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Moderator's Notes

Lessons From Vacation Bible School

Sometimes I hear people say, "All I need to know I learned in kindergarten." I have a new reply, "All I need to know I learned in Vacation Bible School." Last week, I had the privilege of directing VBS. Directing left me with occasional free time to drift around and listen to what the children were learning and discussing. Each day had a theme, called a be-attitude, and all of the stories and activities revolved around the be-attitudes.

On Monday, we learned to Be Obedient. We participated in the action when Gideon was called upon to obey God and achieve victory by the grace of God and his own God-given gifts (Judges 6 and 7). As adults, we often flinch at the thought of being obedient. After all, we are not children who must obey our parents and teachers. But this is not the obedience that the children were learning about (sadly for me as a parent). The children learned about obedience to God, about doing God's will even when it's difficult and it seems the odds are against us. We are, of course, all children of God.

On Tuesday, we learned to Be Kind. We witnessed the story of King David's kindness to Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9). We learned what kindness can mean to another person, that is a gift from our hearts when we put aside the differences between us and act out of love for each other.

On Wednesday, we learned to Be Forgiving. In The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Matthew 18:23-25) we heard a cautionary tale of what lack of forgiveness means, and we learned that forgiveness from the heart is a gift to both the forgiven and the forgiver.

On Thursday, we learned to Be Bold. In the story of a woman asking to be healed (Mark 5:25-34), we learned to be courageous both in our faith and in our lives. We learned that we should stand up for what is right even when others do not, and that it takes tremendous courage to do so.

On Friday, we learned to Believe. In the story of Thomas needing to see the risen Christ in order to believe in him (John 20:24-29), we learned that we are blessed because we believe. We learned that we can reach out with our hearts and our minds to have faith in things that are not seen or not understood.

In summary, if we can all Be Obedient, Be Kind, Be Forgiving, Be Bold, and Believe, we can rebuild this covenant of ours and become a healthy thriving part of the body of Christ.

*Melanie Click
AVUCC Moderator*



People in the Pews

SAYING "GOOD BYE"

Were you there when we said goodbye to John Leslie? It was a time for tears and a time of joy. We were all so blessed for the wonderful five years that John gave us, so many gifts of music and fun! The worship service was filled with beautiful music. We shared communion and later a wonderful brunch with our ECA family.

The gift of music in our churches has been such a strong presence under John's leadership. He grew our choirs, got our bells to ring again, and we pray that all who have been involved with music will continue to be a vital part of our church communities. We can be sure that John's legacy will live on for a long time and know that he would want us to continue to grow and make music for years to come.

From all of us in the audiences who loved "The Sound of Music," we say "thank you" to all of you who worked so hard, spent so many hours with rehearsals, sewing costumes, practicing musical instruments and on and on. We were the recipients of a beautiful gift of song and acting. Thank you for the memories!

Mary Leal wrote:

For the last 5 years John Leslie has served as the musical director for The JV Churches. During that time he has touched all our lives with his smiling face and his prodigious musical talent.

Those of us who have been lucky enough to work with John in the music program have learned much from him. Many of us had never imagined ourselves as performing in public.

John's encouragement and patience have allowed us to be the best that we can be and have allowed us to do things we never dreamed we could.

But John's legacy is about more than music. His joyfulness and deep spiritual demeanor have taught us about what it means to be a Christian in the truest sense of the word.

We will miss him terribly when he has gone. We want to send him forth from here with love and gratitude for all he has done for us. His spirit will be felt in San Jose long after he is at home again in Massachusetts.

FOLKS NEEDING OUR PRAYERS

Rob Hawes, son of John and Diane, had surgery to remove a growth. He is home and recovering well, taking shots, and we pray for a good recovery. Diane flew to Maui to help Rob and his family.

John Hawes recently had surgery to remove a kidney stone. He is also doing well and is grateful that ordeal is over.

The Okumura's oldest grandson, Kyle, suffered a serious seizure while at a swim meet competition. He has been diagnosed with a genetic heart problem and now has a defibrillator to help control the heart beats. It was fortunate that a doctor and several nurses were present at the meet and were able to start his heart again before the medics arrived. We pray for a good recovery and a return to doing all the activities that a young person enjoys.

Karen Haley continues with her cancer treatments and has good days and bad but she continues to be positive. Cards and notes would always be welcome. Just knowing that others care is such good medicine. Keep Karen and the family in your thoughts and prayers.

We are very saddened to hear of the death of Chuck Benson. Chuck had been ill for some time and we missed his presence among us. We pray that Betty

and her family will feel all the prayers being sent their way during this difficult time.

ONE OF OUR CHURCH ANGELS NEEDS HELP

Robyn Dorsey, one of our volunteer angels, recently purchased some new plants for the "Ethel Yumen Memorial Plot" by Camden in the tree lot and had been keeping them watered. She also purchased some new plants for the narthex which require watering care. Robyn has been covering this role for several years and she needs a volunteer (or two or three) to help with this care. Since Robyn has moved to the Los Gatos area it isn't as easy for her to come to church to care for the plants on a regular basis.

Have you been looking for a job that you can volunteer to do? Robyn would really appreciate a call from you, and she can give you more info on how much watering and how often. It would be a great blessing if you can step up and take on this role.

WELCOME BACK

We are always happy to have Patty Bergantz back visiting with all of us. She had to be here to wish John Leslie "Bon Voyage" and of course attend the wonderful show "Sound of Music". She promises to return in January once again.

Carson McAbee, Jim's son is now back in the USA after serving in Iraq for the second time. He is stationed at Pensacola and we are grateful he has returned safely.

A PORTION OF ECA'S SENIOR WARDEN'S SHAPE ARTICLE

Susie Ferguson wrote:

Everyone has a different tolerance for change. Some find it easy to deal with and just "roll with the circumstances." Some avoid facing change by moving away or retreating. Others meet change with resistance and sometimes even with anger. Some find change exhilarating with the hope of something new and exciting before them. Change in our lives as individuals and corporately as a church is inevitable and is happening right now before our very eyes. How will we choose to face and grow with it positively for the glory of God's kingdom?

I long for a hope and a better future for all of us, for those leaving and for those staying. I do know that God's grace and love has seen each of us through changes in the past. I know His grace and love can and will transform each of us into better witnesses of his love and grace if we just allow Him to do so as we move into our future.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

James 1: 19-20 My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.

If you want to live your best life now, you must be quick to forgive. Learn to let go of the hurts and pains of the past. Don't let bitterness take root in your life. It doesn't make any sense to stay angry for what somebody's already done to you. You can't do anything about the past, but you can do something about the future. You might as well forgive and start trusting God to make it up to you.

–Joel Osteen
Dot Allfrey

**Monthly Financial Report
July 31, 2008**

Deficit for the month of July:	\$ - 6,119
Our Year to Date (YTD) Report:	
Income as of July:	\$115,722
Total Expenses for 2008:	<u>109,170</u>
Total Income for this month:	\$ 8,244
Total Expenses for this month:	<u>14,364</u>
Our total excess for the year:	\$ 5,745
Cash Balances as of July 31 st :	
Citibank - Checking	\$ 20,932
Citibank – Money Market	54,321
Corp America CU	64,395
Smith Barney	<u>2,179</u>
Total Cash Balances:	\$ 141,827
Discernment:	
Received as of August 8 th :	\$ 4,630
Disbursements as of July 31 st :	<u>4,090</u>
Total in this Fund:	\$ 540

The month of July, we didn't do as well as the months of May and June. As noted above, our deficit for this month was \$6,119. The good news is that we are in the plus side of our YTD income of \$5,745. If these deficit trends continue, we will be tapping into our options.

We need your continued support in pledges and into our discernment fund. A detail report for July is posted on the Bulletin Board.

*Respectfully submitted,
Stan Yumen*

From the PRC

A Note on Freedom of the Pulpit

This summer has been different than most. We have been presented with many opportunities for reflection, prayer, healing, study, discussion, reading, listening, learning, and possibly even transformation. Rev. Ann Muir has been our gracious guide as we have examined ourselves in relationship to our covenant as a church and with our pastor. The Pastoral Relations Committee has met in the absence of our Pastor and taken a look at our function. We've examined the role of the PRC as it is defined in our by-laws and how that role fits or does not fit with the recommended roles and responsibilities our conference offers as best practices. In some areas we are closely aligned. There are some areas we discovered roles often performed by PRC groups that we have not specifically taken on.

This is what we imagine may be the first of a series of articles directed at fulfilling our function in two ways. One is to keep the congregation informed of our existence and our role. The other is to build on the foundation this summer has provided to increase our understanding of the mutual ministry of congregation and pastor that is AVUCC.

A brief discussion of Freedom of the Pulpit seems a good place to start. A fairly simple concept with a history as long as Protestantism at least, freedom of the pulpit has been a source of friction as long as it has been around. An initial search I did on the term yielded a reference to a historic Time magazine article from the prohibition years. A prominent pastor at the time was resigning his post claiming he could not exercise his freedom of the pulpit when two thirds of his vestry were bootleggers.

So let's begin with a very basic definition. Freedom of the pulpit means that the pastor enjoys complete freedom to say whatever the pastor determines is appropriate from the pulpit. There are no caveats or exceptions. Neither members nor leadership of the congregation, nor officials nor leadership from the association, conference or national organizations have the authority to instruct the pastor on what to or what not to preach. Full stop.

I think it bears repeating that freedom of the pulpit means that our pastor cannot be instructed on what subject to preach by any organization or body. All that can be put forth is a request. I recall an example that was mentioned with regard to ONA that ONA churches are required to celebrate an "ONA Sunday" once a year. It is the tradition of freedom of the pulpit that means this can never be the case. The most any organization can do is to request of the pastor that he or she speak to a topic. Beyond that there is no control that can be exerted.

Freedom of the pulpit is an awesome freedom. It gives the pastor a lot of power. What is said from the pulpit can have tremendous impact in the community of the church and in the community at large, as we've seen with a number of pastors in the news of late including our denomination's own Rev. Jeremiah Wright. We must remember that freedom of the pulpit is not handed out willy nilly. It is reserved for the pastor of the church. It is earned through many years of intensive intellectual and theological study, through vigorous and multidisciplinary examination, through supervised practice, and only after being called to covenant with a church and being installed in the office of pastor by that church community.

Now the tradition of freedom of the pulpit has only ever existed in balance with the tradition of Freedom of the Pew. The laity of the church are not bound by any instruction from the pulpit. We are not required to believe or hold to whatever the pastor says, we are only invited to consider. We are free to voice our opinions to one another and directly to the pastor. We are free to take what we like and leave the rest.

So what is to be done if a congregant has a genuine concern with what is coming from the pulpit? I think there are a few analogies that can help in guiding appropriate action. For the moment, let's think of that particular role of pastor as teacher. Given that we are a generally over-educated group of

folks, I'm guessing the vast majority of us have a lot of experience dealing with teachers. In fact, a fair number of us are teachers. The students don't tell the teacher what or what not to teach. I may say I'm not "getting it." I may say that certain information is not helpful to me, or that other information may be what I feel I need. So it is with the pastor. The first step ought always to be to speak directly to the pastor and express and own my understanding and opinion. This could lead to a discussion that offers deeper understanding to both the congregant and the pastor. Sermons are often meant to be challenging, so my comfort may not be my pastor's objective.

Going back to our teacher analogy, in cases where there is deemed to be serious concern that cannot be respectfully resolved with the teacher, maybe I would go to the department head. In our congregation, the analogous role would be the moderator. The moderator becomes the repository for concern. If there is a trend of dissatisfaction that rises to a level of grave concern, that will become clear to the moderator through contact with many individuals. The moderator, while not hierarchically "above" the pastor, has access to resources within and outside the congregation that can be marshaled to address the situation. It's not an easy process, but it's not meant to be. We are in covenant with our pastor, and covenants are not meant to be easily broken.

It is that covenant that we would do well to remember and respect. The relationship between congregation and pastor is not simply one of employer and employee. We covenant together to make a church. We guarantee our pastor freedom of the pulpit, as is the tradition in the UCC and in the Congregational Church from the very beginning. It is our responsibility to respect and defend that freedom, as we hold fast to our own freedom of the pew. In the tension between these two freedoms, the spirit can move, growth can happen, and the challenges presented by the ever changing world around us can be addressed through the lens of Christ's unending and unflinching love.

You may see articles in the future that discuss the nature of the "office" of pastor, or the specific roles and responsibilities of the pastor. A deeper understanding of these matters may facilitate better communication. We hope to continue to provide information and support wherever possible to help keep communication between pastor and congregation healthy.

Kelly Yamanishi
For the Pastoral Relations Committee, Bessie Hutchins, Sandy Baldwin, Dave Dunlap, Phyllis Chai

Beneficio More Than Fair Trade Coffee

To order Beneficio Coffee (still only \$7.75/12 oz. bag), please contact Phyllis Chai at 226-7150. It's MORE than fair trade coffee, and the small farmers and their families will be glad you did!

Phyllis Chai

Music News

A Thank You from John Leslie

Thanks to all who made the "So Long, Farewell" party so meaningful, particularly Janey Sanders and her AVUCC crew, Susanne Moore and her ECA crew and to Mary Leal, for organizing the talent.

All who cooked and provided brunch dishes were at their best...everything was "de-lightful, de-licious, de-lovely!" The entertainment was excellent, as expected, and I particularly enjoyed the Seven Amigos singing "Dos, a beer" (with Cursillo sombreros!) and all the clever original lyrics to other songs by Susie Ferguson, Mary Leal and Judy Martin...the children, as always, were adorable! Thanks to all who helped set-up, decorate, provide food and beverage, those who served food, cut the cake, provided piano accompaniment for the singers, the clean-up crew, and - of course - the "audience" - thanks to all who attended our celebration!

Thank you for the generous gifts, cards and monetary gifts, the JetBlue flyer cards, the money tree and the great Dennis Moran caricature! I was humbled, to be sure.

I was disappointed and disheartened that two of my JV colleagues, Pastor Kevin Smith and Katie Taplin, due to pastor-parish relations and personnel issues, were not invited or welcome at the celebration. Reading the "cease and desist - or leave" letter sent to Pastor Kevin, signed by 30 members of AVUCC (including many AVUCC musicians and singers - what?!?), makes me ever-more grateful for the various words of support to me through the years, and particularly grateful for the honesty from people who told me they were dissatisfied with some of my hymn or music choices and/or performances. Thanks for your honesty, and I'm glad you were, for the most part, "on my side." I don't think I

would have had the spiritual strength to endure as Pastor Kevin has - to discern and then to return to serve and work with you - had I ever received a similar reproach ("strong criticism; dishonor"). (Remembering the words from a South Pacific song: "You've got to be taught before it's too late, before you are six, or seven, or eight, to hate all the people your relatives hate, you've got to be carefully taught." Find all the lyrics to this song on-line, and see where society was, how far it has come, and how far you still have to go, regarding tolerance and acceptance.)

Thanks to all those families and individuals who have made it possible for me to afford to live in the Santa Clara Valley, through their private music lessons with me. Thanks, too, to Pat McGarvin for renting me her Los Gatos house for all five years, even when I didn't think I could afford to remain. Thank you, Father Stephen, for being here since the beginning and throughout my five-year tenure, and for helping me, Pastor Paul, Pastor Kevin and now Pastor Ann "learn the ropes" of the Joint Venture community and its workings. Thanks to Diane, Lorraine, and now Dennis in the Administrative Office for all their assistance and advice. Thanks to Bob Green (AVUCC) and Pete Mayo (ECA) and others too numerous to mention for all their help and advice with the JV facility. Thanks to Kim Petruzzelli for her assistance with the JV computer network and E-mail, and all those involved with the Kalos and The Shape newsletters. Thanks to all those who offered their "muscles" to move the organ for concerts, and the altar and kneelers - and even pews - for various worship services and other events.

Thanks to Doug Dunham for the Music Office computer and to Tim Miller for the Music Office furniture.

Thanks to Todd Axtell and the Almaden Adventures in the Arts committee members.

Thanks to all the parents who have entrusted their children to me in the JV Children's Choir and in the various show performances.

Thanks to all those in the Shalom Choir, ECA Adult Choir and JV Bell Choir who helped to encourage others to join the groups and make the choirs what they have become!

Thanks to the various treasurers: Mary Leal (JV),

Maryke Williams (ECA) and currently Stan Yumen (AVUCC).

Thanks to all you fine instrumentalists and vocal soloists for sharing your great gifts.

Over the years, I have, of course, been grateful to the Folk Music directors John Hawes (AVUCC) and Andy Kerr (ECA), as well as the music committees: John Hawes, Sandy Baldwin and Lynn Widman (AVUCC) and Andy Kerr, Todd Axtell and Mary McPherson (ECA). Now there are a few new faces on the music committee to help search for just the right person to continue to lead you in musical and spiritual discovery, learning and sharing.

Truly, your hearts have "been blessed with the sound of music, and you'll sing once more!"
"May the Lord protect and defend you" and may God bless us, every one, in all of our new ventures.

To God be all the Glory!
John Leslie

Music Director Search Update

Following the same model as the process that brought us John Leslie, the search for a new Joint Venture Music Director is being coordinated by the Music Committee. The committee is composed of three members from each parish selected by the rector and pastor, both of whom also serve on the committee. The ECA lay members are Betty Consorte, Andy Kerr and Todd Axtell. The AVUCC lay members are Sandy Baldwin, Lynn Widman and John Hawes.

The committee has posted job notices in numerous local and national newsletters and trade publications including the American Guild of Organists online job board.

To date, the committee has received five applicants. Interviews are being conducted throughout the month of August. The tentative application deadline is Sept. 5.

The committee will select no more than three candidates to return for a second date to audition on the organ and piano, rehearse with the combined choirs, and do a hymn sing-along. Anyone interested from the parishes will be welcome to attend the second sessions and will be encouraged to pass along feedback to members of the music committee.

A brief second interview with the music committee will also be a part of the candidates' second visit. These second visits will not take place until after Andy Kerr returns from vacation in September, since he is not able to participate in the initial interviews.

The committee has received some impressive resumes and is encouraged that the process will result in the selection of an excellent new Music Director.

Todd Axtell— August 18, 2008

Christian Education News

Vacation Bible School 2008 has wrapped up. Twenty children, eleven youth, and six adults enjoyed a week of Bible stories, music, crafts, games, mission, and yes, even science. There were a few hitches, but all in all, it went very well and we all had a great time. Thank you very much to the youth and adults who led the groups and stations and played parts in the Bible skits. And thank you children for all you taught the adults during VBS.

It is time to think about Sunday School. We will begin on September 7 with new classes and new curriculum for every age level. I am very excited about this curriculum, Living the Good News. We tested it last year in the third and fourth grade class, and the teachers loved it. It is lectionary based, so the children will be learning about the same scriptures as the adults learn about in church. The teachers will be provided with background information and a choice of activities. Each child will have a book filled with age-appropriate activities. In addition, the junior and senior high classes will be visiting faith communities with their teachers and youth group leaders to learn about the beliefs and faith practices of others.

I look forward to this new year of Sunday School, and I hope to see all the children enjoying their new classes soon.

We are still in need of a few teachers for all classes except grades 1-3. The preschool/ kindergarten class especially needs you! It is a very small class of very sweet children, and they look forward to having you walk with them in these early years of their faith journey. Please contact Melanie Click at 323-8283 or mjclick@comcast with any questions or concerns or to share your time with our children as a Sunday School teacher.

SHYGS (Senior High Youth Group)

Summer volleyball's over, school's started and the SHYG is starting a new year. Our calendar is posted on the ECA website www.eca-sj.org. Planned activities for September and October are definite. Expect some future activities for later months to be added and the calendar updated. Regular Meetings will be at the church on Sunday evenings from 6-8 pm and times for special activities will be announced. SHYGs will be busy in September. Our first Regular meeting is 9/7. We will take a trip to the Great America Amusement Park on Saturday the 13th to be followed the next weekend with a Sunday Carwash on the 21st. We'll be discussing upcoming plans including some activities to add to the schedule at our first meeting. Youth are encouraged to invite a friend for our trip to Great America. Jim McPherson and Brian Bond have graciously volunteered to oversee the Sunday Carwash; if possible please help them when they ask for your assistance. The funds will be used for upcoming activities, youth-sponsored charity, and community service projects. A highlight in October will be the Ropes Course on the 24th and 25th. Finally, in addition to the other activities, a Mission Trip is planned for next summer. Where and when are still yet to be decided but need to be done soon. If you have any thoughts/ideas, please share them.

We have been blessed with a great group of kids at ECA and UCC. I am looking forward to a great year with the SHYG and welcome your comments, suggestions, and assistance.

Jon Mills,
jmills@relypsa.com; 316-0182

JHYGS (Junior High Youth Group)

The JHYGS group had an all too quick summer of bowling, miniature golf, board games, movies and just enjoying the time away from school, but all good things come to an end, and everyone is back to school by now. (sad face) But, the good news is - the JHYGS group is amping up for a year of fun, community service, faith building, meeting and developing new friends! Some of the highlights of the coming two months are a CAR WASH on 9/21 from 7am to 1pm during church services for both SHYGS and JHYGS to raise money for our group's coming activities and for a nest egg to use for some community service projects to be named later. We will be

starting a multi-meeting discussion of what God means to us, how do we see him in our daily lives, what does it mean to be one of God's children? But, best of all, we have a ROPE'S COURSE planned for SHYGS and JHYGS, on 10/24 and 10/25, where we are leaving the church after school on a Friday and doing some incredible activities all day Saturday, and then driving home Saturday night. (Way tired adults on Saturday night). So what does this all mean? Well if you are a youth, come on down. We meet on Sundays, the SHYGS, (9th grade to 12th) on one Sunday, and the JHYGS, (6th-8th) the next Sunday at 6-8pm, all through the school year. Are you shy, or not sure about all this? Give us a try, and bring a friend. We'd love to have you! Hope to see you soon!

Bonnie McPherson,
mamasaur@comcast.net

Chihuly at the DeYoung

There was an interest in going to see the Chihuly exhibit at the DeYoung Museum in San Francisco/Golden Gate Park.

Thursday, Sept. 11th - leaving church at 8:30 am.
Admission to the museum is \$10 ; seniors, \$7
Admission to the special exhibit - Chihuly Glass exhibit is \$5.
Headphones extra.

It has been advised to get there when the museum opens to avoid the crowds.
We will have lunch at the museum cafeteria and return back to the church between 2-3.

Anyone interested, e-mail me, so we will wait for you at the church. Anyone is welcome - please invite anyone you think will enjoy it.

Amy Griffith,
amy-g@pacbell.net

September Birthdays

Jim McAbee	9/6
Al Nieders	9/6
Rebecca Sunseri	9/9
Hi-Dong Chai	9/10
Alice Bullard	9/11
Londa Larson	9/11
Dick Shipe	9/12
Jean Shipe	9/14
Kyle Dando	9/18
Pat McGarvin	9/19
Delaney Gaydon	9/20
Robyn Dorsey	9/22
Frank Yamada	9/26
John Leslie	9/27
Alex Bemis	9/28
Joe Machado	9/28
Christian Daley	9/30

September Anniversaries

Bob & Phyllis Green	9/6
Dick & Jean Shipe	9/7
John & Kathy Graham	9/16
Kevin & Karen Haley	9/19

September Worship

Sermons Rev. Kevin Smith
All September Kevin Smith

Lay Readers Sandy Baldwin dsbald@comcast.net
September 7: Terry Shoup
September 14: Josh Bemis
September 21:
September 28:

Ushers Dot Allfrey 268-2973
September 7: Debbi, Kristie, Josh Bemis
September 14: Harriet Yamada & Stan Yuman
September 21:
September 28:

Greeter/
Coffee Hosts Carol Pullen 842-3653
September 7: Pat McGarvin, Rick Casados
September 14: Linda Farr, Sue Scaff
September 21:
September 28:

Communion Kathy Kisabeth 227-3898
September 7: Terry & Betsy Shoup

Breakout Tami Nieders 268-7681
September 14: Yamanishi Family
September 21:

Bread Making Carolyn Dingman 997-7891
September 28: Carolyn Dingman

Flowers Sign up in Fellowship Hall
September 7: Colleen DeVoss
September 14: Betsy Shoup
September 21: Carol Martin
September 28:

Caring Ariss Thomas 997-1916
Committee Carolyn Crowley 997-0819
August and September Co-chairs
Peggy Wright and Londa Larson

An Invitation

Troop 200
Quicksilver District
Santa Clara County Council
Boy Scouts of America

**Invite you and your family to attend
The Eagle Scout Court of Honor**

**In Recognition of
David J. Hoyt**

**Friday, Sept. 12, 2008
7:00pm to 8:00pm**

The Episcopal Church in Almaden
6581 Camden Avenue
San Jose, CA 95120

Reception Following
RSVP by Sunday, September 7th, 2008
408.997.1826

SEPTEMBER 2008

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 7:45 AM AVUCC Breadingmaking 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 10:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM JHYG meeting	1 JV Office Closed Labor Day	2 2:00 PM JV Staff meeting 7:00 PM Christian Ed & Youth Committee Meeting	3 9:30 AM Quest Meeting 6:30 PM ECA Bible Study	4 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast	5 3:00 PM Montgomery Meals 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 282, Pack 7 Meeting	6 JV Men's Steak and Stein
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-Daily Lectionary-

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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
Mon	Sept 1	Exod 14:5-22	Luke 13:18-30	Rom 12:14-21
Tues	Sept 2	Exod 14:21-31	Luke 13:31-35	Rom 13:1-7
Wed	Sept 3	Exod 15:1-21	Luke 14:1-11	Rom 13:8-10
Thurs	Sept 4	Exod 15:22-16:10	Luke 14:12-24	Rom 13:11-14
Fri	Sept 5	Exod 16:10-22	Luke 14:25-35	Rom 14:1-4
Sat	Sept 6	Exod 16:23-26	Luke 15:1-10	Rom 14:5-9
*Sun	Sept 7	Ex 12:1-14	Matt 18:15-20	Rom 13:8-14
Mon	Sept 8	Exod 17:1-16	Luke 15:11-32	Rom 14:10-13
Tues	Sept 9	Exod 18:1-12	Luke 16:1-9	Rom 14:14-18
Wed	Sept 10	Exod 18:13-27	Luke 16:10-18	Rom 14:19-23
Thurs	Sept 11	Exod 19:1-16	Luke 16:19-31	Rom 15:1-6
Fri	Sept 12	Exod 19:16-25	Luke 17:1-10	Rom 15:7-13
Sat	Sept 13	Exod 20:1-20	Luke 17:11-19	Rom 15:14-17
*Sun	Sept 14	Ex 14:19-31	Matt 18:21-35	Rom 14:1-12
Mon	Sept 15	Exod 24:1-18	Luke 17:20-37	Rom 15:18-21
Tues	Sept 16	Exod 25:1-22	Luke 18:1-8	Rom 15:22-33
Wed	Sept 17	Exod 28:1-4,30-38	Luke 18:9-14	Rom 16:1-16
Thurs	Sept 18	Exod 32:1-20	Luke 18:15-30	Rom 16:17-27
Fri	Sept 19	Exod 32:21-34	Luke 18:31-43	Phil 1:1-11
Sat	Sept 20	Exod 33:1-23	Luke 19:1-10	Phil 1:12-20
*Sun	Sept 21	Ex 16:2-15	Matt 20:1-16	Phil 1:21-30
Mon	Sept 22	Exod 34:1-17	Luke 19:11-27	Phil 1:27-30
Tues	Sept 23	Exod 34:18-35	Luke 19:28-40	Phil 2:1-5
Wed	Sept 24	Exod 40:18-38	Luke 19:41-48	Phil 2:6-13
Thurs	Sept 25	Lev 8:1-13,30-36	Luke 20:1-8	Phil 2:14-18
Fri	Sept 26	Lev 16:1-19	Luke 20:9-18	Phil 2:19-30
Sat	Sept 27	Lev 16:20-34	Luke 20:19-26	Phil 3:1-7
*Sun	Sept 28	Ex 17:1-7	Matt 21:23-32	Phil 2:1-13
Mon	Sept 29	Lev 19:1-18	Luke 20:27-40	Phil 3:8-11
Tues	Sept 30	Lev 19:26-37	Luke 20:41-21:4	Phil 3:12-21



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