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Local school loans costumes to church theatrical production

The South Valley Christian Church Creative Arts and Media Ministry is presenting a full musical production of “The Christmas Schooner” by John Reeger and Julie Shannon.

“The Christmas Schooner” is a powerful, moving presentation featuring beautiful music and lively dances that is based on the true story of an 18th century family, a ship and the letter that will change their lives forever.

“There are some sad moments, but it has a wonderful message of the power of sharing your blessings and reaching out to others,” said cast member Barbara Wigginton when asked about the play.

Wigginton’s daughter is a student at Almaden Country School, and in preparing for the show, SVCC reached out to Almaden Country School’s drama department for help. The department graciously opened the doors of their costume closet and was able to loan “The Christmas Schooner” costumes for all 10 children in the play, as well as several women’s blouses and skirts. Expressing what she said were the sentiments of everyone involved in the production of the play, Wigginton praised the quality of the costumes and “the generosity of the school and their support of the community.”

The production is presented as a dessert theater and will run from Dec. 6 through Dec. 9 at the South Valley Christian Church on 590 Shawnee Lane in San Jose.

All performances begin at 7 p.m., and tickets cost \$17 per seat or \$120 per table including dessert. There will also be a special free performance on Dec. 10 at 2:30 p.m. All proceeds will be donated to City Team Ministries.

For more information, call the SVCC office at (408) 972-4377.