

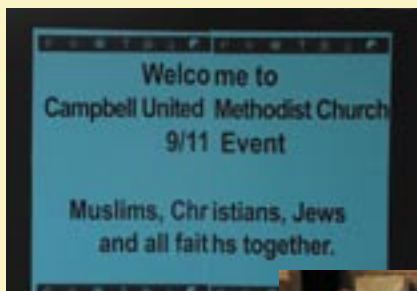
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9/11 Interfaith Dinner

It was an honor to participate in this year's 9/11 Interfaith Dinner Event. I've found it to be a deeply moving experience that allows us to understand more about the many faiths, beliefs and cultures – not from a textbook but directly from the mouths of God's children. But I wondered what others thought about the experience. Throughout are collections of thoughtful, sincere and eloquent reflections.

Gail Jacobs, Church and Society

9/11 Interfaith Dinner

For the sixth year running, the Campbell United Methodist Church hosted a 9/11 Interfaith Dinner and Prayer Service to celebrate building community in the diverse South Bay area. The dinner, which drew over 150 attendees, has become a significant signature event for CUMC, according to recently appointed Pastor Jim Mishler. This year, in addition to representatives from three Muslim communities,

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Pastor's Point of View

Dear Friends:

I want you to know that the "Meet the Pastor" experience has been a wonderful blessing for Jan and me. The 14 (yes, 14!) scheduled gatherings are now completed and we are grateful for what we have gained by attending them. Thank you for taking the time and the opportunity to share in them with us.

What have we gained?

First of all, we have learned so much about individual members of the church. Many of you shared important stories of your faith journeys, which will help us better appreciate your Christian commitments. Others shared personal, life-changing stories, which will help us understand who you are. And many others also shared "fun facts" with us. For example, did you know that some of us have willingly jumped out of airplanes, one of us has danced with Lawrence Welk, and another attended opening day at Disneyland, while one of us participated in the "Miss Teenage Tulsa" pageant? All of the stories were interesting and informative.

Then, we also heard powerful testimony of what Campbell Church means to you. At each gathering we were treated to a litany of how our church has surrounded you with love, grown you in the faith and called you to practice your faith in new and challenging ways. The words "family," "friends," and "community," were spoken often when describing your feelings for this church. Memories of special events that drew you closer to Christ were shared. The 9/11 Dinners were mentioned often as an example of the significant yet challenging behavior appreciated by our members.

And, we learned of your hopes and dreams for the future, including:

- Emphasis on Family Ministries for current members and newcomers alike
- Develop Small Group Ministry
- Increase Adult Spirituality Classes
- Additional Senior Adult Programs and Opportunities
- Intentional Risk-Taking Mission and Ministry –local, national and international ministries alike

Your hopes and dreams will keep us busy planning for months to come.

So, with much appreciation, let me offer this prayer for you and our church:

For the way that lies behind us,
We say thank you.

For the way that stretches in front of us,
We say thank you.

For the way that will become,
We hope with thankful hearts.

-Amen-

Blessings,

Pastor Jim



High Road Hikers

On September 10 the High Road Hikers, lead by Andrew and Heather Reynolds headed for Felton and the Fall Creek Unit of Henry Cowell State Park - a favorite trail for the Reynolds.



The trail head is just beyond Felton in a second growth redwood forest that in the late 1800's was home to a limestone quarrying operation. From the parking lot the group of seven descended into the undergrowth of the redwoods and headed for the first stop - the kilns. At the lime kiln site the group rested and explored the kilns where limestone was fired to make lime used in concrete. In the 19th century limestone was quarried just up hill from the site and the stone was brought down on a cleverly counterbalanced trolley system to the kilns. Most of the surrounding forest was cut down for fuel to fire the kilns. The current forest has grown up in the last 130 years and you can still see the stumps of redwood trees cut down by the kiln operators. After the limestone was, "burnt" it was packed into barrels and hauled down to Felton by horse drawn wagon where it was loaded on trains and sent to San Francisco to make concrete for the city.

Then next it was over the ridge and up Fall Creek to the barrel mill site, where surprisingly there were the ruins of an old barrel mill. Fall Creek was running above normal this year and the many small springs that feed it made the trail very muddy and slippery in places. The creek normally runs all year and the narrow canyon is easily dammed and along with the all the trees made this the perfect site for the kiln operators to build a water powered

mill that made the barrels the lime was shipped out in. Today all that remains is a rusting milling machine, concrete foundations and a few twisted railroad ties. Here the group had lunch, took pictures, and told a few stories. Once rested and refreshed they followed the creek back to the trail head and the comfort of cars and air conditioning and a stop at Starbuck's.

This trail is a great fall hike and a wonderful way to connect to God's world.

Andrew Reynolds ✂

Senior Single Lunch Bunch

One Sunday each month a group of single men and women age sixty-five and older meet at a nearby restaurant for lunch. The Single Senior Lunch Bunch has been sharing companionship, conversation, laughter and good food for about eight years. Any older "single" (widowed, divorced or never married) is welcome. Newly single persons are especially welcome and many have found this group supportive. Usually between fifteen and twenty persons are present, but there is always room for more. Reservations are made at the restaurant for an approximate attendance so that the group can be seated together. Time, dates and locations are publicized in the Blue Addendum. Ride sharing can be arranged. For more information call Jean Kiskadden (871-7885) or Kathie Sheldon (266-1424.) ✂

Discussion Group for Seniors

Like to talk about your life's journey? Like to share your wisdom? Like to draw on Biblical passages for emotional support? Then the Senior Discussion Group is for you. Anyone age sixty-five and older is welcome to join in when this group meets in the Fireside Room on the third Tuesday of each month. Meeting plans and topics are prepared and led by Jean Kiskadden with advance outlines available.

Usually only the leader reads the

book, but during the coming months the foundation of the discussion will be based on chapters in a book by James W. Moore, a United Methodist pastor. The book title is "Some Folks Feel the Rain, Others just Get Wet." What on earth does that mean? Come and find out. Everyone who attends is encouraged to express their opinions.

For more information, call Jean (871-7855.) ✂

9/11 Interfaith

It is so heartwarming to be in the sanctuary with the diverse group that is surrounding each of us with love, respect and tolerance. It is in true partnership that we make the difference.

- Campbell UMC member

Collections

The Church and Society and Mission Committees are collecting used Bibles (any edition) for Elmwood Correctional Facility during September and October. The Bibles can be deposited in a box in the narthex labelled "Bibles for Elmwood."

There is an ongoing collection of paperback books for Santa Rita Jail as well as the VA hospital. Used sheets and blankets as well as socks (new) for "Emergency Housing Consortium and Life Builders" as well as yarn for Judge Steven Manley (i.e., for his program of getting vets in his court program to knit) are all needed. The boxes to collect these items are in the entrance to Fellowship Hall.

Jane LaPierre ✂

9/11 Interfaith

I learned so much about the other people at our table. One sentiment that will stay with me forever is that we should learn respect rather than tolerance. A highlight was the Muslim prayer. Each time I hear the Jewish chant I think about the ocean waves rustling up to the shore. - Jew

In the COMMUNITY

Save the Date

HOLIDAY CONCERT

This Holiday concert is an early Christmas gift, filled with glorious music of the season.

On the afternoon of Saturday, November 20 at 1:30 p.m. the beautiful voices of the Stanford chorus will join the Peninsula Symphony Orchestra in a concert of a new Christmas piece of our own local composer and musician, Brian Holmes.

Brian writes a Christmas carol each year in honor of the special time of year. He has taken the summer and fall semester on leave from San Jose State University Physics department to expand his latest twelve carols into this major work "Come Christmas". He has expanded the poetry of Eleanor Farjeon into a piano vocal carol and now with full orchestra of 80 instrumentalists including harp and four french horns and two hundred voice choir with featured soloists.

Please join us at Stanford Memorial Church to celebrate this sparkling new piece for Christmas. The opening concert is Friday evening, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., followed with the performance on Sunday afternoon. Also included on the program is the music of Rutter and Vaughn Williams Fantasia on Christmas Carols. A sign-up for carpooling from Campbell United Methodist Church to Stanford will be coming beginning in November.

For more information call Jolynda at 293-2765. Ticket price is \$20 but we are hoping to get a group discount rate. Hope to see you there. ✕

School Supplies delivered to Rosemary School

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone who donated school supplies for Rosemary School and to those who helped make and fill 300 pencil bags. In addition, we collected the following:

- 2000 pencils
- 100 backpacks (given by the Endowment Fund)
- 381 erasers
- 14 packages of construction paper
- 19 packages of lined paper
- 72 glue sticks
- 36 bottles of glue
- 167 colored folders
- 10 packages of graph paper
- 100 spiral notebooks
- 2 reams of computer paper
- 64 rulers
- 100 boxes of crayons

Plus: many markers, black and blue pens, colored pencils, Sharpies, Kleenex and hand sanitizers

Special thanks to Carolyn Buehner, Jean Kiskadden and Alice Orth who counted, organized and delivered the supplies to Rosemary School.

Church and Society Committee ✕

9/11 Interfaith

On a personal level, it is important to me to witness the coming together of the different faiths on a day like 9/11. On a higher level, I see this as a social project where we collaborate with Campbell UMC on showing the world that love and friendship can come out of the anniversary of such an event. The highlight for me was the praying together. I don't think there are many Muslims/Christians/Jews on the planet today that have gone through this experience.

– Muslim, Silicon Valley Branch of Pacifica Institute

In closing, Pastor Jim Mishler, Campbell United Methodist Church, shared some profound and inspirational words he came across:

*Because God is with us, we walk in faith, not fear.
Because God is with us, we walk in hope, not despair.
Because God is with us, we walk in love, not hate.*



Methodist Connection

United Methodist Women

TWO BOOK REVIEWS BY SUSAN JONES

Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy by Donald B. Kraybell, Steven M. Nolt and David L.K. Weaver-Zercher

This is a true story of a gunman who went on a rampage, killing five young Amish girls, and injured five others in a one-room schoolhouse in Nickel Mines, PA. This book explains how the Amish people were able to forgive the gunman and his family. It was difficult for the surrounding community and even some of us as readers to understand how the Amish responded with forgiveness. We read how the Amish had shunned members of their community and yet forgave a man of such a vicious crime.

The Amish distinguish forgiveness from pardon and reconciliation. Forgiveness surrenders the right to vengeance. This is not the same as a pardon which forfeits punishment altogether. This was a devastating account of a tragic event

and how the Amish responded. The story told is a life-affirming lesson on how to live a life of grace and forgiveness. I have a deeper understanding of the Amish people and it has made me look at my faith a little deeper. This is an excellent read and a great opportunity to revisit Scripture and what it tells us about forgiveness. If you are really not a big reader, or do not have the time right now...this is out on DVD.



Warrior Princess by Princess Kasune Zulu

Princess Kasune Zulu grew up in an Africa trying to make sense of the mystery illness claiming its people. As a child, she could not know the disease that claimed the lives of her parents and baby sister would go on to infect more than 100 million people. Left alone to care for her six siblings, Princess decided early on she could either be a victim or a victor. She chose the latter - even when she learned seven years later she was HIV positive herself - and consequently, her tenacity, passion and advocacy have earned her international recognition as an ambassador for orphans, vulnerable children and those suffering from HIV and AIDS. Princess' journey has taken her from the dusty villages of Zambia to the offices of world leaders from the White House to the United Nations. Her story shows that even though life is uncertain and our time may be short, we each have a role to play in bringing healing and hope to our world.

Please let me know by Sept. 24, 2011 if you have completed any of the UMW Reading Program Plans. Susan_jones_95148@yahoo.com •

TEA AND CRUMPETS ANYONE?

The 5th Annual United Methodist Women's Tea will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2011, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. **All women are welcome.** Whether you belong to a Circle or not, we want you to be our guest for a lovely lunch, lively discussion, and learn how UMW is supporting our community.

This year our speaker will be from Books Aloud. This wonderful organization is housed in the basement of the Martin Luther King Library in downtown San Jose and provides books on audio cassette tapes for those who are sight impaired. We will learn how to use this valuable service as well as how we can support it. Books Aloud will also be the beneficiary of the proceeds from our baskets.

To this end, beautiful baskets with enticing treasures will be available for you to peruse and drool over with the hopes you might even take one home by way of your charitable donation. Just by attending you will receive one ticket to apply towards whichever basket tickles your fancy.

So, plan on an entertaining luncheon and join us for some great fun. We want to show our women how important they are to us. Contact Donna Marencia, 241-1572, or Lou Woodburycattcott, 246-5087, so we can be sure to reserve a place for you. •

Care-A-Vaners

LET'S PLAY JEOPARDY

- Clue: Volunteers who stay in their RVs while working on 5 Methodist projects a year.
- Question: *Who are the Care-A-Vaners?*
- Clue: A large Methodist camp in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest near Mt. Shasta city.
- Question: *What is Shasta Camp?*
- Clue: August 29 to September 9.
- Question: *When did Care-A-Vaners last work at Shasta Camp?*
- Clue: 16 men and women from Boulder Creek, Cupertino, Lakehead, Pioneer, Manteca, San Jose, Santa Rosa and Vallejo.
- Question: *How many were there? Where from?*
- Clue: Repairing and installing water lines and system, repairing the log splitter, hauling, splitting and stacking firewood, building a portable wood shed, preparing cedar rounds for

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Circuit Writer



Accountability Amongst Christians

Rev. Larry LaPierre

“Who are you to tell me ...?”

Whatever comes after the word “me” in this question is almost irrelevant to many of us. The point is that we don’t want to be told what to do! Do we? I didn’t think so. Notice, please, that I used the word “We” to begin that sentence. I’m not a big fan of being told what to do either.

On the other hand, if we are going to be on a spiritual journey with God and God’s people, we need be accountable to someone. If there is no one to whom we answer as spiritual people, then we are in danger of losing our way. It isn’t possible to navigate all of the twists and turns on the spiritual road without the wisdom of someone who is further along the road than we are.

If we doubt that, consider the reality that we all face temptation. We might be tempted to hurt another person or damage their reputation. We might be tempted to simply ignore someone whom we don’t like. There are many points in between these extremes.

John Wesley expected his class leaders to inquire about the spiritual well-being of their group members. Every week the class leader asked each one, “How has it gone with your soul during this past week?” It sounds intrusive, doesn’t it? Well, it is, and it needs to be! Our tendency is to deny the reality that we are willful people who frequently forget to even ask God what God wants us to do next. If someone doesn’t ask us about our spiritual condition on a regular basis, we risk becoming self-centered! We risk not noticing that we are focused more on ourselves than on God.

Various 20th century writers on Christian spirituality (Maxie Dunman, Richard Foster, Michael and Robert Benson, Reuben Job and Norman Shawchuck) treat confession as a serious spiritual discipline. That is another way of saying that we are at the very

least accountable to God. We need to review our day and our week to see how faithful we have been in serving God by loving God and God’s people (including ourselves). Our United Methodist Hymnal contains several prayers of confession that we can use during worship or during our private prayer times.

We may not want to disclose our spiritual weaknesses to anyone. On the other hand, if we don’t face each other and admit the difficulties of living a faithful Christian life, how will we ever be ministers to each other? Each of us needs the support of our Christian community to cope with our spiritual struggles. Covenant Groups are one way that The United Methodist Church has devised to help us to both be accountable to and helpful to each other. It’s not a Bible study although there is certainly room for Biblical insights. It’s a weekly group in which we review our spiritual journey and promise to pray for each other. Would you like to start such a group with me? If so, we will organize one.

Rev. Larry LaPierre ✕



In Esther’s Shoes ... or Standing in the Corridor

I am standing in the corridor of the inner court. I have an opportunity - no, I have two opportunities.

God either blessed me with life at the court to be spared of this massacre, or to spare the lives of my people.

Which one is it?

If I go through this door, I may well die. If I don’t go through this door everyone else will definitely die. If I were not Queen, I would surely die right along with them.

What is God’s purpose in this “opportunity?”

Was this a blessing to save or be saved? In many of God’s blessing we

are still left with choices. We still have a decision to make. Whether or not I go through this door, I have been blessed. Am I content with just being blessed or shall I risk all my blessings to be a blessing to others?

Should I go through this door? **Can** I go through the door?

I have an opportunity, now what shall I do with it? What will you do with your opportunity? Do you count your blessings? Or do you make them count?

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from the Editor:

I am happy to report that our intrepid reporter, Dave Sargent, has been out and about with my digital tape recorder and has turned in the first in a series of interviews with some of our veterans. Dave’s first veteran is our own Clyde Allen, a long time church member and WWII Air Force veteran. We’re going to publish Clyde’s story in the November Connections as part of our focus on Veteran’s Day. Clyde tells us that he arrived in Campbell in 1934, drafted in 1942 and eventually served in the Pacific Theater of Operations as a B29 pilot.

An extended version of Clyde’s story will be published on the church web site - more details about that next month.

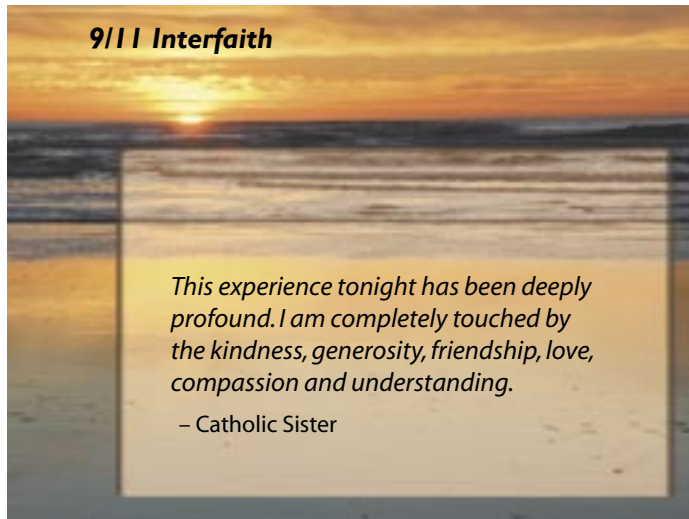
...and we’re still looking for other veterans to come forward and tell their stories from their time in service no matter when that was or what role they played.

Heather Reynolds ✕

MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Marv Tanner always has the Stewardship Report in to me early and I appreciate that. I miss his contribution to the newsletter this month and I'm sure you all join me in wishing him the very best of care in Vallejo as he heals from his injury.

"Come home soon Marv and Ina!"



Care-A-Vaners

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donor recognition, cleaning Buckner Lodge, clearing out a storage building, and much, much more.

- Question:** *What did they do?*
Clue: Gene and Elaine Hill, Dave and Susan Sargent.
- Question:** *Who was there from Campbell UMC?*
Clue: Marv and Ina Tanner
- Question:** *Who was there in spirit, and in the prayers and hearts of the Care-A-Vaners?*
Clue: The New Vision Pavilion.
- Question:** *A local company is currently constructing what new building?*
Clue: A gathering place for about 100 with flexible space, handicapped accessible bathrooms, and fully equipped kitchen.
- Question:** *What will the New Vision Pavilion provide?*
Clue: A matching grant for \$50,000 from an anonymous donor available until October 31, 2011.
- Question:** *What financial opportunity is available for supporting the New Vision Pavilion?*
Clue: U.M. Shasta Camp (earmarked New Vision Pavilion).
- Question:** *Who should my check be made payable to?*
Clue: Bill Youngs, Treasurer, 3376 Heritagetown Drive, Redding CA 96002
- Question:** *Where should my check be sent?*
Clue: The children, youth and adults who will commune with God's creation and spirit at Shasta Camp.
- Question:** *Who will benefit from my donation?*

Susan Sargent ✕

HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

From the September 6, 1989 issue of "the Church Works"! The contact person was Carolyn Pryor, who was then the Director of Music Ministries.

Littlest Angels is a Pre-choir program of music and movement for children ages two through five

The primary emphasis will be singing to and with the children. Two secondary emphases will be (1) learning about rhythm through movement, musical games and finger play, and (2) learning about musical instruments through visits to the classes by musicians and their instruments.

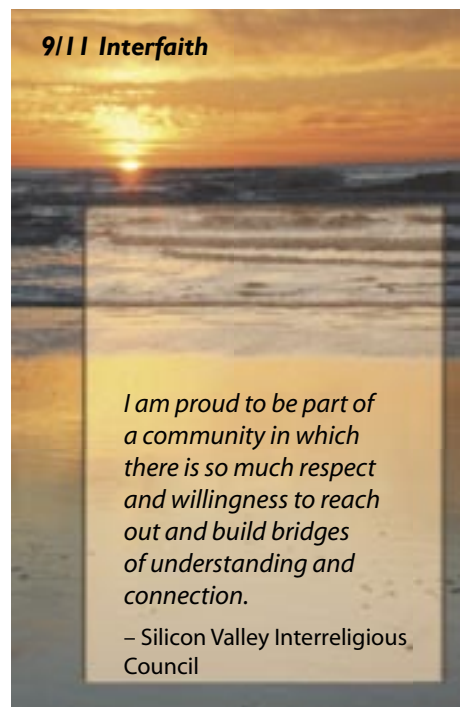
There will be three classes:

- 1) Two year olds
- 2) Three and four year olds
- 3) Five year olds

This choir will start on Thursday, October 19. If you would like more information about Littlest Angels, please call Carolyn Pryor..

FROM 1989

9/11 Interfaith



9/11 Interfaith Dinner

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there were Jewish, Catholic, Buddhist, and a variety of Protestant and inter-denominational groups represented.

Dinner commenced at 6:00 p.m., with a halal, kosher, vegetarian dinner provided by Kitchen Chair Jane LaPierre and her crew. At 7:20 p.m., more than 60 Muslims, Christians and others joined in Muslim prayers on the church lawn between the dining hall and the sanctuary.

At 7:50, the event moved into the church sanctuary for remarks, prayers and litanies led by two Muslim and two Christian teenagers. Then cantor Philip Schwartz of Temple Emmanuel sang two Jewish prayers.

A general discussion followed, with active participation by Saduhi Siddique, Secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community; Fatih Sarigoz, Chairperson of the Pacifica Muslim Community; Maha El Genaidi, Director of ING; and D. Andrew Kille, of the Silicon Valley Interreligious Council Board, and numerous others. The evening concluded with a blessing by Reverend Justin Ryu of the recently formed New Creation United Methodist Church.

The 9/11 Interfaith Dinner has become a significant tradition at CUMC. From this annual event has come a series of interfaith small group meetings designed to enhance understanding between the Jewish, Muslim and Christian communities. First established six years ago by former pastor Reverend Dr. Alan Jones, the dinner has increased in size and scope over the years.

This event would not be possible without the extraordinary efforts made

by Jean LaPierre and her kitchen crew, the Church & Society Committee, Ginny Johnson, Sue Foyle and Claudia Slayman and their assistants, together with technical support provided by Dave Foyle, Leon Johnson and Sally Wenzel.

Church and Society also wants to thank the many volunteers who served and everyone who gave of their time and energy to make this event a success. That list includes the following:

Kitchen Crew:

Jane LaPierre (chairperson), Musu Bennett, Darlene Dyer, Betsy Drew, Bob and Lucy Bogdanoff, Lucy Proud, Sue and Bill Waldrop, Lou Woodburycattott, Bob Herring.

Dining Room Crew: Claudia Slayman (chairperson), Young Natalie Mantalas, Jane Couzens, Chandra Couzens, Ellen Droke, Charlie Slayman.

Dining Room Servers: Melinda Knepp, Holly Aspiras (chairperson), Jack Hallinan, Jordan Aspiras, Craig Shepherd, Audrey Twilleager, Bodie Knepp, Erin Norris, Christian Babcock, Chandra Couzens, Bill and Karen Coye.

Table Hosts and Greeters: Sue Edson, Elaine Bondonno, Ed and Judy Chirco, Betsy Drew, Charlie Slayman, Jan Grodeon, Bruce Hallinan, Jack Norris, Franklin

and Elaine Bondonno, Lea Adams, Rev. Nymphas and Lois Edwards, Joshua Suliman, Olive Yamba, John and Sherry Finzel, Rev. Justin Ryu, Geoff Pilling, Bob and Lucy Bogdanoff, and Rev. Daniel Gbundema.

Church & Society Members: Sue Foyle, Gail Jacobs, Dr. Robert Herring, Joyce Johnson, Michael McDavid, Ted Chamberlain, Linda Solis, Franklin Bondonno.

Dessert Chairperson: Bertie Meehan and her team: Donna Meehan, Marilyn Rhoades, LaVerne Jury, Heather



Reynolds, Hazel Davis, and Ginny Johnson.

Key Planners: Ginny Johnson, Sue Foyle, Elaine Bondonno, and the Church and Society team.

Clean-Up Crew: Susan Sargent, Karen Ryu, Sue and Bill Waldrop, Gail Jacobs, Linda Solis, Charlie Slayman, Jim Mishler.

Clergy: Rev. Jim Mishler, Rev. Daniel Gbundema, Rev. Justin Ryu.

Key Technical and Musical Support:

Sound: Dave Foyle, Leon Johnson, Sally Wenzel.

Design of the "Peace" centerpiece: David Couzens.

"The Wayward Saints Choir": Pastor Justin Ryu, Roxanne Kohlin, Eddie Jimenez, Claudia Slayman, Linda Solis, Olive Yamba, Dave Sargent, Cantor Phil Schwartz, and Sally Wenzel.



Web, Media and News Support: Dave Foyle and Leon Johnson.

Franklin Bondonno, Church and Society ✕

9/11 Interfaith

It is not tolerance that I want to talk about, it is acceptance. You can tolerate somebody but acceptance is more important.
– Muslim

These types of gatherings lessen fear and help us to act with more compassion and be less judgmental. I enjoyed the Muslim prayers and I especially appreciated the Hebrew chants. – Catholic Sister

UMYF TALKING "LISTEN UP"

CALENDAR

sunday, september 25
movie - watch for email announcement

sunday, october 2
cookie baking

saturday, october 8-9
lock-in

sunday, october 16
11:45 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.
lunch and meeting

sunday, october 23
corn maze - time tba

sunday, october 30
halloween event



WHO ARE YOU?

I am going to create a new Youth Directory this year so that we can keep the youth informed of events that pertain to them. This directory would be available to the youth and advisors.

The information that I would like is:

- Youth Name
- Grade
- Parents name
- Address
- Phone number(s)
- Birthday
- School

This information can be sent to melinda@kneppfamily.com.

Thank you,

Melinda Knepp, Youth Coordinator

YOUTH NEWS

It's September, the kids are back at school, Sunday school has started up again, and so has UMYF. We had our first meeting on September 11. A large group of youth turned out for fun, games, barbecue hamburgers and root beer floats. It was great to see old friends and welcome new friends too.

Not to worry if you missed this first meeting, there will be plenty of opportunity to join in UMYF events. There will be two Sunday meetings a month, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; plus one community service project a month and one fun event (a movie, games, ice skating, etc.). Lunch is included unless otherwise noted. The youth advisors this year are: Rick Jackman, Jack and Jennifer Norris and Greg and Melinda Knepp.

If you missed the parent meeting, there are some forms (Medical History and Consent plus Event Conduct Consent) which need to be completed. These forms can be found at <http://kneppfamily.com/cumc/youthgroup/> along with a calendar of events. Once completed, these forms can be dropped off at the church office.

Most of our communication is done via email. If you're not receiving weekly updates regarding UMYF please send your email address to melinda@kneppfamily.com.

We hope to see you and youth group and as always, bring a friend!

Melinda Knepp, Youth Coordinator ✂

SOUP SUPPER RECIPE

BEEF AND VEGETABLE SOUP

FROM SUSAN JONES

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Pound Stew meat, cubed in bit size pieces 1 Cup Water 1 Tablespoon basil 1 Can Tomato paste (6 oz) 1 Package onion soup 4 Large carrots sliced 1 Cup celery chopped 1/2 Cup cabbage chopped 1/4 Teaspoon pepper 1 Can green beans, cut undrained 1 Can pinto beans, undrained 1 Can corn, undrained 	<p><i>Trim most of the fat from the meat. Brown in a small amount of oil. Add water, tomato paste, onion soup mix and basil. Simmer for about 45 minutes. Add raw vegetables, cook about 10 minutes, then add canned vegetables. Cook until Vegetables are tender.</i></p> <p><i>Serving Ideas: Serve as main dish sprinkled with Parmesan cheese.</i></p> <p><i>Note: Good with a salad and French bread.</i></p>
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9/11 Interfaith

As a Muslim and a person of faith, I admire people like you. You exemplify what a believer is. You don't just talk the talk, you actually walk the walk – in your generosity, your sincerity, your humility, your graciousness, and your openness. You are a true testament to your faith as Christians. Thank you for making us part of your family. – Muslim



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People reaching out, with open minds,
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Providing loving, welcoming community
- for Christ and the world.



Dear Friends,
I have been shuttling between Bethel Assisted Living, the hospital and a rehabilitation center named Hy-lond. The physical therapists work with me to help me gain strength to walk and do other things.
I still have the red scooter, but am planning to sell it. Anyone interested?
The house in Campbell is being rented out.
I miss the friends I had in Campbell.
Thank you for all the cards that you have been sending. They are great! I love getting them, and would welcome getting more anytime!

Love Ben Johnson

2345 Scenic Drive #142, Modesto, CA 95355
(Ben celebrated his 95th Birthday on September 16)

Dear Church family,
You and God have touched me.

It has been nine months since I rushed my son Bill to the emergency room. He spent nearly eleven weeks in the hospital and rehab facility and five months of home nurse visits. He had three back surgeries. Now, at last, we are putting it all behind us as he grows stronger each day. My prayers begin with a thank you to God for our loving and caring church family. Thank you all for pastoral visits, meals, phone calls, cards, and most of all, for your prayers. These gave me the strength and courage to get through each day. These helped in Bill's healing. This experience has increased my awareness of the suffering of other families and I pray that all will be blessed with caring church families like mine.

Kathie Sheldon