

Campbell



CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE, 2012

JOHN WESLEY FOUNDER OF METHODISM

Preaching at Campbell United Methodist Church

On Sunday, June 3rd, Campbell UMC will be honored by an appearance of John Wesley. He will preach at both worship services and socialize with us during coffee hour. You'll be able to recognize him by his 18th century garb, his outdated language and his powerful preaching. You'll want to be here to greet him and to receive his message.

Ok, so maybe it's not the "real" John Wesley. But it will be the Rev. Don Baldwin appearing as John Wesley and preaching about God's Grace that empowered the founding of the Methodist movement. Don has made these appearances a part of his ministry for years (he also does a mean John Muir) and looks forward to sharing Wesley's message with us.

Does his name ring a distant bell? His father, also named Don, was a Pastor at Campbell UMC back in the 1940's and the younger Don has fond, if somewhat vague, memories of that time.

You'll want to mark your calendars now so you won't miss this enjoyable and spiritually significant time on June 3rd.

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JUNE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Services at 9 am and 10:30 am

Sunday, May 27th

Pentecost and Confirmation
*We'll Celebrate the Birthday of the Church
and Confirm Six of Our Youth*

Sunday, June 3rd

A Visit from John Wesley
*The Founder of Methodism will Visit and Preach
(See article above)*

Sunday, June 10th

The Story of Jesus and Nicodemus
*"What About This Born Again Thing?"
John 3:1-17*

Sunday, June 17th

Jesus Describes the Kingdom of God
*"A New Kind of Family"
Mark 3:20-35*

Sunday, June 24th

The Story of the Mustard Seed
*"Being in the Right Place at the Right Time"
Mark 4:26-34*



SUMMER WORSHIP

Campbell United Methodist Church

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REWARDING
POWERFUL

For You • For Me
• For Everyone at CUMC!

Begins July 1, 2012

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
African Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

(1st & 3rd Sundays)

New Creation UMC Worship: 12:30 p.m.
Quiet Communion: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday

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Pastor's Point of View

Dear Friends,

Each week, on Tuesday afternoons, the church staff takes an hour or so to gather for a church staff meeting. It has evolved into a meaningful time for spiritual growth, program development and church management. Let me tell you about what happens at these meetings and then ask you a question.

Our meetings always begin with a brief devotional. Perhaps Pastor Jim shares from his reading or Biblical research. Barbara or Ginny frequently offer reflections from spiritual growth materials. Daniel and Mary Ann often bring devotions based on hymns or other church music. It's good to be in prayer together.

Following devotions, I usually ask two ministry questions: "Where have you seen God at work this past week?" and "Where have you seen the need for God's Spirit?" Staff members respond by reporting on all the good things that are happening at the church, in our church family or for those in need beyond our community. They also identify areas where we're not doing as well as we want so we can brainstorm solutions to problems or challenges. It's good to celebrate and evaluate our ministry together.

Of course, we also check on the Nuts and Bolts of church work. Calendars are checked, current work schedules are reviewed, and facility usage is planned. It's good to keep operations organized.

Finally, we frequently close with sharing information about church life, the Santa Clara Valley community, national/world news items and our lives. It's good to stay connected.

This time together helps to strengthen us and focus us for our ministry tasks. It is time well spent.

Perhaps my favorite part of the meetings is the question time. I always enjoy hearing about the good spirit of our people, the good news of our community fellowship and ministry and the meaningful results of our outreach and mission projects.

So allow me to ask you: "Where have YOU seen God at work in the past month?" It's good to identify it, to give God thanks for it and then to seek to pass it on. And, if you're willing, email me and tell me about it.

Blessings,

Pastor Jim



BON VOYAGE!

Angelique Dawkins served capably as our Church Secretary for the past 18 months. But we always knew that if and when an opportunity to return to France presented itself she would gladly go. That time has arrived and she and her son Etan left for France on May 7th. They will be living in south-central France and Angelique, who is fluent in French, will be working as an English teacher. We will miss her but wish her all the best for success in this new adventure. Bon Voyage, Angelique!

Pastor Jim ❖

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Attention all women!! The women's study group started a new subject on, **Tuesday, May 22**. The book being used is called, "A GUIDE TO PRAYER FOR ALL WHO SEEK GOD" written by Norman Shawchuck and Rueben P. Job. It can be ordered from Amazon or from the Upper Room. The cost is under \$15.

If you have not participated in this Women's Study Group, and are looking for wonderful way to explore your spirituality, please join us from 10 -11:30 am in the church library every Tuesday.

Jan Mishler ❖

50+ TO GUADALUPE GARDENS

The 50+ group is sponsoring a trip to the Guadalupe River Park and Gardens on **Tuesday, June 12**, carpooling from the church at 10:00. We will visit the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden (near Coleman and Taylor), a unique botanical collection of antique and modern roses. With over 3,600 roses and 2,600 varieties, it is the largest public collection of roses in the Western Hemisphere. We will also see the Heritage Orchard, and walk through the Demonstration Recycled Water Garden. The Visitor Center will also be available. We plan to conclude the trip with lunch at the nearby Sweet Tomatoes eatery, in the San Jose Market Center on Coleman Avenue. To sign up, or for more info, contact Dave or Susan Sargent, 378-1232. ❖

COOKIE WALK FUNDRAISER

During the Hospitality Hour on **Sunday, June 3** we will be holding a Cookie Walk. You will have the opportunity to purchase either a \$5 or a \$10 box and then fill it with baked delights from the congregation. All proceeds will go towards Campbell's contribution to the United Methodist Church Appointments.

Everyone is invited to bake and donate their favorites – please have your cookies delivered to the church kitchen before 10 am that Sunday. The boxes will be supplied. ❖

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council held its regular meeting on Wednesday, May 23 where we heard about the Trustees plans for maintaining the church property with the cleaning and sealing of the Sanctuary roof and the painting of the Education Building. The various Committees have been busy working on their goals and making Campbell UMC a vital congregation.

The Church Council is particularly focused on building interaction outside of Sunday worship and will be encouraging everyone to participate in a small group activity. We need to talk to God – and one another – more than just on Sunday. If you would like to know more about the Church Council, you are welcome to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, June 27 at 7:30am in the Fireside Room.

Bruce Hallinan, Chair ❖

LITTLE DRESSES FOR AFRICA

The little dresses for Africa project begun in February has been completed. During Lent we learned that the Los Gatos UMC has an ongoing mission in Haiti. So, in the interests of getting these dresses to children who could use them as soon as possible, we made contact with the Los Gatos UMC. The sixty-one dresses will be taken to Haiti by the next volunteer group to travel there. Special thanks go to Carolyn Buehner and Lou Woodburycatt

for their stitching on the most difficult fabrics.

Jane LaPierre ❖

UNITED METHODIST SUMMER PROJECT

The United Methodist Women invite everyone to join us in creating layettes for women who give birth at the local county hospital. 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 408-558-4831.

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 10th. We will continue to collect and create throughout the Summer and gather in the Fall to assemble the kits.

Janine Payton, UMW Executive ❖

ESTATE PLANNING

An estate plan is important, but an estimated 70% of Americans don't even have a will. Through good and proper planning, a wonderful chapter in the book of your life can be completed. The legacy of love and care that you leave for your family, friends and organizations you love can be encouraging and even inspiring. Take time today to create or update your estate plan to protect those you love. Contact your attorney to get started. One of the tools that your attorney can help you create is a REVOCABLE TRUST. If you have a moderate or large estate, you may find it desirable to create a revocable trust. A revocable trust, also known as a living trust, is a legal document that you have prepared that is a way to make sure that upon your death your estate and all assets are transferred to the appropriate beneficiaries quickly and effectively.

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You can add property to or remove property from the trust at any time. There are at least three benefits of a revocable trust. If you are sick or in a hospital, your designated successor trustee can take over and manage your property for your benefit. Secondly, if you pass away, the property in the revocable trust will avoid probate and, third, the trust typically is a private document and is not made public. Seek the advice of your attorney to see if a revocable trust is right for your situation.

Terry Johnson, Endowment Committee ♦

FOOD BANK NEEDS YOUR HELP

Second Harvest Food Bank Campbell Community Center site meets in the church hall on Thursday mornings. Pallets have to be unloaded and items carried into the hall. We need one or two additional men who can lift. The shift works 7:15 am to about 8:00 am. You would not have to come every week.

If you, or someone you know, might be available you could just show up one Thursday morning and see what is required. If you have questions, please call or email me.

Peter H. Taylor, Co-site chief,
408-296-2702, or ppeetteerrtt@
hotmail.com ♦

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK NEEDS OUR HELP

We are approaching the end of the school year and for many children in Campbell and the surrounding area that means the end of a reduced price lunch program. For many that will mean long days with no snacks and no lunch. As Second Harvest Food Bank says, "Nothing else matters when you're hungry." Let's help do something about that!

The Food Bank relies on places like Campbell UMC to provide food donations and money to buy more bulk

products. You can help three ways:

1. Bring food – fill our basket and bins.
2. Volunteer to sort and pack food.
3. Send them a check. (Save the postage and leave your check with a volunteer at a table on Sunday or leave it in the office or collection plate – we'll get it to Second Harvest.



The Second Harvest Food Bank is making a special drive for summer food items so they can add to family food packs this summer. We need to provide the food items for them to meet this challenge.

For the first two Sundays in June, (6/3 and 6/10), we will make an extra effort to increase our contributions. If you have "forgotten" to bring food, make this your time for "catch-up". Bring an extra

can for every time you "forgot" or left your cans at home or in the car.

Use the following eight item list as a shopping guide. Bring these items in – it makes a world of difference to our hungry neighbors.

- Pop-top Tuna and canned meat
- Graham crackers
- High Fiber Cereal Bars
- 100% fruit juice boxes (in single serving boxes)
- Low-sugar cereals
- Fruit Cups (packed in juice)
- Pretzels
- Cheese and Crackers ♦

CARTOON CORNER



HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

FROM 1942

From the cover page of the June -July 1942 issue of "The Orchard City Methodist":

"SUMMER UNION SERVICES ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONGREGATIONAL-METHODIST SUMMER SERVICES".

The article explained that on Sundays June 21 and 28, Rev. J.H. Bennett would preach at the Congregational Church. On July 5, 12, and 19, Donald Baldwin would preach at the Methodist Church. "Both churches will conduct their own services on July 26 and August 2, but on the 9th of August a third Union service will be conducted in the Congregational Church, with Mr. Baldwin preaching. Members of our church, and friends who attend our services regularly, are urged to attend these services."

In the COMMUNITY

Packing Pineapples for Second Harvest Food Bank



Opening boxes, removing packages, applying new labels, and repacking bag after bag of pineapple tidbits back into the boxes... Sound like fun? Actually, it was! That was how 13 cheerful volunteers from the Campbell United Methodist Church (UMC) spent their Saturday morning, April 14, 2012.

On what was to be Second Harvest Food Bank's final volunteer food sorting day at their Curtner Avenue warehouse, an enthusiastic crew faced pallet after pallet of boxes filled with bags of pineapple tidbits. In three fast-paced hours, the Campbell UMC team relabeled and repackaged 4,548 packages that were distributed to families "struggling with low-wage jobs, growing housing costs and homelessness." Second Harvest has seen a 4 percent increase in the number of people served over last year, so the need is great.



In a letter to volunteers, Director of Volunteer Services, Kristin Sulpizio, wrote, "Because of you and other volunteers, over 236,000 people a month are able to receive food... We want you to know how deeply we appreciate the time you have taken out of your own busy lives to help us achieve our mission, 'Providing food for people in need in our community.' Your gift of time has made a difference for many in our community. Please express our appreciation to the members of your volunteer team for giving their precious time and hard work while at Second Harvest Food Bank."

Projects at the Food Bank are great ways to connect with old friends and make new ones. If you can't join the Wednesday Wonder Workers when they volunteer at Second Harvest, watch for the next announcement to help out on a Saturday morning. It's a great experience and a fun way to help an important organization provide nutritional support to people in need. And make a note that on June 3 and 10, Campbell UMC will sponsor a special drive for Second Harvest. Your contributions will be gratefully and appreciatively accepted toward their summer food drive!

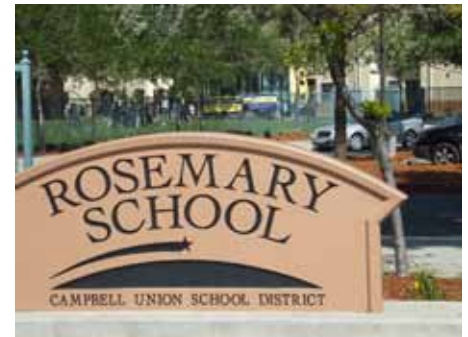


l-r: Greg Catcott, Lou Woodburycatcott, Bill Waldrop, Gail Jacobs, Sue Waldrop, Patty Henderson, Sue Edson, Jerry Giles, Julie Rygaard, Angelikka Carter, Michael Raymond. (Not pictured: Heidi and Travis Lanham)

Gail Jacobs, Church and Society ❖

Rosemary School Snacks

Beginning in March, the Church and Society Committee of Campbell UMC has been conducting the "Healthy Snack" program at Campbell's Rosemary Elementary School on Hamilton Ave, just around the corner from Campbell UMC. In this program, twice a week, volunteers from Campbell UMC provide healthy snacks to the Kindergarten through 5th grade students during morning recess. Snacks are paid for by individual donations from members of Campbell UMC and Van Sickle Endowment funds administered by Campbell UMC.



The Healthy Snack program began out of a need called out by the Rosemary School Principal, Ms. Edna Laskin. Principal Laskin informed the Campbell UMC Church and Society committee that although many students are provided with state-subsidized lunches, they come to school hungry -- making mornings a difficult time to concentrate on learning when their stomachs are rumbling because they didn't get any breakfast!

Although some schools have subsidized breakfast programs, Rosemary School no longer has one, because of insufficient numbers of participants. The reality of busy Silicon Valley life is that in homes of working single parents, or where both parents are working, it just isn't possible for parents to get grade school students to the school at the required early hour of 7:30AM for a subsidized breakfast. Campbell UMC's Healthy Snack program at Rosemary School helps to fill that need -- making sure that these grade

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Rosemary School Snacks

school students can get their morning hunger pains eliminated so that can concentrate on their classroom studies.



The program has been well received by both Rosemary School staff, and, of course (!) the students. One teacher said, "You don't know what a difference you are making. One morning, one of the young boys told me he was hungry, but I had to tell him that I didn't have anything for him to eat. But then we remembered that it was 'Healthy Snack Day'. He was all smiles and excited that he could get something to eat at morning recess!" Students not only give "pleases" and "thank you's" for the snacks, but have also been known to initiate "group hugs" to the Campbell UMC volunteers. Campbell UMC is truly making a difference in these young lives!



Many thanks to the Campbell UMC donors, and to Campbell UMC volunteers Sue Foyle (Coordinator), Ellen Droke, Heather Reynolds, Janice McClanahan, Bob Herring, Jan Mishler, Lenora Blouin, Melinda Knepp, Jack Hocker, Russ Smith, Darlene Dyer, Lou Woodburycattcott, and Joyce Johnson for taking time to make the Rosemary School Healthy Snack program happen.

Church and Society Committee ❖

Circuit Writer



Living With Moral Dilemmas

Rev. Larry LaPierre

For those of us who remember "the good old days," they weren't always that good. We think that we didn't have as much sexual activity outside of marriage. Well, maybe we just didn't admit to it! Surely there wasn't anything like the drug problem we have now. Actually, if you read the history of the latter part of 19th century America, there was an enormous drug problem. Well, then, we certainly didn't have the problems of corrupt politicians! Hmm! Have another look at the history of the Harding administration.

How about Biblical times? Well, there are a lot of good things that happen in the Bible—most notably the stories associated with Jesus. But there are moral dilemmas as well. Was it really moral for Jesus to heal on the Sabbath? (Luke 6:6-11) What about Genesis 22, perhaps 2000 years before Jesus? God told Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. What kind of God would expect a father to sacrifice his son? It doesn't make sense.

One way to handle these contradictions, of course, is to remember that "God's ways are not our ways." That's true, but it doesn't solve the moral dilemma caused by God's command to Abraham. What happens if people who read the Bible literally decide to use this text to justify sacrificing their children? Would we tolerate it? Absolutely not!

Still, we're left with the question of how to cope with the moral dilemma posed by God expecting Abraham to do a morally reprehensible thing. Some of the commentators that I have read remind us that the culture of Abraham's time did, in fact, sacrifice children to please whichever god they worshiped. That doesn't mean that we should follow in their steps. The story may function as history to some, but it is not authoritative for teaching!

If we believe that God is asking us or someone else to do something that is

illegal or immoral we need to discern whether it's God or some other force speaking. Moral dilemmas are real. In my four ethics courses I encountered several. A few examples: 1) Is it OK to steal to feed one's family if there are no other choices? 2) Is it OK for a nation to go to war despite the horrendous suffering that is sure to follow? 3) Is physician-assisted suicide immoral? 4) Is it moral to let the rich pay lower taxes?

Moral choices often lead to dilemmas because there is often more than way to achieve a good result. Not all methods are equally good, however. Letting the Bible guide us is good, but we also have to face stories about moral dilemmas in the Bible. Abraham was faithful, and God intervened at the last moment. Being faithful requires that we accept that God may ask us to do something illegal. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Archbishop Oscar Romero and Dietrich Bonhoeffer all acted in opposition to the laws of their time and place. All three died for their actions. Two were killed by their governments. It's uncomfortable when God asks us to step outside the boundaries of the law and even conventional morality. What are your thoughts about current moral dilemmas?

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

Methodist Connection

**2012 Mission Emphasis for the
164TH SESSION OF THE
California-Nevada
Annual Conference
United Methodist Church
Sacramento, June 20-23**



Campbell UMC will be represented by Pastor Jim, Pastor Daniel and four lay delegates. Some of the issues facing the Conference this year will be discussed at the next Church Council, May 23rd. By that time we should have a thick packet of reports and proposals to share.

Each year there is at least one mission emphasis in which all members of UMC are invited to participate. This year there are two major opportunities.

The 2012 Annual Conference Offering has been committed to IMAGINE NO MALARIA, the ambitious goal being to end unnecessary suffering and death from Malaria in Africa by 2015.

Second, and equally compelling: the opportunity for all us to join Volunteer in Missions in filling an 18-wheeler with CLEANING BUCKETS to be delivered to the UMCOR West depot in Salt Lake City.

So, why cleaning buckets? Imagine mud everywhere – lots of it. Mud layered on the floor, up the walls, over the furniture. Mud several inches thick – wet mud laced with sewage and clotted moldy vegetation from somewhere “out there.” And all of your belongings (the ones remaining)- the pictures, your clothes, and bedding, all embedded in that mud, soaked in the stinking mud for weeks.

We know floods are coming, they are

relentless in their regularity, and for this these buckets are the first organized response of our Church. Now is the time to prepare so that when the floods, or other natural disasters, do come the Church will be ready to respond.

There are two families in the church who have pledged 10 buckets. If you would like to assemble a bucket, or gather any of the above materials, or donate money to either *Imagine No*

Malaria, or UMCOR Cleaning Buckets - watch the Blue Addendum on Sunday morning, or call the Church Office for information on where to bring supplies.

Please refer to the list on page 9 for the Cleaning Bucket Items.

For further information call Elaine or Gene Hill, 226-6801, or Jan Grodeon, 408-379-1452 ♦

Care-A-Vaners

NEWS FLASH FROM BOULDER CREEK

What: Major Painting Project and Miscellaneous Fixes

Where: Boulder Creek United Methodist Church

When: April/May, 2012

Who: 17 Care-a-vaners, and members of Boulder Creek UMC(BCUMC)

From Campbell: Gene and Elaine Hill, Dave and Susan Sargent

Why: To serve and support a small but vital congregation. To help refurbish a historic wooden church built in 1907.

Projects: Prepare and paint the exterior, weed and trim the landscaping, repaint and reposition the church sign, fix the kitchen sink plumbing, build an interior soffit, replace light fixtures, clean gutters, clean the street sign and remove weeds and bushes to improved visibility.

Supplies Used: Buckets of primer and paint, brushes, rollers, and paint sprayers, soap and water, weed pullers and kneelers, saw and hammer, “cherry picker” (sky lift).

Culinary Highlights: A potluck feast and two lunches provided by BCUMC members.

Savings for BCUMC: Thousands of dollars.

Value to participants: Priceless.

Susan Sargent ♦



United Methodist Women

BOOK REVIEW

by Susan Jones



This is the first of two books the United Methodist Women's Reading Program has purchased that is part of the Youth Reading Program. Going Blue educates young people about the earth's water crisis and gives them tools and inspiration to transform their ideas into action.

With lively photos and practical suggestions, the book helps teens plan and do a meaningful service project that benefits our planet's water system.

Going Blue a TEEN GUIDE to SAVING our OCEANS, LAKES, RIVERS, & WETLANDS by Cathryn Berger Kaye & Philippe Cousteau

Category: Youth

Pages: 142

Rating: ***** stars

Review:

Grade 7 Up - A five-stage concept of service learning: investigation, preparation, action, reflection, and demonstration. Each one is explained in detail with numerous examples of real teens making a difference in their communities. Other outstanding features include fact-filled sidebars, stories about scientists, full-color charts, and an abundance of high-quality photos. The book looks at bodies of water across the globe, including the Great Lakes, the Mekong River, and the Arctic Ocean. It addresses such topics as oil spills, droughts, floods, lack of clean drinking water, and plastic that litters beaches and forms gyres in the ocean.

Co-written by Jacques Cousteau's grandson, this broad-reaching call to action introduces basic concepts about global water protection and what teens can do to help. Designed for browsing, each chapter clearly explained scientific concepts with lists, diagrams, and eye-opening statistics, such as a chart that lists how much water is required to make everyday items, from a sheet of paper (2 gallons) to a cotton T-shirt (700 gallons). Despite their small size,

the color photos deliver a high impact; for example, with contrasting images of a coral reef, first bursting with vibrant color, then bleached by rising ocean temperatures into an underwater ghost world. This book welcomes a broad range of student researchers, casual readers, and committed activists, who will particularly benefit from the extensive resource lists.

The reference section includes websites and an extensive bibliography tied to the stages of service learning. The authors focus on water resources but their techniques can be applied to other environmental issues. This wonderful book will help you step by

step to get involved and will challenge our empowered teens to bring about global change in our oceans and waterways. And yes, even us older adults will be challenged and want to get involved! As for me...after reading this book, I have made some changes on how I view our water and how I can make a difference.

Susan Jones ❖

"A blessed companion is a book, - a book that, fitly chosen, is a lifelong friend ... a book that, at a touch, pours its heart into our own."

~ Douglas Jerrol

On Sunday, August 5th, 2012, Evelyn Buck will celebrate her 100th 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 13th, 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 5th! ❖

CAMPBELL UMC CAN DO IT! - HELP CAL-NEV CONFERENCE FILL THE TRUCK!

Now it is your turn - The Northern California Nevada Conference of the Methodist Church has decided to fill a semi truck with cleaning buckets for the UMCOR depot. They will be collecting these buckets at the Annual June Conference. If you want to send supplies for the other kits they will take those too. Please send ONLY those supplies that are on the lists for the kits and cleaning buckets.

I have been hearing for years that we are a connectional church and I think that this is what it means. Each of us doing our part to make the world a better place to live.

CLEANING BUCKET KIT ITEMS - Value: \$55 per bucket.

5-gallon Bucket with Resealable Lid

Buckets from fast food restaurants or bakeries can be used if washed and cleaned. Do not use buckets that have stored chemicals such as paint or pool cleaner. Advertisements on the outside are acceptable

Liquid Laundry Detergent

(two 25 oz. or one 50 oz. bottles only)

Liquid Household Cleaner

12-16 oz. liquid cleaner that can be mixed with water. NO spray cleaners.

Dish Soap

16-28 oz. bottle, any brand

1 can Air Freshener

aerosol or pump

1 Insect Repellent Spray

6 - 14 oz. aerosol spay pump with protective cover

1 Handheld Scrub Brush

plastic or wooden handle, NO toilet-bowl brushes, NO kitchen or dish brushes

18 Cleaning Wipes

handi wipes or reusable wipes, NO terry cleaning towels, remove from packaging

7 Sponges

no cellulose sponges due to mold issue

5 Scouring Pads

remove from wrapper, NO Brillo, SOS pads or any kind that will rust

50 Clothespins

remove from packaging

Clothesline

two 50ft. or one 100ft.

cotton or plastic

24-roll Heavy Duty Trash Bags

30 - 45 gallon size, remove from the box

5 Dust Masks

2 pair Disposable Kitchen Gloves

rubber or latex, remove from packaging

1 pair Work Gloves

leather palm necessary

Assembling Directions

Place all liquid items in the bucket first. Place remaining items in the bucket fitting them around and between the liquid items. Sponges, scouring pads, clothespins and trash bags can be separated in order to fit all of the items in the bucket. Ensure the lid is closed securely.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- All items must be new except for the actual bucket and lid.
- All cleaning agents must be liquid and in plastic containers. No powders please.
- If you cannot find the requested size of a liquid item, use a smaller size. Including larger sizes of any item will prevent the lid from sealing.
- If all of the items on the list are not included, please put a label on the bucket indicating what has been omitted.
- Cleaning buckets are only used within the United States. They are not opened to verify the contents unless there is indication some items have been omitted.

Packing Kits: Box Weight. Each packed box cannot exceed 66 pounds.

Shipping Kits:

1. Complete 2 packing lists-one for your records and one to put on the shipping box.
2. Paste the shipping label /packing list on the outside of each box you send. The shipping list helps the depot to quickly process kits.
3. Processing & Shipping Costs: Please enclose an envelope containing at least \$1.50 for each Cleaning Bucket you send. This donation enables kits to be sent without delay to areas in need. Sally Wenzel, 408-371-7466, will be taking the buckets to conference.

In order to pack she needs to have them by June 17.

Elaine Hill ❖

WOMEN'S INTERFAITH GROUP



A Christian/Muslim interfaith women's group was formed at the beginning of 2012 to discuss the two Silicon Valley Reads books on Islam. This group, consisting of nine Campbell United Methodist women and seven Pacifica Institute (Turkish Muslim) women has proved enormously rewarding for all of us. Usually the meetings were Wednesday evenings, twice a month. Right from the start there seemed to be a unique relationship among us as we enjoyed broad-ranging conversations about many aspects of both faiths.

between a Catholic and a Protestant, or between a Methodist and a Lutheran? What is a typical worship service like? What is baptism and confirmation? What is the trinity?



We Christians have learned about the challenges facing Muslims in a post-9/11 America, about the decision to wear the hijab (the headscarf), about the scarcity of grocery stores catering to Muslim dietary restrictions. We also have learned a little about what it is to be Muslim in Turkey. Many of the Turkish ladies have young children and some of the conversation was about schools and parenting skills.

The Muslims had questions about Christianity: what's the difference

We Campbell folk soon discovered that we had a lot to learn from our Turkish friends when it came to hospitality. They invited us into their homes right at the beginning of our series of meetings in order to share with us the experience of making Noah's Puddings and taking part in the Noah's Pudding competition at Pacifica Institute in Sunnyvale. The competition was fierce and I am proud to relate that the winning team consisted of three Campbell women and their Turkish mentors.

During the last week before our summer break, four of us had a delicious home-cooked Turkish breakfast with three of the Turkish ladies. We found out how many Muslim and Methodist women it takes to open a recalcitrant jar of olives. (Answer: seven.) The following day we had a gourmet potluck at Campbell. If anyone thinks that

Methodists excel at potlucks, I am sorry to disillusion you, but Muslims are hard to beat when it comes to the sharing of food.

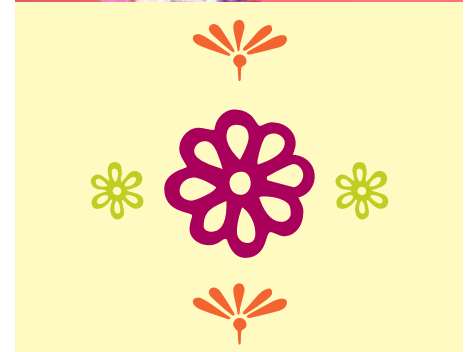
One of our most powerful discussions occurred on the evening



when we went around our circle answering the question: what does prayer mean to you? The answers of the Muslims were inspiring, but also remarkable was listening to Christian friends answer the same question as it related to each of our lives.

The consensus at our final meeting was that each of us had found her faith strengthened by our conversations. We will miss our new friends as they head to Turkey for the summer and look forward to renewing our friendship in the fall.

Sue Edson ❖



UMYF TALKING "LISTEN UP"

CALENDAR

sunday, may 27

Memorial Day
no youth group

sunday, june 3

UMYF meeting
11:45 am -1:30 pm

sunday, june 10

senior brunch

sunday, june 17

UMYF meeting
11:45 am -1:30 pm

sunday, june 25-29

vacation bible school



Welcome to Adventures on Promise Island, where God's promises never change!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN YOUR KIDS UP for Vacation Bible School. On Promise Island your kids will sing songs, experience Bible stories, play games, and have fun with crafts. All the while discovering God's promises and His lifesaving love.

The adventure begins Monday, June 25 and ends Friday, June 29. VBS is open to kids from 3 years old (and potty trained) to those entering 6th grade. Registration forms can be found in the church office.

Melinda Knepp,
Youth Coordinator ❖

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

Do you have a student graduating from high school this year? If so, please let the church office know what school they are graduating from and what their plans are. We would like to know about college graduates too.



WALKING FOR A CAUSE

On April 29 United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) participated in the South Bay Crop Walk. It was a beautiful day and seven of our youth walked five miles around the Rose Garden neighborhood. As a group, UMYF raised over \$700. Thank you to everyone that supported us. Not only did we raise money for a great cause, but we got some exercise and had fun doing it!

from the Children's Musical



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- for Christ and the world.

from
the *Heart*

Thank you to everyone at Campbell UMC who sent cards, prayers and words of sympathy (to my wife, Laura) when I broke my foot in April. I am pleased to report that the foot is healing rapidly.

Bruce Hallinan

*Dear Nan & My Church Family,
The Azalea ia a beautiful plant. The color is so bright and uplifting. I will treasure it.*

Thank you all so much for your thoughtfulness.

*God's Blessings,
Pat Shepherd*