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PASTORAL CHANGE

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Pastor Alan Jones Appointed to St. Mark's UMC

On Easter, Pastor Alan announced he has been appointed to St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Sacramento effective July 1st. Bishop Brown saw that Pastor Alan's talents would be an excellent fit for St. Mark's. The announcement came as a surprise to our church family - as we face the pastoral transition we have a mix of emotions, sadness about Pastor Alan leaving, happiness about the great appointment and opportunity for Alan and his family, and hope for the future.

Sunday, June 19th, will be Pastor Alan's last Sunday at Campbell UMC. During Pastor Alan's five years at Campbell, many new ideas, processes and programs were planted and are being nurtured. After second service we'll have a special program in the Fellowship Hall to

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Pastor Jim Mishler Coming to Campbell

Last Sunday, the appointment of Pastor Jim Mishler to Campbell UMC was announced. The PSPR committee met with him and his wife Jan and were struck by what a great fit Pastor Jim is with Campbell. Jim spent over 20 years in the California Pacific conference with several pastoral and executive appointments. He's served as Executive Director for interfaith and urban ministries in San Diego and Tulsa. Most recently he was at South Reno which is a larger church than Campbell. He stepped in at a very difficult time in the life of their church and was very successful in helping them deal with conflict and move forward.

Pastor Jim brings many gifts and graces to us. We are excited about his ability to maintain and build on the

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African Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

(1st & 3rd Sundays)

New Creation UMC Worship: 12:30 p.m.

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Pastor's Point of View



Beginning Sunday, May 22nd, a worship series will begin entitled, God Touched Me. For the next six Sundays a member of the congregation will be sharing with us all some significant experience of God's presence in their lives. Each participant has also been asked to select a scripture that has significance for them, and how it speaks to them.

The preparation for this series has been going on for weeks, and has already begun a process where people are telling stories to each other about significant experiences of God.

If you were asked to get up and tell the story of how God has touched your life, what would you say? Was it a powerful experience when you were a child or a teenager? Was it something that happened last week at work, or last year with a loved one? When was, or is, God most real for you? How do you know that it is God you are experiencing?

For some people God has been most real in some major crises in their lives, or in a powerful interaction with a mentor. For others, the experience of God is a daily reality with holy nuances of God's touch defining each day.

I invite you to write your unique story of God's touch, and share it with somebody else. If you feel comfortable, I would be delighted to read your story of God's touch. You might also want to select a scripture that speaks to that experience or has had particular meaning for you.

Our community grows and deepens as we tell our faith stories to each other. We share our love and respect for one another by trusting each other with God's precious gifts in our lives. People beyond the church will see the bonds of love and trust that this faith-sharing produces and find themselves drawn into loving community.

We are in the Easter season when we celebrate the astonishing reality that Jesus Christ is alive in us; and we are looking forward to Pentecost, which this year comes very late, on June 12th. Pentecost was the day that the whole community experienced God's touch together, and they all discovered that they were driven to tell their stories of their encounters with Jesus, and, together, they changed the course of human history.

God is actively at work in your life... what a great blessing and joy. What a wonderful gift to share.

Pastor Alan



Easter Vigil

Campbell United Methodist Church, jointly with New Creation UMC, held its second Easter Vigil service this year. The Easter Vigil service, held the Saturday evening before Easter, is becoming increasingly popular among United Methodist churches, likely because an evening service “fits” into the modern lifestyle, and is much more “sleep friendly” than sunrise services for both adults and kids. The Easter Vigil service is considered to be the first of the Easter celebration services (following the Jewish tradition that a day lasts from evening to evening). It is an ancient service, referenced in writing as early as the 3rd century. Some scholars believe that parts of it likely date to the very first anniversary of Jesus’ death, when the Disciples recalled the events of the resurrection as they lit the evening’s candles and shared communion as Jesus directed a year earlier.



This year’s Easter Vigil began at sunset with about 80 adults and youth gathered around a bonfire (and followed the typical UMC service outline; see The United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 338-376). The Paschal (from the Hebrew word for “Passover”) candle, symbolizing Christ as the light of the world, was lit and carried at the front of a candlelight procession around the block as everybody sang “This Little Light of



Mine!” What a sight for the neighborhood -- People driving on busy Winchester Blvd. watching a candlelight procession passing in front of the KFC, and neighborhood kids coming out to see who was singing in front of their apartment buildings! The procession ended back at the Fellowship Hall where the Creation story was told in dance by Delia Shepherd, followed by various groups (New Creation adults and youth, Campbell youth, African Fellowship, the Disciple class and others) performing Old Testament stories in a light-hearted way. How many of us knew that Moses at the Red Sea was told with play-by-play Twitter “tweets”, or that the story of Noah involved Pokemon (!?) ... to name just a few of the stories. The climactic final story was a live “60 minutes” report by reporter Mikus Wallacus interviewing the women eyewitnesses from the empty tomb.

After sharing these stories, the crowd processed to the chapel where new members were welcomed into the congregation. Moving into the Sanctuary, each attendee was given a flower to add to the chancel flowers, so that the Easter morning flowers were partially built by the Easter Vigil attendees. The Easter Vigil



service ended with the communion sacrament, so that all can remember Jesus and the sacrifice that he made for us so many years ago. The final procession of the evening was led by the youth as they enthusiastically led the way to the waiting pizzas, cookies and sodas and time of fellowship! The Easter Vigil service was truly a new (ancient?) way for attendees of all ages to celebrate and become reacquainted with the Easter story in an exciting, accessible, and meaningful way.

Dave Foyle ✕

Disciple II

Into the Word, Into the World

“Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.” Luke 6:37-38

On Monday evening September 27, 2010 a group of students gathered together in the education building to begin a thirty-two week journey of reading the books of Genesis, Exodus, Luke and Acts. These books and parts of many other selections from the Bible as well as weekly readings from a text provided an in-depth examination of what is required of us if we are to become Disciples for Christ. On May 16, the last session of the course, these students committed themselves to a ministry, shaped by Scripture, which has enabled them to carry the Word to the world. The last lesson, entitled “Priority,” named those things that are important for us as Disciples: put God first; use our time wisely; give our gifts willingly; honor family and love and accept everyone. *“Strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.” Luke 12:31*

On the CAMPUS

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As the facilitator/guide on this journey, I am happy to introduce these dedicated individuals who completed this journey: Dina Colella, Katie D'Silva, Annie Forney, Christy Fairbanks, Susan Jones, Heather Reynolds, Fran Sneed and Joshua Sulaiman. Congratulations and I hope to see all of you, and others as well, in Disciple III to be given in the future.

Lenora P. Blouin

Facilitator/Teacher, Disciple Classes ✕

Graduate Recognition

Do you have a graduate in the family, from high school, college, or trade school? Please call or e-mail the office 408-378-3472 with the name of the graduate, school graduating from, degree (if applicable) and future plans. Graduates will be recognized in Worship on June 5th. ✕

InnVision Dinner

Church and Society Commission is sponsoring another opportunity to FEED THE HUNGRY AT INNVISION'S Montgomery Street Inn, June 3rd.

We need your assistance to provide ingredients for the meal at Montgomery Street Inn. Please sign up during coffee hours or after second services, Sunday, May 22nd, and May 29th. The food may be left in the kitchen on the designated shelf. Please call Lea Adams at 408-293-4562 if you have any questions. ✕



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thank him for his ministry here and send him off with many blessings to his new appointment. We will have skits, tributes, and sharing. If you have something you'd like to share please contact Jack Norris at jandjnorris@gmail.com.

In the weeks prior to Pastor Alan's departure, the Pastor-Staff Parish Relations Committee (PSPR) will be collecting congregation members' notes of thanks and remembrance for Pastor Alan between Sunday church services during the Fellowship Hour. Additionally, if you would like to contribute to a monetary gift of appreciation, please make your check payable to our Ad Council Chair, "Bruce Hallinan". PSPR will collect these checks between services and will authorize Bruce to pool them into a common Cashier's check for presentation along with the notes on June 19th. Alternatively, you may mail your notes and checks (payable to "Bruce Hallinan") to the church office, (Attn: PSPR). ✕

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foundation that we've established, and continue with Pastor Alan's direction. This includes spiritual leadership, small group faith development, the ability to develop children and youth ministries and experience with interfaith, urban ministries and social action. Pastor Jim and Jan have three grown children and three grandchildren. They are very impressed with our campus and the opportunities presented by African Fellowship, our reconciling congregation, and coordination with New Creation UMC.

Pastor Jim's first Sunday will be on July 10th. We'll be planning a special welcome celebration after second service where you will all have a chance to welcome him and Jan. ✕

SOUP SUPPER RECIPE CREAMED CORN SOUP FROM LOU WOODBURY CATCOTT

4 large Potatoes, peeled and cubed
1 large Onion, peeled and cubed
1 (14.5 oz) can Whole Kernel Corn
1 (14.5 oz) can Creamed Corn
3 teaspoons or cubes of Chicken Bouillon
2 (10 oz) cans Cream of Chicken Soup
6-10 oz. cooked Ham, cubed
1 (8 oz) package of Cream Cheese

1 - Put the potatoes and onion in a large pot. Drain the corn into the pot. Add 3 cups water and bullion cubes. Bring to a boil for 10 minutes or until tender.
2 - Add cans of corn and cream of chicken soup. Add the ham and heat until warm.
3 - Add the cream cheese. Heat and stir until blended. Do not boil.
(Serves 6)



Methodist Connection

Chans in Cambodia

Dear Rev. Alan and all brothers and sisters in Campbell UMC,

We miss all of you very much. We would like to send you our deepest thanks to all of you for your prayer, love, care and faithful support for our covenant Relationship in Cambodia.

We are so excited to work with you. We could not find appropriate words to express our appreciation and acknowledgement to you our dear friends and partners in Christ.

We wish you all to have a wonderful Happy Easter in the next few days at Campbell UMC. Please take care and keep in touch.

May you be blessed abundantly for your act of kindness.

Together we reach Cambodia for Christ.

Marilyn & Joseph ✕

UM Women



UMW Spring luncheon was celebrated in style this year as usual. The KP crew created a wonderful lunch of chicken, biscuits, beans, potato salad with cake creations for dessert. I shall not attempt to name names, but the food, tables and entertainment by 'Sunrise' - Ron & Anna Green, made for a memorable day.
from the Editor



HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

from the December 28, 1960 edition of the "The First Methodist News"

NEW PASTOR ARRIVES

Our new pastor, William H. "Ben" Gould will begin his ministry in our church next Sunday, January 1. It goes without saying that all of us are eager to meet him and welcome him and his family. Certainly we will want to greet him with overflowing congregation. He will discover a very warm, friendly, energetic man, who will be a wonderful minister for our church.

The Reverend Mr. Gould comes to us from Chico, California where he served as pastor of Trinity Methodist Church from 1948 until 1955. He is just completing a six year term as superintendent of the Shasta District.

Mr. Gould is a graduate of Sesquehanna University and the Westminster Theological Seminary. He has served pastorates in the Central Pennsylvania Conference.

We extend to them a sincere welcome from the people of our church.

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Tomorrow

*Let us rise with cheerful grace
And put a smile on someone's face,
And if a smile is already there-
Let us leave it with great care.*

*Peg Ingle
1912-2010*

Circuit Writer



Recognizing and Using Gifts from God

Rev. Larry LaPierre

More often than many of us realize there is a gift from God waiting for us as we live each new day. It almost always is unwrapped and never has a bow. But it is a gift, and it is from God. One of my gifts a few days ago came in the form of a paperback book. It was lent to me by a friend who thought that I would like it. I do.

“same kind of different as me” (No, the title is not capitalized in this book) is a story of two men—one from the wrong side of the tracks and one who could afford to live at any distance from the tracks that he chose. The story focuses on a woman with her own gift from God who brings them together. Her gift was in being able to look past the exterior of a person and see into the hearts of people without judging them. Instead, she called them by name and helped to feed them and make them welcome at a shelter. That’s all I will say about the book except that the authors are Ron Hall and Denver Moore with Lynn Vincent (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2006).

The gift in this book, besides the story itself, is the reminder that God does bless us with gifts that are meant to be used for the good of other people. The surprise is that it can be the most unlikely people that God uses to bless others—people who might never recognize that they are gifted by God.

Mothers, and many fathers, discover their gifts when they have babies. As infants and for many years thereafter we need our parents, or someone in their place, to love us, to hold us and to do all the things that we need done to make us part of the human family.

Teachers who care about their students are a gift from God and are gifted by God. It takes a great deal of compassion, skill and sensitivity to help students for whom learning is not their first priority. One needs to be blessed by God to continue to care about and

reach out to a student whose major focus may be surviving the walk home or wondering what s/he will find when she or he arrives home.

Christians are gifted as well. Just the fact that we know about Jesus and believe that following his teachings gives hope, meaning and direction to our lives is a gift quite literally from God. But it is the gift that the woman in the book had that is all-too-rarely recognized—the ability to look past the exterior of a person and know that this person, too, is a child of God and needs people to reinforce the sense of being loved.

There is a saying attributed to St. Theresa of Avila that emphasizes the importance of using our gifts from God. She said, “We are the only hands and feet that God has in this world.” Are we ready as individuals and as a church to look past the exterior of each person and to be the hands and feet of God in this world? If we say “Yes,” know this. It requires that we recognize and use the gifts that God gives us for the good of others.

Rev. Larry LaPierre ✕



My Favorite Song

None of you have asked, so I’ll tell you. My favorite hymn is: “I Love to Tell the Story” (UMC hymnal page 156). It was published in 1869 based on the poem “Tell Me the Old, Old Story” by Katherine Hankey.

I love to tell stories and none is better to tell than the one, in Hankey’s words, of “Jesus and his love.” This is a song that I never get tired of singing and a story I never tire of telling.

I even like the story of how this hymn came to be.

Katherine (Kate) Hankey was born in London in 1834 and was a devout Christian and member of the Anglican Church and greatly influenced by John Wesley. She organized Sunday School classes to teach children in the factories to read and write along with a good dose of Bible teaching. In her thirties

she fell seriously ill and was confined to bed for over nine months. During this time she was unable to teach. It was during this illness that Hankey wrote a long poem, “Tell Me the Old, Old Story.” The poem was first published in 1866 and several different versions were published in the next few years. The hymn was taken from the second half of the poem and set to music by William Fischer in 1869. Her need to tell the story couldn’t be contained by illness.

Hankey recovered and continued her teaching and served as a missionary in Africa.

She never lost her need to tell the story.

Andrew Reynolds ✕



The articles that appear in Spiritual Stories are the personal stories of those who attend Campbell UMC, describing how they have experienced, and are experiencing, God in their lives. These personal experiences may have been 50 years ago at a church camp, last week in the mountains, or yesterday at the super-market. Where and how has God been revealed to you? In what ways have you seen that God is guiding your life? Where have you seen the hands of Jesus at work? You are invited to tell your stories of the ways in which God has touched you... people really do want to hear your stories! Submit your Spiritual Journeys articles to the Newsletter Editor, Heather Reynolds <hreynolds63@gmail.com>.



THE ROCK SLINGER and HIS GREATEST HIT

The day was dreary and rather cold, but when I entered the Sanctuary and saw the beautiful set for the children's musical, it became cheery and warm! What a beautiful scene the parents created with the towers, the green hills and the meadow. I was enthralled with everything, from the moving sheep to the entrance of Goliath! The choreography and movements of the children was so well done, but the singing and lines from the children were the most amazing. They moved the story along, were so "into it," and did their part so beautifully. I loved the cheers of the congregation interspersed during the musical and at the end!

What a wonderfully directed, acted, and staged production! Yes! The day was exciting, cheery and wonderful in spite of the chilliness out of doors! Thank you all who made this possible.

Jean Kiskadden ✂

inside out and upside down on main street

Vacation Bible school is right around the corner. So have your kids join us on Main Street where they will start the day with great music and fellowship during [Side Walk Celebration](#) and explore Jesus' parables at [Parable Productions](#). They will also enjoy hands-on crafts at the [Fun Factory](#), snacks at the [Brown Bag Bistro](#) and fun through exercise at [Firehouse Fitness](#).

VBS is for all children 3 years old (and potty trained) to entering 6th grade. VBS will be Monday, June 27 through Friday, July 1 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost is \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional sibling. If you didn't receive a registration form in the mail you can pick one up at the church office. Contact Brook Hendershot if you have any questions at brookhendershot@yahoo.com or 408-314-6861.





MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEWS

It is encouraging that our giving for the month of April exceeded expectations by \$2.8K. Also, pledge giving for April Year-to-Date (YTD) matched our expectation. However, our “non-pledge” giving for April YTD is off \$6.9K (people who give regularly, but are unable to pledge, are in this category). The deficit for the month of April is primarily due to insurance and property tax payments, which are periodic.

Giving -April YTD



Income and Expenses thru March 2011

	March	Year to Date	YTD Budget
Income	\$40.4K	\$121.5K	\$129.0K
Expenses	\$59.2K	\$129.1K	\$139.6K
Excess	(\$18.6K)	(\$7.6K)	

**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 to spring and summer, this brings many opportunities to honor people through charitable gifts. In the next few months we will celebrate Father’s Day, Children’s Day, Memorial Day, and graduations. In our daily lives there are many special occasions that one can celebrate such as the birth of a child or a grandchild, 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.

In 2010 the Endowment fund received gifts of \$17,675. These gifts came in all sizes.

A gift of any size makes a difference—just find an opportunity to make a difference.

Terry Johnson, Endowment Committee

When should “we” be “we”?

During my lifetime the church has almost always used “we” and “us” language in its publicity materials. “Come Worship With Us” is a very common invitation on signs outside churches. I recently saw a witty church marquee asking “What is missing in ch__ch?” Making an outsider “you” places distance between “me” and “you.”

It seems to me that “Come Worship With Us” assumes that the person being invited is not part of “us.” “We” are doing you a favor by inviting “you” to “our” service. Both theologically and psychologically speaking this is not a good move. So much of “our” language sets up an in-group and an out-group. We need to train the church community out of thinking about this being “our church” or “my church” in a possessive way because it isn’t healthy for us, and it probably impedes our growth.

I am the first to say ‘mea culpa’ on the language question. It is very easy to forget and use exclusive language.

I am not sure how often people reading such language are aware of feeling distanced by the language, but I would prefer that for all Campbell UMC Public Relations materials different verb forms be used so that in/out group language is avoided.

Most of the language appears most starkly in invitations: *Every Tuesday at 6pm we hold Quiet Communion in the Chapel. All are welcome to come and join us for this special time of worship and reflection.*

Instead it can be stated: *Quiet Communion is held every Tuesday at 6pm in the Chapel. All are welcome to share in this special time of worship and reflection.*

Also, everyone needs to be careful to use inclusive language when speaking about Africa Fellowship and New Creation UMC. If “we” and “us” language needs to be used, “we” needs to include all. I have routinely edited language saying “We want to thank African Ministry for the wonderful meal they prepared for us on Epiphany Sunday.” Misunderstanding can be avoided by saying “We, as a whole community, want to thank...” Nobody is “they” in this community. Thank you!

Pastor Alan ✕

UMYF TALKING “LISTEN UP”

CALENDAR

friday, may 20,

7:00 p.m.

Friday Night Basketball
(Fellowship Hall)

saturday, may 21

to sunday, may 22

7:30 p.m.

lock-in and breakfast

sunday, april 29

no meeting

sunday, june 5

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Senior Lunch

sunday, june 12

11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

VBS Planning

What's Up? ...from the Youth

Well, our year is winding down. We've had a lot of fun at our meetings, events and community service projects. Who doesn't have fun baking cookies? And then there was our BBQ before cleaning up the Bright Days yard a couple of weeks ago.

On May 20th UMYF is sponsoring a Friday Night Basketball Game. It's open to everyone who's interested. This information might be getting to you after the fact, but if we have a good turnout we might try hosting another game.

We don't have a complete June calendar yet and we hope to have some events this summer. As soon as plans are made we will be getting the information out.



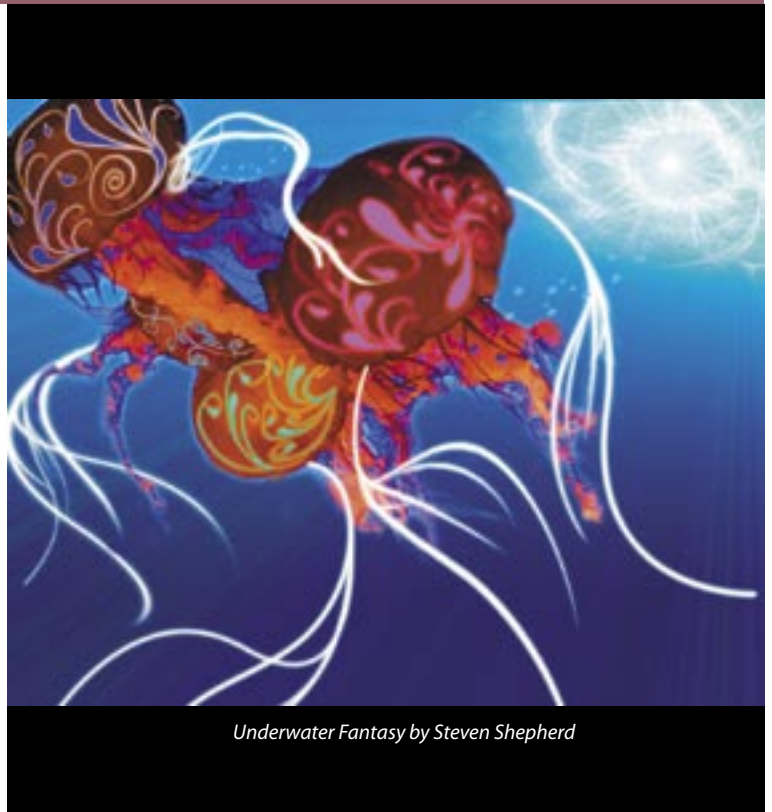
Youth Artwork on Display

Under the recommendation of his teacher, **Steven Shepherd** submitted one of his works of art to the Young Artists Showcase. *His artwork was one of 24 pieces chosen out of 200 that will be in the Santa Clara County Office of Educations permanent collection.*

The artwork, called "Underwater Fantasy" is digital photo art. During an artist celebration on November 9th the signed, matted and framed work will be placed on display at 1290 Ridder Park Road, in San Jose.

Steven is a junior at Del Mar High School and an active member of UMYF. You can also see some of his artwork at church. He designed the t-shirts that the youth are now sporting.

Way to go Steven!



Underwater Fantasy by Steven Shepherd



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Campbell Church Friends,
Thank you for thinking of me at Easter
time with the truly beautiful Azalea. It will
join my family of Azaleas later in my happy
garden.
Special thanks to Sue Edson who delivered
it to my door on Easter Day.

love, Eiko Shimizu

Thank you for the beautiful Azalea
plant delivered Easter Sunday by Sue
Edson. It is out on my "Personality"
shelf so that all the residents can
enjoy it.
Thanks very much,
Alleen Cowdery

Many thanks for including me in the
"Extravagant Generosity" on Earth Day.
I'll remember the fun of making my front
'porch' neat with a 'neat' cactus garden
at the side.
Sincere thanks,
Dotty Bretschneider

Dear Church Family,
I want to thank you for all the cards,
meals, etc., that you sent me while I
was in the hospital and rehab. place. So
many cards were signed by the Circles and
Women's Service Club. Jane LaPierre was
especially great in providing meals for Dick
- her fresh soup was wonderful.
Thanks again. We have a wonderful church
family.
Love, Kay & Dick Hamp