

# AVUCC KALOS

Newsletter for the  
Almaden Valley  
United Church of Christ

## ***Pastor Kevin's Corner: Wings like Eagles***

The Hebrew Bible—our Old Testament—offers us a look back into the lives and times of the early monotheists, our sisters and brothers of the Jewish faith. But in the books of the Torah, or the Law, the Psalms, and the Prophets there are stories about us—stories that still reflect our lives today and lessons for us to take to heart.

One of my most beloved books of the Prophets is the book of Isaiah. Now, of course, the book was probably written by at least three prophets. The first book, known as what else but “First Isaiah” (biblical scholars are not known for the flowery creativity), has been said to have been written by a prophet with the name “Isaiah” who lived in eighth century Judea. He (or she) was not as yet living in exile. Second Isaiah (chapters 40-55) is believed to have been written by an unknown prophet who lived in exile in Babylon during the sixth century (remember the beautiful Psalm 137: *By the rivers of Babylon—there we sat down and there we wept when we remember Zion—I just love the music that has been put to those words!*). Second Isaiah is a story of longing and lament and living as strangers in a strange time and land. Third Isaiah (chapters 56-66) seems to have been written after the return from exile by one or more prophets. In Third Isaiah, work has already begun to rebuild the Temple and the people are looking forward to a time of refreshment and renewal.

As we begin this new ministry together it does feel like a time of refreshment and renewal following a time that seemed for some of us to be like a time of exile. Pastor Paul lovingly and effectively led AVUCC through what must have seemed like a strange time for some. Experiencing the loss of a settled minister and waiting through the long search for the new settled minister can be a time mixed with many emotions. And I must admit that the time I spent in study cloistered within the ivy clad walls of Harvard seemed like a strange time and place to me! In my emotional state—especially the last couple of years—I was longing to be refreshed and renewed and settled in a place I could call “home.” We can all look to the pastoral comfort of Second Isaiah for those times we feel like we are living in strange moments and exiled from where we want to be (emotionally or spiritually)—*those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings, like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint* (Isaiah 40:31).

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## Pastor Kevin's Corner, continued

I pray that we all can approach our life at AVUCC with renewed and refreshed hopes and feelings. I pray that through time we can also find ways to keep renewing our lives together through worship, play, prayer, and study. I pray that in our approach to the work of building and strengthening our beloved community (you know—committee meetings!) we will continuously call upon God to enable us to mount up with wings like eagles! Amen.

*Kevin M. Smith*

## Moderator's Notes

Let us all welcome our new pastor, Kevin Smith. He is settling into the office and is already very involved in the life of our church. He will be in the pulpit beginning October 2. I am looking forward to this new chapter in AVUCC's history.

Speaking of history, many thanks go to Audrey Wiedrick, Diane Hawes, Charlotte Duerksen and all the wonderful people who put together our 40th Anniversary Celebration. It was an incredible success -- bringing together families from our past and our present for a weekend of food fun and fellowship.

AVUCC's next congregational meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 13. The Budget Committee has done an incredible job preparing a draft budget to present to church members for approval. The Council will be putting together an agenda for that meeting soon. The Nominating Committee will soon develop a slate of prospective Council members to present to the membership.

Several members of the Council will meet with members of ECA's vestry soon to discuss the Council's decision to not renew Tabard Theatre's contract. The purpose of this meeting is to clarify each church's position on this decision, to discuss the possibility of compromise and to strengthen our joint venture relationship by keeping open lines of communication.

In other AVUCC business, the Pastoral Housing Fund has grown to a size that allows us to consider how we are going to use it. It is time to form a committee to develop strategies to best use this money which you have generously contributed. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact me.

## Moderator's Notes, continued

Other committees, including Stewardship, Membership, Caring and Christian Education, also need new members. Please consider how you might be able to serve the church and contact me. I will put you in touch with the committees.

Thank you for your continued support of my service as your moderator. I can be reached at 323-8283 or [mjclick@comcast.net](mailto:mjclick@comcast.net). Feel free to contact me with questions, concerns and willingness to volunteer.

*Melanie Click*  
AVUCC Moderator

## The Pastor Is In!

Pastor Kevin is available to talk with you! Feel free to contact Pastor Kevin if you need a listening ear, if you want to discuss the work of the congregation, or if you would like to join AVUCC! Office schedules can vary for ministers as they attend meetings, attend the church business, write and prepare for Sunday worship at their home office, visit members of the congregation, and more, so it's always wise to call or e-mail to make an appointment before coming in. You can contact Kevin at:

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Pastor Kevin's day off is Monday, and his worship preparation times are Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

*Pastor Kevin*

## Church Council Notes

Here is a summary of the minutes from the AVUCC Council Meeting held on September 13, 2005. Kevin Smith, our newly called pastor, attended the meeting as a guest.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jay Caturay, AVUCC treasurer, reported on income and expenses for the year, which are proceeding as per the budget for 2005. Jay also presented a report on the church's fund balances, and the Council decided to review the purpose and status of the numerous

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## Council Notes, continued

long- and short-term funds. It was also decided to form a committee to review possible uses for the pastoral housing fund.

**Budget Committee:** Al Nieders reported that the Budget Committee met to prepare a preliminary budget for 2006 and to review AVUCC's financial position. Additional information is needed from the Joint Venture board about the bond payoffs before the budget can be finalized. The final budget will be completed before the annual church meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:** The Council is still considering proposed revisions to the Joint Venture Bylaws and will hold a meeting in late September to complete the review ahead of the November congregational meeting.

The Nominating Committee is seeking church members who are willing to serve during 2006 on the AVUCC Council, the Joint Venture board, and other church committees.

**New Business:** Plans were made for members of the AVUCC Council to meet with members of the ECA Vestry to discuss the Tabard Theatre matter.

There will be a formal exit interview with Pastor Paul on 9/26/05 which will also include our Associate Conference minister, Deborah Streeter.

*Carolyn Dingman*

## People in the Pews

**Joys to Celebrate.** Audrey and Orton Wiedrick rejoice in the birth of a new granddaughter, Catherine Josephine, born to Erin and Don Dupree. She weighed 7 lbs. 13oz. Catherine joins big sister Laura.

David and Feixue Hutchins, living in Delaware, proudly announce the birth of Melissa Mei, who weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. Grandma Bessie is delighted with this new family member and will be joining all of them in Delaware to hold and cuddle the new baby.

Congratulations to Todd and Erin Dando on the birth of Odessa Mae, born August 14th. She weighed in at 8 lbs. and was 20 ¾" long. Know that Bob and Pat Dando are pleased to add another beautiful granddaughter to their family. Erin is the daughter of Rich and Judy Dissly, and this is their first grandchild.

## People in the Pews, continued

Geoff and Dolores Van Loucks, long-time members, have moved to Carmel from their home in Kauai. Their new address is 154 Del Mesa Carmel, Carmel, CA 93923. Their phone is (831) 625-1109, and their email address is vangeoff1@hotmail.com. We hope to see both of them in church from time to time and wish them much happiness in their new surroundings.

**Folks Traveling.** Dave and Rae Harris, along with Dave and Carolyn Crowley, are spending time in Turkey and several other nearby places on their cruise. We are looking forward to hearing about their adventures when they return home!

Rae is still facing some treatments for her recently diagnosed illness, and we hope and pray that she will get through with flying colors. She is one determined lady, and we know she will keep a positive attitude toward it all. Our thoughts and prayers will be with her in the days ahead.

**Reflecting on Our 40th Anniversary.** What a happy event – just to see all those familiar faces return to celebrate the birthday of our congregation was so much fun. Again, our thanks to Audrey Wiedrick, Charlotte Duerksen and Diane Hawes for their many, many hours of putting together old photos, trying to recognize who is who, and then sorting out all the dates of confirmations, baptisms, weddings, etc. Looking through all those old photos brought back so many great memories of times shared as a congregation, parties, Easters, Palm Sundays, Confirmations, plays, special musical presentations and on and on.

As we move into the future, may those who are fairly new at AVUCC find great joy in being a part of making good memories for themselves and for their children. We hope they will feel that AVUCC is an important part of their family, a place where their children are acknowledged and cared for, a place where they feel called to serve in the areas they feel most comfortable.

AVUCC has many talented folks, and we know that many of our newer families have special gifts and talents too, and we hope they will feel they can step forward and volunteer to share their gifts with all of us. They have new ideas and new ways of looking at our church, and we need to listen to them and encourage them.

Because we are a small congregation, everyone is important. We encourage you to be at Sunday worship.

## People in the Pews, continued

If you miss a Sunday, you will be missed. There will be an empty pew. As we move into a new phase of our church life and experience new leadership under Kevin Smith, it will be really important for us to be present and supportive of Kevin. So, make 9:00 am Sunday morning a priority in your lives – and please try to wear your name tags to help Kevin know who is who.

**Folk Music on Sunday the 11th.** We are lucky to have so many talented musicians in our midst, and they share so willingly of their talents one Sunday a month. This past Sunday was a special treat – joining the Folk Choir were two young ladies who grew up in this church, Dana Widman and Kristen Widman Wright. Joining in the music was their mom, Lynn, and Kristen's husband, Chris. The postlude song, "I Believe," was written by Dana and her friend Mike Perez. Sitting in the pew with her dad was the youngest Widman, Andrea.

Leading us in worship on the 11th was Terry Shoup. Terry always seems so at ease in his role as worship leader, and we are blessed by his words. He delivered a very powerful sermon. Thank you, Terry, for sharing your gift of ministry among us.

There were several folks visiting on Sunday, and we welcome them and hope that they will come back again. As members we all need to be aware of new faces in the pews. We all need to make them feel welcome. Introduce yourself and then introduce them to others. It is always much easier to speak to those you already know, but by making these visitors feel welcome you may find you have a new friend and discover you have lots in common. So keep a look out on Sunday for someone new to get acquainted with.

**Saying Good Bye to Pastor Paul.** We were fortunate to have Pastor Paul as our worship leader, listening ear and temporary church secretary. He filled those roles so well and touched many of our lives during his brief time as our interim. Now it is time for him to leave us. We will miss his presence in our lives, but know he has done the job he was called to, and we thank him for that. He prepared us for the days ahead, and we look forward eagerly to a new phase in our church life as we welcome Kevin Smith to minister among us.

*Dot Allfrey*

## Joint Venture Board

- Approved a Joint Venture proposed budget of \$209,000.
- Approved up to \$520 for materials for enhancing and renewing two existing church sign locations.
- Had the Sign Committee paint the wooden sign in front of the church with a white background and dark lettering for the two churches.
- Decided against adding a streetlight from the power pole next to the driveway, deemed unnecessary since a street light exists next to the power pole.
- Had the small Sunday School room painted and the youth center touched up. Rescreened the kitchen door.
- Reviewed bids for repairing and double slurry sealing the parking lot and decided to accept the Coastal Paving bid and schedule repairs for Sept 15 and the seal coating for Sept 20. The cost is \$7,263.
- Had a dead tree removed and another tree trimmed.
- Had the elevator repaired. Noted that a weekly test and log sheet should be kept.
- Awaits bids for recycling facilities and pick-up.

*George Romer*

## 40th Anniversary Celebration

**What is Your Best Memory?** We have a history, if these walls could talk, or if the treelot would speak! Each of us knows some of the stories we could hear. Since this 40th anniversary weekend we all have our own stories – who came, what they talked about and how the party was done. I have a very good feeling about how it all came about, the happening and the results. Somewhere around 160 adults joined together to remember who we were and make us who we are.

For me it was better than I had hoped. Two weeks before the date we had 40 some guests signed on the dotted line. I was hopeful and told Charlotte Duerksen and Ariss Thomas we would plan for 100, and if that many didn't come we wouldn't have too much left over. When we purchased the food, we knew there were 120 coming. By adding to the 120, we were able to have enough food, with food left over. Not so very much, as we served a more extended menu on Sunday. Great! A list of guests will be printed; if you weren't able to join us, you can check the list.

## 40th Anniversary, continued

Early this spring when the luau was being planned to be the last of September as a fundraiser for pastoral housing, the question of what to do about celebrating the church's 40th anniversary was raised. There was a discussion of having the luau and the anniversary the same weekend, if that wasn't a good idea, how about combining it with the progressive dinner? I am so pleased that the decision was made to keep the anniversary separate. Remembering the past is a very different event. Summer weather is great for gathering out of doors, milling about, and greeting everyone. The tree lot is a perfect place for such a gathering.

Do you remember the 15th or 20th anniversary? I think I am correct when I say they were both at a church over on Brannon Lane, St Edwards. I remember doing flowers at one; we added a wooden mouse to the centerpiece to remind us of the church mouse that kept the church staff company. I remember very little of the 25, Ethel Yumen's pictures is about all we have on that anniversary. I do remember the crowd we were all seated in the "new" fellowship hall, very warm, of course no air conditioning, no room to mingle – pre-party was in the old fellowship hall. I remember the Bob Lees being there, but we couldn't really get near enough to greet them.

Was there a 30th? If you remember our having one, we could add any notes and /or pictures.

Back to the 40th party, what was the best part for you? I can't choose. Was it seeing the former members, the music provided by John Leslie, the memories of the former ministers, the singing by the congregation both Saturday evening and Sunday morning, or seeing our past, present and future ministers all together during the Sunday morning service? We did have a memory-making event.

It all came together with the help of many. That is how our church works. My thanks to all who came, who worked and who cleaned up. Do you realize how important clean up is? Many hands do make light work, when every one is tired, light work, is what is best.

What would I change? Talking with Pastor Paul later, I said if God could have added one hour between 5 and 6 PM we all could have talked more with those who came about 5 PM. Next time could that be arranged?

## 40th Anniversary, continued

When it is time for the 45th. I hope to have made lots of notes to hand down to those who will do the planning.

*Audrey Wiedrick*

**How to Say Thank Your?** Where can I start saying thank you, to all the cast of the 40th? The list is very long but everyone likes to see his or her name in print, so here is my list. If I missed your name let me know. I will try to do this chronologically. The digging into the past, finding records and pictures the typing, arranging pictures, sending invitations and checking and rechecking the mailing list goes to Charlotte Duerksen and Diane Hawes. Dot Allfrey and Jan Day had a hand in the typing and the picture records.

Watering the tree lot to keep the dust down, making the ground a more inviting area was Stan Yumen. He has also put in a lot of time getting a watering system for the rose garden. Trimming the roses, removing the weeds was done by Robyn Dorsey and Betty Benson. Have you taken time to smell the roses? They are looking better after a very difficult start this year.

When it comes to feeding the crowds, I add these names Jan Day, Ariss Thomas, Karen Smith, Helen Emerson, Joan Okumura, Phyllis Chai, Carolyn Dingman, Robyn Dorsey, Sue Hamilton, Marian and Claire Henderson, Mary Kingsley, and Kathy Kisabeth, Carol and Dave Pullen.

The setting up on Saturday – I think I know who they were, but when it comes to the taking down, well I was setting down for the taking down! I therefore most likely will miss your name. So for the early birds working Saturday morning, Al Day, Steve Coutinho, Richard and Christian Daley, Al Nieders, Dick Shipe, Dick Specht, Bob Thomas, Dennis Widman, Jim Wright, and Stan Yuman.

The nitty gritty cleaning up on Saturday night, well, I was in and out of the kitchen and I can't say much; however, I did see Tami Nieders up to her elbows in the sink – joining her was Kelly Yamanishi, who else? Clean up crews do not get enough praise, ever! We all say thanks to all those who helped with the taking down and putting away. The putting away is so very important. Too often everyone is so busy getting everything up and out, but then forget that things need to be put back too.

## 40th Anniversary, continued

Dot Allfrey was our MC for Saturday night. First we were entertained with music provided by John Leslie and his cast from *I Do I Do* and *Fiddler on the Roof*. Former ministers comments came later with some congregational singing, accompanied by the folk choir. Thank you Dot, John and John, the *Fiddler* cast, and the folk choir.

Pastor Paul arranged Sunday morning service with great success. Karen Click was worried that church would never be over with that impressive row of clergy. Pastor Paul had it so well planned that we were out on time. Along with giving us assistance looking for things in a church that he didn't know, Pastor Paul had sent letters to all the past pastors and interims. With the responses he received, he put together the Sunday service. Was it just luck that the Bemis-Blake family were on for special music for that Sunday? Debbie was on flute, Josh on saxophone, Alex on trumpet, Kristy signing with Jan, performed *Amazing Grace*. If it was just luck, then we were the fortunate ones. Their family did provide us with very special music. Thank you all for a very special Sunday.

Monday morning Al and Jan Day came in for the final cleaning of the kitchen and fellowship hall. There are always a few last items to put away and some food to be stored. Al cleaned the floor in fellowship hall, mopped most of it on his hands and knees. Jan did the kitchen floor. Wish we had known that the cleaning service was to clean Monday night. Sure saved them some work, both the Day's and the cleaning crew.

My thanks to all and keep notes for the 45th! Thank you for letting me arrange the anniversary. I enjoyed doing the 40th as much as I hope you enjoyed it. Thank you to one and all.

*Audrey Wiedrick*

## AVUCC Moderators

For your interest, here is a list of all the moderators who have served AVUCC:

Stan Yumen - Head of the Sponsoring Committee  
1966 Dale Weishaupt  
1967 Roland Bell (1/67 - 5/67)  
1967 William Whisler (5/67 - 12/67)  
1968 Roland Bell  
1969 Paul Wormeli  
1970 Don Lucas

## Moderators, continued

1971 Geoffrey Van Loucks  
1972 Bruce Hutchins  
1973 Bruce Bush  
1974 Mary Lou Doodokyan  
1975 Dave Harris  
1976 Cal Tewart  
1977 Bill Allfrey  
1978 David Eastis  
1979 Bob Thomas  
1980 Bob Green  
1981 Don Jones  
1982 Don Jones  
1983 Bob Dando  
1984 Bert Hardcastle  
1985 Pat Dando  
1986 Dennis Widman  
1987 Dolores Van Loucks  
1988 Bruce Bush  
1989 Dave Harris  
1990 Meg Self  
1991 Dave Skilling  
1992 Dottie Allfrey  
1993 Dave Pullen  
1994 Bob Elo  
1995 Tom Rose  
1996 Dick Galanis  
1997 Jack Sardegna  
1998 Ross Williams  
1999 Mary Lou Doodokyan  
2000 Sandy Baldwin  
2001 Bruce Bush  
2002 Ross Hemeon  
2003 Marcia Bush  
2004 Dick Specht  
2005 Melanie Click

## AVUCC Website

Our website has a members section solely for AVUCC members and staff. It contains the following:

The KALOS  
The JV, ECA Vestry, AVUCC Council Directory  
AVUCC Policies and Procedures  
Proposed Changes to JV By-Laws  
AVUCC By-Laws  
AVUCC Church Directory

You can access this portion of your website by clicking on the "Members" button located on the lower left of the home page (you may have to scroll down the menu to see it).

## AVUCC Website, continued

Your browser will prompt you for a user name and password. User name is "member." Password is "shalom."

If you have any comments, corrections or alterations for the website, please contact [webmaster@avu.org](mailto:webmaster@avu.org). Thank you all.

*Dennis Elliott*  
AVUCC webmaster

## Thank Yous

THANK YOUs again this year to all the summer lawn mowers! If you hadn't been so nice to cover while I was away, I wouldn't have been able to be away. Thank you Tom Gerber, Al Neiders, Russ Petruzzelli, Dick Shipe, Dennis and Mary Moran, and Mike Reilly (twice). And as always to Pete Mayo, who keeps the gas can perpetually full and silently fixes the mower when it breaks

*Pat McGarvin*

## Upcoming Men's Breakfast Meetings

### OCTOBER MEETING

**Date:** October 1, 2005

**Time:** 8:00 am

**Place:** Fellowship Hall

**Speaker:** John Miles, A.U.D. (Director of Audiology), MS. in Communication Disorders, BA in Arts. Memberships in the American Academy of Audiology, Academy of Dispensing Audiologists, California Academy of Audiology, and board member of the California Academy of Audiologists.

**Subject::** "My Wife Says I'm Not Paying Attention!!!!"—the social and emotional impact of hearing loss on relationships, the anatomy of the ear, hearing aid technology (what to do and not to do), communication strategies.

This should be an informative and interesting presentation on a common disorder that everyone hates to recognize and admit.

## Men's Breakfast, continued

### NOVEMBER MEETING

**Date:** November 4, 2005

**Time:** 8:00 am

**Place:** Fellowship Hall

**Speaker:** Ed Grossmith

**Subject::** "Ed's Life Experience"

Ed was born in the outback of Australia. He then sailed with his family to England during the Great Depression. He attended boarding school in the English Midlands during the WW II years and later studied at the De Havilland Aeronautical College where he worked on the Comet, the World's fastest jet airliner.

After obtaining a degree in Aircraft Production, Ed became a pilot in the RAF from 1950 through 1953, flying the Meteor, the first Allied jet aircraft. Upon leaving the RAF, he emigrated to Toronto Canada, where he worked on the ill-fated Avro Arrow, an advanced fighter aircraft.

On to USA in 1957, joining Boeing in Seattle, where he helped manufacture the first American jet airliner, the Boeing 707.

Ed moved to San Jose Ca. in 1960 to work for IBM as an industrial engineer on the RAMAC, the first computer.

Very interesting life early life story of Ed. Please join us for his talk!!!

*Dick Okumura*

## Almaden Adventures in the Arts

The Almaden Adventures in the Arts Concert Committee is meeting this month to finalize the 2005-2006 concert schedule and will send out a mailing soon. You will receive information about dates, events, and how to get the most money for your dollars by subscribing to the entire season. The Music at Joint Venture Churches Summer Musical will be included as part of the Concert Season, so your subscription will include one ticket to next summer's musical in addition to all the other great musical offerings!

We are very grateful to all those who have made suggestions for performing artists and groups. If anyone else has a suggestion, we will gladly receive them; and if our season is already set for 2005-2006, we will certainly

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## Adventures in the Arts continued

keep those suggestions for future years.

Our Fall “kick-off” concert (Saturday, November 19) will be a fund-raiser, to help rectify our 2004-2005 budget deficit. John Leslie has agreed to perform his “one-man” performance of “Matthias: the 13th Apostle,” accompanied by Roger Hoyt, Terry Shoup, Tom Eschenfelder, and a vocal quartet: Susan Gaydon, Gwen Hacker, John Hawes and Dennis Elliott.

John plays the character of Matthias, a follower of Jesus, who was selected to join the 11 remaining apostles after Judas betrayed Jesus and took his own life (Acts 1:15-26).

The musical selections are “light” contemporary Christian tunes, including “People Need the Lord,” “Honor the Lord,” and “When His Kingdom Comes,” originally recorded by Steve Green.

Matthias tells of how he came to be a follower of Jesus, and that he “was there” as a witness to the Baptism of Jesus, the Sermon on the Mount, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the Crucifixion and Resurrection, Pentecost and Jesus’ Ascension.

John has performed this concert several times in Massachusetts and in Maine, and is pleased to present the West Coast Premiere here at Joint Venture Churches.

John, ever the humble servant, has also agreed to encourage those who may not sign up for the entire season, to be sure to come to the November 19 Matthias concert to help him celebrate his 50th birthday following the performance!!! (If anyone would like to help with decorating the Parish Hall and/or providing refreshments for the performers and attendees, please contact someone on the Almaden Adventures in the Arts Committee.) More information will appear in next month’s newsletter.

*Adventures in the Arts Newsletter*

## Music Notes

**Shalom Choir.** The AVUCC Shalom Choir has resumed rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 pm. More singers are always welcome. Although it is sad to have lost Patty Johnson and Esther Phillips (and flutist husband Ken!) due to their recent moves, we are delighted to have welcomed Dennis Elliott, Judy Martin and Bart & Karen Smith. Please consider joining us – it’s great fun singing with such a dedicated group!

## Music Notes, continued

**JV Handbell Choir.** The JV Handbell Choir will resume rehearsals as soon as we can get a consensus among the players for a good day and time to rehearse. The Handbell Choir, like the Shalom Choir and AVUCC Folk Choir, has also lost Patty Johnson, but Susie Ferguson from ECA has volunteered to play with us. More players and substitutes are needed. Please contact John Leslie or Maryke Williams (or any other Bell Choir member) for more information.

**JV Children’s Choir.** The JV Children’s Choir will resume rehearsals next month, in order to prepare music for the Sunday School Christmas Pageant and the family Christmas Eve service.

**Private Music Lessons – piano or voice.** John Leslie continues to offer private instruction in piano and/or voice, including music-reading skills and some theory. If you are interested in lessons for yourself, or for your child, please contact John with any questions.

***Fiddler on the Roof.*** Thanks to all who participated in this summer’s musical *Fiddler on the Roof*; 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 supremely talented, yet humble star, Byron Henderson, who was wonderful in the role of Tevye. Byron went beyond the call of duty learning such a huge part: helping so much with set design and construction, as well as enlisting the aid of his lovely wife Marian, who helped with creating props, sets and paint detailing. Claire was also a delight in the role of Bielke, along with Susana Machado as Sprintze.

This brings me to another family who took part in the show: sharing the stage with Susana were sister Julia as the lovely Chava, who danced so beautifully in the Chava Sequence, father Joe as the official and assertive Russian constable, and mom Gwen as Fruma Sarah, scaring us all in the nightmare scene.

Also in the cast, and equally as excellent: Marilyn Graham as Golde, Sandy Baldwin as Yente, Betsy Dingman as Hodel, Steve Coutinho as Reb Mordcha, the innkeeper, John Hawes as the Beggar, Kendrick Hough as Mendel the Rabbi’s son, Bart Smith as Lazar Wolf. Others from AVUCC included Kristie Bemis, Chris Coutinho, Carolyn Dingman, Robyn Dorsey, Leilani Farnquist, Judy Martin, Betsy Shoup, Karen Smith and Peggy Wright.

## Music Notes, continued

Fr. Stephen Mills (ECA) played the role of the Rabbi. Other cast members from ECA included: Brad Bond as Fyedke, Doug Dunham as Avram, the Bookseller, Mary Leal as Grandma Tzeitel, Sandie Mueller as the Fiddler, Taylor Wing as Motel the tailor, with Marc Bond, Faith Mills and Danielle & Kristen Petruzzelli as villagers!

Guest performers were Vanessa Briggs as Tzeitel, Andrew Hall as Perchik and Cindy and Lin Eschenfelder joined the cast of delightful, dutiful daughters. Jonathan Murphy made an appearance as Chava's suitor Fyedke for the matinee performance.

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

As usual, we were blessed with the ticket services of Marion Grunge, lighting by Kimberly Axtell, graphics and printing by Todd Axtell, and sound reinforcement by Doug Dunham, and run by Guido Spanjaart

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

L'chaim!  
*John Leslie*

## Fiddler on the Roof



Byron Henderson as Tevye in  
*Fiddler on the Roof*  
Summer 2005

## **Progressive Dinner!**

**Please mark Saturday evening,  
December 17th, 2005  
for AVUCC's Annual  
Christmas Progressive Dinner**

See next month's Kalos for more details. Sign ups will begin in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, November 6th. If you would be willing to host a small dinner group that evening, please contact Janey Sanders, 997-0875.

*Janey Sanders*

## **Beneficio Coffee**

About six weeks ago the S.J. "Mercury" ran an article citing results of a recently released study, saying that coffee contains more healthful antioxidants than any other food or beverage in the U.S. diet.

That having been said, run, don't walk, to place your request for your next bag of BENEFICIO More Than Fair Trade Coffee, still only \$6.25 per 12 oz. bag. Contact Phyllis Chai at 226-7150.

*Phyllis Chai*

## **Entertainment Books for Sale**

They're Here! The 2006 Entertainment books have arrived and are on sale for \$25.00!

Please contact Phyllis Chai or Robin Root if you would like to purchase a book. The profit of \$4.00 from each book will be collected and sent to Habitat for Humanity earmarked for building in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Books will be for sale throughout the Fall, with sales ending the first weekend in December at Alternative Christmas.

*Robin Root*

## **Hugs from SHYGS**

Thank you to Jim Ward and Kim Petruzzelli for driving ten SHYGS to their first ETC field trip on Sept 8th. We appreciated your chauffeuring skills!

Kyle Dando and Ann Mayers were indispensable at our SHYGS family potluck on Sept 2nd! Ann provided the balloons and oversaw the entire cleanup and Kyle was our master of volleyball organization. Thank you both!

Thank you Phyllis Chai for offering to help sell Entertainment Books this year-What a help that is!

Corrin Degnan arranged for SHYGS to have a booth at the Almaden Art and Wine Festival and donated our fee. The Hall family donated their time and their frozen margarita machine so that we could offer frozen lemonade and not have to worry about what we would sell. Mary McPherson headed up the operation and made sure that everyone knew where to go and what time they needed to be there. Bryan Bond and Anna Spaanjart made our signs. Thank you all for your dedication to SHYGS!

*Robin Root*

## **SHYGS Starts a 3rd Year!**

Wow, have we got a fabulous year ahead of us as a senior high group! We've met and had our planning meeting to determine how we wanted to spend our year together. We had 20 of our 24 teens attend and brainstorm some great ideas for study, fun, worship and outreach. They shared both a meal and prayer requests and had a lot of laughs in-between.

On September 2nd we hosted the first annual Parent-Teen Volleyball Challenge and Potluck at church. We had over 65 parents, teens and siblings come together for food and fun. Thanks to all of you for making this a priority and bringing your families. It was great fun to see all ages and abilities out on the volleyball court laughing and playing together.

Not yet happening when this article goes to print is SHYGS involvement with the Almaden Art and Wine Festival. Corrin Degnan arranged for the teens to have a booth in the children's section of the festival on Sunday, September 25th, so we contacted our friendly in-house frozen margarita guru, Don Hall, and arranged to borrow both Don and his machine for the

## SHYGS, continued

day. We offered frozen lemonade and juice boxes for sale. Watch the November newsletter for results of the day, but for now, thank you to all parents and SHYGS who worked a shift and prepared for the event! The group will determine how they want to allocate their profits at one of the October meetings.

Parents: Talk to your teens about attending Happening! in Pacific Grove the weekend of Nov 4-6. We will take them there and bring them back. I'll be asking for applications the first week of October-these were mailed out to you early in September. The Happening! weekend is a time for your teen to fellowship with other teens in a group led by their peers with adult supervision, and to explore their faith. If you've got any questions about this event, please call me. If your teen has questions they can call me or contact Taylor Mills, Alex Bishop or Greg Lukanc who all have attended and/or served on teams.

See the Fall Schedule for our next activities. Terry and I will be attending a 3 day youth worker convention in Sacramento Sept 29-Oct 2. We are excited about spending the time with other workers, sharing ideas, attending seminars, listening to great Christian music, and having shared experiences. We hope to bring back lots of ideas and get renewed and revved up to take on this cool group of teens for 2005-06. If you've got any questions about SHYGS or our activities feel free to contact me. 268-1203 or [robinroot@yahoo.com](mailto:robinroot@yahoo.com).

*Robin Root*

## SHYGS Fall Calendar

SHYGS meets from 6-8:30 at church unless otherwise indicated. Our group had a great planning meeting in September and voted on a number of topics they wanted to discuss. As we build out our schedule I'll be adding topics to these meeting nights and will both send out by email and post at church.

**Sunday, Oct 2** 6-8:30 Meeting-Topic or Event TBD

**Sunday, Oct 16** 6-8:30 Meeting-Topic TBD, Plan Servant Auction

**Friday, Oct 21**-Field Trip-Sin, Death and Halloween (St. Judes, Cupertino)

**Weekend, Nov 4-6** - Happenings in Pacific Grove – Robin and Terry will take you! Applications have been mailed-If you still need one, contact me. We'll be back in time to go to Grace Cathedral.

## SHYGS, continued

**Sunday, Nov 6** - 3:30-9:00 Trip to Grace Cathedral in SF-Modern Service to the Music of U2-Dinner and cable cars

**Friday, Nov 18** -Field Trip-Hunger, what's that? (Trinity Cathedral)

**Sunday, Nov 20** - Shop for Thanksgiving food for our adopted families right after church; Regular meeting 6-8:30 Topic TBD

**Sunday, Nov 27** -Servant Auction during Coffee Hour. Leave church at 5PM for Lazer Quest Mt. View, back by 8:45pm

*Robin Root*

## Junior High Youth Group

We had 17 kids attend our first meeting on Sept. 11, from 6-8pm at the church. We played squash ball travel. The kids had to journey across the fellowship hall without touching the floor while walking on tennis balls. They were aided by one crutch and everyone else was to help the traveler by placing the balls in front of their feet. There were a few who made it following the rules and many who made it across by various other ways! We ate pizza, salad, grapes, and rice krispy treats for dinner and forgot to hand out the otter pops for everyone who made it across the tennis balls!

We discussed the unusual journeys of Moses and Jonah after reading the Bible passages and decided that listening to God and not running from Him was the way to go. God wants us to be successful so He will continue to present us with opportunities to show that we learned to handle each situation the way He wants us to. In other words, we need to listen to God and learn the best way to conduct ourselves. It was also an obvious illustration as far as the tennis balls went that we need to help each other on our journeys.

We then went over our JHYG's schedule for the year and we have some fun activities already planned and some to be announced. The entire schedule is posted on the web site, but here are the September and October schedules.

The meeting schedule is 6-6:30 –game time, 6:30-7:00 – dinner, 7:00-7:50 discussion or activity, 7:50-8:00 short prayer.

## Junior High, continued

**Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>** – meeting at church 6-8

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>** – trip to San Francisco to Orpheum Theatre to see stage adaptation of Holes. Leave church at 1pm, show at 2:30, dinner in SF and home by 8pm

**Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>** – meeting at church 6-8

The following dates we need parents to sign up to bring dinner for the kids. When you sign up to bring dinner we need you to stay and help Jon and me with the rest of the meeting.

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, lunch on Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>, Feb., 26<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup>, March 26<sup>th</sup>, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, & May 28<sup>th</sup>

We have a great group of kids. Thanks everyone for coming and we'll see you on the 25<sup>th</sup>

*Katie McCormick  
Jon Mills*

## J.H. Meeting Place

Junior High Sunday School classroom/chair closet!!!

Our Junior High will continue to meet in the chair closet. When there are events that use the chairs, clean up crews need to put the chairs behind the bulletin boards instead of in the closet in preparation for Sunday School. Our kids need a "home" when they come for class!

Thank you for your cooperation.

*Katie McCormick*

## Sunday School

The first day of Sunday School was Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. Our teachers this fall are:

3 & 4 year-olds

1. Trish Reilly
2. Ryan McPherson and Taylor Mills
3. ?

Kindergarten

1. Kerry Sisler
2. Leslie Rouseau
3. Kelly Yamanishi

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

## Sunday School, continued

1. Sharon Hall
2. Tammi Nieders
3. ?

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade

1. Bonnie McPherson
2. Sandy Baldwin
3. Kathleen Quint

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade

1. Sandy Mueller
2. Byron Henderson

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

1. Sharon Mills
2. Ron Howie
3. Sam Sarmecanic

As you can see we still need two more teachers. If you are willing to contribute to this ministry please contact Katie McCormick.

*Katie McCormick*

## Sunday School Schedule, 2005-6

Sept. 18, Sept. 25, Oct. 2, Oct. 9, Oct. 16, Oct. 23, Oct. 30, Nov. 6, Nov. 13, Nov. 20, Dec. 4, Dec. 18, Jan. 8, Jan. 15, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, Feb. 12, Feb. 19, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2, April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14, May 21

### No Sunday School:

**Nov. 27** – Advent wreath making in Fellowship Hall

**Dec. 11** - Instant Christmas

**Dec. 25** - Christmas

**Jan. 1** – New Year

**Jan. 29** ( no Sunday school for Junior High/ski trip)

**Feb. 26** - pass around the alleluia banner to classrooms

**Feb 28** - Shrove Tuesday – pancake dinner

**March 1** - Ash Wednesday

**March 5** - Coming of Age Ceremony – bury the alleluia banner away from the grove

**April 9** - Palm Sunday - Stations of the

**April 16** - dig up the alleluia banner and have Easter Egg Hunt

**May 1** (no Sunday School for Junior High/new beginnings)

*Katie McCormick*

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## October 2005 Calendar

<b>Sunday, Oct 2</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>AVUCC Worship</b>
	10:10 am	Sunday School
Monday, Oct 3	7:00 pm	Duplicate Bridge
Wednesday, Oct 5	7:30 pm	AVUCC Choir
<b>Sunday, Oct 9</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>AVUCC Worship</b>
	10:10 am	Sunday School
Tuesday, Oct 11	7:00 pm	AVUCC Council
Wednesday, Oct 12	7:30 pm	AVUCC Choir
<b>Sunday, Oct 16</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>AVUCC Worship</b>
	10:10 am	Sunday School
Wednesday, Oct 19	7:30 pm	AVUCC Choir
Thursday, Oct 20	7:30 pm	JV Book Group
<b>Sunday, Oct 23</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>AVUCC Worship</b>
	10:10 am	Sunday School
Wednesday, Oct 26	7:30 pm	AVUCC Choir
<b>Sunday, Oct 30</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>AVUCC Worship</b>
	10:10 am	Sunday School

## October Birthdays

Carol Pullen	Oct 01
Phyllis Chai	Oct 03
Bill Duerksen	Oct 11
Ed Lind	Oct 12
David Gaydon	Oct 18
Chris Coutinho	Oct 22
Steve Coutinho	Oct 25
Shirley Lucas	Oct 26
Jennifer Quint	Oct 27
Courteney Hearn	Oct 27

## October Anniversaries

Richard and Londa Daley	Oct 20
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## JV Book Club

JV Book Club will meet on October 20, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Robyn Dorsey, 1452 Kew Gardens Ct..

Our selection is *Love in the Driest Season* by Neely Tucker. It is a family memoir, non-fiction account of the experience in Zimbabwe of a Foreign Correspondent and his wife. Great story.

Please respond if you are coming. 323-9230.

*Robyn Dorsey*

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### ***KALOS Deadline for the November Issue***

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