

AVUCC KALOS

Newsletter for the
Almaden Valley
United Church of Christ

Pastor Kevin's Corner:

Growing A Beloved Community

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

-- *Colossians 3:12-17*

Christianity is a faith meant to be practiced in community. Yes, we each have our own individual faiths and theologies, but if we are going to practice the love that Jesus Christ taught us, being in a community is essential. Jesus of Nazareth did not climb a mountain just to be with and preach to the wind (although I wouldn't be surprised if he did so at times). His sermon on the mount (or the plain) was in the midst of people, some who were followers, other curious on-lookers, and many hungry for the love and deliverance that can only be brought through engaging in community. Almaden Valley UCC is one such community which also consists of a group of seekers, *souls walking together* (as Walt Whitman might say) deepening their faith, caring for

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one another, challenging each other, and growing in the Spirit. We would all do well to follow the advice given to the good church people in Colossae to “clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything in perfect harmony.”

If we can define “perfect” as “wholeness,” rather than some impossible, unattainable state of being then we can see that bringing all of our hopes and dreams, worries and wants to our community is indeed bringing our “perfect” selves to our church community. The harmony does not come in always maintaining perfect agreement, but in working hard to blend our various differences through Christian love and forbearance.

Tom Owen-Towle, in his wonderful book *Growing A Beloved Community*, describes for us what it means to build a church that is truly beloved. He says that “in pursuit of the Beloved Community, the past is cherished, the present is celebrated, and the future is charted.”¹ It is good to look back and see where we have been, what brought us to this point, and pass on traditions that have made for a rich, meaningful life together in our faith community. It is also a mark of “mature parishes” to celebrate the present, to be awake to what is happening now and engage together in capturing the energy of this present time in our lives.² And, healthy congregations, Owen-Towle says, “look ahead, charting the future. The responsibility of a shared ministry is to produce a communal vision that includes yet transcends the disparate viewpoints of members.” He describes a Unitarian congregation in England that states, “A vision without a task is but a dream. A task without a vision is drudgery. A vision with a task is the hope of the world.”³ Our AVUCC vision statement, which has in the last few weeks been printed in your bulletin, ends with the statement “we are a group of people who search for meaning.” That is a statement of who we are, what we strive for, and a vision for being together in beloved community. Where we find meaning will mean different things to different people within our church. Our goal

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should be to find a way of unity within our diversity.

It is important to recognize that even in community people find meaning in different ways on varied paths. The perfect harmony that we search for includes the opportunity to do the really hard work of staying together as a community even when individuals within that community seek different paths to find meaning. A healthy mature community understands that creating vitality allows for differences of opinion without being threatened by change. Owen-Towle reminds us of what St. Augustine said, “Hope has two beautiful daughters. Their names are anger and courage: anger at the way things are and courage to see that they don't remain the way they are.” Owen-Towle concludes that “our churches are called to become places where such a dynamic conception of hope thrives.”⁴ *A church can grow and change without fracturing.* It is not easy work; it takes courage, loyalty, and most of all, love. We can hold in trust the traditions of our church that are valuable while pursuing vitality and openness through changes that will inevitably occur in any human undertaking seeking to witness to reign of God that Jesus preached about on those mountains. We can choose to grow spiritually and choose to walk together on individual paths while practicing community. God gave us choice and hope that we can practice every day in our beloved community. Amen.

1—Owen-Towle, Tom. *Growing a Beloved Community*. (Boston: Skinner House Books, 2004), 51.

2—Ibid., 53.

4—Ibid., 54.

5—Ibid., 55.

Moderator's Notes

Council got the year off to a good start at our retreat on January 6. Pastor Kevin's Corner this month is based on the same readings that served as our devotional that day and laid the spiritual foundation for our conversations. We found the AVUCC vision from the front page of our website to be a beautiful expression of who we are and something that all could feel good about. A reminder of our history as the sole surviving UCC church from the "batch" started in this area 40 year ago gave us a sense of strength and hope for our future.

Rather than coming up with a list of over-arching goals as we did last year, I think we walked away with both some very specific actions to get started on, and a start on understanding our congregation's strengths and weaknesses as they relate to possible opportunities we may tackle, or threats we may face. We also explored the use of a "force field analysis" as a tool to help determine specific actions we could take to help us get "un-stuck" in difficult areas.

We find ourselves in an interesting time. If we look over the past five years, we moved from Pastor Julianne's departure, through our interim Pastor Paul, to getting settled in with Pastor Kevin. We've seen the bittersweet departures of much loved members and friends who've moved away to retire or follow new opportunities. Many of these members had been particularly active, and we've had newer members stepping up to fill their shoes. As Dot notes in People in the Pews this month, we had 19 new members join us in '06 alone. Our children's time had gone from usually being just a few to a consistent group of more than a dozen—often many more. We have successfully dealt with a great deal of change!

Yet what binds us together hasn't changed much. It remains our vision that we are a "friendly and caring church." And our fervent desire for meaningful Christian worship and fellowship as we seek to uncover and live Christ's mission for us through the

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leading of the Holy Spirit, this paraphrased from our vision statement.

I encourage any and all who are interested in our retreat discussions and results to speak to any council member. We'd be happy to share!

One specific item we will be working on in the short term is to revisit our communication strategy. We want to make sure we are making the best use of the right communication vehicle for the many different types of messages we need to share. While the Kalos is a vital part of our strategy, it is not the timeliest way to get the word out on events in our increasingly fast paced community. Maybe we ought to look into electronic options. If you have thoughts on this or would like to participate, let us know.

Another item in the works is an annual report. We're not creating a big formal document to be mailed to the entire congregation, but a concise summary, with appropriate references where appropriate, that can help us keep our "institutional memory" from fading on important issues. While the report will not be mailed out to your homes, it will be available to any and all who wish to view it.

In closing I just want to share with all of you my delight in the group that is your council this year. I admit to being nervous about how things would play out with the change over. I knew what a terrific team the '06 group was, and was so sad to see colleagues that I held in such high esteem ending their terms. With the last minute twists our slate took, I wondered if it would be difficult to bond as a new team and move forward smoothly. Any fears I had appear to have been completely unwarranted. Our meetings have been few so far, but I see and feel a great deal of mutual respect, shared vision, and cooperative spirit. We have a great balance of skills, perspectives, and experience. I think we may even be able to have some fun! We are well and truly blessed!

Church Council Notes

A summary of the council meeting held January 9, 2007 will be made available on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall. Please request a copy if you would like one to take home.

Kelly Yamanishi

From Our ECA Friends

Rev. Stephen Mills, of our JV family, responds to *Mercury News* Op-Ed piece on the Episcopal Church in the United States.

Dear Editor,

I remember being in Jerusalem with a group of clergy and hearing a Palestinian lawyer telling us the biggest obstacle to peace in the Middle East was the extremists on both sides. The next night a Jewish rabbi came in and told us the exact same thing. The same is true of the Episcopal Church. The biggest obstacle to resolving the current conflicts are the extremists on both sides. So, why does the *Mercury News* give a third of a page to the extremists who want to leave and are leaving the Episcopal Church?

I find it ironic that the extremists begin by objecting to the characterizations their opponents have given them and then proceed to tar us, the vast majority of centrist Episcopalians, with the broad brush of the extremists on the other side. I resent the way I am characterized in this article as unbelieving, apostate, choosing culture over the Bible, and abandoning the great truths of the Bible. I do not believe that I am any of those things. I do understand that the extremists have a great yearning to return to simpler times when everything was clear, right and wrong, good and bad, black and white. Unfortunately, those times never existed in reality and only exist in the TV shows of the 50's where the good guy wore the white hat and the bad guy wore the black hat and the good was good through and through and the bad was bad through and through.

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Perhaps it is presumptuous of me to try to speak for the great centrist majority of Episcopalians, but I would like to tell you what I and what, I believe, the great majority of Episcopalians believe. We believe in the great tenets of the Christian faith, but we do not presume to understand them fully. How can you explain the incarnation or the crucifixion and resurrection as other than as unspeakable acts of love far beyond human comprehension or understanding?

We believe that there is a God, who is not primarily a righteous judge, but a loving parent. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God; is the story of God's interaction with humanity; and ultimately points the way to that God. We believe that the Bible is not primarily a rule book to be followed but a love story to be lived. We believe it is God and not the Bible that is to be worshipped. We understand that the extremists want to interpret the Bible literally, or at least parts of it literally, the parts that they choose. We remember Jesus saying "If your right hand causes you to sin cut it off, and if your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out." And so we never trust two handed two eyed literalists. We do not believe that the Bible can be read literally in its entirety but must be understood and interpreted. Because life changes and because the Bible is a living document so too our understanding of the Bible will change. We can no longer use the Bible to justify slavery or prohibition as previous generations have done. In understanding and interpreting the Bible we can and must use insights from other disciplines like psychology, sociology, astronomy, and biology in our interpretation and understanding. We do not believe that just because the disciples Jesus chose were male that He intended that for all times and in all places all clergy should and must be male. We are proud to have a woman serving as our Presiding Bishop.

We understand that the Anglican approach to faith has never been *sola scriptura* as the extremists assert but has always been the a melding and blending of scripture, reason and tradition with reason not

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being pure logic but insights from other disciplines as well as the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We are concerned with sin but not overly worried about it. We find it incredibly presumptuous of people and groups to tell God who God can let into heaven and who should be excluded. We understand that only one group of people ever gets into heaven and that group is sinners. When it comes to sin, we are much more concerned with the hungry in San Jose or the starving in Africa than we are with who might be sleeping with whom. We do not presume to fully understand why some of us are homosexual and some heterosexual, but we believe that all God's children should be treated with dignity and respect and that none should be discriminated against. We believe in a church which is big enough to encompass even the extremists on both sides and we value their voices.

We understand why newspapers quote extremists almost exclusively, but we believe when they do so they do not paint a true picture of whom and what we are.

Yours in Christ,
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People In The Pews

Christmas at AVUCC

It all started with our Alternative Christmas and the opportunity for all of us to give to others. We shared from our hearts and checkbooks monies for Habitat, Heifer, our Youth Groups, African Ministries, and gifts for families of men who are in prison. Thanks to all who gave generously and to those who were willing to chair the different projects.

Another annual event that is always fun is our Progressive Dinner. Fellowship Hall was beautifully decorated. Thanks to Janey Sanders and her helpers for all their efforts which made this event a special occasion for all of us who attended. Grateful thanks to all our hostesses for making their homes such warm and special places to gather round the table and enjoy our wonderful meal. Back at church for dessert and caroling with the help of our great Folk Choir under John Hawes leadership. It was a lovely way to spend an evening.

Our Instant Christmas Pageant was very special. The baby was a beautiful girl child and she slept through the whole service. Our lambs were very active and found it great fun to tease the donkey by pulling on his tail. We had a marvelous camel for our Kings and all the children taking part did a wonderful job of telling the story of Jesus' birth. Thank you Moms and teachers for providing costumes and helping to put it all together.

Christmas Eve services were all well attended. We attended the 7:30 p.m. Candlelight service, we were so proud of our choir (20 voices) and all the readers who told the Christmas story. Pastor Kevin shared a very meaningful Homily with us. Singing "Silent Night" to just the light of candles, is always a very special moment. Thanks to all who made this evening so meaningful for all of us.

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Our church was so beautifully decorated for the season and we know there were many “Elves” who worked so hard to bring it all together – thank you once again.

New Year’s Resolutions

Wouldn’t it be wonderful if all of us would make worshipping together at AVUCC on Sunday morning at the top of our resolution list for 2007?

We always have room, you don’t need to make a reservation ahead of time, you will be warmly greeted, and following worship you can join our coffee hour and catch up with old and new friends. Our Worship time is always special. Thanks to John Leslie and our choir members and our Folk Group, led by John Hawes, for making music such an important part of our morning worship. Thanks to Pastor Kevin for leading us in worship and prayer, helping us to understand the scriptures and offering prayers for those who are in need of our love and concern.

We look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the coming year. Know you will be glad you did. A great way to get started for the week ahead.

Former Members

We have recently heard that Barbara Brown passed away Nov. 30th in Wisconsin. Barbara and her husband DeWitt had been active in our church many years ago. Following DeWitt’s death, Barbara moved to be nearer her daughter and family. She had been ill for sometime.

Our deepest sympathy to Jan Day and her family in the recent death of her mother Virginia. A Memorial Service was held right after Christmas in South Dakota.

Congratulations

David Chai (son of Phyllis and Hi Dong), has been nominated for the “Annie” award. This is a very

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prestigious animation award which will take place in Hollywood in February—a black tie affair. We hope David will be chosen as the winner for this award. David continues to teach at SJSU.

New Council Members

We are very blessed to have two members of our church step forward and agree to fill the two vacancies we had for the year 2007. Thank you to: Melanie Click who has agreed to be our Vice Moderator and to Audrey Wiedrick who will be one of our Members-at-Large. These two ladies have both served on Council before and we are grateful for their willingness to serve again.

We are still in need of an Asst. Treasurer. Jay Caturay, our current Treasurer, has done a great job of keeping us on track financially but he would like to train someone to take over this role when his tenure is over. So, please step up and volunteer if you feel this is something that you can do to contribute to the work of our church here in the Almaden Valley. *[A note from the editor: Jay has announced he is moving to Las Vegas in the (possibly very) near future. We’re going to miss him! Of course, that also means we need a new treasurer as well....]*

Council Retreat

The 2007 Council members met on the 6th of January at the Community Center to discuss plans for the future, and we shared our hopes and dreams for the coming year here at AVUCC. Kelly, as our Moderator, did a great job of offering up new ideas and ways for us to communicate with each other, and with our church members. We welcome your input and suggestions of ways in which we can make our church a truly safe and welcoming place to worship and be in community with each other. If you have concerns, we as a Council want to hear from you and we will try to work things out together.

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Our special thanks to Janey Sanders for hosting our lunch at her home. We completed our retreat time at her dining room table later that afternoon.

Epiphany Talent Night of Gifts

We were treated to an evening of wonderful music, laughter and joy. Our Joint Venture Churches have a wealth of talent and we, in the audience, loved every minute of it. John Leslie coordinated, played the piano, encouraged the performers, and was the spark that made the evening possible. We have young people among us who have beautiful voices and great futures ahead of them, including: Megan and Shannon Haley, Betsy Dingman, Anna Pfeffer, and Susana Machado. All were wonderful. Both Laura Click and Susie Ferguson played the piano. Duets were sung by Betty Consorte and Mary Leal, and both performed a solo, as well. Melinda Jennings performed two songs. Sandy Mueller played a violin solo, and also led all of us in an exercise on how to get someone to laugh! Solos were sung by Hi Dong Chai, Cliff Click, and Dennis Elliott. Phyllis Chai shared two inspiring readings. We, the audience, were very enthusiastic and generous with our applause, and grateful to all who shared their special talents with us.

This was our first time to attend this event. We will be present next year and encourage all of you to join us as we celebrate Epiphany, and marvel at all the great talent in our church families.

T.L.C. Concerns

Rae Harris is recovering from a broken hip as a result of a very serious fall in their garage at Santa Cruz. We hope she will have a good recovery and be back in choir and Folk Group very soon.

Janey Sanders, ended her day acting as hostess for our Council Retreat, with an emergency visit to the hospital later that evening. She fell, after missing a step outside on their patio. The dish she was carrying fell and broke into many pieces, one of which punctured her hand and tore a tendon. She under

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went hand surgery and we wish her a good recovery.

Pat McGarvin should be well on the road to recovery following shoulder surgery by the time you receive this newsletter. We hope she has a complete recovery and a release from pain.

Church Administrator

As most of you know, Dennis Elliott is currently serving our Joint Venture Churches as Church Administrator and is doing a really fine job. However, we need to be reminded that on Sunday, Dennis is just a member of AVUCC, as we are. It is not fair to ask Dennis to do something pertaining to his role in the office on his days off. He is available 9-5, M-F, so please call him during the week and he will be very happy to help you in any way he can. (P.S. Dennis did not ask or suggest I put this into the Kalos. In the past some of our office staff have not been members of either of our churches so they were not available on Sundays. Thanks for cooperating. –Dot Allfrey)

Kudos to our Stewardship Committee

Thanks to that group of folks who worked so hard to make our Stewardship Drive such a big success. Having the children bring a piece of fruit to place in the basket each Sunday (the fruit represented the percentage of pledges to date each Sunday) was very symbolic. The basket was full to overflowing on Dedication of Pledges Sunday. We met our Budget goal and even beyond. Our congregation was very generous in their pledges.

Rae Harris — doing fine

Rae Harris really appreciates all the friends who sent cards and prayers for her recovery. She enjoyed reading the cards and thinking about each of the well-wishers who sent them. Rae happily reports that she is doing fine, and plans to be back amongst us soon.

People In The Pews, cont.

We are blessed with a very special congregation and so many who share not only in giving of money but of their gifts of time and talent. We hope to bring in others to be a part of our family and share with all of us in this special community. This past year we have welcomed nineteen new members. Tell your neighbors and friends what AVUCC has meant to you and your family and invite them to come and see for themselves what we are all about.

Just a Thought

“Rekindle past relationships, and take advantage of opportunities at work or among your neighbors to expand your friendship base. People need to feel that they are a part of something bigger, that they care about others and are cared about by others in return.”

Dot Allfrey

Church Directory Update!

Please make note of this updated e-mail address for Phyllis and Hi Dong Chai:

hidong@pacbell.net

Outreach and Caring

Caring Committee

Thanks to Phyllis Green and Diane Hawes for co-chairing the months of December and January. Anyone interested in co-chairing for months of Feb. and March please call Phyllis or Diane.

The Caring Committee is also in need of a Chairperson for year 2007. Anyone interested please call Pastor Kevin or talk to any of the committee members.

Caring Committee

Outreach and Caring, cont.

A Note of Thanks

My Dear Church Family,

There are no words adequate to express my appreciation for all your many acts of love and concern.

I was at peace knowing that my beloved doggie, “Sunny,” was being cared for and loved. I was cheered by all your many cards expressing love and support. My days were shorter because of all the books and magazines that were shared with me, and your visits made them even more special.

The goodies and beautiful flowers cheered me and my CNAs. And my niece, Becky, appreciated being kept up to date on my progress.

So I am forever grateful for all your love and support, and look forward to being back with you son.

*Sincerely,
Alice Bullard*

Habitat Cans

Thanks to your good efforts in gathering, saving and delivering to church you empty aluminum cans, we are continuing to provide some needed cash income to the Silicon Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The sale of cans collected in November of last year and January of this yielded \$227! Aluminum cans are now worth \$2.00/ pound while last fall it was just \$1.40. So keep saving those cans for the next collection weekend which will be March 10 and 11. (Look for the results of my survey of JV's favorite canned beverages and brands in the future.)

Tom the Can Man

Christmas Fund Offering

Thank you for your generous contributions to the annual Christmas Fund Offering, to benefit needy

retired or active clergy, their spouses, and lay workers. The total amount as of 12/31/06 was \$1,651. Bless you!

Alternative Christmas

Thank you for supporting our annual J.V. Alternative Christmas on December 3rd.

It was a fun and "feel good" experience, being able to purchase out-of-the-ordinary gifts for family and friends. A number of people who made the event happen were: Phyllis and Bob Green; Karen, Kevin, and Shannon Haley; Mary Kingsley; Ariss and Bob Thomas, and Stephen Coutinho.

To date, the total contributions received were:

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:	\$	821.00
HEIFER:	\$	1,150.00
INNVISION:	\$	320.00
TURNING WHEELS FOR KIDS	\$	305.00

Beneficio Coffee

In keeping with the company culture of promoting sustainable practices and products, and in response to a majority of customers' requests, Beneficio Coffee Company is in the process of converting to a recycled/recyclable bag. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the downstairs church hallway for more details, or check the company website: www.BeneficioCoffee.com

Don't let yourself run out of "Beneficio" More Than Fair Trade Coffee...especially as Valentine's Day nears; coffee and (Fair Trade) chocolate ... Yum! Please contact Phyllis Chai (226-7150) to place orders.

Phyllis Chai
408-266-7150

Events and Schedules

Men's Breakfast January 6, 2007

A large group of men and women gathered to listen to Jim Yamaichi discuss his experience at "Tule Lake" internment camp. Jim, a very respected and active member of the Japanese American Community, was born in San Jose and had just finished high school when the attack on Pearl Harbor occurred on Dec. 7, 1941. By Presidential executive order, all Japanese Americans were forced to move out from the coastal areas and were sent to emergency quarters in various exhibition grounds, while the government built 10 Internment camps in various parts of the USA. Jim and his family were sent to Tule Lake Camp in California, the largest camp, which held over 18,000 detainees. They were placed in a barracks of 25-30 people in a barbed wire environment guarded by military.

All able men worked doing camp maintenance, carpentry, construction, gathering fire wood, and serving in the huge kitchen. Food was provided in a huge mess hall. Most of the food was farmed by Japanese Americans and the excess sent to other camps in need.

Some young men volunteered for the army joining with Hawaiians forming the "442" the most decorated and respected regiment of World War II. The "442" fought tough battles in France and Italy and sustained many casualties. Jim and many others refused to accept the draft feeling that their civil liberties were denied; though some went to jail others found more fair minded judges that accepted their stance and allowed them to stay in camp.

Fortunately education for the young people continued from kindergarten through High School. Able Japanese Americans in camp contributed to the work force even though they were only paid \$16-\$19 per month. It was important to give them a good education, and many did very well graduating with honors.

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Camp life was difficult and nonproductive in many ways but the worse was still to come. As the war ended in 1945, 120,000 internees were now required to leave camp. With no money, no homes, no farms, no property, and no jobs, many had lost everything. This was the greatest challenge that they all had to face. Very little government aid was available for rehabilitation

Many went back to their previous locations; some stayed in churches or with good friends. Only with determination, courage, and sheer toughness were they able to survive. They worked hard, got jobs, and some recovered their farms and collectively helped each other out. It is amazing when you look back what a miracle it was to accomplish what they did. JACA fought the government and legally won the case as there was no evidence of any espionage, sabotage or criminal action by the Japanese American Community, and the process of incarceration was not justified.

The Issei's, the parents that came from Japan to create a new life, suffered the most. Now it was up to the second generation to work hard, get a good education and prove to all America that we rightly deserve to be Americans.

A delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all thanks to the good efforts of our excellent cooks, Stan Yumen, Jay Caturay, Cliff Click, Jim Ballek, Dick Shipe, and Jim Wright!!!

Dick Okumura

Men's Breakfast, February 10 2007

Fellowship Hall

Valentine Special Breakfast
February 10, Saturday 8:00 AM
Sign up ASAP in the Fellowship Hall
Ladies are invited as our guest!

Dick Okumura

Big Band A Touch of Brass Coming to JV Churches

A Touch of Brass, the noted local 18-piece Big Band, will perform here on Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 as part of the Joint Venture Churches' concert series.

The band incorporates brass, woodwinds, rhythm and two vocalists to cover all styles from Swing, Latin, Blues, Rock and Ballads to Swinging Gospel.

Some of the more prestigious San Francisco Bay Area (and beyond) companies and organizations the band has performed for include Nestle, Del Monte, Hills Bros., Monterey Bay Aquarium, Mark Hopkins Hotel, USS Hornet, San Francisco Chamber Symphony, Santa Clara University, Make a Wish Foundation, March of Dimes, Diabetes Association, The Dolphin Club, and many others.

The band also makes frequent appearances at local music festivals including the San Jose Jazz Festival.

Check out their website at www.atouchofbrass.net.

Advance tickets are \$15 general, \$8 students and \$5 children (\$20, \$10 and \$5 respectively at the door). Child care will be provided. For reservations or more information, please call 408-268-0243.

Todd Axtell

February Birthdays

Hannah Dando	Feb. 02
Patty Bergantz	Feb. 03
Lynn Widman	Feb. 07
Tommy Haley	Feb. 10
Laura Click	Feb. 13
Orlon Wiedrick	Feb. 17
Phyllis Green	Feb. 19
Byron Henderson	Feb. 20
Anthony Sunseri	Feb. 23
Matthew Click	Feb. 24
Shirley Lind	Feb. 24
Cleda Janet West	Mar. 1 (100)

February Anniversaries

Ruth & James Breseke	Feb. 18
Marion & Byron Henderson	Feb. 19

Worship Schedule

Pastor Kevin will be preaching all Sundays in February with the notable exception of February 25th, when we will hear from his wife Rev. Nancy Palmer Jones.

Lay Readers:

Feb. 4	Bob Thomas
Feb. 11	Bob Farnquist
Feb. 18	Sandy Baldwin
Feb. 25	Kevin Smith

Ushers:

Feb. 4	Sue Scaff Dottie Allfrey
Feb. 11	Carolyn Dingman Joe Dingman Bev Bricchetto
Feb. 18	Brian Gaydon David Gaydon
Feb. 25	Chuck Benson Betty Benson

JV Book Club

Helen Emerson...1481 Almaden Valley Drive (off Coleman Road). The chosen book is "Beach House" by Mary Alice Monroe. Please respond to Helen at 9971923, or to Robyn Dorsey, 323-9230. See you at 7:30 on Thursday Feb. 15.

Robyn Dorsey

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM SHYG and JHYG Meeting	1 New Year's Day	2 7:30 PM Christian Ed Committee Meeting	3 2:15 PM Girl Scout Troop #825 7:30 PM AVUCC Shalom Choir Rehearsal	4 10:00 AM ECA Bible Study 7:30 PM ECA Choir Rehearsal	5	6 Epiphany 8:00 AM AVUCC Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM JV Epiphany Talent Night
7 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 6:30 PM SHYG and JHYG Meeting	8 7:00 PM JV Duplicate Bridge	9 7:00 PM AVUCC Council Meeting	10 7:30 PM JV (ECA and AVUCC Shalom) Choir Rehearsal	11 10:00 AM ECA Bible Study 1:30 PM Unicorn Thrift Shop	12	13 6:30 PM Soup, Salad and AAA Concert Jim Warren Organ Recital
14 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 2:00 PM Assistance League of San Jose	15 Kalos Deadline Martin L. King, Jr. Day 12:00 PM Cooking for Montgomery Meals	16 12:00 PM Cooking for Montgomery Meals 4:00 PM Avucc Shelter Food Service	17 9:00 AM Kitchen Fire Suppression Test 2:15 PM Girl Scout Troop #825 7:30 PM AVUCC Shalom Choir Rehearsal	18 10:00 AM ECA Bible Study 11:30 AM Assistance League of San Jose 1:30 PM Unicorn Thrift Shop 4:00 PM Joint SHYG AND JHYG Ski Trip 7:30 PM ECA Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM JV Book Club	19 Joint SHYG AND JHYG Ski Trip	20 Joint SHYG AND JHYG Ski Trip
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28 Youth Sunday 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 7:45 AM AVUCC Breadmaking 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 1:00 PM Girl Scout Troop 701 Air Meeting	29 7:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Planning Meeting	30	31 2:15 PM Girl Scout Troop #825 4:45 PM JV Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM AVUCC Shalom Choir Rehearsal	1 9:30 AM Assistance League of San Jose 10:00 AM ECA Bible Study 7:30 PM ECA Choir Rehearsal	2 Groundhog Day	3 10:00 AM JV Children's Choir

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-Daily Lectionary- February, 2007

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**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.	Feb. 1	Genesis 18:16-33	Matthew 6:25-34	1 Cor. 10:23-11:2
Fri.	Feb. 2	Genesis 19:1-17, 24-29	Matthew 7:1-12	1 Cor. 11:3-16
Sat.	Feb. 3	Genesis 21:1-21	Matthew 7:13-21	1 Cor. 11:17-22
*Sun.	Feb. 4	Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13)	Luke 5:1-11	1 Cor. 15:1-11
Mon.	Feb. 5	Genesis 22:1-18	Matthew 7:23-27	1 Cor. 11:23-26
Tue.	Feb. 6	Genesis 23:1-20	Matthew 7:28-8:4	1 Cor. 11:27-34
Wed.	Feb. 7	Genesis 24:1-27	Matthew 8:5-17	1 Cor. 12:1-11
Thu.	Feb. 8	Genesis 24:28-38, 50-51	Matthew 8:18-27	1 Cor. 12:12-26
Fri.	Feb. 9	Genesis 24:50-67	Matthew 8:28-34	1 Cor. 12:27-31
Sat.	Feb. 10	Genesis 25:19-34	Matthew 9:1-8	1 Cor. 13:1-13
*Sun.	Feb. 11	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Luke 6:17-26	1 Cor. 15:12-20
Mon.	Feb. 12	Genesis 26:1-6, 12-22	Matthew 9:9-17	1 Cor. 14:1-5
Tue.	Feb. 13	Genesis 27:1-29	Matthew 9:18-26	1 Cor. 14:6-12
Wed.	Feb. 14	Genesis 27:30-45	Matthew 9:27-34	1 Cor. 14:13-19
Thu.	Feb. 15	Genesis 27:46-28:4, 10-22	Matthew 9:35-10:4	1 Cor. 14:20-25
Fri.	Feb. 16	Genesis 29:1-20	Matthew 10:5-15	1 Cor. 14:26-32
Sat.	Feb. 17	Genesis 29:20-35	Matthew 10:16-23	1 Cor. 14:33-39
*Sun.	Feb. 18	Exodus 34:29-35	Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)	2 Cor. 3:12-4:2
Mon.	Feb. 19	Judges 6:1-24	John 18:15-18, 25-27	Hebrews 1:1-14
Tues.	Feb. 20	Judges 6:25-40	John 18:28-30	Hebrews 2:1-10
Wed.	Feb. 21	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21	2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10
Thu.	Feb. 22	Judges 7:1-18	John 17:1-8	Hebrews 12:1-8
Fri.	Feb. 23	Judges 7:19-8:12	John 17:9-19	Hebrews 12:9-17
Sat.	Feb. 24	Judges 8:22-35	John 17:20-26	Hebrews 12:25-29
Sun.	Feb. 25	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Luke 4:1-13	Romans 10:8b-13
Mon.	Feb. 26	Judges 9:1-21	Mark 1:1-13	Hebrews 2:11-18
Tue.	Feb. 27	Judges 9:22-25, 50-57	Mark 1:14-28	Hebrews 3:1-11
Wed.	Feb. 28	Judges 11:1-11	Mark 1:29-45	Hebrews 3:12-19

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