the home recordings of singers, readers, musicians into our service, has installed better microphones and lighting, did lots of cabling work, and he and Marcus cleaned up the choir loft to look more presentable online. Shelley, Marianne, and others have bought Zoom subscriptions so special services and meetings could be held online. Ruthanne has meshed multiple musicians, singers, bell choir and guest musicians to enrich our services even more. What a wealth of activities, skills and, yes, technology! Good news, we are doing very well with

the use of technology. Bad news, there are one-time and on-going costs.

Now is our chance to keep things moving, since we see all the benefits that can be possible with the use of technology and resources. We can still do more, but also need to maintain what we have and fix what is needed. Shelley, Bryan, Marcus and I met to itemize where we are and what we needed. Here is an initial list:

- Our internet access speed is slow and unreliable. Bryan checked with Comcast to upgrade, they wanted to trench so that they can put the communications lines underground, which with all of the services and work would only cost us approximately \$43,000. This we are not doing! However, our current DSL line is at end-of-life, but AT&T has offered a special deal. We will be updating our services, increasing our speed and uploading capabilities, so instead of paying \$85 plus tax monthly we will pay \$115 plus tax monthly. This has already been approved by the JV Board and will be paid by JV. The upgrade will be completed on March 3rd, thank you Bryan and JV Board. This will improve your Sunday viewing experience significantly.
- Technical resource costs to manage the live stream services and put together the components costs about \$500 a month.
- By May we need to pay our annual fee for the software ECA is using, this is how we create our

Sunday live stream service. The annual cost is \$900.

- Upgrading lighting to LED lights for sanctuary cost is estimated at \$200 for the 2 needed.
- 2 Microphones that will help clean up the sound, estimated cost for 2 microphones is between \$100 or \$500, depending on our test results.
- In order to prepare to keep live streaming going when we return for in-person services, Bryan is trying to determine where to best locate the technical station that has been setup for the resources to manage the live stream. This is still a work in progress, with the holdup mainly being where we can locate and easily get electricity to the site. If we have to do electrical work there would be a cost.
- Ruthanne does a lot of very detailed work to bring musical programs together. The hope is we find software to help her now and to advance her skills to develop even more magical programs and music.
- If parishioners want to have better sounds from home Bryan and Marcus recommended (BOYA or RODE) for your iPhone or laptop, estimated at \$50. This would not be purchased by ECA.
- Website upgrade and Social Media strategy and implementation includes expert resources, software and service upgrades. We will be putting together a proposal that will estimate the costs to complete this work.

•We are investigating using the Youth Room to setup a mobile recording center for the singers. This would improve their location, sound quality, ability to hear themselves and see what is going on in the services, as well as other key capabilities. Any costs are to be determined.

In summary, for our immediate needs:

- \$500 monthly (\$6,000 annually) for technical resources
- \$900 annual live stream software subscription
- \$40 estimated monthly software subscriptions (to be identified to help Ruthanne), (\$480 annually)
- \$700 for lights and microphones
- \$250 for smaller one-time needs
- Website and Social Media – to be determined
- Mobile Recording Center for singers and others in Youth Room – to be determined.

Totaling:

Annual cost: \$8,000 (includes potential software needs to be determined)

One-time costs: \$950

And yet to be identified costs (last two bullets above)

In the future, we see live streaming capabilities increasing to include videos on our ministries, music concerts, and much more. It is totally up to us how we want to branch out and increase our community. As we proceed these will be the areas of focus:

Sound quality – if the sound is good the listeners stay, if not they leave.

Video/Camera quality and functionality – Current camera is good for wide shots, but if we ever want to do close ups or other specialty features we would have to get a more versatile camera.

Content – Content is king! Focus on quality content whether it is the service, a ministry, music, or education, the quality of what we say and do represents who we are.

Resources – various technical resources to make it happen.

Donation Help

As mentioned, ECA has established a Communications Account that we are asking for donations to fund our technology and resource needs. Why are we asking this? Well, we need your

assistance so that we can build up funds to take care of current needs and future needs as we grow our abilities. We are also in the midst of working on our overall future with many unknowns in front of us and what that may mean financially. Our current funds we need to reserve for the unknown. As things are known some of these funds may help us in the future, there is just too much uncertainty now. Funding options after COVID-19 will be investigated.

Boy, do we have a DEAL for you!

To make it fun, we have an anonymous donor that is offering to match the next \$2,000 dollars received for this effort. Please make your donations out to ECA and put “Communications Account” in the memo line. Let’s see if we can make this happen!

Joyce Wing



Bryan Bond and Marcus Krsynowski at work enhancing the audio-visual systems in the sanctuary.



JV Core Team Update

The JV Core Team began meeting again in August of 2020. The meetings were put on hold from March to August 2020 due to COVID-19. They quickly went back to work, initially reviewing the outcomes of the work completed in 2019. This included the needs assessment, research, summarization of the findings, and the presentation of recommendations, resulting in the approval to proceed in developing a JV Strategic Plan. We reaffirmed our main goals, which are to enrich our spirituality, to enhance our relationships, and to provide financial sustainability. The JV Mission Statement was refined, knowing it may be further refined as we move forward. The current JV Vision and JV Mission statements are as follows:

JV Vision

We, the Joint Venture Churches of Almaden Valley, Inc. (JV), will partner with Non-Profit Organizations (NPOs) and other resources to provide on-going services to be funded and resourced by the NPO's using JV facilities and/or property, for seniors, children and families, and to provide JV financial sustainability.

JV Mission

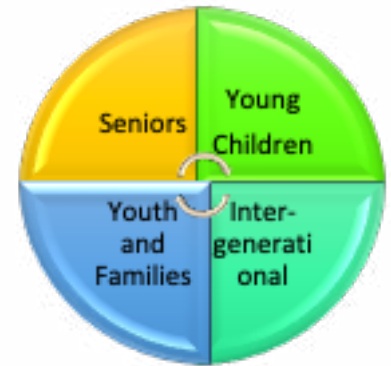
To live out God's love and compassion through partnered services fulfilling needs in our community,

while building our relationships with each other and our neighbors and to provide financial sustainability to JV.

As part of our current efforts a "living" Project Overview document will continually be developed as we proceed. Its purpose is to document what we have done and are doing, so we can share with the congregations, and if any other churches are interested. In previous Shape articles, it was mentioned that we started brainstorming using a "Mind Mapping" software application to help capture, modify and organize our thoughts and ideas, this made the job much easier. We began by determining our "Target Consumers" to be: Our Community, Joint Venture and the Non-Profit Organizations (NPO's).

Our Community as a Consumer:

We focused on services to be considered to support the needs of the following: Seniors, Young Children, Youth and Families and Intergenerational Programs involving them all. We called the NPO's who provided these services as our Primary Service Providers that would be our financial supporters. We identified Secondary Service Providers that would provide auxiliary services perhaps not financial sustainability. This would culminate in a Multi-purpose Community Hub, with lots of activity and synergy.



Joint Venture as a Consumer

We stated our commitment to seek financial sustainability while ensuring that the integrity of our spiritual home is maintained. The groupings list some of our areas of discussion.

Gospel Values

- Open and affirming
- Respectful, dignified, genuine service to individual and family
- Orientation to the benefit of those served

Parishioners

- Continue our worship and fellowship
- Enhancement of our involvement
- Ensure synergy within congregations, between our churches, and our community

Ministries

- Christian Education
- Pastoral Care
- Worship Services
- Outreach

Building

- Worship and fellowship space
- Clergy and admin offices
- Industrial kitchen
- Other Organization's usage, e.g., AA, Boy Scouts
- What are willing or unwilling to change
- Overall scenarios we are willing to consider

Non-Profit Organizations as Consumers

We discussed what they might need and provide, how would they work with us and what we may be willing or unwilling to provide. During our work in 2019, we learned that NPO's needs and goals are to:

- Sustain and grow their services
- Encourage volunteers
- Find affordable facilities
- Place services in multiple areas for easy access

Consultant Interviews

The JV Core Team felt it was necessary to check with consultants to see if we were on the right track, what else we needed to focus on and to ask about their services. Three consultants were interviewed, and what we learned was extremely valuable. We have a clearer picture of our next step and future steps. We are in discussion with ECA Vestry, CCAV, UCC Council and JV Board to discuss the possibilities in developing a contract with one of the consultants that provided a very comprehensive approach.

It became apparent that we needed to complete a multi-faceted effort involving land use analysis, revenue goals and expectations, zoning and permitting options, as well as political and community ramifications and responses. The JV Core Team decided it is now crucial to seek and to recommend the hiring of experienced consultants familiar with church properties, city requirements, and land use analysis. It was also very nice to hear, from all three groups, that the work we have done to date was the best they have seen, and we were more advanced and organized than any church they have worked with. It was great recognition for all of our efforts!

Joyce Wing

Energy Assistance Program

A friend of mine learned of this program through a video that was seen by their men's group at their temple. She recommended that I look into it. I did and am pleased with my experience. As a result, I want to recommend that others might be interested in it. Here is the information for you to decide if this is right for you.

The Energy Assistance Program is a state wide program that your PG&E taxes have been funding since 1981. PG&E sends information about this program 2 times a year in our bills, but cannot advertise it any other manner. Not a lot of people pay attention to this information when it arrives. Bo Enterprises is the contractor hired to do the work. They have a 10 year contract to do all the work for PG&E. The services they provide are free (remember funded by the taxes you have already paid). Program eligibility is not reliant upon income. There are many ways that one is eligible and can only be determined by an assessment made by a Bo Enterprises representative. You need to have a PG&E account and be a member of a government program like Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid. Seniors are qualified, anyone under 65 may not be.

The following are things they check, replace and/or repair:

Light bulbs, weather stripping in swinging doors, shower heads,

leaks in duct system, furnace/water heater, refrigerators, washing machines, and insulation to start with. There may be additional items. The point is to determine if what you have in your home is energy efficient. If not, you have the option for replacement. The items are all known brands but might not be high end. After all the work is completed, you are eligible for a 20% reduction in your PG&E bill for 2 years. This could be extended for an additional 2 years.

Here is the link to the presentation at my friend's temple. It's worth a look.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g5Wz8YbN9g&feature=youtu.be>

If you want to pursue this opportunity, call Sal at 831-854-8111 or email him at salsaul1971@gmail.com to schedule an appointment for a person (could be Juanita) to come to your home. Once the assessment is completed, the contractor/s comes to do the work. After the work is completed, someone comes to inspect it all. They completed many items for me.

My experience was good. I have recommended this to other people at ECA who are also pursuing this opportunity. Look into it. It could make your home more energy efficient and save you money.

Amy Griffith

Hang In There My Friend

As a child, I grew up in southern California and attended All Saints Episcopal Church in Riverside. George and I were married there in 1966. We both have fond memories of the church. Today, I have some friends who are now parishioners who also attended ECA several years ago, Bill and Carolyn Weir and Roberta Verd-erico. Life does work in circles which brings me smiles. Recently, the priest there now, The Rev. Kelli Grace Kurtz, used the following poem during a service. It speaks to me on many levels and I felt it worthy of sharing with you all.

To the Women

by Donna Ashworth

You're not imagining it,
nobody seems to want to
talk right now.

Messages are brief and
replies late.

Talk of catch ups on
Zoom are perpetually
put on hold.

Group chats are no longer
pinging all night long.

It's not you

It's everyone.

We are spent.

We have nothing left to
say.

We are tired of saying
"I miss you" and "I can't
wait for this to end".

So we mostly say
nothing, put our heads
down and get through
each day.

You're not imagining it.

This is a state of being
like no other we have ever
known because we are
all going through it
together but so very far
apart.

Hang in there my friend.

When the mood strikes,
send out all those
messages and don't feel
you have to apologize
for being quiet.

This is hard.

No one is judging.

Many blessings to you all,

Nancy Romer

Tales From the Kitchen, with Alain Guichard: Croque Monsieur

The French have their own version of the well-loved American favorite, the grilled cheese sandwich. It's called a "Croque Monsieur", literally "Mr. Crunch" and can be found on the menu of almost all cafes in France. There are several variations on how to prepare this dish (which most French people eat with a knife and fork). One variation is called a "Croque Madame", which is served with a sunny-side egg on top of the sandwich.

Ingredients: (for one sandwich)

- 2 slices bread (many kinds will work. I like sliced sourdough.)
- 3 thin slices of ham (I like "jambon" or French ham, which I buy from the deli at Lunardi's)
- 4 thin slices of Swiss cheese
- 2 teaspoons heavy cream
- 1 tablespoon olive oil



Directions:

Preheat oven on the "Broil" setting.

Start by laying the 2 slices of bread flat. Spread 1 teaspoon of heavy cream on each of the slices. Then on top of one of the pieces of bread, layer 2 slices of Swiss cheese, then 3 slices of ham, then the second 2 slices of Swiss cheese. Then cover the ham and cheese with the other slice of bread to make a sandwich.

Take a cookie sheet, spread it with olive oil and place the sandwich on the cookie sheet. Put the sandwich in the oven under the broiler. When it's a nice golden color, flip the sandwich over to the other side until it's golden on both sides.

Serve with a nice glass of cold beer.

Bon Appetit!

Alain Guichard





Worship Schedule

March 7 – *Third Sunday in Lent*

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

March 14 – *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist

March 21 – *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

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

March 28 – *Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*

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

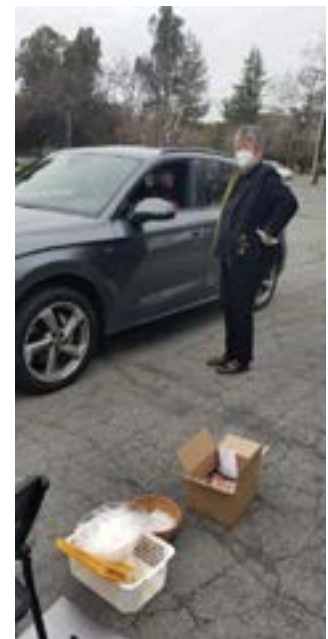
Gifts of Gratitude

Thank you ..

- to Shelley Denney for an inspiring and touching reflection at the Annual Meeting
- to the ECA Vestry, CCAV, UCC Council, and JV Board for being present and supportive of the JV Core Team's work and recommendations
- to the JV Core Team for their focus, interaction and positive spirit as we work towards our joint future
- to Shelley Denney for preparing the ashes, handing them out and leading the special Ash Wednesday Service
- to Lynda Ford for providing the music for Ash Wednesday
- to Wendy Martin for your Valentine treats on Ash Wednesday
- to Betty Consorte for being an angel for so many
- to Judi Dimicelli, Sharon Hall, Mike Schmidt, and Marianne Schmidt for being video lesson readers for our Sunday services
- to Wendy Martin, Kimberly Axtell, Pat McGarvin and Jenny Hoyt for being in-person readers for our Sunday services
- to Ruthanne Adams Martinez

for her lovely harp and bell music on Sunday mornings

- to Kimberly and Todd Axtell for singing in person for Sunday services and to Kimberly for preaching
- to Joyce Wing, Bryan Bond, and Marcus Krsynowski for advancing our electronic communication capabilities
- to Lynda Ford for going above and beyond in her tireless planning and work to provide quality instrumental and vocal music for our services
- to Joyce Wing for her extraordinary job of organizing, projecting, listening, capturing ideas, presenting material, and leading the transition project toward becoming the Church of the Future
- to Steve Wing for his excellent leadership of the Joint Venture Board and willingness to continue in that position





Let's see. Do you suppose Bryan and Marcus know that the black cable attaches to the red cable attaches to the ... ? There is an article about upgrading the audio-visual system on pages 6 and 7 of this issue of the Shape.

March Birthdays

Anna Spanjaart	March	01
Wendy Martin		03
Linda Sarmecanic		03
Bryan Bond		10
Marianne Schmidt		10
Gloria Ashdown Skowronski		24
Eddie Keck		26

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Gayle & David Byers	10
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