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Almaden Valley, UCC

Moderator's Note

Happy New Year Everyone!

The incoming 2011 council members have many opportunities to work on this year. But before I expand, I want to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing council members for their service, thoughtful guidance, and friendship. And to personally thank Sue Scaff for her leadership and inspiration – Sue has been a great mentor to me personally and I will miss her greatly!

You may wonder why I chose the word “opportunities” in my first sentence; one might think the word “challenges” more appropriate. Yes, we need to shore up our finances, and yes, we need to grow our membership. But think of the journey we have been on for the last few years:

- We are an Open and Affirming Church
- We went through a process of re-covenanting – which was phenomenal
- We boldly experimented with a variety of ways to get the word out about our Church
- We built up our base of community activities – Phun Stuff, spaghetti dinners, spiritual discussions, book clubs, Men’s Breakfast speakers, retreats, to name a few!
- We started on a path of understanding who we want to be – our Church identity – and viola – look at our new signage! Much more to be done here... my point is to not forget that progress has been made!

What are our opportunities for 2011? First, let’s build upon what we have accomplished – to me the glass is half full and we will continue to fill up the glass by staying focused on:

- Further exploring our Church identity – who we want to be as a congregation both spiritually and for the greater community, and
- Continue to explore how best to reach out to our community, and
- Find an awesome minister, and
- Continue to get together and have fun (we certainly know how to do this!)

Second, make your voice heard and participate as much as possible in our Church worship and activities. I welcome your ideas, suggestions and thoughts for addressing the above and anything else on your mind. Our Church exists today because of each and everyone one of you; think of yourself as a unique gift of love, friendship, and talent; and if we all bring our unique gifts to Church imagine the possibilities!

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A special note: finding a new minister is top of mind for all, and the search committee is well under way – looking at all possibilities and assessing what’s best for our wonderful Church. I am very confident we will indeed find that “awesome” minister. Much will be shared soon!

The New Year is a time to reflect and dream of new. As with all New Year traditions, I have a request to the congregation – please consider what our Church means to you, and then next consider what you would like to see in our future? Share this with me, the council, and your fellow members. We all love this Church, and now is the time for us to continue on this path of spiritual growth and enrichment.

*Cheers,
Kathryn McAbee*

P.S. I can’t end without a comment on our annual pledge drive -- please be sure to return your pledge form and Time and Talent form if you have not already done so. We can’t do this without you!

One last note: Council has scheduled our retreat for Sunday, January 15 to kick off the New Year. Our focus will be moving the process along to recruit a great part-time interim minister and lay the ground work for the Congregation to consider for the permanent minister. We are very hopeful to have someone on board shortly after the month’s end. In the mean time, feel free to call on me if you have any questions.



Treasurer's Cubicle

On 15 December the Council received the financial report for November 2010. Results are also posted outside Fellowship Hall.

Account and Fund Balances	Beginning Balance 09/30/10	Credits	Debits	Balance 10/29/10	Credits	Debits	FINAL Balance 11/30/10
Bank Account Statement Amounts:							
Checking	13,573	3,428	-12,227	4,773	55,096	-19,248	40,622
MM	7,888	2	0	7,890	1	-5,000	2,891
CD	30,338	9	0	30,346	8	-20,026	10,329
SmithBarney	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SmithBarneyTransfer	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Bank Accounts	51,799	3,438	-12,227	43,009	55,105	-44,273	53,841
Fund Allocations:							
Budget income	99,745	2,643	0	102,388	29,580	-6,248	125,720
Budget expense	-129,735	0	-12,124	-141,859	0	-12,300	-154,158
Budget income	99,745	2,643	0	102,388	29,580	-6,248	125,720
Budget expense	-129,735	0	-12,124	-141,859	0	-12,300	-154,158
Total Fund Allocation	-59,981	5,287	-24,247	-78,941	59,159	-37,095	-56,877
Budget Net	-29,990	2,643	-12,124	-39,470	29,580	-18,548	-28,439
Non-Budget Net	81,789	995	-304	82,480	25,726	-25,926	82,280
Endowment	61,403	0	0	61,403	0	0	61,403

Income reflects offerings received through 21 November, including some prepaid pledges. All income and expense items are counted in the month credited or debited by the bank. With 92% of the year done, we are at 90% of budgeted expenses and 93% of budgeted income. To keep liquid, CD's that matured in November were cashed and moved to the checking account. Please keep current with 2010 pledges, and if your circumstances permit, prepayment of all or part of 2011 pledges will help us get through the end of the year.

The Shelter Feedings, which are not funded from our budget, are in deficit of \$138, so offerings directed to support that vital ministry are welcome.

Our Stewardship campaign is now in progress. Please prayerfully consider your pledges of time, talent, and treasure, and get them in the offering plate or to the pledge recorder by Christmas if possible. Forms are available from the church officers if you need them. If you are not able to pledge for 2011, please notify the pledge recorder of that too. After Christmas we will attempt to contact all members who have not responded, so we can provide stewardship results to the new council on 11 January.

David Hough

Youth News

Sunday school is in need of a couple items that you might find are cluttering up your house! We can be a blessing to each other by moving those items from your house into our children's hands. We need:

About 12 empty, clean plastic gallon jugs, the kind milk and water come in.
Magazines with colorful pictures appropriate for children, for example travel magazines, National Geographic, kids' magazines.

If you have any of these items that you desperately need removed from your home, please bring them to church. They will not be returned! I will put a box outside the CE/Music office.

Thanks!
Melanie Weiner

JHYG & SHYG

Happy New Year to you all. Next youth meeting will be Sunday, January 23rd from 5-8pm. Note that will be **starting an hour earlier** this meeting than we usually do. We will be watching a flick "To Save a Life" which runs ~2 hours. It's about the most popular kid in school knocking down the sacred social barriers of high school life to befriend a loner. The additional hour is to allow for dinner and discussion time. Below is a general schedule for activities in the upcoming months; expect more activities to be added. Remember friends are always welcome to come to youth group.

Upcoming 2011 Activities: more details will be provided as meetings/activities approach

Jan 23	Sunday	Regular Meeting
Feb 13	Sunday	Regular Meeting
Mar 6	Sunday	Regular Meeting
Mar 8	Tuesday	Shove Pancake Super
Mar 20	Sunday	Regular Meeting
Apr 3	Sunday	Regular Meeting
May 1	Sunday	Regular Meeting
May 15 or 22	Sunday	Carwash
Jun 12	Sunday	Summer Party
Jun 24-26	Fri-Sun	Beach Camping Trip
Jul		Summer BBQ

No youth ski trip is planned for this winter

Jon Mills

Let Us Hear From You!

A new year always brings to mind the possibility of re-invention and renewal. It is not that these things aren't available to us at any time we find ourselves ready, willing and able to make a turn, however hanging that new calendar on the wall seems, for many of us, to bring thoughts of a new start.

Our old friend the Kalos is going through change and a new start as well. At some future point we will engage a new Pastor and begin again a process of evolving our communications styles and strategies. In the meantime, though, we have the opportunity to explore together.

These coming months, as our council and eventually the search committee lead us through a process of reflection and direction, are a wonderful time to hear from guest columnists and about new topics. I am eager to hear from those of you who are willing to share your thoughts and voices!

What would you like to see here? What did you value in the past about the Kalos and what would

your aspirations be for its future?

Please contact me with any feedback you have. I may be contacting some of you as well!

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[Please bear with us as we continue the transition into providing content online that can also print into something not too unpleasant to the eye Ideas and suggestions always welcome. -Ed.]

Birthdays and Schedule information can be found in the mid-week e-mails. The Church Calendar is also available online at ccavucc.org.

Deadline for the February Kalos is January 20th.

Please e-mail submittals to newsdesk@ccavucc.org

Questions/Comments? Please contact the editor, Kelly Yamanishi, at (408)997-3373 or kelly.yamanishi@gmail.com

JANUARY 2011

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
26 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist	27 Church Office Closed 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	28 Church Office Closed	29 4:30 PM JV Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM ArcLight Repertory Theatre Rehearsal 8:00 PM SHYG Overnighter	30 7:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Prayer 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM ArcLight Repertory Theatre Rehearsal	31	1	2 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 12:30 PM JHYG Event	3 Church Office Closed 7:00 PM ArcLight Repertory Theatre Rehearsal 7:00 PM Duplicate Bridge #294 meeting	4 7:00 PM ArcLight Repertory Theatre Rehearsal	5 9:00 AM Assistance League of San Jose 9:30 AM Quest Meeting 4:30 PM JV Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM ArcLight Repertory Theatre Rehearsal 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 274 Meeting 7:30 PM Shalom Choir Rehearsal	6 7:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Prayer 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 7:00 PM ArcLight Repertory Theatre Rehearsal 7:30 PM ECA Choir Rehearsal	7 3:00 PM Montgomery Meals 7:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 282	8 8:00 AM CCAVUCC Men's Breakfast 10:00 AM ArcLight Play Rehearsal and Clean-up 10:00 AM Knitwit Knitting Group
9 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 12:00 PM ECA Annual Meeting	10 7:00 PM Women in Transition 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	11 7:00 PM AVUCC Council Meeting 7:00 PM ECA Vestry Meeting	12 9:30 AM Quest Meeting 4:30 PM JV Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Shalom Choir Rehearsal	13 7:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Prayer 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:30 PM ECA Choir Rehearsal	14	15	16 7:30 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 9:00 AM AVUCC Worship 10:10 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM ECA Holy Eucharist 6:00 PM Youth Group Meeting	17 9:30 AM Assistants League of San Jose Board Meeting 7:30 PM Boy Scout Troop #294 meeting	18 9:30 AM Assistance League Meeting 4:00 PM AVUCC Shelter Food Service 7:30 PM JV Board Meeting	19 4:30 PM JV Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM Shalom Choir Rehearsal	20 7:30 AM ECA Thursday Morning Prayer 8:00 AM ECA Men's Breakfast 10:30 AM Thursday Morning Bible Study 7:30 PM ECA Choir Rehearsal	21 3:00 PM Montgomery Meals 7:00 PM Cubscout pack 282 Den 1 Meeting	22 10:00 AM Knitwit Knitting Group
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