

# Campbell



## CONNECTIONS

News and Views from Campbell United Methodist Church July, 2012

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### Summer at Campbell UMC!

Between Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, and Sunday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>,  
we will have **one Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.**,  
followed by a different type of spiritual event  
at 10:30 a.m.

### **Worship With A Difference!**

at 9:00 a.m.

Singing, Creative Praying,  
Biblically-based Teaching and Preaching,  
within a New Worship Format

Fellowship Time at 10:00 a.m.

then

### **Growing in Faith and Service**

at 10:30 a.m.

Music Old and New,  
Conversations,  
Study,  
Mission Opportunities



#### UMYF

We've had a great time in youth group, but we are winding down for the summer. Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and will be our last big event before the fall. Although there are no official events or meetings planned for UMYF until September, check your emails and the Sunday Addendum as we hope to get together for some summer fun!

If you're not on the email list and want to be, please send your email address to [melinda@kneppfamily.com](mailto:melinda@kneppfamily.com)

Have a great summer!

A note from the Temporary Editor ~ Heather Reynolds is taking some time off to travel to England this summer, so the office is putting out the newsletter for July and August. Since this is summer and the "living is easy" (in theory), the newsletter edition will be a "Campbell Connections Lite" version – shorter with fewer graphics and photos. Send submissions for the August newsletter to [barbarawade@earthlink.net](mailto:barbarawade@earthlink.net) by July 11<sup>th</sup>.

## SPECIAL SUMMER GUEST PREACHER ~

**The Reverend David Hubert Caulker will visit Campbell UMC on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012!**

After serving the United Methodist Church conference for fifty-three years both as Teacher and Minister of Religion, Reverend David Hubert Caulker retired from active duty in 2003. His service to the conference ranged from Pupil Teacher, Head Teacher, Manager of Schools, Pastor and District Superintendent. For eight years Reverend Caulker was on the General Board of Discipleship with headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. Besides his commitment to the United Methodist Church Conference, Reverend Caulker was an executive member of the Council of Churches of Sierra Leone and an executive member of the All-Africa Council of Churches. Reverend Caulker was a founding member of the Inter-Religious Council of Sierra Leone and continues to be an executive member in the Council. The Reverend Caulker brings with him, a wealth of experience in the United Methodist Church, and we look forward to his visit on July 15<sup>th</sup>!



**LAYETTE KITS** ~ Santa Clara Valley Medical Center delivers over 400 babies a month. Many of these babies are born to mothers who do not have the money to buy many of the things that we consider 'necessities' for our babies.

**This summer we will knit, crochet and collect many items to create these kits. We hope that you will join us.**

If you are interested in **knitting or crocheting** blankets, sweaters, hats and/or booties please contact Jane LaPierre.

If you are more of a **'shopper'** we have a list of items to purchase:

- ❖ *Newborn size 'Onesies'*
- ❖ *Cloth diapers*
- ❖ *Diaper pins*
- ❖ *Plastic covers for the diapers*

Watch for a collection spot between services beginning June 10<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to collect and create throughout the Summer and gather in the Fall to assemble the kits.

# Circuit Writer



## “Forgive Us”

By Reverend  
Larrv LaPierre

One of the most familiar and least understood verses from Scripture is Matthew 6:12: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”<sup>1</sup> The key word is “forgive.” How does forgiveness happen? Do we deserve it just because we ask? I had to come to terms with these and some related questions when someone asked me about the psychology of forgiveness. Forgiveness was almost certainly the most important and most difficult topic that I dealt with as a veterans’ chaplain.

Yet, as I look back over my religious education, including seminary and doctoral studies, I can’t remember anyone explaining forgiveness to me. What actually happens when we forgive or are forgiven? Is it simply a “letting go” of the hurt or anger?

Forgiveness begins with change – change so profound we often use a Greek word to describe where it starts. Forgiveness begins with *metanoia* – “turning around to go in the other direction.” Why do we turn around? It is the only way to face whoever we have wronged. It’s the only way to face the one we have hurt and to ask for mercy.

The hardest step in turning around may be admitting that we were wrong. No one

likes to be wrong, but sometimes we are. Along with recognizing this in our hearts, we need to say that we were wrong in causing or not preventing harm. Worse yet, it isn’t always a matter of making a mistake. Sin may be part of the experience as well. In other words, we may have knowingly violated one of the Ten Commandments or deliberately refused to love God, our neighbor or ourselves. If that is the case, then we need to repent – to say to God and to mean that we are sorry and we will not fail God in this way again with the help of God’s grace. If our act or failure to act was not deliberate we need to realize that it wasn’t sinful. It may very well be wrong but not necessarily sinful.

Another step in the process of being forgiven is to realize that we cannot restore a relationship that we have damaged by ourselves. We need the other person, the one whom we hurt, to accept our acknowledgement of guilt and our commitment to not hurt them again. Then we need that person or persons to work with us to restore our relationship. If there has been damage to property, personal well-being or reputation, we need to do all that we can to restore or make whole whatever was damaged.

Obviously, we would like the process of forgiveness to be as quick and painless as possible – especially if we are the one’s seeking forgiveness. While there is more to be said, it can help to think of forgiving and being forgiven as like healing a physical wound – a process that takes some time to complete. I will write more on this subject.



<sup>1</sup> New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.



## SUMMER READING SUGGESTIONS

Book Reviews from Susan Jones, UMW

**Title:** Beaded Hope    **Author:** Cathy Liggett

**Category:** Education Mission 2012    **Pages:** 371

**Rating:** 5 Stars ★★★★★

### Review:

Inspired by the real-life charity Beaded Hope, Liggett's novel portrays four Ohio women at pivotal points in their lives who journey to South Africa on a mission. Each woman comes to South Africa with problems they're struggling with and hoping they will find some answers. What they found was a great friendship with women of Africa that struggle to stay alive and provide for their children. As the four Ohio women found, lasting relationships with these women, they had a new perspective on their own problems. The women of South Africa truly capture your heart and their story of survival is inspiring to all of us. I highly recommend this book!

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### A GIFT FOR EVERY OCCASION ~A GIFT FOR EVERY SEASON

Gifts to the Endowment Fund are a great way to remember family, friends or people who have been important in our lives. As the season changes from spring and summer, this brings many opportunities to honor people through charitable gifts. Last month we celebrated Mother's Day and this month we celebrate Father's Day next it will be Children's Day. In our daily lives there are many special occasions that one can celebrate such as the birth of a child or a grandchild, or wedding anniversaries, or a retirement. These are excellent times to honor and celebrate people we love with a generous gift to the Campbell UMC Endowment Fund.

**A gift of any size makes a difference – just finds an opportunity to honor a family member or friend and do it.**

~ The Endowment Committee

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## HISTORY HELPERS

*from the August, 1942 issue of  
"The Orchard City Methodist"*

**Church Study Improvements** ~ At its last meeting, the Official Board approved the redecoration of the study in the church. Dark woodwork was painted ivory, dark paper replaced with light paper, floor and wall ventilators installed, bare floor carpeted, outlet for electricity installed, and two windows hinged. Inspection and "Open House" anytime!





## COOKIE WALK SUCCESS!

Thank you to all who baked and bought cookies for the Cookie Walk! **You helped raise over \$900 for the church** with a beautiful variety of treats! Bravo! A special “thank you” goes to Patty Henderson, Andrea Taylor, and Lynn Dellaporta for distributing boxes and discarding gloves! And an extra “thank you” to Anita Baughman, and Janine Payton and the UMW, for donating boxes! The Cookie Walk was such a success that we hope to do something similar next year. ~Laura Hallinan



editor's note: On behalf of the church, a big “Thank You” to Laura Hallinan for organizing and advertising this great event. And this on a weekend when she had grades to turn in as well! Thank you Laura!

## Save the Date for a Grand Celebration!!

On Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Evelyn Buck will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and Campbell UMC will celebrate it with her. Following the 9:00 Worship service, we will hold a reception in Fellowship Hall featuring Evelyn's favorite cake (burnt almond cake from Dick's bakery), sing “Happy Birthday,” and congratulate Evelyn on 100 years of inspiring living.

Evelyn joined Campbell UMC on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 1941 and we will also celebrate her 71 years of church membership with a display of memorabilia put together by the History Helpers. During her years of membership, Evelyn has served the church in almost every possible way and we will recognize her contributions of time and talent that have helped make Campbell UMC what it is today.

As a birthday gift to honor Evelyn, Campbell UMC will be donating Cambodian-language



United Methodist hymnals to Joseph and Marilyn Chan's congregations. The hymnals recognize Evelyn's interest in music, her years of singing in the choir, and her long-standing interest in, and efforts for, mission work. The Chans are truly excited about the hymnals because there is such a great need for them in the rapidly-growing Cambodian congregations.

You are invited to participate by donating hymnals in honor of Evelyn! Each hymnal is \$5, and will actually be purchased in Cambodia to save shipping costs. We hope that every family in the church can donate two (or more!) hymnals. Please mark your donations “Cambodian-language hymnals,” and mail/bring them to the church office, or place them in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Thank you in advance for your generous recognition of a wonderful lady, and see you on August 5<sup>th</sup>! (Watch the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to see how many hymnals have been donated!)

## DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

It's only July! Why are you talking about Disciple study now? I suspect that may be what some of you are thinking but it's never too early to get the word out so you can be thinking about participating in this wonderful class. Disciple III Bible study class will meet in the library on September 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. with an orientation in which we will review the general principles of Bible study and the specifics of what Disciple III covers. A class schedule will be distributed and the study manual, *Remember Who You Are*, will be available to purchase for \$35.00. We will begin our first lesson September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

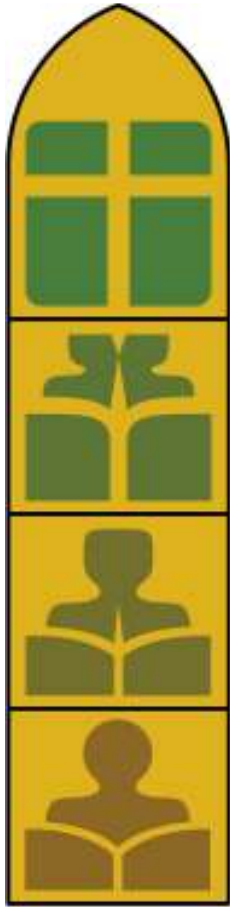
One of our pastor's wrote:

*"The Bible is a basic 'means of grace.' It is a tool for accessing God's grace at work in our lives." ... " . . . the Bible is unique in its expression of God's grace and telling the story of faith as it has unfolded through the experience of the Jewish people and the followers of Jesus."*

That is what we will be experiencing in our thirty-two week Bible study for Disciple III; we will be witnessing the story of faith as it unfolds in selected books of the prophets and the letters of Paul. Although this class will not be a scholarly analysis of these books, we will be studying their history, themes, content and ideas. We will study the prophets in their historical sequence rather than in their biblical sequence; as the editors of our workbook write: "The prophets spoke in the context of history with its kings, nations, power struggles and . . . achievements." Like the prophets, the letters of Paul are treated in the sequence in which they were written rather than in their biblical sequence. Since opinion varies as to when some of the letters were written, the editors caution us to be "fluid in our sense of understanding." The lesson each week will be accompanied by a short DVD in which selected Biblical scholars will present their interpretation of the week's readings.

Disciple classes can open our eyes, open doors, deepen our understanding and appreciation and strengthen our spiritual growth. I hope you "take the plunge" and share your ideas and thoughts with other eager students of the Bible. You may contact me at 408-871-9908 or [lpblouin@earthlink.net](mailto:lpblouin@earthlink.net) if you want to sign up or have questions.

Lenora P. Blouin  
Disciple Teacher/Facilitator



**Learn  
&  
Grow**

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### THANK YOU, SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS!

A big "Thank You" to those who teach our Sunday School Classes for all ages, exemplifying through word and deed, the love of God, and conveying the importance of life-long Christian Education. Sunday School teachers are so important in the life of the church and we greatly appreciated the time, dedication, and effort they give! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!



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## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Arthritis Foundation Class

Dolores Ramos, teacher of the *Keep On Movin'* class, is also a certified teacher for the Arthritis Foundation. She will be offering an Arthritis Foundation certified exercise class, beginning July 10<sup>th</sup> and ending August 30<sup>th</sup>. The class will meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. in the AMY Building, Youth floor. The cost for the 8-week session is \$40.



The Arthritis Foundation fitness programs are designed to help you live better with arthritis. These programs are proven to reduce pain, increase strength and flexibility, and help you feel great. The exercises are low-impact, and the class can be taken either standing or sitting, whichever is most comfortable. This particular exercise class will help keep your joints flexible and your muscles strong, help you sleep better, increase your energy, and improve your overall outlook. Dolores is a great teacher, and her current class will testify that they have fun as well as a good workout!

To sign up, contact Dolores Ramos at [zoco@pacbell.net](mailto:zoco@pacbell.net) or 408-248-1832

**Fifty Plus BBQ and Baseball** ~ Join the 50+ group for a night of baseball and great food, all for the price of \$24 per adult, \$14 per child. The San Jose Giants play the Visalia Rawhide on Monday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. Carpool from the church parking lot at 5:30 p.m., or go directly to the ball park at San Jose Municipal Stadium, on the corner of Alma and Senter streets. Contact Larry and Carol Griffith (408) 252-2106 to reserve a space.

**Making A Difference** ~ The Board of Directors for Heart of the Valley, Services for Seniors, recognized Campbell UMC this spring, in grateful recognition of our contribution and promotion of independence for seniors.

**High Road Hikers** ~ The High Road Hikers will take a trip to the Fall Creek Unit of Henry Cowell State Park in July. Hikers will carpool from the church for a fun time of hiking and history. Call Dave or Susan Sargent (408-378-1232) for date and time if interested.

**Sanctuary Roof Power Washing** ~ Check out the color of the Sanctuary roof after its recent power washing! Boy is it bright! Once the cleaning is completed, the material will be sealed to prevent leaks, hopefully eliminating the mushroom colony by the organ.



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Nourishing spirituality  
Engaging creativity  
Building social justice  
Providing loving, welcoming community  
- for Christ and the world.*

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Growing in Faith & Service: 10:30  
Sunday School: 9:00**

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