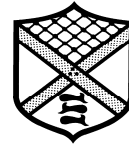




The Weekly "E" – Wed., Feb. 13, 2008

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MISSION: As a community in Christ, Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church offers a spiritual home for those seeking to celebrate God's love, participate in joyful fellowship, and faithfully serve those in need, near and far.

BEGINNING TONIGHT!

Millennium Development Goals and the Lenten Soup Suppers

The Millennium Development Goals are a framework world leaders have agreed upon, to reduce poverty and improve lives. These eight goals offer a vision of what we want to achieve to address the challenges facing the world today. Please come to the St. Andrew's Lenten Soup Suppers each Wednesday night from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M., beginning tonight, to learn how you can be a part of that vision. We invite you to make a donation to cover the cost of the meal, and all proceeds after expenses will go to the Millennium Development Goals Inspiration Fund. A short service of Night Prayer (or Compline) will follow the evening program, for anyone who wishes to take part.

Please join us in the Center at 6:00pm each Wednesday evening during Lent (through Mar. 19).

- A simple meal will be served at 6pm.
- Then the adults will have a presentation and discussion on the MD Goals.
- Youth will have their own Bible Study and younger children will have their own program in the nursery concluding with a Bible-based craft led by Katie Machermer and the Youth Group. Please call Katie Machermer to let her know which children will be coming to this program 408-867-3493 x255.

Faith Formation Event Saturday, March 1

at St. Mark's, 1957 Pruneridge Avenue, Santa Clara

8:15am registration,

9:00am opening prayer to 3:00pm

Fee: \$20 includes lunch – Childcare available on request

Call Susan Altig by Feb. 15th (831-394-4465)

Send registration form to Susan Altig at the
Diocesan Office PO Box 1903 Monterey, CA 93942

The day includes the following workshops:

Eucharistic Minister Licensure Training

Eucharistic Visitor Licensure Training

Safe Guarding God's Children

Praying in Color

Instructed Eucharist

Episcopal 101

JOINT GUILD LUNCHEON

THURS., FEB. 21

There will be a Joint Guild Luncheon for Esther Leah and Ruth Rachel Guilds on **Thursday, February 21 at 11:30am** in the St. Andrew's Center, catered by Patricia Carney. The guest speaker will be Evelyn Preston, author of *Memoirs of the Money Lady*, a humorous presentation. The cost of the luncheon is \$10. RSVP to Sylvia Chadwick, P. Kaye Connor, or Sylvia Moore by Feb. 15th.

Our prayers for healing are with Margaret Clark, Virginia McCue, Bob Wilds, Jane Blaisdell, Matt Seamans, Marge Kundtz, Fran Reynolds, Gary Rubio, Bob Chartrand, and Bo Raisch.

Our prayers for comfort are with **the family and friends of Ruth McCann**. Ruth's Memorial Service will be 9:15am on Monday, March 3rd in the Chapel.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

If you have any Pastoral Care information to report, please call the Church Office at 408-867-3493. **For an after-office-hours EMERGENCY, please call 408-291-8099.**

KOINON intercessory prayer contact for February is Kathy Kalm 408-356-3445.

SAINT ANDREW'S ADULT AGAPE GROUPS

Thank you for your tremendous response to the initiation of the Saint Andrew's Adult Agape Groups. We have had 130 parishioners agree to meet 5 times over a 5 month period to share a meal and become better acquainted with each other. We believe this is a good indication of the potential success of our Strategic Plan. We identified a need to begin to develop a closer parish community, we developed a program to help do so and we responded with great enthusiasm. Groups have been formed and will begin meeting this month. If you have any questions, please contact either Howard Nelson at howardnelson@comcast.net or Mary Ann Gee at geett@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks again, the Agape Team:

Ken Cook, Mary Ann Gee, Beth Hopf, Howard Nelson, Ray Renwick and Ann Smith.

Surplus Funds Available

The ECW has surplus funds which can be distributed to deserving Santa Clara County agencies who apply. These are funds made by the Echo Shop that have not been pledged to our regular CMB charities. These funds will be available in May. If you are familiar with a non-profit group that would like to be considered for a grant, please call or email Susan Lewis at 408-252-5777 or sjsblewis@mac.com for an application. All applications that are properly completed and returned to Susan by Monday, March 31, 2008 will be given careful consideration.



**BOOK
GROUP**

The Saint Andrew's Monthly **Book Group** will meet Tuesday, March 11th at noon in the Church Portable, for an informal discussion of Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult. For more information please contact Anne Briggs at 379-5635 or e-mail her at apbriggs@att.net.

CMB NEWS: SPEAKER THIS SUNDAY

For many years St. Andrew's Community Ministries Board has been an invaluable support to the local nonprofit Next Door: Solutions to Domestic Violence. In 2007 Next Door's 24-hour emergency shelter provided 5,600 bed nights for 247 women and children fleeing from abusive environments. **On Sunday, February 17th at 9am in the Center, Becky Black, Development Associate for Next Door** will share with us their many programs and services including 24-hour hotline, advocacy, counseling, youth and children services, teen services, and home safe transitional housing available to support those who are victims of domestic violence. We will learn how this multi-cultural agency is dedicated to providing proactive services and programs including crisis intervention and prevention. Visit their web site at www.nextdoor.org. For volunteer information call 408-501-7550.

THANKS FOR SHROVE TUESDAY

Thanks again to everyone for their amazing efforts on the Pancake Supper and Races on Shrove Tuesday. We made \$485 (\$585 before expenses) in donations to the Youth Group mission trip fund. Katy Dickinson has posted some of the event photos on her blog: <http://blogs.sun.com/katysblog/> The Youth Group Chefs provided a delicious supper. The pancake races (led by Katy Dickinson, John Ploucher, and Laura Biché) were lots of fun for all ages. Thanks also go to P. Kaye Connor and Jim Thomas for Mardi Gras decorations. Great job everyone! It is a pleasure to work with such a fine group!

Katie Macheimer, Director of Children's and Youth Ministry

Food Donations Always Needed

Please make it a habit to bring one or more items of non-perishable food whenever you come to St. Andrew's. Donations should be placed in the container in the Narthex of the Church. At every service, symbolic items will be brought to the altar as part of the offering.

Most suitable food gifts:

- canned meats (tuna, stew, chili) with pop-top cans preferred;
- canned green beans, corn, and other canned vegetables;
- pasta and pasta sauce;
- pinto beans;
- rice;
- healthy (non-sugared) cereal;
- peanut butter;
- baby food and baby formula.

Donated items will be distributed to Santa Maria Urban Ministry, West Valley Community Services, and Friends Outside.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANDREW'S

Wed. Feb. 13: Holy Eucharist, 11:45am in the Chapel

Wed. Feb. 13: Lenten Soup Supper & Program, 6pm, Center

Thurs. Feb. 14: Men's Group at 6:30am in Memorial Chapel

Sat. Feb. 16: "Saturday Night Live" – Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm, Memorial Chapel

Sun. Feb. 17: The Second Sunday in Lent – Holy Eucharist – 8 & 10am, Church

Sun. Feb. 17: CMB Speaker (Next Door), 9am, Center

Sun. Feb. 17: Gloria Choir at 11:15, Music Room

Sun. Feb. 17: Youth Group at 11:15am in Room 203

Sun. Feb. 17: Bake Sale at 11:15, Center

Sun. Feb. 17: Eucharist at Saratoga Retirement Community, 2pm

Mon. Feb. 18: Prayer Group at 7:30am at the Saratoga Retirement Community's Center

Mon. Feb. 18: Church Office will be closed for Presidents' Day

Mon. Feb. 18: Echo Shop Board, 10am, Center

Mon. Feb. 18: Bells Angels (Bell Choir) at 7pm in the Church

Mon. Feb. 18: EFM at 7pm in the Church Portable

Tues. Feb. 19: Stephen Ministry, 7pm, Center

*Wed. Feb. 20: Articles are due for the March edition of *The Evangel**

Wed. Feb. 20: Holy Eucharist, 11:45am in the Chapel

Wed. Feb. 20: Lenten Soup Supper & Program, 6pm, Center

Thurs. Feb. 21: Men's Group at 6:30am in Memorial Chapel

Thurs. Feb. 21: Esther/Leah & Ruth/Rachel Guilds at Joint Luncheon, 11:30am, Center

Thurs. Feb. 21: Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:30pm in the Choir Loft

Sat. Feb. 23: "Saturday Night Live" – Holy Eucharist at 5:30pm, Memorial Chapel

Sun. Feb. 24: The Third Sunday in Lent – Holy Eucharist – 8 & 10am, Church

Sun. Feb. 24: Gloria Choir at 11:15, Music Room

Sun. Feb. 24: Youth Group at 11:15am in the **Church Portable today**



The Prayer Shawl Ministry Fellowship will meet on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 10 to 11:30am in the Church Portable. Our next meeting will be on Feb.27. If you knit, crochet, or quilt please join us. Bring your project and ideas. For more information contact Carol Levitt (408) 741-1855 cjlevitt@aol.com



ECHO SHOP NEWS - Upcoming Events

Clearance week: Tuesday, Feb 19 through Wed Feb 27

Bag days: Thursday, Feb 28th and Friday, Feb 29 until noon
(shop closed for restocking March 1-8th)

Spring Open House: Sunday March 9th 11:30 - 2:30

The Echo Shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10am until 4pm. Thanks to all of you for your generous donations. Remember, bring them to the shop, not the church. All proceeds go to the Echo Shop and are used for community ministries. Echo Shop *14477 Big Basin Way, Saratoga * 408-867-3995



SAVE THE DATE! SAMA DINNER IS APRIL 13TH

Your chance to feast amidst delightful company and enjoy surprises, while helping to provide hope and healing to a hurting world.