

AVUCC KALOS

Newsletter for the
Almaden Valley
United Church of Christ

Interim Pastor's Reflections

Since AVUCC will be celebrating its 40th Anniversary later this month, I thought I'd share a few reflections on what was going on in our world 40 years ago. Since I wasn't living in California back then, I can't comment on what was happening in the Bay Area in general or here in Almaden Valley in particular. Some of you were here and can share details with the rest of us. Forty years ago I was stationed at Columbus AFM just outside of Columbus, Mississippi. (Mississippi, by-the-way, was a very interesting place to be 40 years ago.)

What was happening in our world in 1965? Lyndon Johnson was President and Hubert H. Humphrey was the Vice-President. We were hearing more and more about a place in Southeast Asia called Viet Nam. Congress had passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution in August of 1964, allowing the Administration to take whatever military action it deemed necessary in that part of the world.

The Civil Rights movement was in high gear. Martin Luther King Jr. had won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and in 1965, led a march on Selma, Alabama. Malcolm X, founder of the Organization of Afro-American Unity is assassinated. A massive electric power failure blacked out most of the Northeast for the night of November 9-10.

The median cost of a house in 1964 ranged from \$25,000 to \$35,000, depending on location. Gasoline for our cars averaged about 30 cents per gallon. We could also buy a new car for around \$2,000.

There were two separate and unequal professional football leagues, the NFL and the AFL. The "Super Bowl" was still two years away. The Cleveland Browns beat the Baltimore Colts to become the NFL Champions, and the Buffalo Bills beat the San Diego Chargers to become the AFL Champions.

St. Louis beat the Yankees in the Baseball World Series, four games to three, and a horse named Lucky Deboniar won the Kentucky Derby.

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Interim Pastor's Reflections, continued

Lee Marvin won the Oscar for best actor in the movie *Cat Ballou*. Julie Christie was best actress in the movie *Darling*. Robert Wise took home the Oscar as best director for the movie *The Sound of Music*, which also won best picture.

The United Church of Christ was just eight years old, having been established by a merger of the Congregational Christian Churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1957.

Forty years ago – a long time, and yet not so long. Forty years ago a group of folk gathered in faith to begin a new thing. They gathered in faith, faith in each other and faith in God that a new church could be brought into being here in this valley. New homes were being built, new industries were beginning, new people were arriving from all over. Those were exciting times. No one knew what the future might be. Now, forty years later, we find ourselves living in very different times (we'll not see 30 cent gasoline again). Today is no less exciting, and we still don't know what the future may be, but we honor the past by committing ourselves anew to whatever future God may have in store for us. God spoke to and through those visioning people who founded this church, and God is still speaking to and through us who are the church today.

Blessings and Peace,
Paul

Moderator's Notes

Greetings in the heat of summertime.

In light of recent conflict within our church family, I have looked at the Promise, the Vision, and the Statement of Ministry that our congregation accepted 10 years ago in July 1995. These statements were written to present a picture of our values. They tell the world who we say we are. Now my family was not a part of this church in 1995, and we did not even know about the Promise, the Vision, and the Statement of Ministry until we had been members for several years, but the values and relationships illustrated in these statements are what we experienced when we began to visit the church. They are the reason we joined, and they are the tie that binds us to this family.

As I reflected on these statements, it became clear to me that the Vision deserves some attention, especially in light of recent conflicts within our church family. In

Moderator's Notes, continued

particular, we need to remember the line which states, "we affirm the worth of each individual and the ministry of each person." According to this statement, we recognize that we are individuals, that we are each entitled to our beliefs and opinions, and that we are entitled to express them while feeling safe and loved. We are entitled to these even when we disagree with each other. The Vision also states, "We ask God to bind us together in ... warm, simple fellowship." This fellowship is one of our great strengths. It is something that we must carefully, intentionally protect from the polarization of conflict. Conflict itself is normal and healthy. We do not agree on every issue. We need not agree, but it is necessary to treat each individual with caring and respect. Issues over which there is conflict should not turn our relationships into "us versus them." These issues over which we are passionate can be catalysts to help us grow. Let's use them in that way. Let us return to our warm, simple fellowship.

Melanie Click
AVUCC Moderator

AVUCC Vision Statement

As members and friends of the Almaden Valley United Church of Christ we care about the wholeness of the earth and all the people of God; we welcome all who seek to follow the way of Jesus Christ; and we affirm the worth of each individual and the ministry of each person. We ask God to bind us together in exciting, meaningful worship and warm, simple fellowship, to show us the emerging truth for our life together in the midst of changing times, to build us up as a church of Jesus Christ, organized to fulfill our mission for today, to guide us on our journey.

Joint Venture and Councils 2005

AVUCC COUNCIL

Moderator: Melanie Click (323-8283)

Assistant Moderator: Steve Coutinho (323-1041)

Treasurer: Ken Phillips (927-9768)

Assistant Treasurer: Jay Caturay (265-7720)

Recorder: Carolyn Dingman (997-7891)

Members-at-Large: Phyllis Chai (226-7150); Al Nieders (268-7681); Bart Smith (268-1026); Betsy Shoup (456-0403); Bee Mannia (377-2458)

Interim Pastor: Paul Smith-Telfer (510-846-0200)

Church Officers continued

COUNCIL LIAISON

Outreach: vacant

Caring: vacant

Christian Ed: Katie McCormick (997-9817)

Youth (Jr High): Katie Mc Cormick (997-9817)

Music: John Hawes (268-7206)

Worship: Tom Rose (268-5362)

Website: Dennis Elliott (268-2375)

Membership: Dave Harris (266-4612)

Fellowship: Janey Sanders (997-0875)

Stewardship: Bill Cox (782-5886)

Endowment: Sandy Baldwin (227-3507)

Pastoral Search: Sandy Baldwin (227-3507)

Pastoral Relations: Bob Farnquist (997-6060)

Long Range Planning: Dennis Widman (268-5230)

Kalos Editor: Sue Scaff (448-3038)

Pledge Recorder: Betsy Shoup (456-0403)

Dinner Groups: Jan Day (268-6690)

Women's Book Group: Robyn Dorsey (323-9230)

Scrip: Sandy Baldwin (227-3507)

Folk Choir: John Hawes (268-7206)

Men's Breakfast: Dick Okumura (268-5138)

Duplicate Bridge: Kathy Kisabeth (227-3898)

JV CHURCH STAFF

Church Office (268-0243)

AVUCC Interim Minister: Paul Smith-Telfer (268-0243); cell (510-421-3958)

ECA Minister: Stephen Mills (268-0243); cell (802-5347)

Parish Administrator: vacant

Music Director: John Leslie (268-0243); cell (508-826-0900)

Christian Ed and Youth Director: Katie McCormick (268-0243); cell (838-6143)

Senior High Youth: Robin Root (268-1203)

JOINT VENTURE COUNCIL

JV President (ECA): Ed Mueller (256-0919)

JV Vice President (UCC): Tom Rose (268-5632)

JV Treasurer (ECA): Mary Leal (268-0230)

JV Secretary: Dick Specht (268-2636)

JV Member UCC 05-05: Tom Rose (268-5632)

JV Member UCC 05-06: Dick Specht (268-2636)

JV Member UCC 04-05: Hi-Dong Chai (226-7150)

Church Officers, continued

JV Member UCC 05-06: Stan Yumen (268-3969)

JV Member UCC 05-06: John Graham (323-8023)

JV Member ECA 03-04: Mary Leal (268-0230)

JV Member ECA 05-06: Dwight Dorsey (224-5480)

JV Member ECA 05-06: Carol MacDonald (997-0358)

JV Member ECA 05-06: John Mc Pherson (268-9559)

JV Member ECA 05-06: Jackie Whitlock (268-2139)

40th Anniversary Reunion - August 27 - 28

It has been five long years since we have seen many of the former members of the church. We look forward to the return of many old friends and their grown children. They will be coming to see YOU so sign up at church and/or send in your response form from your recently received invitation. \$10.00 per person, \$20.00 per family for the whole weekend. Such a deal!

The last Kalos contained some TRIVIA questions the answers to which will be revealed on Saturday of the anniversary. If you call Audrey or Charlotte with the correct answers to one of the following questions you will receive free admission to the Anniversary celebration.

- Can you name the church moderators in chronological order?
- Where is the book that records all memorial gifts?

We are finding that old council minutes, directories, and Kalos lists of members, baptisms, confirmations, marriages, and memorials reveal the rich history of the church. We welcome your input of anything that may be missing like an event that occurred off the church property. We thank those of you who have already been helpful.

Please send to Char at cduerksen@sbcglobal.net or Audrey at audrey957@yahoo.com.

*Audrey Wiedrick
Charlotte Duerksen*

Caring and Outreach

PRAYER VINE

Carla Gerber, who has coordinated the AVUCC Prayer Vine for several years, is stepping down as coordinator, and Phyllis Chai will take over this function. Please call Phyllis with your prayer requests (226-7150).

ALUMINUM CANS FOR HABITAT

A big votes of thanks to Tom Gerber who continues to handle the J.V. Aluminum Can Collection for Habitat. Phyllis Chai had a rewarding experience recently. "I was nearing the end of my morning walk, when I bent down to pick up a can to save for the collection; a woman across the street came closer to say that she would recycle the can for me. I thanked her, and explained what I was doing. We had waved to one another before, but had not introduced ourselves; we took the opportunity to exchange names, and Kim told me that she works for 'affordable housing.' It's good to know that this neighbor is not far away....Other times people have asked me about the cans that I carry, and it always feels good to tell them that they are collected to benefit Habitat."

BENEFICIO

Please consider ordering More Than Fair Trade Beneficio Coffee for your next social event, for the church coffee hour when you host it, for a hostess gift, or for the office...Phyllis Chai (226-7150) will be happy to place your order (\$6.25 per 12 oz. bag).

CARING COORDINATORS

Thank you, Kathy Kisabeth and Janey Sanders for serving as coordinators of the Caring Committee for June and July, and for the people who assisted them.

The coordinators for August and September will be Ariss Thomas and Bee Mannia, however from August 1-10 Phyllis Chai will be serving for Bee who will be away.

Phyllis Chai

Caring, continued

CONDOLENCES

To Peggy Schwartz and her family on the passing of her dear husband, Bob, on June 15, 2005

UCC Women's Network Fall Retreat

Calling all women: Don't miss out on the UCC Women's Network Fall Retreat, "The Many Faces of Grace," featuring our Conference minister, Rev. Dr. Mary Susan Gast as the keynote speaker, from October 14-16th at Mercy Center in Burlingame. It always promises to be a restorative experience. Please find registration forms on the downstairs hallway bulletin board, and call Phyllis Chai (226-7150) with any questions...Several ladies from AVUCC have already confirmed their places for the retreat. Hope to have you join the group!

Phyllis Chai

Thanks

I want to thank you for the very touching memorial service you held for my father on June 3, 2005. It was a very thoughtful ceremony and brought comfort to my family. I know many individuals were involved and I only had a chance to acknowledge but a few.

I would also like to extend my appreciation to the congregation for the countless times that support has been provided to my father as well as to my mother during the past several years. On numerous occasions my parents have received help with transportation or visits for moral support and I am deeply grateful.

My father held dear the spiritual strength he drew from the church and cherished the friendships he had with so many of the members.

Sincerely,
Ken Lucas

People in the Pews

Congratulations to Josh Bemis on the occasion of his confirmation. Josh will enter High School this fall. We are grateful for Josh's participation in our Folk Choir too. Keep up the good work, Josh.

Weddings to celebrate! Katie Brown and Michael Lipman were married by Pastor Paul in our church sanctuary on June 25. Katie grew up in our church, and we wish Katie and Michael many happy years.

The Allfrey family celebrated the wedding of granddaughter Stevie (Chuck's daughter) and Tyler Canton on June 25.

May these couples celebrate many anniversaries in the years ahead!

Farewells: Saying "goodbye" to members who have been so important to our church family is not easy. First to leave were George and Joanne Stone. They are now living in WA and are near their children and grandchildren. We will miss Joanne's careful attendance to new folks visiting and making them feel welcome. We hope George will take more of his wonderful scenery pictures and come back for a repeat performance to share with all of us.

Patty Bergantz is now in Wisconsin and happy to be close to all her family again. Patty has shared for many years her gift of music, and she will be sorely missed in the choirs and on the special occasions when she played her violin for all of us.

Ron and Maureen Evans and their special young daughters are now back in their home state of MA and know their family is grateful to have them back close again. Maureen was always so willing to help wherever needed and Ron, of course, was active on Church Council. It was a treat to see how the girls had grown and are becoming lovely young ladies.

We hold all these families close in our hearts and pray that they will be happy in their new surroundings and find their way back to AVUCC for a visit from time to time.

New Baby welcomed into the Joyce household. Samantha was born to Ron and Sheila on June 28. She joins brothers Brandon and Gabriel, and we wish them well.

A Memorial Service was held on July 9 for Hilda Turner. Hilda had requested it be a happy and joyous occasion. The family shared wonderful memories of their Mom,

People in the Pews, continued

and there were tears and laughter, but it was a true celebration of a life well lived. Hilda loved and was loved by so many people, and she especially appreciated our Joint Venture relationship with ECA.

Al and Jan Day are with their daughter and her family helping them get settled in North Carolina in their new home by the ocean. They will miss having Nancy and family close.

If you have family news to share in this new column, "People in the Pews," please tell Dot Allfrey (268-2973).

Dot Allfrey

Men's Breakfast Group Donates \$1,000.000 towards Pastoral

On June 04 2005 following our Men's Breakfast, our dedicated men donated one thousand dollars towards our Pastoral Housing Project, a very important and necessary cause.

Our speaker, Anthony Delas JD., was introduced by Bart Smith. He gave a clear and an important talk on Advanced Health Care Directive. He emphasized the need for every one, regardless of age, to have a documented AHCD, so when an unexpected event occurs you will have a clear written statement indicating how your health care will be managed. After the Schiavo incident it became very clear that you should have your health care wishes documented legally. Anthony also gave some important information regarding Estate Management.

Our talented cooks Bob Green, Jim Wright, Jay Caturay, Bill Allfrey, John Graham, and Hi-Dong Chai did a wonderful job of presenting and excellent breakfast enjoyed by every one.

We will have a summer recess for July and August, but on September 24, 2005 a grand "AVUCC HAWAIIAN LUAU" is on the way!. A fun filled time with Fabulous Food, soothing Hawaiian music and wonderful dancers, a silent auction, and a live Auction with Byron Henderson and Bruce Bush as MCs for our auction and raffles. We guarantee you a Great Time!!!

This is an important and a necessary Fund Raiser for our much needed Pastoral Housing Project. Each of us must do

Men's Breakfast, continued

all we can and contribute towards this event to make it truly successful. So plan your donation of your vacation home or condo, time share, dinner parties, theater tickets, sporting events (Giants, Athletic, Warriors, Soccer etc.), great photos, paintings, music lessons, decorating, etc. Whatever you contribute will be greatly appreciated. Mark September 24 2005, and buy your tickets now!!! Available at the Fellowship Hall after each Sunday service, or contact Dick Shipe, Janey Sanders, Carolyn Crowley, Jim Ballek, Jim Wright or Dick Okumura.

Dick Okumura

Music Notes

Mea culpa. Mea maxima culpa. I apologize: I sent the following article about "I Do! I Do!" for last month's edition of the Kalos to the wrong E-mail. Here it is, in its entirety:

"I DO! I DO!"

Thanks to all of you who supported this musical fundraiser; thank you audience members, musicians, lenders of personal property (props, furniture, costumes, etc.).

There are so many people to acknowledge, but let me begin with the lovely female star, Gwen Hacker. Few actress-singers are considered "triple threats" (they excel at singing, dancing AND acting), but I would say that Gwen goes to a FOURTH level, as she is so dedicated and organized, that it made all the planning of the show much easier.

Thanks also to Melanie Click (AVUCC) for agreeing to come in the week before the show to serve as Stage Manager, and to Byron Henderson (AVUCC), who helped (with Melanie and Jenny Hoyt) to organize, solve problems, work on sets and do many other tasks Gwen and I couldn't do during the performance of the show.

Also, great thanks to Roger Hoyt (ECA), who worked and practiced amazingly hard to learn the enormous amount of musical material for the show. He was always very gracious at rehearsals, and he took on the additional task of cuing and keeping the band together. Thanks, Roger...you're one in a million!

Music Notes, continued

SUMMER MUSICAL – FIDDLER ON THE ROOF

Last year we presented a spirited production of *South Pacific*, and this summer we hope to do the same with a production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, starring Byron Henderson (AVUCC) as Tevye. This show presents a man who has a GREAT faith in God (as well as great dialogues with God!) and looks at the subject of religious and ethnic prejudice, as well as at love and marriage.

You will see from AVUCC: Marilyn Graham as Golde, Sandy Baldwin as Yente, Betsy Dingman as Hodel, John Hawes as the Beggar, Kendrick Hough as Mendel the Rabbi's son, and Claire Henderson as Bielke, with Bart Smith as Lazar Wolf and Steve Coutinho as Reb Mordcha, the innkeeper-purveyor of libations. Fr. Stephen Mills (ECA) will play the role of the Rabbi.

Other cast members from ECA include: Taylor Wing as Motel the tailor, Julia Machado as Chava, Susana Machado as Sprintze, Mary Leal as Grandma Tzeitel, Doug Dunham as Avram, the Bookseller, Sandie Mueller as the Fiddler! Many other members of ECA and AVUCC will participate as the "villagers" of Anatevka.

Guest performers will be Andrew Hall (Stewpot from last summer's "South Pacific") as Perchik and Vanessa Briggs (from Tabard's "The Taffetas") as Tzeitel, with Cindy and Lin Eschenfelder joining the cast of delightful, dutiful daughters.

David and Roger Hoyt and Ann Myers of ECA will play in the band, along with John's cousin Tom Eschenfelder; and from AVUCC: Debbie Bemis, Rae Harris, Terry Shoup and Bob Thomas.

As usual, we will be blessed with the ticket services of Marion Grunge, lighting by Kimberly Axtell, graphics and printing by Todd Axtell, and sound reinforcement by Doug Dunham. The cast will sing the "Sabbath Prayer" from the show during worship services on Sunday, August 14.

JV Director of Music John Leslie is in charge of this Music at Joint Venture Churches presentation, with ECA member P. J. Gallego assisting with choreography. This is truly a "joint venture" production, as you can tell by the numerous members of each parish involved in so many ways!

Now we just need YOU!!!

Music Notes, continued

WE NEED audience members....buy those tickets before they are all gone! (See below for performance dates and times.)

WE NEED a few good (er...I mean BAD) men, just to dress as Russian soldiers, police or a priest and walk across the playing area scowling at the Jewish peasants of this community. If you are an adult male and can "COP AN ATTITUDE," please contact either John Leslie or any member of the production team and let us know of your interest. Thanks!

We will be doing three performances this year, based on popular demand, so buy your tickets as soon as possible to be assured of getting seats for your desired performance date. Performances will be Friday, August 19 at 7:30 pm and Saturday, August 20 at both 1:30 pm and 7:30 pm. All tickets will be \$15.00

L'chaim!

TALENT NIGHT

Thanks to all who participated, performed and attended the semi-annual JV Talent Night, which was held in Fellowship Hall on Friday, July 8. From AVUCC we had special talent offerings from Shannon Haley, the Bemis family and Leilani Farnquist (and friends). Robyn Dorsey, along with Mary Leal and Betty Consorte (ECA), led some songs from the World War II era, including a sing-along of the U. S. Armed Forces anthems.

Phyllis Chai kept the refreshments flowing and the kitchen immaculate! (Thanks, Phyllis.) From ECA Faith Mills began the program with one of the first piano solos she ever learned, Melinda Jennings sang two songs from her July recital, Fr. Stephen Mills shared one of his favorite short stories and Dennis Moran entertained us all with several songs, for which he accompanied himself on guitar.

A free-will offering was received and will help defray expenses of *Fiddler on the Roof*.

SUMMER MUSIC

Both "Johns" (Hawes and Leslie) are putting together a wonderful variety of fun and inspiring music for the Sundays this summer. We look forward to more solo work by Hi-Dong Chai, Susan Gaydon, Cliff Click, and especially Betsy Dingman (home from college), and some

Music Notes, continued

special small ensembles (bell ringers, saxes, singers, etc.) Due to some scheduling conflicts, the Folk Choir will play on the third Sunday of July and August.

John Leslie

Communication: What Do You Think?

Good communication is at the center of good relationships. The lack of communication can be a source of disintegrating relationships and unnecessary conflict. Many churches have found it appropriate to develop and place into their church documents Guidelines for Church Communications, such as the following from College Avenue Congregational Church-UCC:

"We believe that conflict is normal, and something that will occur. Conflict presents opportunities for ministry. We understand that we are always affected by conflict, even if we are not personally and directly involved, and we therefore always have an interest in open, fair, and honest communication. We seek, with God's help, to live by the following guidelines for communications within our church family:

- Speak for yourself, not for others.
- Listen more to understand than to refute.
- Take responsibility for your feelings and your views.
- Be accountable.
- Explore differences.
- Challenge perceptions, not motives.
- Avoid personalizing differences.
- Reject personal attacks.
- Provide each person with an opportunity to express his/her opinion and concerns.
- Respect each person's opinions or concerns.
- Value each person.
- Acknowledge that effective communication may be aided by the facilitation of others.

We believe that our Christian obligation in dealing with conflict is to search for God's will, and to find solutions that promote a communal, rather than solely a personal sense of satisfaction and well being."

Communication, continued

And, from the Hillcrest Congregational Church:

“We trust and support our leaders. We willingly, openly, and respectfully share our concerns with them. Once concerns and opinions have been openly evaluated and a decision made, we respect that decision and support it to the best of our ability. We cultivate a safe environment for open dialogue, and then we act. We recognize that diversity and conflict can be healthy and encourage a broad scope of ideas to achieve better results. While we welcome the views of all, we take action once all have had a chance to share. We embrace the possibility of change in spite of our fears.”

We on LRPC would like to hear from you concerning the above guidelines and the possibility of developing such guidelines for AVUCC. Please express your thoughts to anyone on the committee: Dennis Widman, Tom Gerber, Bessie Hutchins, David Hough, Marilyn Graham, Bob Farnquist.

Dennis Widman

Sunday School

Vacation Bible School is coming soon. As of the July 15 there were 6 spaces open. Most of our supplies have been gathered and everyone is excited about our Jerusalem Marketplace. **Training for the Tribe leaders will be on Sunday, July 24th at 7pm.** You will receive your leader guides and we'll go over the songs and dance movement for the Gathering activities.

Sunday School begins on Sept. 18th this year. There are 30 days of Sunday School lessons this year and our goal is to have three teachers for every grade which means you would teach 10 classes during the year. There will be a teacher meeting on Sunday, August 28th at 7pm in the youth center. We will continue to use the Hands-On bible curriculum and your supplies will be available at that meeting. Please contact me if you would like to participate in this important ministry.

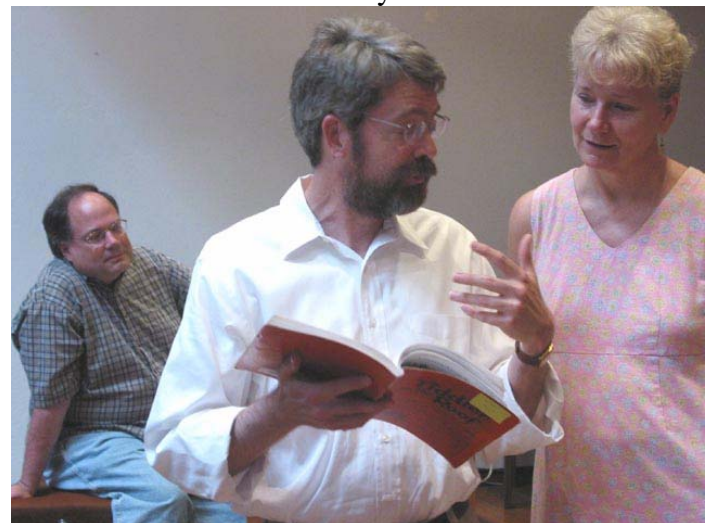
Katie McCormick
838-6143

Rehearsal for *Fiddler*



Byron and Marilyn

John, Byron, and Marilyn



Junior High Youth Group

We had our first outdoor movie of the summer last night. The screen was set up in the center of the volleyball court so the movie could be viewed from either side! The JHYG's snack bar provided frozen lemonade, soda, water, popcorn and candy. Our next feature will be the Whale Watcher showing on Friday, July 29th. The movie starts at 8:30 pm. Bring your chairs and beach blankets. See you there.

The Junior High Youth Group kick off meeting is on Sept. 11 in the youth center. We will start with a game at 6pm, dinner at 6:30 and our topic for discussion from 7-8.

Katie McCormick

Hugs from SHYGS

We had an awesome welcome home dinner for the group that went on the Mission Trip. Many people were involved, so if we miss anyone here we apologize. Thank you so much to:

Planner and Organizer Extraordinaire: Amy Griffith

Cooks: Amy Griffith, Mary Leal, Mary and Dennis Moran, Jackie Whitlock, Debbie Bishop, Suzanne Mayo, Liz Criner.

Helpers on Sunday night: Susanne and Arnold Moore, Liz and Ed Criner, Mary and Dennis Moran, Robb and Gayle Moore, Jackie Whitlock and Jennifer Natwick, Anna Spanjaart, Ken McCormick, Evelyn Wing, Suzanne Mayo, and Kim Petruzzelli

Thank you to Bailey Bishop, Kristen Petruzzelli, and Guido Spanjaart, our youth groupers who helped out.

Table Decorations (they were wonderful!): Suzanne Moore

And to all the folks who do what ECA does best and jumped in to clean up and help where needed, THANK YOU! It was a wonderful way to end our trip.

Robin Root

August Calendar for SHYGS

July 13, 20, 27, and August 10, 17, 24, 31: Volleyball Nights. Bring snack and drinks to share.

August 3-5 (Wednesday to Friday): Beach Trip to Manresa State Park, depart at 1:00 pm.

August 20: Volleyball – challenge parents

August 28: Plant Garden and Play Volleyball

God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;

It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil

Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?

Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;

And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;

And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil

Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;

And though the last lights off the black West went

Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, spring –

Because the Holy Ghost over the bent

World broods with warm breast and with ah! Bright wings.

Gerard Manley Hopkins

August 2005 Calendar

Tuesday, August 2 7:30 pm
 Wednesday, August 3 12:30 pm
 Friday, August 5 7:30 pm

Sunday, August 7 9:00 am
 Monday –Friday,
 August 8-12

Wednesday, August 10 12:30 pm

Sunday, August 14 9:00 am
 12:00 pm
 Monday, August 15 6:00 pm
 Tuesday, August 16 6:00 pm
 Wednesday, August 17 12:30 pm
 11:00 am
 5:00 pm
 Thursday, August 18 5:00 pm
 7:30 pm
 Friday, August 19 7:30 pm
 Saturday, August 20 1:30 pm
 7:30 pm

Sunday, August 21 9:00 am
 Wednesday, August 24 12:30 pm

Sunday, August 28 9:00 am
 Wednesday, August 31 12:30 pm

JV Board Meeting
 Mah Jong
 Bridge Group

UCC Worship
 Vacation Bible School

Mah Jong

UCC Worship
Fiddler Rehearsal
Fiddler Rehearsal
Fiddler Rehearsal
 Mah Jong
 JV Staff Meeting
Fiddler Rehearsal
Fiddler Rehearsal
 JV Book Group
Fiddler on the Roof
Fiddler on the Roof
Fiddler on the Roof

UCC Worship
 Mah Jong

UCC Worship
 Mah Jong

August Birthdays

Jim Wright August 2
 Jason Smith August 5
 Betty Benson August 6
 Kimberlie Garg August 9
 Regina Hearn August 10
 Helenn Emerson August 12
 Mary Kingsley August 14
 Kristin Nieders August 16
 Amanda Phillips August 18
 Michael Buzzell August 19
 Carolyn Crowley August 20
 Esther Phillips August 21
 Pam Fischer August 22
 Debbie Bemis August 24
 Janey Sanders August 25
 Seven Fischer August 29

August Anniversaries

Bob and Leilani Farnquist August 9
 Joseph and Carolyn Dingman August 13
 Dick and Joanne Specht August 13
 Paul and Pily Smith-Telfer August 19
 Dave and Carol Pullen August 22
 Bill and Dot Allfrey August 27

JV Book Group

JV Book Club will meet on August 18, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the book by Neely Tucker, a Foreign Correspondent from America working in Zimbabwe in the late 90's. He and his wife try to adopt an abandoned baby girl, and it is a family memoir, and a powerful story.

The Book is *Love In The Driest Season* by Neely Tucker.

We will meet at Robyn Dorsey's house on August 18, at 7:30 p.m. Please respond to Robyn at 3239230.

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