

AVUCC KALOS

Newsletter for the
Almaden Valley
United Church of Christ

Pastor Kevin's Corner:

Breathe

this God of commas
who always speaks
and speaks still
who whispers in my ear
breathe,

-- Margaret G. Borrelli

Advent, of course, is a time of waiting. As you read this column we have recently entered into this special time in the Christian calendar when we await the good news of the birth of Jesus Christ. We look forward in joy and, sometimes in trepidation, to the gift giving, holiday meals, the bright reds and greens of ribbons and bows, and sharing time with loved ones who have traveled from afar. For some it is a time of reminiscence as we long for and miss loved ones who have died or moved out of our lives. The season can be a paradox of joy and grief, longing for and wishing it was all over with, and of lightness and dark. God is at work in our waiting. But, it is also a time when in our exuberance to create a holiday season worth remembering we rush *toandfrofromstoretostoreandeventtoeventandsometimesfidithard-tocatchourbreath*. Whew.

“Ruah” is a Hebrew word for breath, or wind, or spirit. It is a word associated with creation. Our creation story tells us that “a wind from God swept over the face of the waters (Gen. 1:2b)” as God began creation. In this sacred creation story we were created when “the Lord God formed human-

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kind from the dust of the ground, and breathed into humankind's nostrils the breath of life; and humankind became living beings (Gen. 2:7)." In the Christian scriptures Mary "was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit (Mat. 1:18d)." When we are baptized with are "born of water and Spirit" (John 3:5; Mark 1:8) and in essence we become a new creation. When we "catch our breath" today we allow time for new creation.

Our denomination, the United Church of Christ, has elevated the lowly comma to the status of logo. It is when we place a "," in a sentence that we are instructed to take a breath before moving on. We often echo the Gracie Allen quote to "never place a period where God has placed a comma" when we refer to our hope and belief that God is still performing acts of creation in the world—that God is still speaking to us through our scriptures, when we pray, or worship, or meditate. We sing about more truth breaking forth from the Word. Margaret Borrelli, a UCC commissioned minister from Ohio, writes in the poem above that the still small voice of God whispers in our ear to breathe.

In this season of waiting and the intensity of the holidays we can open the windows of our hearts and minds by taking the time to breathe. Breathe in to feel God's presence. Breathe in to listen to God's Word. Breathe in to welcome a new creation. Breathe in to slow down. Breathe in to remember. Breathe in to simplify. Breathe, breathe, and breathe.

Let your days of Advent and Christmas celebration be days filled with commas, and more commas. May the Holy Spirit create in you new life. Celebrate new life in Jesus Christ, Amen.

Pastor Kevin

AVUCC Moderator's Note

The year is winding down, and my time of service as your moderator will soon come to an end. I am

Moderator's Note, continued

confident in our new leadership with Steven Coutinho at the helm. Many thanks to those of you who stood up and offered to serve on the AVUCC Council and Joint Venture Board for the next two years. We all appreciate your gift of time and energy to these tasks.

We are still in need of volunteers. In particular, we need members to serve as vice moderator and assistant treasurer. These are both positions in which you will learn to serve as moderator and treasurer, respectively. Governing our church is a responsibility of our members, and I know that there will be someone to fill each of these positions.

As the year comes to a close, we will have fellowship and worship opportunities. The Progressive Dinner is always a spectacular event. It will take place on Saturday, December 17. The JV Christmas Pageant will take place on Sunday, December 18 at 10:00 A.M, and there will be a JV worship service on Christmas morning, also at 10:00.

Thank you to everyone who supported me and cheered me on during my year as your moderator. It has been an exciting year of change and growth for me as well as for the whole church.

*Melanie Click
AVUCC Moderator*

AVUCC Council Notes

Summarized below are minutes from the Church Council meeting held on November 8th.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports through Oct. 31st show that the church is in good shape to meet the year's budget according to Treasurer Jay Caturay, although there are variances in the expenses for the minister's package and the JV operating budget. Jay has established worker's compensation insurance for our new pastor, and continues to evaluate AVUCC's other insurance coverage. He is

Council Notes, continued

also ensuring that the church is up-to-date with its legal and tax filings.

Budget Report: The Council voted to approve the 2006 draft budget finalized by Al Nieders and members of the Budget Advisory Committee showing projected income of \$194,000 and expenses totaling \$208,404. The deficit that is projected for 2006 will be offset by cash reserves from prior years, and income and expenses should be closer to balancing in 2007 when AVUCC will no longer have the JV Bond Repayment. The Budget Advisory Committee will continue to meet in 2006 to assist the treasurer in future budget planning.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Kevin Smith reported that he has contacted the City of San Jose for assistance in establishing an emergency preparedness plan for AVUCC. The Council agreed that ECA and the JV Board should be invited to be a part of the planning process. Kevin also reported that the Worship Committee will be working with him on plans for an Easter Sunrise service, and that he has instituted the pastor's discretionary fund according to the guidelines approved by the Council in October.

Long-Range Planning Committee: In a special report to the Council, Chairman Dennis Widman of the Long-Range Planning Committee presented a set of guidelines for church communications developed by the committee. He asked council members to consider how the guidelines might function as a covenant for AVUCC, inspiring members to invite the Holy Spirit to be present as members seek to respect and listen to one another.

Other Business: Moderator Melanie Click distributed a compilation of comments by all council members on the proposed revisions to the JV By-laws. Discussion of the revisions was tabled for a month due to the evening's lengthy agenda.

Pastor Kevin announced that he and his wife have sold their Massachusetts house and are planning to

Council Notes, continued

buy a home in San Jose in 2006. He asked about the Pastoral Housing Fund, and church members are being sought to form a committee to evaluate how the \$57,468 fund can best be used to help our new pastor.

The Council will encourage all church committees to meet early in 2006 to talk about plans for handling leadership and communication during the coming year.

*Carolyn Dingman
Church Recorder*

People in the Pews

Renewing Old Acquaintances: Recently we had several former members of AVUCC join us for Sunday worship. Always a treat to share some time with Bruce and Marcia Bush. They are long time members and now enjoying retirement life in Lincoln, CA. Larry and Leslie Dunham were visiting from the East Coast. They were very involved in the leadership of our youth groups. Geoff and Dolores Van Loucks hope to worship with us from time to time as they will be residing in Carmel area after their move from Kauai. Dave and Carolyn Hennings joined us as they visited from their new home in Pine Grove. We are always sad to see folks move away and leave our church family but always happy to welcome them back among us, even if it is just a brief visit.

We Welcome Newcomers to Our Sunday Worship Services: Khiet and Ann Than, daughter Thu, sons, Khang and Vu have worshipped with us for several weeks. The boys are active in Boy Scouts and following our services they go directly to a meeting of their troop. We are happy to have them worshipping with us and hope to have a chance to get better acquainted soon.

Snow Mai and her daughter Zandra and son Dillon have also come several times. Dillon is also a Boy

People in the Pews, continued

Scout and they have to rush off following our service to get to the meeting in time. Most recently we met Gloria and Dave Dunlap who live in a townhouse nearby. We hope they will continue to be a presence among us.

E-mail - What A Great Way to Keep in Touch:

I just received a wonderful e-mail from former members, Walt and Carole Kilmanas. They send their best wishes to all of us. They are very happy in their new location, nearby to family members. They joined a church soon after moving but are now looking at another UCC congregation that they feel will fit their needs better. Walt sent along a poem he wrote about wearing name tags when he lived here.

SAM, NANCY, GEORGE, SUE OR PAUL?

I certainly know YOU, and you know ME,
But WHOM does a visitor to our church know?
Quite often they do not know any of us,
Except when we tell them we are "so and so."
A visitor can recall only so many names
Of people they meet in the fellowship hall.
We can remember a name or two with ease,
A visitor's not sure if we are Sue, Sam or Paul.
Let us make it easier for those who visit.
We do have a method that's tried and true.
All we need to do as we enter the church
Is to put on our NAME TAG...We will, will you?"

Welcome to the Family: On Sunday the 13th of November several of our church participants chose to become members and joined AVUCC. Joining were: Joe Dingman, Jim and Kathy McAbee, Kimberlie Garg, and Rev. Kevin Smith. Joe and Kimberlie have been active and involved for awhile and the McAbees are fairly new to our church family. Welcome to all of you.

Congratulations to: Robyn Dorsey on the birth of a new Great Grandson.

People in the Pews, continued

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to Alice Bullard as she mourns the loss of her sister.

Jim and Peggy Wright said a tearful goodbye to their special dog who was such an important part of their lives.

Dot Allfrey

Hilda Turner Memorial Service

(Editors' note: Our apologies to the Tuner family. This letter was submitted for publication in the September Kalos, but didn't find its way to the right mailbox until now.)

Thank-you for all your prayers, phone calls and visits to and for Hilda Turner over the last few years. They provided great comfort and support to Hilda and our family during her long illness. The Joint Venture churches were very important to Hilda, she attended, and participated as many of the variety of fellowship and music functions, as well as the worship services.

Special thank-yous are extended to Hi-Dong Chai for singing Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring and John Leslie for his accompaniment and music during the July 9 service. Thank -you to Pastor Paul and Reverend Stephen for presiding over the joint memorial service, to those who shared their kind words and to the ushers and lift operators (and apologize for whomever we may have missed).

Other special thanks to the Caring Committee, chaired by Kathy Kisabeth and Janey Sanders, for coordinating refreshments and lovely decorations following the services. Thank-you to Audrey Weidrick, Ariss Thomas and Betty Consorte for adding bright and cheery flowers to the sanctuary and fellowship hall.

*With Warm Regards,
Turner Family*

Outreach and Caring

Caring Committee: the Co-chairs for December are Dottie Allfrey, 269-5009 and Bee Mannia, 377-2458. Anyone able to assist with food, transportation, home or hospital visits or anyone in need of these services please call Dottie or Bee.

Chairpersons are needed for both the Outreach and Caring Committees. Anyone interested please call Melanie Click 323-8283 or Bee Mannia 377-2458.

Bee Mannia

Friends Outside

Adopt-A-Family Program

Did you know that the Friends Outside Adopt-A-Family program is one of the first Outreach efforts sponsored by AVUCC?

Friends Outside, originally known as the Santa Clara County Jail Auxiliary, was founded in 1955 by Rosemary Goodenough, who was concerned about what happened to families when a family member was incarcerated. She believed in the potential of every human being and felt that too often, incarceration and its impact on the family led to the waste of human potential. Using volunteers and donors, the agency began to provide food, clothing, and support for families – and soon after AVUCC was founded in 1965, church members began to Adopt-A-Family every Christmas.

This year we'll again be adopting 3 San Jose families whose dad or mom is in prison. Working together, we'll buy gifts for all the family members and we'll contribute enough food to see them through a month or more. Please help – if we all give just one gift or a few cans of food, we'll be able to reach our goal and make the holiday season brighter for these families.

You can look for sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall over Thanksgiving and during the Alternative Christmas Market on Dec. 4th, and you'll get dir-

Outreach, continued

ections on what is needed and when to bring it in.

Thank you all for your support!

*Carolyn Dingman
Outreach Committee*

P.S. Is there someone with a pickup truck or a large SUV or van who can help get our donations to the Fairgrounds for the families to pick up? Please call me at 997-7891 if you can help!

*Friends Outside is dedicated to
breaking the cycle of
crime and delinquency and
preserving families.*

Alternative Christmas December 4

This is the time of year we give special thoughts to the needy people in our community and the wonderful outreach projects of our churches. Please come with open hearts and checkbooks to the Alternative Christmas Market in the Fellowship Hall between services Sunday, December 4. This year you will have the opportunity to support our youth by purchasing goodies at the bake sale, "buying" the talents of a high school youth as they auction themselves off in support of their annual family adoption project. You can also buy your choice of animal from Heifer Project International and purchase building materials for Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity. In return you will receive a card to give your gift recipient telling them the items have been donated in their name as a Christmas gift that keeps on giving.

Our two Christmas trees will again decorate our Fellowship Hall. One, The Giving Tree, will be in

Alternative Christmas, continued

support of Inn Vision. You may donate cash or checks or items themselves for their use. Needed items include warm things like socks and rain ponchos, and personal items like toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shampoo. Things are needed for men, women, and children of all ages. The second tree is the White Angel Tree which will support the children of Santa Maria Mission. Select an angel and purchase a gift. These are wonderful opportunities to do things for others right here in our community.

We will also have the opportunity to support African Team Ministries by purchasing jewelry and other items in their support. Past years experience tell us these are beautiful gifts to give with pride or to give a gift to ourselves. We will have Beneficio Coffee available for purchase or order and if any Entertainment Books are left, they will be available too.

Please be generous to our annual outreach fundraiser!

Phyllis Green
268-6506

Speaker for January 7th AVUCC Men's Breakfast

EVERYONE FROM AVUCC AND ECA
CHURCHES INVITED TO ATTEND 8:30 AM
TALK

Dr. Earl Stevens
San Jose Prepared
Office of Emergency Services,
City of San Jose

Dr. Stevens will speak on emergency disaster planning in San Jose.

This most informative and timely talk will provide information that our Joint Venture churches can

Men's Breakfast, continued

use as we consider developing an emergency response plan for our congregations.

AVUCC men will have their regular breakfast meeting beginning at 8 am and people from both churches who are interested in hearing Dr. Stevens talk should plan to attend beginning at 8:30 am.

Pastor Kevin

Concert Series Subscriptions Still Available

Its not too late to subscribe to the balance of the Almaden Adventures in the Arts concert season. Music at Joint Venture Churches needs your support to continue to present the concert series. We have fashioned attractive season ticket packages to help entice your support.

If you buy the rest of the season, you'll get one show free. Plus, as an added bonus, season ticket holders will be able to purchase reduced price tickets to next summer's musical production.

Here's the rest of the 2005-06 concert line-up:

Saturday, January 14, 2006 7:30 P.M.
Soup, Salad & Sound
with **Organist Mary Norton**

Saturday, February 4, 2006 7:30 P.M.
Soup, Salad & Sound
with **Organist Dean Cook**

Saturday, February 25, 2006 7:30 P.M.
Sidesaddle & Company

Saturday, March 25, 2006 5:00 P.M.
Banana Slug String Band

Concert Series, continued

Saturday, April 29, 2006 3:00 P.M.
**Pioneer High School Chamber Choir and
Castillero Middle School Stage Band**

Saturday, May 20, 2006 7:30 P.M.
Doce Brazil featuring Jennifer Lee

Single Performance prices:

Adult: \$15 advance/will call, \$20 door; except organ recitals \$10 advance and \$15 door

Student: (valid ID for those over 18): \$10 advance/will call, \$12 door; organ recitals \$8 and \$10

Child: (12 and under): \$5 all performances (childcare also available)

Season Ticket Packages:

One Adult \$65.00
6 shows for price of 5

One Student \$40.00
6 shows for price of 4

One Child \$20.00
6 shows for the price of 4

Soup, Salad & Sound Pack \$15.00
1 adult, 2 recitals

We thank you sincerely for your continued and gracious support of Almaden Adventures in the Arts!

Gratefully yours,

Joint Venture Concert Committee

John Leslie, Music Director

Todd Axtell, Co-chair

Kevin Haley, Co-chair

Steve Coutinho

Doug Dunham

Alex Dykes

Marion Grungé

Mary Leal

Betsy Shoup

Terry Shoup

Bart Smith

Music Notes

Great music will be heard this Advent and Christmas season. Be sure to come hear the vocal choirs, Bell Choir, Children's Choir and instrumentalists as they raise their music to the Lord in celebration of the Coming of Jesus at Christmastime.

Children's Choir

Children's Choir will meet on Saturdays from 10:00am-10:45am, beginning December 3. Children of all ages are encouraged to attend. We will be working on learning songs for the Sunday School Christmas Pageant and the 5:00pm Christmas Eve Family Service on Saturday, December 24.

Holiday Instrumentalists

All adults and children who would like to lend their instrumental talents to the Sunday School Christmas Pageant on Sunday December 18, or to any of the Christmas Eve services, please contact Music Director John Leslie at the church office: 408-268-0243.

Special Sundays

Christmas Day and New Year's Day both fall on Sundays this year. Please prayerfully consider celebrating the Birthday of our Lord with us at a Joint Venture Service on Christmas Sunday morning at 10:00am. There will also be regularly scheduled services on New Year's Day, January 1, 2006!

Talent Show

Our third annual Epiphany Talent Show (Evening of Gifts) will be held on Saturday, January 7. All acts will be welcome. Please contact John Leslie at the church office to volunteer, or to request more information.

Taize Planning Meeting

All interested parties are invited to attend a planning meeting for future Taize-style evening services at Joint Venture Churches. Anyone with past experience with this type of service is encouraged to attend and share their insights. Please let John Leslie know of your interest and availability for Getting

Music Notes, continued

together. A date that is available for most people will be chosen after receiving calendar information. John can be reached by phone at the church Office (408-268-0243) or by E-mail: music@jointventurechurches.org

John Leslie

Tabard Theater's final performance at the Joint Venture Churches

The enjoyment on the faces of the audience at the final performance of "Smoke on the Mountain" left me with the sad fact that we are going to miss having the Tabard Theater performing in our church. It is family theater that brings the community into our church to enjoy entertainment for all ages. The performers always look like they enjoy themselves and the audience participates in that feeling.

This letter should have been written last year since the same entertainment was enjoyed by so many at that time. I should have spoken up to praise the fact that we allowed our church to contribute to the community in such a positive way. Now I am sad that we will have to travel somewhere else to see performances by this group. I am not alone in wanting the theater to stay here, I have talked with many people that have had a positive experience with the theater and would like it to stay.

The theater not only contributed by having family entertainment in the Almaden Valley, but they contributed financially (\$3,000 +). At this last performance they also donated part of the proceeds from the production sales, the sale of refreshments and other products to the Almaden Library children's reading room and the Katrina hurricane victims.

Tabard Theater, continued

In my travels I have experienced many entertainment groups using churches to perform. And, I have enjoyed being in the church knowing that it exposes people to an atmosphere of peace and reflection.

*Sincerely,
Amy Griffith, ECA*

Youth News

SHYGS Rockin' through the Fall and into Winter

Wow-We're getting busy again! Here you go:

In October we had not two, but three great meetings that included SHYGS led discussions, an evening talking about the different forms of love discussed in the Bible: Phileo-Brotherly love, Eros-Lust and Agape-God's love. We explored how they differ and how to recognize them when we see them. Throw in a little pumpkin carving and volleyball and rock music and you've got a full month. We also attended St. Judes for ETC, the monthly youth event that brings together different youth groups. October's theme was Sin, Death and Halloween. November's theme at Trinity was Hunger. These events are a wonderful opportunity to get larger groups of teens together for fellowship and learning.

November was ushered in with 20 of us traveling to San Francisco for a dinner and trip through China Town, rides on the cable car, a walk on the labyrinth and an evening service at Grace Cathedral set to the music of U2-The U2charist! It was a fabulous trip and thanks go to all the teens that were so fun to be with and so well-behaved it was a blast to be around them, and to Sharon Hall, Ann Mayers, and the Lukancs for driving and chaperoning the group. We also started our servant auction which provides the funds for our outreach projects-that

Youth, continued

event ends at Alternative Christmas the first Sunday in December. We adopted 2 families from the EOPS program at West Valley for Thanksgiving by purchasing groceries for the holiday (both single moms with kids)-the food was delivered for us by Nancy Romer-thank you Nancy! At our last meeting in November we discussed how advertising attempts to manipulate our behavior-we know it, but how do we keep from being fooled? Good stuff! Thank you to all of you who donated magazines for this event.

See our Upcoming Dates for December Activities-We focus on fellowship and outreach this month with some of our favorite events like gift-wrapping and shopping for our adopted family, as well as our regular meetings. We are hoping you all will support our outreach funding activities so that we may be generous to others-purchase a servant item or bring your items to be wrapped on December 17th! Thank you in advance!

Robin Root

Upcoming Dates for SHYGS

Dec 4th and Dec 18th-Regular Meetings 4:30-8:30
Dec 11th- We'll shop for our adopted families after last service-Meet in Fellowship Hall at 12:15-Back by 3:00.
Sat Dec 17th 1-5:00 - Gift-wrapping at Church (outreach fundraiser)
Sun, Jan 1 Noon-Midnight – Movie Marathon at church
Jan 15-Regular Meeting-4:30-8:30
Jan 26-29-Ski Trip-Joint Event with JHYGS-See Katie McCormick for Details
Feb 5th – Regular Meeting-4:30-8:30
Feb 12th-8:00-4:30-Work day with Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity

Ever wanted to work on a Habitat for Humanity Project?

Here's your opportunity! SHYGS are working on a Silicon Valley Habitat for Humanity building project on Sunday, Feb 12th. The project is to work on a Victorian that was moved to make way for the new City Hall and then was donated to Habitat. It is being refurbished into 4 condominiums. The size of the work team assigned to this particular project is 25 workers/day (Habitat will have people on site who provide the tools and the direction-we provide bodies and lunch).

Depending on the number of our teens available that day, we would like to offer an additional 5-8 spots for members of either church to join us to work that day. Habitat can bring in other people, but we thought it would be fun to work along members of our own community.

If you would like to be put on the list to join us that day, please email or call Robin Root. Kevin Smith will be conducting a short worship service for the work team at the site right before lunch. If you would like to organize and bring lunch to the work team downtown San Jose that day, please call Robin-we will pay for this out of our budget. This will be a really great day-we hope some of you can join us!

Contact info: robinroot@yahoo.com, 268-1203.

Robin Root

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 12:00 PM JV Thai Chi 7:00 PM Bridge Group	3 8:00 AM AVUCC Men's Breakfast
4 8:30 AM Alternative Christmas 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 10:10 Sunday School	5	6	7 4:45 PM JV Bell Choir 6:00 PM AVUCC Choir Rehearsal	8	9 12:00 PM JV Thai Chi	10 JV Aluminum Can Drive
11 JV Aluminum Can Drive Folk Sunday 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 6:00 PM JHYG Meeting	12	13	14 4:45 PM JV Bell Choir 6:00 PM AVUCC Choir Rehearsal	15	16 12:00 PM JV Thai Chi 7:00 PM SHYG Field Trip Topic TBD	17 1:00 PM SHYG'S Gift-wrapping and Babysitting 7:30 PM AVUCC Progressive Dinner
18 Youth Sunday 10:00 AM JV Christmas Pageant	19	20	21 4:45 PM JV Bell Choir 6:00 PM AVUCC Choir Rehearsal 6:30 PM From Darkness to Light Service	22	23	24 5:00 PM JV Christmas Eve Service 7:30 PM AVUCC Lessons and Carols
25 10:00 AM JV Worship	26	27	28 4:45 PM JV Bell Choir 6:00 PM AVUCC Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31

Please see the online calendar at avucc.org for more information and the latest updates

December Birthdays

Wai Mun Syn	Dec. 02
Ruth Breseke	Dec. 04
Ed Rasala	Dec. 04
Leanna Danda	Dec. 05
Susan Hamilton	Dec. 06
Annie Laurie Hall	Dec. 06
Colin Anderson	Dec. 07
Eric Gaydon	Dec. 08
Penny Rasala	Dec. 13
Claire Henderson	Dec. 15
Rev. Kevin Smith	Dec. 15
David Sanders	Dec. 16
Lara Sanders	Dec. 22

December Anniversaries

Dennis and Lynn Widman	Dec. 09
Dave and Rae Harris	Dec. 10
Jim and Athena Ballek	Dec. 23
Ed and Gwen Anderson	Dec. 27

Worship Schedule

Pastor Kevin will be preaching every Sunday in December

Lay Readers:

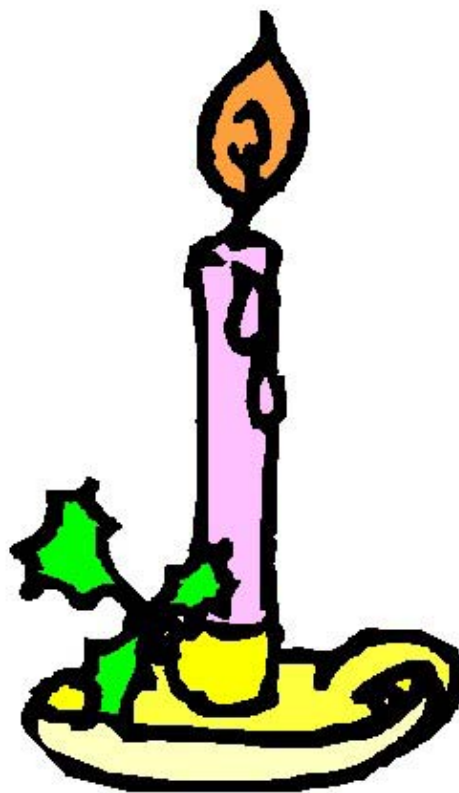
Dec 04:	Betsy Shoup
Dec. 11:	Londa Daily
Dec. 18	Tom Rose

Advent Families:

Dec. 04	Nieder Family
Dec. 11	Daley Family
Dec. 18	To Be Determined

JV Book Group

The JV Book Club will not meet in December.



*“What is Christmas? It is
tenderness for the past,
courage for the present,
hope for the future. It is a
fervent wish that every
cup may overflow with
blessings rich and eternal,
and that every path may
lead to peace.”*

~ Agnes M. Pharo

-Daily Lectionary- December, 2005

These lectionary readings are from A Daily Lectionary-Scripture readings for Every Day based on the New Common Lectionary. Please share this resource with members of your church.

**The readings listed for Sundays are from the UCC Desk Calendar and are not part of the daily lectionary cycle.*

Day	Date	Old Testament	New Testament	Epistle
Thu.	Dec. 1	Hosea 5:15:6:10	Matthew 3:11-17	2 Peter 3:11-18
Fri.	Dec. 2	Hosea 6:11-7:7	Matthew 11:2-10	Revelations 2:2-7
Sat.	Dec. 3	Hosea 8:1-10	Matthew 11:11-19	Acts 17:24-31
*Sun.	Dec. 4	Isaiah 40:1-11	Mark 1:1-8	2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mon.	Dec. 5	Hosea 8:11-14	Matthew 20:20-28	1 Peter 1:13-25
Tue.	Dec. 6	Hosea 10:1-12	Matthew 17:9-13	Acts 19:1-7
Wed.	Dec. 7	Hosea 11:1-7	Matthew 23:1-12	Acts 13:16-25
Thu.	Dec. 8	Hosea 11:8-12	Matthew 23:13-22	Philippians 4:4-7
Fri.	Dec. 9	Hosea 12:2-9	Matthew 23:23-28	1 Thessalonians 5:1-7
Sat.	Dec. 10	Hosea 13:4-9	Matthew 23:29-39	1 Thessalonians 5:8-15
*Sun.	Dec. 11	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	John 1:6-8, 19-28	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
Mon.	Dec. 12	Hosea 14:1-9	Matthew 23:1-14	Jude 1-16
Tue.	Dec. 13	Malachi 3:1-5	Matthew 24:15-31	Jude 17-25
Wed.	Dec. 14	Malachi 3:6-12	Matthew 24:32-44	James 5:7-10
Thu.	Dec. 15	Malachi 3:13-18	Matthew 24:45-51	Romans 11:33-36
Fri.	Dec. 16	Malachi 4:1-5	Matthew 25:1-13	1 Corinthians 2:1-6
Sat.	Dec. 17	Exodus 15:11-18	Matthew 25:14-30	1 Corinthians 2:7-13
*Sun.	Dec. 18	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Luke 1:26-38	Romans 16:25-27
Mon.	Dec. 19	1 Chronicles 16:8-18	Matthew 25:31-46	Ephesians 3:7-13
Tue.	Dec. 20	1 Chronicles 16:19-27	John 5:30-47	Colossians 1:24-29
Wed.	Dec. 21	1 Chronicles 16:28-36	John 6:27-34	Revelations 21:1-8
Thu.	Dec. 22	1 Chronicles 17:1-10	John 6:35-51	Revelations 21:9-21
Fri.	Dec. 23	2 Samuel 7:18-22	John 1:9-18	Revelations 21:22-22:5
Sat.	Dec. 24	Isaiah 9:2-7	Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)	Titus 2:11-14
*Sun.	Dec. 25	Isaiah 62:6-12	Luke 2: (1-7) 8-20	Titus 3:4-7
Mon.	Dec. 26	2 Chronicles 24:17-22	Acts 7:55-8:8	Acts 6:1-7
Tue.	Dec. 27	Proverbs 8:22-30	John 13:2-20	1 John 5:1-12
Wed.	Dec. 28	Isaiah 49:13-23	Matthew 18:1-14	1 John 4:7-16
Thu.	Dec. 29	Isaiah 12:1-6	John 7:37-52	Revelations 1:1-8
Fri.	Dec. 30	Isaiah 25:1-9	John 7:53-8:11	Revelations 1:9-20
Sat.	Dec. 31	Isaiah 26:1-6	John 8:12-19	2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2

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