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Newsletter for the
Almaden Valley
United Church of Christ

Pastor Kevin's Corner:

Disciples Acting on Community Concerns

Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you? Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.

--Matthew 25:44-45

The church in America has had a long history of answering Jesus' call to serve neighbors, especially those who are without the privileges that the larger community enjoys. These verses from the gospel of Matthew are well known by people who have heard the call to reach out and help people who are poor, in trouble, are immigrants, or sick or in prison. America's "social gospel" movement begun by church folk in the early 19th century was an answer to Jesus' call to find the face of Jesus in every person who sometimes by birth or sometimes by unfortunate life circumstances were without the privileges that most Americans enjoyed who found comfort and sustenance in the middle and upper economic classes of society. Helping the poor, the stranger, the less privileged is not just a political or social movement, it's a *moral call directly espoused by the one whom we call our savior and Lord*. Helping the "least of these" is not a partisan issue—it's a moral obligation.

The Almaden Valley United Church of Christ, and our sister church in ecumenism, the Episcopal Church in Almaden, have over their relatively brief history answered this call of Jesus. Our church was a local pioneer in the

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**AVUCC Semi-annual
Congregational
Meeting
June 28 - 10:00 AM**

*Chuck Smith,
AVUCC Moderator*

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movement to provide safe, affordable housing to those who needed it by starting a chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Our churches, especially our youth, have worked to fund the food and farm needs of people in far away countries through Heifer International. Both churches have fed the poor of San Jose, and are still doing so, by providing meals through our shelter feedings. We have walked in and contributed to the Crop Walk. We have not only contributed our time, but also our money, through various special offerings conducted by our UCC denomination. Still, we are asked to do more, and we are capable of doing more.

Much of what a church does is feed the members who participate in its worship, fellowship, and religious education activities. Our church provides an opportunity to learn more about and practice our faith within a congregation of individuals seeking to deepen their spiritual lives and Christian formation. But part of the deepening of the relationship with God through Jesus comes to us from finding ways to serve our neighbor and renewing our outreach efforts to help in satisfying our community concerns. This is why I would like to challenge us once again, like previous pastors and members of AVUCC have done, to find the light of Jesus by looking into the eyes of our neighbors who need our help. I am forming a group of people, that we will call "Disciples for Community Concerns." I invite you to join me!

We can witness to the reign of God within our midst by supporting efforts to address community concerns. A disciple's mission and ministry are to witness to that love and compassion that exists within the reign of God in our midst right here and right now and in this community, this home, that we call Almaden Valley. I believe our first task, our first small step, would be to begin by reaching out to other people and groups within Almaden Valley to inventory the projects or needs that are pressing. We won't want to "bite off more than we can chew," and we should begin with "small steps," and we do not want to detract from our ongoing social concerns and efforts, but we want to take the steps we should if we are to live out the call to discipleship that echoes in our hearts from the words of Jesus in Matthew twenty-five. Please let me know if you are interested in exploring this ministry with me and others in our

church. Let us increase our faith in action through prayer, outreach, and giving of our selves as we seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Shalom.

Pastor Kevin

Treasurer's Cubicle

At its 12 May meeting, the Council discussed preliminary results for April 2009. Detailed results are posted outside Fellowship Hall.

Excess funds were transferred from the Citibank checking account to the Citibank money market account. Some of these funds will be invested in FDIC-insured six-month and twelve-month certificates of deposit at Citibank.

Account and Fund Balances	Beginning Balance 03/31/09	Credits	Debits	Ending Balance 4/30/09
Bank Account Statement Amounts:				
Checking	91,424	7,169	-73,628	24,965
MM	37,675	60,043	0	97,718
CU	0	0	0	0
SmithBarney	0	0	0	0
Total Bank Accounts	129,099	67,212	-73,628	122,683
Fund Allocations:				
Past operating	17,342	0	0	17,342
Current income	57,664	7,021	-653	64,033
Current expense	-48,665	0	-12,922	-61,587
Future operating	0	0	0	0
Committee funds	3,097	62	0	3,159
Donation funds	1,631	75	0	1,706
Transfer funds	0	316	-316	0
Long term funds	98,030	0	0	98,030
Total Fund Allocations	129,099	7,474	-13,891	122,683

The operating deficit for the month of April was about \$6500, leaving the last of the prepaid pledges, \$2400, to help fund the May deficit. Subsequent monthly deficits will be funded by the operating surplus from past years. With 33% of the year over, income is at 43% of budget for the year and expenses are at 34% of budget. It remains essential that every pledging member keep current on pledge payments. Every month we have a minimum of \$13000 and an average of \$15000 of expenses to be paid.

Our 2009 budget is based on average monthly income of \$12000, for a monthly deficit of \$3000. Counting the endowment, our total liquid net worth is about \$175000. Even at our current deficit rate, our liquid net worth would sustain us for over five

years, so we have plenty of time for our membership and stewardship to grow in order to balance our budget.

Before memories fade, I am collecting information about intended and acceptable uses of our various short- and long-term funds. Please see <http://avucc.oakapple.net/treasury/2009/funds.html> and let me know if you have information to add.

David Hough

People in the Pews

VISITORS ON EASTER SUNDAY

Mary Lou Doodokyan moved to San Rafael some time ago and it was wonderful to see her in worship on Easter Sunday. She was joined by her son David and grandson Russell. Mary Lou joined AVUCC in the fall of 1967, and during her time with us she served in many roles over the years. Always a treat when former members come back to visit us in worship.

Rick Casados has been a regular church attendee for several years now and he was with us on Easter. Rick has moved to Union City but he promises to visit us from time to time.

The Ando family joined us on Easter Sunday and it was so good to see them and their two children again. We hope they will continue to be a part of our church family.

Carolyn Dingman worshipped with us on Easter and it was wonderful to have her back in the pews, we have missed her presence among us.

It was so good to have Dick Okumura worshipping with all of us.

Easter Worship was special as always. Our Sanctuary was filled with beautiful flowers and the flowered cross was raised, such a wonderful symbol for the day. Several of our young children were very involved with placing the flowers on the cross and we adults could just sit back and appreciate their gift of taking over this important part of Easter Sunday.

Thank you young folks and thanks to all who brought the flowers.

The Bell Choir and our Shalom choir were also joined by a wonderful quartet so the music was very special!

After worship the young folks were involved in digging up the Alleluia Banner and then followed up with an Easter egg hunt in the tree lot.

Thanks to all who give of their time and talents to make AVUCC a special place to be a part of.

Several weeks ago we had the treat of Tom Rose sharing in worship. Of course he had a special children's story and we adults also enjoy his stories. We miss Tom and Jennifer but know they are very happy in their new surroundings down south.

FOLKS WHO CONTINUE TO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Bob and Ariss Thomas as they continue to struggle with Bob's health issues.

Debbie Bemis and her family need our prayers and concerns.

Barbara Alumbaugh is being treated for severe back pains.

Chuck Allfrey, son of Bill and Dot is recovering from foot surgery to repair a break caused by a fall while hiking with his brother recently.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - More than our advice, more than our instruction, people need our listening ears. You will be amazed at what a positive impact you can have in the world if you will just learn to be a good listener. Throughout life, God will lead us to people in need. You must recognize what is happening and then follow that love. That's God talking to you. When you feel compassion toward someone, that's God's way of telling you to be a blessing to that person. Go encourage them. See how you can make his or her life better.

ROMANS 13: 8 Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.

-submitted by Dot Allfrey

AVUCC Member Featured at Art Show



One of our resident artists, Kimberlie Garg, had two of her beautiful sculptures selected for display in the De Anza Student Art show.

The show opened May 21st and runs until June 17th. The hours are 10 am-4 pm Mon- Thu.

Flying Mandolin

Kimberlie is currently enrolled at DeAnza in their art program studying sculpture. She's also an avid quilter and is inspired, currently, by her love of irises.

She has also inspired many of us to run or walk in the Relay for Life over the years on teams she sponsors. This year the Relay will take place on June 27-28. Kimberlie's team will be at Leland High School, just down the street from our church home.

Congratulations Kimberlie, and thank you for your contributions to our church and broader community.



Iris Quilt Hanger

Outreach

Beneficio Coffee

Can't you just feel it...time for a refreshing glass of iced coffee? To order Beneficio Coffee (still \$8.25 for a 12 oz. bag) please contact Phyllis Chai at 226-7150.

Heifer News

Some of you know that last Christmas I collected money for Heifer International. Between AVUCC, ECA, and my friends and family, we raised over \$1,000! We were able to buy 1 heifer, 1 water buffalo, a sheep, a goat, a trio of rabbits, honeybees, and some chicks for needy families to earn a living.

This summer I am planning to hold a garage sale at the church on July 25 to raise more money for Heifer. We will have the details later, but for now please save your unwanted household goods for the garage sale. If you have any questions please call my mom, Susan Gaydon, or Pastor Kevin or Father Stephen.
Thank you, Eric Gaydon

AVUCC Shelter Feeding on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:15 pm. Contact Phyllis Chai at 226-7150.

OLD EYEGLASSES - Do you have old eyeglasses that you are ready to be throw out? Bring them to the church and put them in the plastic container that's labeled, under the coat rack in the hallway just outside the Christian Ed office. *Amy Griffith, 268-0920.*

Youth News

Our VBS theme this year is Camp EDGE. We will be learning about God's love and mission for us through extreme recreation, crafts, drama, music, and science. VBS will be August 3-7 from 9AM until noon. All children ages 4 up to entering 5th grade are welcome, and please bring friends! Expect more information soon. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Melanie Click, 323-8283, mjclick@comcast.net

Fellowship

The **Quest** group has been studying the book **WOMEN IN THE GOSPEL OF JOHN** by (Rev. Dr.) Judith Jones. New members are always welcome. The last meeting till September will be on Wednesday, June 17th. We have again appreciated the leadership of Pastor Kevin during this year together.

Please join us on **June 27** at 6 pm and watch the **San Jose Giants** play the Stockton Ports. Details to follow soon. *Dot Allfrey*

The **Annual AVUCC International Golf Tournament** will be played on Monday morning **June 29**. Details to follow soon. *Dave Harris*

JV Duplicate Bridge meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Kathy Kisabeth 227-3898.

June Birthdays

Jo Ann Sparks	6/4
Bill Cox	6/5
Marian Henderson	6/6
John Graham	6/8
Joshua Click	6/9
Becky Fernandez	6/19
John Noerenberg	6/20
Karen Smith	6/22
Dennis Widman	6/24
David Crowley	6/25
Hannah Sunseri	6/26
Ariss Thomas	6/28

June Anniversaries

Hi-Dong & Phyllis Chai	6/8
David & Carolyn Crowley	6/8
John & Diane Hawes	6/14
Harold & Laura Hall	6/21
Tom & Carla Gerber	6/22
Bart & Karen Smith	6/27
Orlon & Audrey Wiedrick	6/27

June Worship

Sermons/Children's Time Rev. Kevin Smith

June 7	Melanie Click
June 14	Pastor Kevin
June 21	Pastor Kevin
June 28	Pastor Kevin

Lay Readers Sandy Baldwin dsbald@comcast.net

June 7	Dot Allfrey
June 14	Karen Click
June 21	
June 28	Kathy Graham

Ushers Dot Allfrey 268-2973

June 7	Dave Harris, Bill Allfrey, Toh-Bee Syn
June 14	Dave Harris, Bill & Dot Allfrey
June 21	Dave Harris, Bill & Dot Allfrey
June 28	Dave Harris, Bill & Dot Allfrey

Greeter/

Coffee Hosts Linda Farr 268-8210

June 7	Barbara Alumbaugh, Carol Martin
June 14	Phyllis & Hi-Dong Chai
June 21	Pat McGarvin & Rick Casados
June 28	Judy Martin, Dennis Elliott

Communion Kathy Kisabeth 227-3898

June 7	Kathy Kisabeth
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Breakout Tami Nieders 268-7681

June 14:

May 21:

Bread Making

May 28:

Flowers Sign up in Fellowship Hall

June 7	Phyllis & Hi-Dong Chai
June 14	Diane & John Hawes
June 21	Betty Benson
June 28	

JUNE 2009

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 6:00 PM SHYG Meeting	1 9:00 AM Unicorn Thrift Shop Luncheon 1:00 PM Unicorn Thrift Shop Board Meeting 7:00 PM JV Duplicate Bridge 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	2 8:45 AM ECA Womens Walk & Talk 7:00 PM Christian Ed & Youth Committee Meeting	3 9:30 AM Quest Meeting	4 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study	5 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 282, Pack 7 Meeting	6
7	7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist	8 9:00 AM San Jose Assistance League Board meeting 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	9 7:00 AM ECA Womens Walk & Talk 7:00 PM AVUCC Council Meeting 7:00 PM ECA Vestry Meeting	10 9:30 AM Quest Meeting 10:30 AM Unicorn Thrift Shop meeting 3:30 PM GS Troop #849	11 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast	12 3:00 PM ECA Montgomery Meals 5:00 PM Prep for Fr. Stephen's party 5:00 PM SHYG Pool Party	13 9:00 AM Prep for Fr. Stephen's party 5:00 PM Dinner & Roast for Father Stephen
14	9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 12:00 PM Farewell Service and BBQ for Father Stephen	15 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	16 7:00 AM ECA Womens Walk & Talk 4:15 PM AVUCC Shelter Food Service 7:30 PM JV Board Meeting	17 9:30 AM Quest Meeting 7:30 PM JV Book Club	18 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 1:15 PM Unicorn Thrift Shop meeting	19	20
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-Daily Lectionary-

June 2009

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

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

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>Epistle</u>
Mon	June 1	Ezek 10:1-5,9-17	John 4:19-26	Rom 8:26-30
Tues	June 2	Ezek 11:14-25	John 11:55-12:8	Rom 8:31-39
Wed	June 3	Ezek 18:1-18	John 12:9-19	Rom 9:1-18
Thurs	June 4	Ezek 18:21-32	John 12:20-26	Rom 9:19-33
Fri	June 5	Ezek 24:15-27	John 12:27-36a	Rom 10:1-13
Sat	June 6	Ezek 43:1-12	John 12:36b-43	Rom 10:14-21
*Sun	June 7	Isa 6:1-8	John 3:1-17	Rom 8:12-17
Mon	June 8	1 Sam 1:1-20	John 12:44-50	Rom 11:1-12
Tues	June 9	1 Sam 1:21-2-11	John 13:1-11	Rom 11:13-24
Wed	June 10	1 Sam 2:12-26	John 13:12-20	Rom 11:25-36
Thurs	June 11	1 Sam 2:27-36	John 13:21-30	2 Cor 1:1-11
Fri	June 12	1 Sam 3:1-4a	John 13:31-38	2 Cor 1:12-22
Sat	June 13	1 Sam 4:1b-11	John 14:1-7	2 Cor 1:23-2:17
*Sun	June 14	1 Sam 15:34-16:13	Mark 4:26-34	2 Cor 5:6-10,14-17
Mon	June 15	1 Sam 13:19-14:15	John 18:1-11	2 Cor 8:9-16
Tues	June 16	1 Sam 14:16-30	John 18:12-18	2 Cor 8:17-24
Wed	June 17	1 Sam 14:31-45	John 18:19-27	2 Cor 9:1-6
Thurs	June 18	1 Sam(14:46-52)15:1-23	John 18:28-40	2 Cor 9:7-15
Fri	June 19	1 Sam 15:24-35	John 19:1-11	2 Cor 10:1-16
Sat	June 20	1 Sam 16:1-13	John 19:12-16	2 Cor 10:7-12
*Sun	June 21	Job 38:1-11	Mark 4:34-41	2 Cor 6:1-13
Mon	June 22	1 Sam 16:14-7:11	John 19:17-24	2 Cor 10:13-18
Tues	June 23	1 Sam 17:12-30	John 19:25-34	2 Cor 11:1-6
Wed	June 24	1 Sam 17:31-49	John 19:35-42	2 Cor 11:7-15
Thurs	June 25	1 Sam 17:50-18:4	John 20:1-10	2 Cor 11:16-21a
Fri	June 26	1 Sam 18:5-16 (17-27a),27b-30	John 20:11-18	2 Cor 11:21b-29
Sat	June 27	1 Sam 19:1-18	John 20:19-23	2 Cor 11:30-12:6
*Sun	June 28	2 Sam 1:1,17-27	Mark 5:21-43	2 Cor 8:7-15
Mon	June 29	1 Sam 19:19-20:17	John 20:24-31	2 Cor 12:7-11
Tues	June 30	1 Sam 20:18-42	John 21:1-14	2 Cor 12:12-18



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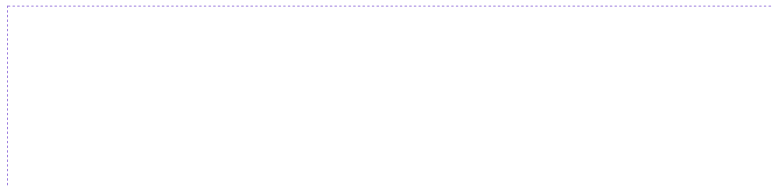
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