## C2 Emphasis

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## Traditional worship offered

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SUN CITY - One July eve- Albin's. ning in 1984 several folks got together in Sun City to discuss board of governors of St. Vinside.

"That meeting turned into Church U.S.A. evening prayer and we've been meeting in Menke's Chapel ever tory and literature from North- employees," he said. since," the Rev. Hanafi Jeffers ern Arizona University and said.

From a nucleus of 12 people, near San Antonio, Texas. St. Albin's American Episcopal Church has grown to 40 members, including 10 of the original dozen.

Jeffers, 42, served at Scotts-

By GEORGE CHRISMAN JR. dale's Church of the Holy Spirit Albin's Center in Texas. before helping to start St.

> Jeffers serves on the national Frederick, 6. pal Church and the Episcopal U.S. West Communications.

Jeffers also has a teaching in for him, he said. certificate in elementary educa-

He and his wife, Pauline, have two sons, Stephen, 10, and

When not involved with work forming an American Episcopal cent, a national guild of acolytes of the church, Jeffers is an in-Church parish on Phoenix's west shared by the American Episco- structor in computer systems for a solid, dedicated leader in the

"I travel to 14 states and He has degrees in music his- teach the system to company

On occasions when Jeffers is theology from St. Albin's Center unable to conduct services, another priest or a deacon will fill

Jeffers says St. Albin's has a tion from NAU and continues fully committed congregation study with St. George's Semin- that follows the traditional Angary, a new name for the St. lican worship, using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer.

That edition contains prayers and affirmation of faith dating to the beginning of Christianity, as well as the traditional Anglican/Episcopal liturgy, according to the parish bulletin.

"Our church in particular appeals to the older ages." Jeffers said in an interview. "That doesn't mean it has to be that way; we're doing what the church has always done - feed my sheep. It's not likely to change.

"We are not ignoring the needs of the modern world and we do have younger members. We appeal to those who cherish the more traditional teachings."

committed members is Arthur Beyer, senior warden. As the senior layman he conducts some business meetings and serves on the building committee.

Of Jeffers, Beyer says: "He is church and is an inspiration to

A major goal of the parish and the building committee is to find a home for the church. Because they serve the west side of Metropolitan Phoenix, Jeffers said areas they are looking at include Peoria.

While attendance is reduced during summer months, growth will continue in the fall, albeit slowly.

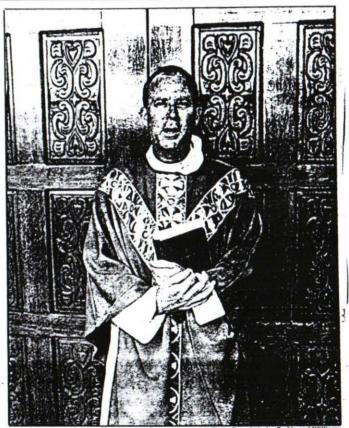
"We're not a fast-growing group, but we're doing just fine, Jeffers said.

The parish is regulated by a vestry which consists of 10 members. Officers include Beyer, the senior warden; Gary Shaw, junior warden; Ruth Milhoan, secretary; and Carolyn Shaw, treasurer.

As parish rector, Jeffers is a member of the vestry.

Services are at 10 a.m. Sundays at Menke's Chapel.

Occasionally, on special holy days, services also are held, such as on Ash Wednesday, Maundy One of the parish's most Thursday and Good Friday. A



THE BEV. HANAFI JEFFERS — Rector of St. Albin's American Episcopal Church leads a growing flock of parishioners.

home of their own will open up

"On Shrove Tuesday we have opportunities for additional ser- a pancake supper at a member's home," Jeffers said.