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Almaden Valley, UCC

Pastor Kevin's Corner

Akedah and "My Name Is Khan"

¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."
Genesis 22:11-12

As many of you know, one of the ways Nancy and I spend our time off together is going out to the movies. Movies can be a source of escape from the stress of daily life. But, of course, being ministers, with our "sermonic" minds running 24/7, we often not-so-subconsciously look for sermon seeds in the messages the actors and directors are planting in our minds and hearts. I am writing this note to you shortly after seeing the inspiring and touching and heart-wrenching new movie in the style of Bollywood, *My Name is Khan*. It is the story of a young San Francisco Bay area Muslim husband and father with Asperger's Syndrome, an autism spectrum disorder, whose family experiences a horrible act of violence following 9/11 resulting from ignorance and bigotry. One of the central themes of the movie, without giving too much away because I highly recommend it to each one of you, is the ignorance of how much our different faiths can draw us together and, sadly, also split us asunder.

In one scene in the movie, some characters are discussing the *Akedah*, or binding of Isaac, or for our Muslim brothers and sisters, the binding of Ishmael.

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One group of characters in the movie uses the story of Abraham/Ibrahim in an attempt to initiate sacrificial violence against the larger society while the protagonist of the movie, the young Muslim father, protests that Ibrahim/Abraham would never have violently sacrificed his son because of a devout faith in the Allah's/God's/G-d's ultimate love for each one of us. So therefore the testing of the ancient father was not about sacrificial violence, but rather about a faith so deep that we choose—and God chooses—love over violence.

But there is another point that this poignant scene in the movie depicts, and that is how terribly slanted humankind can sometimes interpret holy scriptures, whether they be the Pentateuch, the New Testament, or the Qur'an, and that, which I term *misinterpretation*, can lead to violence against the "other," or anyone who is different than you by way of religion and culture. Sadly, sometimes tragically, the use of holy scriptures can lead humankind to tremendous bigotry, bloodshed and tragedy when the scriptures should engender in us awe and yearning for peace and love of all God's children.

We have recently passed through Lent and Easter when we focus on the execution and violence against our faith's leader, Jesus Christ. Perhaps we can promise ourselves to consistently look for the more complex meaning of scriptures that, on the surface, might recommend violence. We are a people of the Easter faith which also posits that out of violence and bigotry resurrection is still possible. In a very real and urgent way, Christians in our time need to resurrect the underlying themes of love, compassion and mercy that thread and meander through our holy scriptures. Next time you read a passage in the Bible that on the surface may be calling for violence and hatred of the "other," look closer, pray harder, and remember the one major theme of most of the world's religions is to love your neighbor as you would yourself. Shalom. Salaam. Peace.

Pastor Kevin

Moderator's Notes

Dear members and friends of CCAVUCC!

Spring is here, and it's almost time for our semi-annual congregational meeting, which will be held

after church on June 6. Council will meet for a special session on May 25 to prepare fully for the congregational meeting. After this we will all be ready for summer with our own traveling, the "phun" activities planned by Dave Harris, and in addition, more spaghetti dinners!

First off I want to announce that this will be the last print edition of *Kalos*. To save money and paper, in future we will make the newsletter available electronically. We will also print up a few copies to be available in the narthex for those who do not make the computer a part of their lives, and we will send out a few print copies for those who put in a request. But we will no longer be sending the *Kalos* out automatically through the mail to your home addresses.

Now for a report on our activities in council and the Church Vitality Committee. This spring we have been busy on a number of initiatives. The name change of the church from Almaden Valley United Church of Christ to Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, United Church of Christ is nearly complete. We are filing the change officially with the county for a fee of \$40. I have sent notification of the new name to both the national United Church of Christ and our own conference, NCNC. David Hough is arranging for the name change at Citibank. And with the hard work of Mike and Connie Moore, Jim McAbee, and Dennis Widman doing both extensive research and hands on work we have redone our church sign on Camden Ave, turning it into a very beautiful and more visible one that identifies us by our new name. ECA is also pleased to have the refurbished sign, and the bill was paid by JV.

We are now making arrangements to advertise the church to the public. This activity has already begun with our wonderful cinespot ad showing through June at the Cinelux Almaden Cinema at Willow Glen Plaza. We also have underway a press release to the *Almaden Times* announcing our name change to the community, and we will soon be listed along with other churches in the valley in the Church Directory of the *Times*. Last but not least, we are working up a shared advertising plan with ECA for this paper: Out of six advertisements during the coming year, four will be shared with each church taking one-half page, and two will be one-church full

page ads. We intend to concentrate the shared ads around Christmas and Easter time to attract new worshippers to our churches.

Our first spaghetti dinner was a big success. We would like to make these dinners a monthly activity, and we are beginning right away with another spaghetti feed on June 11 at 6:00 pm to which you are all cordially invited. Our original idea was to open these occasions up to the community by walking out together on a Saturday morning to distribute door hangers announcing the supper for a low price (or perhaps donation). This would be a combined outreach and a possible a fund raising activity, and it would be fun. Our plans have gone through several permutations, beginning with the question whether we needed to have a permitted kitchen in order to cook for the community. At first it seemed that we did, then it turned out in a subsequent conversation with the county that we did not, and so we hope to get started on this outreach effort right away in the fall. In the meantime, let's enjoy our own fellowship, and for good measure, Jim McAbee, who organized the event last time, reports that we made \$140 from donations!

Now comes the hard part. We need money. We should raise funds. With all else that we have attended to, council has talked up a storm about fund raising activities, but not acted on them yet. We have discussed holding a car show, having an auction, selling pies, putting on regular spaghetti dinners with entertainment and a higher fee, raffling off a Smart Car, organizing another rummage sale, and even playing Bingo. Bingo we have had to discard because too many people have doubts about the appropriateness of bringing in outsiders just to gamble in the church. Much preferable would be an activity that would satisfy all and raise significant money. Do you have suggestions or preferences?

This brings me to the congregational meeting on June 6, which will be directed to budget matters. Something that I want to present to you is just this question about raising money. What would you think about setting up a committee in the church to organize these events and would you *personally* be willing to participate?

This is just one of the questions that I want to put to

you at the meeting, but there are others too. The sad truth is that we are gradually running down our assets at a rate of about \$36,000 a year. Although the congregation passed a budget of \$144,000 at the annual congregational meeting in November, we have raised only \$121,000 in pledges. With our projected expenses at \$171,000 we will find ourselves once again \$36,000 in the hole this year. While we do still possess around \$140,000 in savings, at the current rate of spending we will run out of reserve funds in roughly four years and find ourselves having to operate on a cash to expenses basis.

What shall we do about this? How shall we close the budget gap? Now is the time to act rather than waiting until we get desperate when we see our reserves dwindling to nothing. At the upcoming congregational meeting we will consider our various options: 1) We could each agree to increase our individual pledges. To erase the deficit, each pledge unit would need to come up with about \$1000. 2) We could raise funds. To erase the deficit this way, we would have to hold five fund raising events and make about \$5,000 from each of them. 3) We could search for another church that would like to rent space from us for their services. This choice, if we did locate such a church, would involve ECA and ultimately be a JV decision. 4) We could do a combination of the first two and aim to raise some \$35,000 by increasing our pledges more modestly and raising funds in several of the ways suggested above. These are matters that we will cover thoroughly at the congregational meeting, but I wanted to give you a heads up on where things stand so that you can begin to think about your response.

Above all let's remember that we are members and friends of this church because we want to be here to worship and to serve. It is here that we reach out to each other and find our center for outreach to the community as well, and it is here that we make our spiritual home. Without CCAVUCC we would be bereft. It's time now for us all to remind ourselves that it's only by our own commitment and efforts that we can ensure the continuation of this church that we all love so much.

*Sincerely,
Sue Scuff*

Treasurer's Cubicle

At its 10 May meeting, the Council discussed financial results for April 2010. Detailed results are posted outside Fellowship Hall.

March income includes offerings received 14 Feb – 28 Feb. April income includes offerings received 7 March - 11 April. All income and expense items are counted in the month credited or debited by the bank.

The council reluctantly adopted a final deficit budget. It is based on a pledge drive total of

\$121000, other income of \$14000, Minster's Package of \$80000, Joint Venture Operating assessment of \$83000, and other expense of \$8000, for a net deficit of **\$36000**. That amounts to \$900 for each of the 40 pledging families. To erase the deficit would require an additional pledge, or fund raising in that amount, or recruiting a new family to our church. The budget and our options will be discussed at the special council meeting on 25 May and the semi-annual congregational meeting on 6 June.

Quarterly endowment results show continued modest growth in the first quarter:

David Hough
AVUCC Treasurer

Account and Fund Balances	Beginning Balance 02/28/10	Credits	Debits	Ending Balance 3/31/10	Credits	Debits	Final Balance 4/30/10
Bank Account Statement Amounts:							
Checking	44,142	7,879	-9,476	42,545	25,885	-23,475	44,955
MM	12,864	3	0	12,867	3	0	12,869
CD	20,234	26	0	20,260	25	0	20,284
SmithBarney	0	0	0	0	2,702	-2,702	0
SmithBarneyTransfer	0	0	0	0	2,596	0	2,596
Total Bank Accounts	77,240	7,908	-9,476	75,671	31,211	-26,177	80,705
Fund Allocations:							
Past operating	-19,735	0	0	-19,735	0	0	-19,735
Current income	20,591	6,859	0	27,450	23,965	0	51,415
Current expense	-24,446	0	-9,476	-33,923	0	-23,369	-57,292
Transient funds	-774	1,118	-100	245	6,231	-3,108	3,368
Persistent funds	101,604	30	0	101,634	1,316	0	102,950
Total Fund Allocations	77,240	8,008	-9,576	75,671	31,511	-26,477	80,705

Endowment Market Value	Beginning Balance 02/28/10	Credits	Debits	Ending Balance 3/31/10
Cornerstone1	6,419	49	0	6,468
Cornerstone2	3,162	0	0	3,162
Fixed	8,474	167	0	8,641
Equity	19,631	947	0	20,579
Cash	5,333	0	0	5,333
Balanced	21,972	799	0	22,771
Total Market Value	58,573	1,913	0	60,486

Sermon Reprint by Request

Some members of the church have requested that we reprint the sermon used in our Thanksgiving service by Rev. Dr. Bartlett. Used by permission.

Our Pilgrim Heritage

Written by Rev. Dr. Robert Merrill Bartlett, MSMD

Once again we stand on Cole's Hill and look out at the eternal sea. As we meet on this sacred spot of earth, our minds meditate upon our Pilgrim heritage.

First, we think of the enlightened mind which was always searching for "more truth and light." The key leaders in Plymouth Plantation were students and thinkers: Brewster, Bradford and Fuller all had good libraries. John Robinson set the pattern for liberality and tolerance. He was the author of a dozen books. For some fourteen years he was the mental and spiritual leader who trained Brewster, Bradford, Winslow, Carver, Fuller, Cushman, Allerton, Cooke and others who crossed from Leyden. He led his flock to the university center of Leyden. He lectured there and was at home with the scholars of the continent. He and his followers became bilinguists and part of another nation and culture. They identified themselves with continental Christianity. Professor Robinson loved the Church of England, saw good in the Roman Catholic Church and believed in church unity. Seven different national groups were in his Leyden Church: Welsh, Anglican, Scottish, Walloon, French, Huguenot, and Dutch.

Robinson gathered seekers for freedom from England and Europe during the sixteen years he was in Leyden. Winslow wrote of him: "His study was peace and union; and for schism and division, there was nothing more hateful to him." When invited to Amsterdam to arbitrate among quibbling sects there, he was shocked at their divisiveness and cried, "I had rather walk in peace with five godly persons than live with 500 or 5,000 such unquiet persons as these."

Robinson was ever dissatisfied with the truth as he saw it and was ever seeking new light. His brilliant pupil, Bradford, shared this outlook and wrote: "It is

too great an arrogancy for any man or church to think that he or they have so sounded the word of God to the bottom as precisely to set down the church's discipline without error in substance or circumstance, as that no other without blame may digress or differ anything from the same."

Robinson taught his fellowship: (1) The necessity for an enlightened, scholarly ministry who lived with their people and served as their teacher. (2) The central importance of an educated laity who could read, study the Bible, and think for themselves. (3) Independence of the local church from king and bishops. The people were the church. The people had the right to run their churches, choose their ministers and lay leaders. Their aim was a free church where men could speak their minds and seek new truth. (4) Reform of the church from control by crown and bishops, and reform from corruption and superstition.

The irenic spirit of his famous Farewell at Delfshaven helped make Plymouth Plantation the most liberal and tolerant church in the New World: "I Charge you before God and his blessed angels that you follow me no further than you have seen me follow Christ. If God reveal anything to you by any other instrument of His, be as ready to receive it as you were to receive any truth from my ministry, for I am verily persuaded the Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth from His holy word.

"The Lutherans cannot be drawn to go beyond what Luther saw. Whatever part of His will our God has revealed to Calvin, they (Lutherans) will rather die than embrace it; and the Calvinists, you see, stick fast where they were left by that great man of God, who yet saw not all things. This is a misery much to be lamented.

"For though they were precious shining lights in their time, yet God has not revealed his whole will to them. And were they now living, they would be as ready and willing to embrace further light, as they had received."

Many of these Cambridge-educated men, who helped launch the Pilgrim movement, were imprisoned and martyred because they pioneered in championing the enlightened mind. Dean Robinson of

Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, was one of the greatest of this company. His followers in Plymouth Plantation carried on this search for new truth.

A second feature of our Pilgrim heritage is the democratic spirit. Plymouth Plantation created a free church and a free state. James I disliked the Pilgrims. He reasoned, "If they apply democracy in church they will want to practice it in government." He said, "I will make them conform or harry them out of the land." But a pattern of self-government was established. The church was the community of free people responsible to God alone. The sovereignty of individual conscience was promoted and the inherent right of all believers.

These Pilgrim Fathers were adventurous Pilgrim youth. When they landed, Howland was 21, Soule 21, Doty 21, Gilbert Winslow 21, Alden 22, Edward Winslow 25, Eaton 25, Bradford 31, Carver 34, Allerton 34, Fuller 35, Hopkins 35, Warren 38, Cooke 38, Fuller 39, and 34 Mayflower passengers were children.

Plymouth Plantation created a church and community broader and more democratic than contemporaries in the Old World. The pattern of the Plymouth church was copied throughout New England and so was the town meeting that was held in the Fort Meeting House. Plymouth eloped government by the people. Its founders believed that citizens could be trusted, that through discussion and reason, problems could be resolved by the people.

The Pilgrims gathered in the Fort Meeting House to talk things over, to take a vote, and so make decisions. They worked things out for themselves. They did not depend on orders from king, lords, or bishops. In contrast with other colonies, they drew up their Compact based on Robinsons Farewell Letter. They came ashore as the first independent American community with a covenant of mutual agreement.

Brewster and others wrote: "We are inured to the difficulties of a strange and hard land." The people are, for the body of them, industrious and frugal, we think we may safely say, as any company of people in the world.

"We are knit together as a body in a most strict and sacred bond and covenant of the Lord, of the violation whereof we make great conscience, and by virtue whereof we do hold ourselves straightly tied to care of each other's good and of the whole by every one and so mutually.

"Lastly, it is not with us as with other men, whom small things can discourage or small discontentments cause to wish themselves at home again."

Plymouth Plantation was more democratic than the Puritan communities. The Pilgrims were different. They loved bright colored clothes. They enjoyed food, drink and their pipes. They did not engage in witch hunts. They were not unkind to Roger Williams, the Baptist. He spent over two years at the Plantation as their teacher. Bradford writes in a friendly way about him, and Winslow journeyed to Rhode Island to give the exile money. The Quakers received more just treatment here than in some spots. Isaac Robinson, the son of Professor John Robinson, became their friend and champion.

A third aspect of our heritage is the Pilgrim capacity to work with God in the effort to build a better world. The Pilgrims all worked with their hands. They did not depend on slaves. They worked in free enterprise, not depending on orders from abroad to search for gold or plant tobacco. They assumed the debt they owed the London Merchant Adventurers and paid it in full in 1645 with an admirable sense of honor and duty. As far as we know, they are the only group that paid their own way.

They were aggressive workers. They did well in cattle, corn, and furs. They reached out boldly and bought land, venturing to new frontiers in Kingston, Duxbury, Manomet, Cape Cod. They believed they could work the will of God into the fabric of human society. They changed the course of history because of this faith.

It was trust in God's leadership that sustained them when they laid one-half of their company to rest beneath the cold winter earth of this very hill. They upheld the Scrooby covenant of 1606: "As ye Lords free people joined themselves by a covenant of the Lord into a church estate, in ye fellowship of ye gos-

pel, to walk in all his ways, made known or to be made known to them according to their best endeavor, whatever it should cost them, the Lord assisting them."

These Pilgrims emphasized the sovereignty of God, but instead of deriving the concept of man's insignificance before God they stressed man's supreme importance as the agent through whom God's will was expressed in the world. They asserted that men were the agents of the divine will with an authority that set them above kings and lords. This bred bold independence.

This is part of the heritage we reaffirm here at this resting place of fifty-one of the Pilgrim band. Divine Providence has worked through these forefathers to create this great land of ours, a notion of enlightenment, freedom and progress unparalleled in history. Let us ponder the words from Deuteronomy which must have been considered many times by Robinson and the Mayflower company: "I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse, therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and cleaving unto him; for that means life to you and length of day."

As Mayflower Descendants we face crisis and change, but whatever may come, let us assert with Robinson: "I am verily persuaded the Lord hath more truth and light yet to break forth from His holy word."



People in the Pews

A THANK YOU FROM BILL ALLFREY'S FAMILY

Our family was blessed to have so many friends who cared about Bill as he struggled to recover from his accident. Bill and our family appreciated all the visitors who came to Good Sam and then to A Grace, it meant so much to Bill to see those friendly faces. Must admit that I enjoyed the visitors too, it was a bright spot for both Bill and I. Phone calls, lots of beautiful get well cards, there were so many people who cared about Bill and cared for our family too.

Thank you to all our church families and all the many ECA folks who shared with us at Bill's Memorial Service. My deepest appreciation to all who so generously brought food to the reception, no one should have gone home hungry with all the delicious platters to choose from. Thanks to all the ladies who worked so hard in the kitchen to keep the plates full. Thank you Audrey Wiedrick for the beautiful floral arrangement on the table and the altar.

The gift of music was special, thank you Debbie Bemis, Phyllis and Hi Dong Chai, Gwen Hacker, Susan Gaydon, Dana Marshall, John Hawes and Patty Johnson.

Thanks to Pastor Kevin for his leadership and especially his visits to Bill, which meant so much to him.

Thank you all for being a part of our life these many years. And for all your prayers and concerns during these past 5 months, I am eternally grateful.

Another thank you to John Graham who was driving by our house and noticed that my side fence was not connected. It was a rainy day but he managed to fix it temporarily and then the next day did the repair needed to have the fence secure. What a great gift – thank you John.

FOLKS NEEDING PRAYERS

Dick Okumura is having dialysis treatments three times a week. Keep both Joan and Dick in your prayers as they deal with this serious situation.

Orlon Wiedrick is still struggling with his health situation and has difficulty in getting around.

Phyllis Green has had great discomfort as caused by a herniated disc, but her condition continues to improve. Pray for a good resolution to this health issue.

Our deepest sympathy to David Hough and his family in the recent death of his father. David was able to be with his father as he passed and was reading the 23rd Psalm to him. David was a good and faithful son.

Please keep the Harris family in your prayers after the sudden loss of their beloved Derrie Harris, daughter-in-law to Rae and Dave.

GOOD NEWS

Congratulations to Chris Coutinho for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout - his project was to work on the memorial for former policeman Jeffrey Fontana at the local park. He installed an irrigation system and laid new concrete to make the memorial worthy of the individual it honors. Chris is now attending Humboldt State where he is studying Environmental Engineering

We all have been blessed to have had Patty Johnson with us again, for most of the past winter and through Easter. She has been a valued member of Shalom, Folk, and Bell Choirs, Quest group, and we've appreciated her violin offerings.

We'll very much miss Patty as she returns to her home and family in Wisconsin, and we eagerly await her return after next Christmas.

Ted and Cora Lee Seale were active members for many years in our church until their move to Sea Ranch. Well, they have now relocated to Rogue Manor in Oregon. Know they would love to hear from us so their address is:

1912 Wildflower Circle, Medford OR.
97504. Ph. # 541-857-6497 or cell # 707-367-4286

Legends say that hummingbirds float free of time, carrying our hopes for love, joy, and celebration. The hummingbird's delicate grace reminds us that

life is rich, beauty is everywhere, every personal connection has meaning and that laughter is life's sweetest creation.

Dot Allfrey

Outreach

Have you any extra yarn to share ? Please contact Harriet Yamada (268-5967) to donate. For many years, Harriet has been on the staff at the downtown Grace Baptist Church Center for chronically mentally ill persons, teaching crafts and sewing. A woman who is a client there and of very limited means, knits caps for babies in hospitals; she would welcome being given additional yarn to continue with this gift of love.

Aluminum Can Collection for "Habitat"

The next collection of Aluminum Cans for Habitat for Humanity will be the weekend of May 15 and 16. When you see the Habitat Can Sign hanging in front of the church, your empty cans can be left by the sheds near the Rose Garden. This area will be checked periodically and the cans moved to a secure area before delivery to the recycler.

*Thanks for your help.
Tom Gerber*

CALLING: One interested, able, willing person to continue heading up the J.V. Aluminum Can Collection to benefit "Habitat for Humanity". Tom "The Can Man" Gerber very faithfully and without fanfare organized the collection several times yearly, for a number of years. We are grateful for Tom's dedication to this mission work, and would welcome another person to continue it...No experience needed...Just "shout it out", if you feel called to assume this role.

Beneficio

To order Beneficio (More Than Fair Trade) Coffee, or for more information, please contact Phyllis Chai (226-7150). The blue shiny bags of "Beneficio", stored in the church kitchen pantry (shelf on the left), are for use by both congregations. If one or the other congregation is planning an event where extra coffee will be used, please let Phyllis know so that an ample amount can be kept on hand. There is no need to replenish the church supply with store-bought coffee. *Phyllis Chai*



Youth News / Christian Education

June 21-25 Our next big event is **Vacation Bible School!** We will rocket into outer space with this year's theme, Galactic Blast. VBS will be held at the church **June 21-25** for children age 4 through entering 5th grade. All are welcome. Please feel free to bring friends! Registration is on our websites and in the office beginning this week.

Blessings, Melanie Click
Christian Education Director/Youth Coordinator
268- 0243, mjclick@comcast.net

Junior High Youth

The Junior and Senior High raised \$500, half for Santa Maria Urban Mission and half for the Red Cross for relief in Haiti. Good work, youth! Thank you to our generous congregations. Upcoming events include bowling in March and a cruise with the Sea Scouts in April! Look in your email for more information.

Bonnie and Melanie

THE CONGREGATIONALIST MOB STORMS THE MYSTERY SPOT!

On 24 April, Dave and Rae Harris hosted a great expedition to the Mystery Spot in Santa Cruz.

Connie and I had never seen this before, and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

By the time we arrived, there were Dave and Rae, Sue Scaff, Bessie Hutchins, Phyllis Chai, and Melanie with Karen and Matthew. Dave and Carolyn





Crowley arrived a little later with Bridget and Abby.

Dave and Rae arrived early and secured a picnic table for everyone.

The Mystery Spot was surprisingly crowded, but thanks to Dave having reserved just enough spots, we were all able to get into the 1:35 tour. After initial demonstrations of people becoming tall and short, our guide led us up the hill to tour the inside of the tool shed which had (allegedly) slid down the hill. We all had some difficulty standing and moving about.

A great time was had by all. Right as we were leaving, Dave and Rae ran into a young couple from India who had ridden a bus to the Mystery Spot from their hotel in Santa Cruz, but there was no return bus. Dave and Rae patiently waited for their tour to end, then took them sightseeing in Santa Cruz and on to their hotel. Dave and Rae said they really enjoyed it, but I bet that was a real high point of that couple's vacation, and a kindness they will never forget. *God is still speaking!* Thanks to Dave and Rae for arranging this most excellent trip!

Mike Moore

Events

JV Book Club

I wanted to send out the list for the year again even though Virginia did send the March date. There was a correction of author and I'm not sure what else. Let me know if this list needs any other revisions. We need a person for September. And, remember, you can always bring a guest. All are welcome.

Wed, June 16, at Amy Griffith, book is *The Book Thief* by Malcolm Zusak

Wed, July 21, at Audrey Wiedrick

Wed, Aug 18, at Kelli Casale

Wed, Sept 15, TBD

Wed, Oct 20, at Joan Wagner

Wed, Nov 17 at Jackie Whitlock

Comedy Tonight!

Well, not TONIGHT, but soon! Come share with me

“archival footage” of my Spring Fling at “the Forum in Rome.” Many of you have expressed interest in seeing the video capture of this great experience. Please join me for a free showing Thursday, June 17. Theatre on San Pedro Square (*home of Tabard Theatre*) 29 N. San Pedro Street (near Santa Clara Street), San Jose, CA.

Doors will open at approximately 6:45pm. Presentation begins at 7:30pm. Come early to socialize a bit before the presentation. This event will be approximately the same length as a feature film or other stage show. (rated PG-13 for ribald, bawdy humor and situations)

Parking is available in the multi-story city parking lot directly across the street from the theatre for a flat fee of \$3 after 6pm. Parking in the lot adjacent to the theatre is privately owned. Pay before you park (could be anything from \$6-\$10), otherwise your car will be towed if you park in that lot without paying in advance. Free Admission

Cash bar snacks and beverages include beer, wine, champagne, various sodas, root beer floats, coffee, tea, cheesecakes, cookies, chips and maybe a few surprises. Cash and credit cards accepted.

Donations accepted for the theatre company (loose change, \$5s \$10s \$20s...all donations gratefully accepted) Seats will not be reserved, but we do need to know how many will be attending, so that we may plan accordingly. Looking forward to sharing my “Forum Fun” with you! R.S.V.P. to me directly at JohnQL@aol.com.

“Chick Flicks”

Yes, it was great fun when 35 women gathered for their 2010 Kickoff of “*Chick Flicks*” last month. Adorned with turquoise, purple, and lime green our Fellowship Hall sparkled with votive candles and the overhead twinkly lights. *Susanne Moore* has such a wonderful knack for putting things together and making every thing look so inviting. Our wonderful chefs for the evening (*those who attended*) brought a wonderful array of specialties from their own kitchens or their favorite deli or takeout. No one went

away hungry! **Bonnie McPherson** knows the secrets for fantastic popcorn which she made for us to enjoy during the movie.

Our featured film for the evening was *Steel Magnolias*. We give special kudos to **Sharon Mills** for her creativity in the dessert category. For those of you who are familiar with the film, you know just how unique an “*armadillo red velvet cake*” can be. Yes... and ours was superb!

Over dessert, discussions were led by a team of facilitators who had volunteered for the evening. **Pat Fox, Kathy Mastre, & Nancy Romer** joined the organizers for this event (**Susie & Joy**) to be facilitators and help our attendees explore a few questions in regard to Christianity and our particular film. Discussion time is never long enough on a Friday night when we set our curfew for 10 PM.

Special thanks are always in order for our technical advisor, **Doug Dunham**. Doug graciously spends an evening in the background and out of the limelight. He sets up our theater, gets our film running, and “*strikes*” our sound stage at the end. Another special thank you goes to **Jerry Ferguson**. He willingly came by early to set up the table and chairs for us and returned to assist with our clean up. *All of you who attended* were great help in our cleanup, with special mention going to **Kelli Casale, Susan Gaydon, and Charlotte Boileau**, who helped with lots of tasks in the kitchen while the movie was running since they had to leave before the movie ended.

An outreach component was added to this particular night. Our movie revolved in many ways around a Beauty Parlor so we invited those who were able to bring new beauty or health items. We filled 5 huge bags and a big box, which was all donated to InnVision for their Women’s Shelter on Commercial Street in San Jose. Thank you and God bless everyone for your generosity.

I also must thank **Joy Austin-Lane** who was a major encouragement and inspiration to me to get things on the calendar and underway with our first Chick Flick of 2010. She does know how to “light a fire.”

We would like to have one **Chick Flick** evening per

quarter. We are considering dates for April or May at this time. If you would like to join us and help put a Chick Flick evening together, please contact either of us and volunteer. We look forward to working with you.

*Susie Ferguson (408-499-6381)
and Joy Austin-Lane (301-385-2900)*

Bob’s Comedy Corner

A few more from the infamous “Oktoberfest archive.” Please feel free to submit any “funnies” you’d like to share to Kalos@avucc.org to be considered for this column in Bob Thomas’s honor.

That’s a nice hat you’ve got there, is it new?

Yeah, it’s a present from my wife.

Well, that’s fine, how’d she happen to give it to you?

I don’t know, I came home early the other night and found it on the dining room table.

I told my doctor I was having insomnia.

What was his advice?

He told me not to lose any sleep over it.

Phoenix Affirmations **Book Discussion Group**

Starting Sunday, July 11th, Pastor Kevin and Mike Moore will lead us in **discussion of the book *The Phoenix Affirmations: A New Vision for the Future of Christianity*** beginning at coffee hour after the worship service. The discussion group sessions will continue on the following Sundays until we have completed the book. This book, written by UCC Pastor Eric Elnes, will inform us, inspire us, challenge us, and provide lots of material for thinking about our faith and the work of the church in these modern times. If you would like to participate, please see Pastor Kevin to receive your book. The cost of the book is \$12.95 and the check can be written out to CCAVUCC.

*Please get your book from Pastor Kevin
before the class begins!*

June Birthdays

Jo Ann Sparks	6/4
Marian Henderson	6/6
John Graham	6/8
Joshua Click	6/9
Dave Hennings	6/10
Patricia Garcia	6/20
Karen Smith	6/22
Dennis Widman	6/24
David Crowley	6/25
Janice Krahenbuhl	6/28
Ariss Thomas	6/28

June Anniversaries

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

<u>Sermons</u>	<u>Rev. Kevin Smith</u>	<u>952-9413</u>
June 6	Kevin Smith	
June 13	Byron Henderson	
June 20	Melanie Weiner Click	
June 27	Kevin Smith	

<u>Children Sermons</u>	<u>Dennis Elliott</u>	<u>268-0243</u>
June 13	Sandy Baldwin	

<u>Lay Readers</u>	<u>Dennis Elliott</u>	<u>268-0243</u>
June 6	Alec & Eric Fernandez	
June 13	Melanie Weiner Click	
June 20	Jim McAbee	
June 27	Mike Moore	

<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Dot Allfrey</u>	<u>268-2973</u>
June 6	Dot Allfrey, Dave Harris, Harriet Yamada	
June 13	Dot Allfrey, Dave Harris, Harriet Yamada	
June 20	Dot Allfrey, Dave Harris, Harriet Yamada	
June 27	Dot Allfrey, Dave Harris, Harriet Yamada	

<u>Greeter/Coffee Host</u>	<u>Linda Farr</u>	<u>268-8210</u>
June 6	The Haley Family	
June 13	Harriet Yamada & Toh-Bee Syn	
June 20	The Bemis Blake Family	
June 27	Kathy Kisabeth & Sandy Baldwin	

<u>Communion</u>	<u>Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall</u>	
June 6	Sandy Baldwin & Lori Yang	

<u>Break-out</u>	<u>Kathy Graham</u>	<u>268-7681</u>
June 13	TBD	
June 20	TBD	

<u>Bread Making</u>	<u>Melanie Click</u>	<u>323-8283</u>
June 27	TBD	

<u>Altar Flowers</u>	<u>Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall</u>	
June 6	Ariss Thomas	
June 13	Sandy Baldwin	
June 20	Betty Benson	
June 27	Janice Krahenbuhl in celebration of her granddaughter Brook's Birthday	

<u>Caring Committee</u>	
Connie Moore	782-1272
Loir Yang	268-2802

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.

KALOS MOVING TO ON-LINE DISTRIBUTION!

This will be the last print edition of *Kalos*. To save money and paper, in future we will make the newsletter available electronically. We will also print up a few copies to be available in the narthex for those who do not make the computer a part of their lives, and we will send out a few print copies for those who put in a request. But we will no longer be sending the *Kalos* out automatically through the mail to your home addresses.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 8:35 AM ECA Sunday Forum 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 12:40 PM ECA Sunday Forum	31 Church Office Closed	1 9:30 AM Quest Meeting	2 7:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Eucarhist 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study	3 7:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Eucarhist 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study	4 5:30 PM ECA Bridge Dinner 7:00 PM COH Preparation	5 3:00 PM Eagle Court of Honor for Zach Duffy
6 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 9:30 AM ECA New Member Brunch 10:10 AM CCAV Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 12:00 PM ECA Barbecue	7 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	8 7:00 PM AVUCC Council Meeting 7:00 PM ECA Vestry Meeting	9 9:30 AM Quest Meeting 12:00 PM JV Staff Meeting 6:00 PM CCAVUCC Folk Choir Rehearsal	10 7:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Eucarhist 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study	11 3:00 PM Montgomery Meals 6:00 PM JHYG Event	12 5:30 PM Crusillo Meeting
13 SHYG Pool Party 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM ECA Financial Forum 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 12:00 PM ECA Financial Forum	14 9:30 AM Assistants League of San Jose Board Meeting 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	15 4:00 PM AVUCC Shelter Food Service 7:30 PM JV Board Meeting	16 9:30 AM Quest Meeting 7:30 PM JV Book Club	17 7:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Eucarhist 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 6:45 PM A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum 1:00 PM Dinner Prep	18 6:00 PM ECA SURF AND TURF DINNER	19
20 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 10:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist	21 9:00 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	22 9:00 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 12:00 PM JV Staff Meeting	23 9:00 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 12:00 PM JV Staff Meeting	24 7:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Eucarhist 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL	25 9:00 AM VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 10:00 AM ECA OUTING TO GOLDEN GATE PARK 3:00 PM Montgomery Meals	26 10:00 AM Whale Watching
27 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 8:30 AM ECA Financial Forum 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 10:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 11:30 AM ECA Financial Forum	28 9:00 AM Unicorn Thrift Shop Installation Luncheon 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	29 5:30 PM Bunco Mania	30	1 7:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Eucarhist 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study	2	3

Daily Lectionary Scripture References June 2010 (Year C)

Tues., June 1
Psalm 124
Proverbs 8:4-21
Ephesians 5:15-20

Wed., June 2
Psalm 124
Daniel 1:1-21
Luke 1:46b-55

Thurs., June 3
Psalm 146
Exodus 29:1-9
Acts 22:6-21

Fri., June 4
Psalm 146
Numbers 15:17-26
Acts 26:1-11

Sat., June 5
Psalm 146
Joshua 9:1-27
Matthew 9:2-8

Sun., June 6
10th Sunday – Ordinary Time
1 Kings 17:8-16 [17-24]
Psalm 146
Galatians 1:11-24
Luke 7:11-17

Mon., June 7
Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20
Job 22:1-20
Galatians 2:1-10

Tues., June 8
Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20
Job 24:9-25
Galatians 2:11-14

Wed., June 9
Psalm 68:1-10, 19-20
Job 31:16-23
Luke 8:40-56

Thurs., June 10
Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:1-22
James 4:1-7

Fri., June 11
Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:23-34
Romans 11:1-10

Sat., June 12
Psalm 5:1-8
1 Kings 20:35-43
Luke 5:17-26

Sun., June 13
11th Sunday – Ordinary Time
1 Kings 21:1-10 [11-14] 15-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

Mon., June 14
Psalm 83
Genesis 31:17-35
Galatians 3:1-9

Tues., June 15
Psalm 83
2 Samuel 19:31-43
Galatians 3:10-14

Wed., June 16
Psalm 83
Malachi 3:5-12
Mark 2:1-12

Thurs., June 17
Psalm 42 and 43
Genesis 24:1-21
Romans 2:17-29

Fri., June 18
Psalm 42 and 43
Job 6:14-30
Galatians 3:15-22

Sat., June 19
Psalm 42 and 43
Proverbs 11:3-13
Matthew 9:27-34

Sun., June 20
12th Sunday – Ordinary Time
1 Kings 19:1-4 [5-7] 8-15a
Psalm 42 and 43
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

Mon., June 21
Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:1-13
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Tues., June 22
Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:14-26
Ephesians 2:11-22

Wed., June 23
Psalm 59
2 Kings 9:30-37
Luke 9:37-43a

Thurs., June 24
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 22:29-40, 51-53
2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Fri., June 25
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
2 Kings 1:1-12
Galatians 4:8-20

Sat., June 26
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
2 Kings 1:13-18; 2:3-5
Luke 9:21-27

Sun., June 27
13th Sunday – Ordinary Time
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-255
Luke 9:51-62

Mon., June 28
Psalm 75
2 Kings 2:15-22
1 John 2:7-11

Tues., June 29
Psalm 75
2 Kings 3:4-20
Ephesians 5:6-20

Wed., June 30
Psalm 75
2 Kings 4:1-7
Matthew 10:16-25



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