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Pastor Kevin's Corner:

Prayer of St. Francis

Saint Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

The Peace Prayer of Saint Francis

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
It is in self-forgetting that we find;
And it is in dying to ourselves that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.*

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Important Reminder!

**AVUCC
Annual Meeting**

**November 8, 2009
After Church
in Fellowship Hall**



St. Francis day is October 4th and I think it is fitting to re-read this prayer ascribed to the spirit of St. Francis. As many times as I've heard this prayer, one would think I would get tired of it. But every time I read it or hear it in song, I'm reminded of my call as a follower of Jesus. In fact, if I could ascribe what it really means to follow Jesus, the words of this prayer sums it up better than anything I have heard elsewhere.

I urge you to use this prayer to meditate and pray with or as a daily or weekly reading. Cut it out of the *Kalos* and paste it on your refrigerator or place on a table beside your bed. Amen.

Pastor Kevin

Treasurer's Cubicle

At its 8 September meeting, the Council discussed financial results for August 2009. Detailed results are posted outside Fellowship Hall.

Account and Fund Balances	Beginning Balance 07/31/09	Credits	Debits	FINAL Balance 8/31/09
Bank Account Statement Amounts:				
Checking	20,508	9,302	-5,392	24,419
MM	42,823	18	0	42,841
CD	40,109	47	0	40,156
CU	0	0	0	0
SmithBarney	0	0	0	0
Total Bank Accounts	103,441	9,367	-5,392	107,416
Fund Allocations:				
Past operating	17,342	0	0	17,342
Current income	87,200	9,367	0	96,567
Current expense	-106,815	0	-5,392	-112,207
Future operating	3,768	0	0	3,768
Committee funds	3,159	0	0	3,159
Donation funds	756	0	0	756
Transfer funds	0	200	-200	0
Long term funds	98,030	0	0	98,030
Total Fund Allocations	103,441	9,567	-5,592	107,416

August showed a cash-basis operating surplus of \$4000, because the payment to Joint Venture was not deposited by the end of the month. With 67% of the year over, operating budget was close to plan, with income at 66% of budget for the year and ex-

pense at 62% of budget.

I hope that by now, every member who got behind on pledges during summer vacation has caught up. We are all depending on each other - every month we have a minimum of \$13000 and an average of \$15000 of budgeted operating expense to be paid.

David Hough



A Little Remembrance of Rev. Frank Jagers

Rev. Frank Jagers, AVUCC's first pastor, passed away on Friday, Sept. 11th in Martinez. At a recent meeting of the Quest group, Bessie Hutchins shared this little remembrance of Frank and Migs from their wedding. When saying their goodbyes as they were leaving the reception, Bessie commented on the wedding rings. Migs said they hadn't had them engraved but were considering it. They figured the rings should say, simply, "as is." Being of a certain age and owning up to the wear and tear of the lives they'd lived, they figured that was a worthy reminder of what each was signing up for. I wonder if we all wouldn't get along better if we could each accept the other "as is," as Christ accepts us?

Kelly Yamanishi

People in the Pews

Former members visiting recently from out of town were:

Ted and Cora Lee Seale, Mary Lou Doodokyan, Tom Rose.

It is always fun to get reacquainted with such good friends of AVUCC. They were all such an important and vital part of our congregation during their time with us.

Thanks to Alec and Eric Fernandez, grandsons of Sandy Baldwin. The boys did a great demonstration of Break Dancing during worship one Sunday in August. Both the boys are also very involved with Basketball. We are blessed to have them with us during Sunday worship and seeing how they have grown up over the years to be such fine young men.

A special treat for us on Sunday Aug 30th as John Leslie was in town. He played the organ for our service and he accompanied Gwen Hacker and Byron Henderson as they sang so beautifully. Gwen sang an Operatic solo, accompanied by a young piano friend of theirs. It was a very difficult piece of music and she was incredible. Debbie Bemis shared her gift of playing the flute as part of our special music that morning. This congregation is very blessed to have so many talented members who are so willing to share their gift of music with all of us.

Gwen Hacker has auditioned with the Silicon Valley Symphony Choral Group. She will also be in a concert version of "Kiss Me Kate" which will be coming in October. She will be busy, but loves to sing and this will be a new challenge for her. Congratulations Gwen.

FOLKS IN OUR PRAYERS

Pastor Julianne Stokstad had a bad fall recently and suffered a broken hip. We send our best wishes for a good recovery.

Dave Harris was in the hospital with a very high temp recently and they worried that it might be the Swine Flu, but after more tests, etc. he was diagnosed with pneumonia. Recovery has been good and it's great to have him back among us.



A new addition to our Altar Table, thanks to Dennis Moran. The front of our table has pieces of mirror cut in shapes to signify all the other religions in this world. It is very special and hope you will take time to study it.



A POEM TO SHARE AND THINK ABOUT

"SLOW DANCE"

*Have you ever watched kids on a Merry-go-Round
or listened to the rain slapping on the ground?
Ever followed a butterfly's erratic flight
or gazed at the sun into the fading night?
You better slow down – don't dance so fast
Time is short – the music won't last
Do you run through each day on the fly?
When you ask "How are you?"
Do you hear the reply?
When the day is done do you lie in your bed
with the next hundred chores
running through your head?
You'd better slow down, don't dance so fast
Time is short - The music won't last
Ever told your child, "We'll do it tomorrow?"
And in your haste, not see his sorrow?
Ever lost touch, let a good friendship die
'cause you never had time to call and say "Hi"
You'd better slow down
Don't dance too fast
Time is short, the music won't last
When you run so fast to get somewhere
you miss half the fun of getting there
When you worry and hurry through your day,
it's like an unopened gift thrown away
Life is not a race. Do take it slower
Hear the music – before the song is over.*

(written by a young girl dying from cancer)

*Submitted by
Dot Allfrey*

In Appreciation and With Prayers

Many of us know that our dear Bill Allfrey took a bad fall recently and remains in the hospital at this writing. Bill's lovely wife Dottie does so much around our church community including keeping us all updated and inspired with her "People in the Pews" column each month.

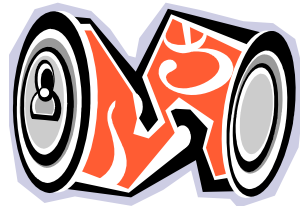
Bill and Dottie are such a blessing to us and have been strong pillars of AVUCC since the very beginning in the prune shed. Both have exemplified a spirit of warmth, love, and good Christian fellowship that I know I would do well to learn from.

Our love and prayers go out to both as they face this challenging time. Their grown children and families are a great source of help and support, and Dottie has expressed how blessed she feels to have such great "kids." I'm thinking those kids must feel pretty blessed too!

Kelly Yamanishi

Outreach

Aluminum Cans for Habitat



Our next collection of aluminum cans for Habitat for Humanity, and the last collection this year, is the weekend of November 14 and 15. When you see the Habitat Aluminum Can Collection sign hanging in front of the church, cans can be left anywhere in the vicinity of the sheds by the Rose Garden. These cans will be moved to a secure area periodically and after the weekend, taken to the recycler for cash. That cash is then donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Thanks to our dedicated soft drink and other canned beverage drinkers, plus their willingness to collect, save and deliver those empties to church, you have raised \$447 for Habitat for Humanity so far in 2009. This will also be the last Habitat can collection for Tom the Can Man. If someone is willing to take over this task, please contact me. Availability of a pickup truck or utility trailer (which I no longer have) to transport the cans to the recycler is useful but not required.

*Tom Gerber
268-4819*

Beneficio Coffee

To order Beneficio (More Than Fair Trade) Coffee, or for questions, please contact Phyllis Chai at 226-7150. The 12 oz. bags cost \$8.75 each. The beans are grown in Costa Rica, roasted at the UCC-owned company in Sacramento, and shipped to the church usually a day after the order has been placed.

Phyllis Chai

Events

Women's Network Autumn Day Retreat (N. CA-NV Conference)

DATE: October 24, 2009

WHERE: College Ave. Congregational UCC,
Modesto

TIME: 9:00 A.M. to 4 P.M.

THEME: Transition and Transformation:
Moving from the house of FEAR to the House of
LOVE

Please find more information on the downstairs church hallway bulletin board, or speak to Phyllis Chai (226-7150).

Broad Spectrum: The Recital

A broad spectrum of music performed by a musical spectrum of br...uh...WOMEN

Brahms to Bernstein! Verdi to Weill!
A little opera, a little Broadway, a little Shakespeare, a little
Stravinsky, a little folk, a little blues—
but mostly a lot of wonderful music, a lot of drama and a lot
of fun!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 7:30 PM
Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos
16575 Shannon Road • Los Gatos CA 95032

Free will offering will be taken to benefit the PCLG Music Ministry in memory of Walter H. Borlase.

SHIRLEY HARNED, mezzo-soprano
(former ECA choir member)
MARGARET MARTIN KVAMME, organ/piano
(former Joint Venture music director)
CAROLYN LOWENTHAL, viola/violin

October Birthdays

Bev Brichetto	10/9
David Gaydon	10/18
Chris Coutinho	10/22
Steven Coutinho	10/25
Shirley Lucas	10/26
Jennifer Quint	10/27
Bruce Sunseri	10/27

October Anniversaries

Yosemite Park Est. 10/1/1890

October Worship

Sermons/Children's Time Rev. Kevin Smith

October 4	Pastor Kevin
October 11	Pastor Kevin
October 18	Pastor Kevin
October 25	Pastor Kevin

Lay Readers Sandy Baldwin dsbald@comcast.net

October 4	Kathy Graham
October 11	TBD
October 18	TBD
October 25	TBD

Ushers Dot Allfrey 268-2973

October 4	TBD
October 11	TBD
October 18	TBD
October 25	TBD

Greeter/Coffee Host Linda Farr 268-8210

October 4	Dave & Gloria Dunlap
October 11	The Haley Family
October 18	The Click Family
October 25	Tom & Carla Gerber

Communion Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall

October 4	Chuck & Amy Smith
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Break-out Tami Nieders 268-7681

October 11	TBD
October 18	TBD

Bread Making Melanie Click 323-8283

October 25	TBD
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Sanctuary Flowers Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall

October 4	Charlotte Boileau
October 11	TBD
October 18	TBD
October 25	Anna Spanjaart

We need volunteers to help with worship service. This is an essential part in the operation and vitality of our church. Many of you have and will continue to help with worship and other activities in the church. This is a great opportunity for those of you who have yet to help in our worship service.

Worship duties included: Ushering, Communion Service, Greeting & coffee hosting, Lay reading, Break-out for the kids, Bread baking, and providing Altar Flowers, doing one of the Children's Sermons, and for those of you who want a real challenge with the approval of Pastor Kevin, an Adult Sermon.

The really great thing about doing service for the church is that you get more out of it than you put into it. Take one step towards God, and He will take two steps towards you.

Dennis Elliott

OCTOBER 2009

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
27	7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 10:10 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM AVUCC BBQ & Potluck 6:00 PM SHYG meeting	28	3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #1227 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	29		30	9:30 AM Quest Meeting 5:15 PM JV Bell Choir 7:30 PM Shalom Choir rehearsal	1	8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM Assistance League of San Jose 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:30 PM ECA Choir rehearsal	2	3:00 PM ECA Montgomery Meals 6:00 PM JHYG Meeting	3	8:00 AM AVUCC Men's Breakfast
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11	7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM Youth Car Wash 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 10:10 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist	12	9:00 AM San Jose Assistance League Board meeting 3:30 PM Girl Scout Troop #1227 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	13	7:00 PM AVUCC Council Meeting 7:00 PM ECA Vestry Meeting	14	9:30 AM Quest Meeting 12:00 PM JV Staff Lunch 5:15 PM JV Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30 PM Shalom Choir rehearsal	15	8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 1:15 PM Unicorn Thrift Shop meeting 7:30 PM ECA Choir rehearsal	16	3:00 PM ECA Montgomery Meals 6:00 PM JHYG Meeting	17	3:00 PM ECA Oktoberfest 4:00 PM Tidepooling Adventure with Byron Henderson
18	7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 10:10 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist	19	7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	20	12:00 PM Lunch for John Leslie 4:15 PM AVUCC Shelter Food Service 7:30 PM JV Board Meeting	21	9:30 AM Quest Meeting 5:15 PM JV Bell Choir 7:30 PM JV Book Club 7:30 PM Shalom Choir rehearsal	22	8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM San Jose Assistance League general meeting 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:30 PM ECA Choir rehearsal	23		24	10:00 AM JV Knitting Group
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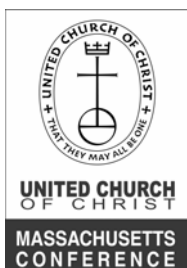
-Daily Lectionary-

October 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>
Thurs	Oct 1	Job 13:1-12	Luke 6:39-49	Heb 1:8-14
Fri	Oct 2	Job 13:13-28	Luke 7:1-17	Heb 2:1-9
Sat	Oct 3	Job 14:1-22	Luke 7:18-27	Heb 2:10-18
*Sun	Oct 4	Job 1:1;2:1-10	Mark 10:2-16	Heb 1:1-4;2:5-12
Mon	Oct 5	Job 16:1;17:1-16	Luke 7:28-35	Heb 3:1-6
Tues	Oct 6	Job 19:1-7,14-27	Luke 7:36-50	Heb 3:7-14
Wed	Oct 7	Job 22:1-4,21-23:7	Luke 8:1-15	Heb 3:15-19
Thurs	Oct 8	Job 25:1-6,27:1-6	Luke 8:16-25	Heb 4:1-7
Fri	Oct 9	Job 29:1-20	Luke 8:26-39	Heb 4:8-13
Sat	Oct 10	Job 30:1-15	Luke 8:40-56	Heb 4:14-5:6
*Sun	Oct 11	Job 23:1-9,16-17	Mark 10:17-31	Heb 4:12-16
Mon	Oct 12	Job 30:16-31	Luke 9:1-17	Heb 5:7-14
Tues	Oct 13	Job 31:1-23	Luke 9:18-27	Heb 6:1-8
Wed	Oct 14	Job 31:24-40	Luke 9:28-36	Heb 6:9-12
Thurs	Oct 15	Job 32:1-10,20-33:1,19-33	Luke 9:37-50	Heb 6:13-20
Fri	Oct 16	Job 38:1-17	Luke 9:51-62	Heb 7:1-10
Sat	Oct 17	Job 38:1,18-41	Luke 10:1-17	Heb 7:11-19
*Sun	Oct 18	Job 38:1-7,(34-41)	Mark 10:35-45	Heb 5:1-10
Mon	Oct 19	Job 38:1;39:1-12	Luke 10:17-24	Heb 7:20-28
Tues	Oct 20	Job 38:1;39:13-30	Luke 10:25-37	Heb 8:1-5
Wed	Oct 21	Job 40:1-24	Luke 10:38-42	Heb 8:6-13
Thurs	Oct 22	Job 40:1;41:1-11	Luke 11:1-13	Heb 9:1-10
Fri	Oct 23	Job 42:1-17	Luke 11:14-26	Heb 9:11-14
Sat	Oct 24	Job 28:1-28	Luke 11:27-36	Heb 9:15-22
*Sun	Oct 25	Job 42:1-6,10-17	Mark 10:46-52	Heb 7:23-28
Mon	Oct 26	Jer 31:27-37	Luke 11:37-52	Heb 9:23-38
Tues	Oct 27	Jer 32:1-16	Luke 11:53-12:12	Heb 10:1-10
Wed	Oct 28	Jer 32:17-30	Luke 12:13-31	Heb 10:11-18
Thurs	Oct 29	Jer 33;10-16	Luke 12:32-48	Heb 10:19-25
Fri	Oct 30	Jer 34:8-22	Luke 12:49-59	Heb 10:26-31
Sat	Oct 31	Jer 35:1-19	Luke 13:1-9	Heb 10:32-39



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