

# Campbell



# CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### Farewell and God Bless

Many of us are only just recovering from the surprise of Bishop Brown's appointment of Pastor Alan to St Mark's United Methodist Church in Sacramento. The Conference and our Parish, Staff, and Parish Relations committee have worked fast to confirm Rev Jim Mishler as the next pastor to Campbell UMC (the 29th in our 133 year history).

Pastor Alan has led our congregation for 5 years, guided by the Conference goal of "Transformational Leadership." In its ideal form, "Transformational Leadership" creates valuable and positive change in the followers with the end goal of developing followers into leaders.

Alan began using "Transformational Leadership" to challenge us to take greater ownership for our work and understand our strengths and weaknesses as followers of Jesus Christ. It is up to us to continue this transformation.

Pastor Alan is an optimist and does not accept the decline of main stream churches as "inevitable." He worked hard to help us find a vision and to focus our efforts on that vision. Alan introduced us to studying "Vital Congregations" and learning how to implement "Simple Church." Most recently he encouraged a team to return to our Methodist roots by forming classes or small groups with the aim of moving us towards Jesus.

Alan emphasizes that growth is not limited to simply ramping up the numbers. But, when people move forward as disciples of Jesus, the vital metrics always seem to take care of themselves. Our mission will continue to be: "Empowering disciples

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## Campbell Connections

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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)*

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## Pastor's Point of View



Winston Churchill once said that democracy is the worst form of government except all others that have been tried. I have similar feelings about the United Methodist appointment system! It was a complete surprise and shock to me when the call came asking me to move, on July 1st, to St. Mark's UMC, Sacramento.

Our United Methodist appointment system is the worst form of appointment making except for all others that have been tried. And my problem is that I believe in it. It is one of the reasons I am a United Methodist. The system guarantees flexibility and allows the Bishop to see the "big picture" of the mission of the church in a large area. We pastors are moved to the places where it is deemed we can be most effective, and, as result we all find ourselves caught up in the grief of transition whenever a pastoral change happens.

I will miss everyone in the Campbell congregation. We are family. I have been very close to some and not so close to others. I have been in conflict with some and in agreement with others. I shall miss every single person, and there is always a deep grief for me in saying goodbye.

I have a document in front of me that says pastors must be sensitive to the damage they may do in continuing pastoral relationships. When I leave, I am bound not only to avoid interfering in what happens at CUMC, but I am also required to sever pastoral relationships with people who are very dear to me. This is really, really hard. It is the worst form of pastoral care except for all others that have been tried!

I am excited about the appointment of Rev. Jim Mishler. I don't know Jim well, but I knew him years ago when I was working in Los Angeles and he came to work in San Diego. I invite you to support your new pastor with love, care, daily prayer and encouragement. If you want to experience the best of his gifts of love, care and leadership... this will be guaranteed, if he knows from you that he is loved and supported. And I guarantee that he will be different from me. He will look, sound and behave in different ways... and they will all be his God-given gifts for leadership and pastoral care in this congregation. This is a great congregation with extraordinary promise for the future –empowering disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world with love.

Thank you for all the generous love and kindness. CUMC will always have a special place in my heart and will always be in my prayers.

Pastor Alan



### Sunrise Seekers

The group is taking a break and will start up again after Labor Day.

Sue Edson ✂



### Book Group

The Book Group is taking a summer break. The next meeting is on September 26th, when we will talk about books we have read over the summer. Our books for the following months will be chosen from among

these. The group meets at 4 p.m. on the fourth (or sometimes the fifth) Monday of the month in the Fireside Room.

Sue Edson ✂



### Meet The Pastor

Campbell UMC will receive a new pastor, Jim Mishler, in July. To get to know him, there will be a series of meetings starting in the summer called "Meet the Pastor." The short gatherings will be held in members' homes, as well as on the church campus. The hope is that in these small groups we will get better acquainted with each other as well as with Pastor Jim Mishler.

There will be opportunities to sign up for participating and/or hosting these groups on Sunday, July 10, which will be the day that we welcome the Mishlers to Campbell. Please email Ellen Droke at: eadroke@aol.com - with comments, questions, and/or if you are interested in hosting a group of eight to ten people, either in your home or at the church.

Ellen Droke, Adult Council ✂



mission and ministry of the church."

In keeping with commonly used descriptions it was also decided to recommend that our PSPR group be renamed the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) as defined by the Book of Discipline.

The Church Council meets on the fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

Bruce Hallinan ✂

### 50+ San Francisco Walking Tour

Friday, September 16th - Fort Mason to Aquatic Park with lunch at a local restaurant. We will meet at the church at 9:15 a.m. to carpool. More information will be in the next Campbell Connections.

Joyce and Jack Hocker ✂

### Disciple II

#### Update from Lenora ...

Apologies to Bill Waldrop whose name was missed on last month's article. He did indeed graduate as you see in the photos below. Congratulations Bill!

Lenora P. Blouin

Facilitator/Teacher, Disciple Classes ✂

### Collecting School Supplies

The Mission Committee and the Church and Society Committee are collecting school supplies this summer for the Rosemary school. A box will be in the narthex of the church starting July 10th. We are collecting a wide variety of school supplies, many of which will be on sale at area stores such as Target, Staples, Dollar Store, etc. during August.

Any of the following would be most appreciated: Elmer's glue, glue sticks, crayons (16/pkg.), large bottles of hand sanitizer, packages of sanitary wipes, kleenex tissues, packages of erasers, yellow # 2 pencils, computer paper, single subject notebooks, construction paper, round tip scissors, homework folders, rulers, ball point pens (black, blue and red), back packs (except red and blue), graph paper (1/2" squares and 1/4" squares), pencil boxes or bags (if you would like to help make pencil bags please call Jane LaPierre at 408-558-4831). ✂

### A Few Words from the Administrative Council

The role of the church Administrative Council has gradually evolved to include more involvement in the programs of the church rather than just administration. As well as planning, monitoring and reporting on the church's finances, personnel and property issues, the Ad Council now works to align our christian education, worship and mission work with the church's vision for a vital congregation.

Because of this broader outlook it was felt that the group should be renamed the Church Council. The Book of Discipline defines the purpose of the church council as "providing planning and implementing a program of nurture, outreach, witness and resources in the local church. It shall also provide for the administration of its organization and temporal life. It shall envision, plan, implement and annually evaluate the



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# In the COMMUNITY

## Help Clean Up Heart of the Valley

In our past Community Service Days, Heart of the Valley has contributed projects for us. Now it is our turn to give them a hand. Their office needs attention...serious attention. On July 23, Heart of the Valley is having a cleaning day. They would like us to help their volunteers do this clean up. Generally the work to be done is cleaning of all kinds and doing some yard work. Several of our CUMC members volunteer at Heart of the Valley. Our Stewardship Committee would like to have CUMC members show our support and help with the cleaning. Please contact or call us to sign up to help.

Marv Tanner, 408-997-3981

Diana Lovelady, 408-377-5765 ✂

## Art & Spirit Ministry Team

*Water+Color+Prayer=Prayer Journals!*

Last month, the Art & Spirit Ministry Team from CUMC completed a second sequence of worship workshops with women who are incarcerated at Elmwood. These workshops were inspired by the following scriptures: John 7:37-38; John 4:7 and Philipians 4:5-7; check them out!

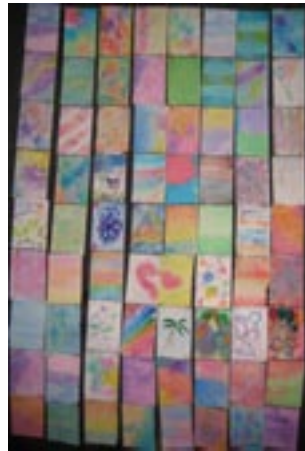
Each woman wrote soul touching prayers to include on the painted pages of her prayer journal, which were then bound together by the CUMC team. Extra pages were set aside to create a large "mosaic" as a focus for their worship center.



*"I am grateful God, for family, friends, children, the help I have received, for*  
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*second and third chances for forgiveness ... and for all who have been involved with this journey I needed to take to have this spiritual awakening."*

*"I pray for my family, my mom, and my in-laws. I pray that the judge is not too hard on us. I pray that everyone here gets along and lives in happiness. I pray thanks to the women who came to do this activity with us."*



*"God, make me a better mother to my children. Show me a better way."*

*"Thank you for the strength you gave me when my own wasn't enough. When I felt alone, you were by my side. When I felt empty, you filled me."*

*"You are my light..."*

*You are my water..."*

*You are my God..."*

**We sang:** I've got Peace/Joy/Love like a River - complete with gestures; picture Sue Foyle posing like a lovely fountain statue - and all the women joining in!



**We read:** A Litany of Water:

...Water of human tears, cleansing drops of grief, dancing drops of joy.

...Water of baptismal fonts, inviting humanity into the circle of community...

**We prayed. We shared. We developed relationships. All through God's grace and the presence of the Holy Spirit.**

For more information about this ministry, contact Elaine Bondonno (ebondonno@earthlink.net) ✂

## Farewell and God Bless

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of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world with love."

Alan transformed our world with love – by praying with the sick and dying, by embracing the West African community, by insisting we practice Radical Hospitality, by giving an encouraging word, or highlighting injustice around the world. His rich bass voice will be missed by the choir and his friendly, smiling greetings will be missed by all. I am sure you have your own memory of Alan to treasure.

But Alan will not just be missed by us at Campbell UMC. He is a leader in the Silicon Valley InterFaith Community and has done wonderful work to bridge gaps between various local religious groups. His founding of the 9/11 dinner has touched hundreds of local people.

On Sunday, June 19th, we said goodbye to Pastor Alan and thanked him for his service, dedication and love he gave to Campbell UMC. A celebration after the second service was given to thank him for five years of service and to send him off with many blessings.

We thank God for bringing us the strength, companionship, dedication and humor of Rev. Alan Jones and wish him the very best in Sacramento.

Bruce Hallinan  
Administrative Council ✂

# Methodist Connection

## Care-A-Vaners

The Care-A-Vaners, your Conference RV team, did something unusual this year. We left the Conference to work at the UMCOR West Depot (United Methodist Committee on Relief) in Salt Lake City, Utah. Since it takes us about a week's travel time going and coming; we decided to do some work in the community while we were there. Representing Campbell UMC were Marv and Ina Tanner, and Gene and Elaine Hill.



Conference UMCOR Care-A-Vaners at Salt Lake Depot: Lt to Rt, Front row- Gloria Castor, Elaine Hill, Susie Caudle, Jeanne Murchie, Ina Tanner. Back row- Rod Castor, Gene Hill, Lynn Caudle, Jim Murchie, Marvin Tanner.

In the fall, when Gene and Elaine Hill were delivering the 100 layette kits that the congregation made, they also did some investigating for places that could use our assistance. Pictures were taken, phone numbers and e-mails exchanged, and measurements

were made so that we could come prepared.

The Hills left home the day after Easter and arrived the following Friday so that they could unload their 500 birthing kits and the sweaters donated by Elaine Hill, Carolyn Buehner, Donna Marencia, and Ina Tanner. Maika Tukuafu was waiting for us. He had a pallet ready for us to fill. This meant that the back seat was free, and we could easily get to the tools.

By Sunday night four of the rigs were parked in the parking lot of the Centenary United Methodist Church. Our fifth couple decided to stay in the KOA about 6 miles away. That afternoon we had a walk through by David Pendell, the Trustee's president. Our primary goal was to wash, repair, sand, prime, and paint the narthex and the side entrance alcove for the church. The side entrance has the chair lift for the main floor and the basement, so many consider it the main entrance of the church. Since the side entrance has a ceiling about 16 feet off of the floor, and had considerable water damage, this area was a challenge.

This congregation was established in 1882 and was known as the Second Methodist Episcopal Church, then Waterloo M.E. Church, and now Centenary United Methodist Church. This building was built in 1920-21 and was partially funded by the Methodist Centenary campaign. The lath and plaster construction created some challenges as we attempted repair.

David had neglected to read the church calendar so was unaware that the UMW had its spring tea and annual rummage sale during the time that we were doing this work. This really turned out to be a blessing. The women in our group were invited to the tea and were able to listen to a delightful speaker on gardening. It sounds a little dull, but the

speaker, who has a radio show, and does shorts for TV, also has a wonderful sense of humor. Ask Ina or Elaine why a person might want to sneak up on their wisteria and hit it with a baseball bat.

The rummage sale was beneficial for us all. Every time one of us -- men or women -- walked through the basement something new had been added and so we shopped all week. They had the sale Friday afternoon and Saturday. By then we had met most of the congregation. As Gene and Elaine were helping clean up after the sale, one of the women asked if we would also help clean out some book shelves. Once again the Hills' back seat was full to the ceiling. On Monday we delivered books to the KOA book exchange, the Habitat for Humanity Re-Store, and a thrift store. On Sunday the chair of the rummage sale announced that Centenary had made \$1,815.70.

That Sunday was Mother's Day. We were served a delicious breakfast before church, and were given roses and Centenary cook books in thanks for our repair work. Carnations were given to us in memory of our mothers.

The second week three of our rigs continued to stay at Centenary Church. There were now two rigs at KOA. This week we worked at the UMCOR Depot, while also working at the Crossroads Urban Center. An empty space at the Depot was used for painting the plywood sheets being used to reinforce two of the walls at the Urban Center. As paint dried and people were available we repaired 2 walls where canned goods were known to bump into walls and cause damage, refinished 6 window sills, and repaired a threshold where hand trucks carrying food go in and out many times a day.

Our work at the warehouse was routine. We built and inspected birthing kits and school kits. When we were building new kits we created one pallet of recycle materials for every pallet of kits produced. One of our members built a dispenser for rolls of plastic. The one the Depot had been using was borrowed, and the business wanted it back.



On Saturday it was The National Mail Carriers food drive. Gene and Elaine had been invited to help work at the main post office in down town Salt Lake. There are four zip codes that work out of this building. This is one of two major food drives that supply food for the Crossroads Urban Center. We helped sort and load vans and trucks to send back to the Urban Center. And YES it was raining (again!) that day.

## United Methodist Women

### UMW Reading Program

The UMW has moved its reading program to the church library. The books are available Monday through Friday during church office hours, and on Sundays, the library is open during church services. The key to the building during the week is available through the office. For those of you who are not sure where the church library is located, it is in the same building as our Sunday school classrooms and the Media Center.



All are welcome to participate in the reading program. We have a diverse range of books with the intension of broadening your exposure to a variety of concepts, to deepen your spiritual understanding of our mission work and to encourage readers to:

- Be more sensitive to the needs and concerns of all human beings
- Engage in critical thinking about critical issues
- Better understand how scripture relates to contemporary Christian life
- Learn about themselves and act upon what they learn
- Understand and participate in mission
- Become more involved in mission, both local and worldwide

This also is an excellent opportunity to form your own reading group. You can meet here at the church or at a coffee shop to share and discuss the books currently being read.

Pray. Books often raise concerns about people, countries, and issues. Bring these concerns to God during your prayer time at home, at church or circle meetings.

Thank you,  
Susan Jones, Program resources ✕

### UMW Summer Project

It's hard to learn when you are hungry. Every day hundreds of children go to school without a healthy breakfast. The Campbell United Methodist Women wish to do something to change that for the students at Rosemary School. Many students rely on snacks provided by the office each day but they often run out and the children go hungry until lunch.



For our June Love Gift and Summer Project we will be collecting healthy snacks and/or cash to purchase fruit for the children.

Suggested snack items:

- Cereal Bars (no chocolate please)
- Individual serving packs of:
  - Pretzels
  - Goldfish crackers
  - Teddy Grahams
  - Cheese and crackers
  - Peanut Butter and crackers
  - Fruit Snacks - 100% fruit only
  - Raisin or other dried fruit

Please be mindful of expiration dates on packages.

Snack donations may be dropped off in the church kitchen- first shelf on the right as you walk in. Cash donation should be made to CUMW and dropped off in the UMW box in the office.

Questions? Contact Mission Coordinator for Social Action

Janine Payton- [thepaytons@sbcglobal.net](mailto:thepaytons@sbcglobal.net) ✕

## HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

*from the November 28, 1989 edition of the "The Church Works"! It illustrates how some of our members have taken to heart their membership vows to support the church with their "prayers, presence, gifts and service".*

### MORE WORDS OF THANKS

Gene Riggs, Elgyn Lackmann and Earl Wight spent the better part of 3 days climbing up and down scaffolding to replace the rotted beam in our breezeway. Guy Gibbs and Tom Dickenson offered their time (several days) and talent to refurbish the kitchen counter tops in preparation for the new coffee urn.

**FROM 1989**

*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 supermarket. 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](mailto:hreynolds63@gmail.com)>.*



# Circuit Writer



**What Is It  
About Prayer?**

*Rev. Larry LaPierre*

There's something to be said for prayer, but what is it? Is it a way to feel good by telling God what is troubling us? Is it a way to get help by telling God what we or another person or group needs? Is it anything more than endlessly repeating groups of words that we learned as children for reasons that we have long since forgotten?

Yes, there's something to be said for prayer, but we aren't always clear about what it is. We know that prayer comes in different forms, doesn't it? We have the Lord's Prayer, prayers for healing and prayers of thanksgiving. We have prayers that pastors offer during worship. We even have short prayers that we say with a breath. The most well-known is the Jesus prayer: "Jesus, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

So, why don't we pray together? "Where have I been?" you may ask. Indeed, I've been around when we have prayed in worship and in groups. However, wanting to know more, I asked an embarrassing question at a meeting recently. "Do we have a group dedicated just to prayer at this church? We all looked at each other. Finally, someone said, "We used to have a prayer group here, but it dissolved to go in other directions."

John Climacus, a sixth-century monk, is reported to have said, "(As) a dialog and a union with God, ... prayer has the effect of '[holding] the world together.'" Is that true? Does prayer hold our world together in any meaningful sense? It makes one wonder when so many bad things happen in a world where so many good people are praying.

The world may be too big a stage on which to place the question of the effectiveness of prayer. What about right here in CUMC? How well does prayer hold us together? If the answer was, "Prayer works wonders," why don't we have a group dedicated to prayer?

To put it most directly, this is the only congregation that I have attended in the last twenty years where there wasn't a group of people dedicated just to meeting and praying for the congregation as well as bigger matters like hunger, homelessness and world peace. If you're out there, I apologize.

What difference could such a prayer group make? People asked that question about the monks and nuns in the Christian and other faith traditions who were dedicated to prayer. The answer that I learned was that these groups reliably bring the needs of humanity before God when the rest of us are too busy with work, home or other responsibilities. Wouldn't it be comforting to know that we could bring our concerns to a group that was committed to praying about them for, let's say, a month or some other agreed upon time? We all mean to pray, but we need folks who will commit to doing so.

Rev. Larry LaPierre ✕



## God Touched Me

Sunday, after hearing Sherry speak, I kept thinking about how God has touched me. I came home and wrote the following, which I wanted to share:

God doesn't touch us just once, but over and over every day of our lives. He cares for us, He gives us strength and directs us.

God touched me when he caused me to be born into a big, loving family. I was the fourth of six. We had a party every night around the supper table. We talked and laughed and I learned from the older ones and taught the younger ones. God touched me with a beautiful world, fields of wild flowers, fruit trees, a creek, a beaver dam, a bountiful garden, a hillside, a giant oak tree. He gave me a mother who taught me the names of the flowers, grasses, trees, birds and animals. He gave me a father who worked the land and provided us with a large house, clothes and food, gruff at times, but always loving.

God touched me during World War II when my sister, recently graduated from college, with a fiance in the army, would drive us seven miles, in spite of gasoline rationing, to a Methodist Church to attend Sunday School and worship, because my mother was busy supervising the air craft warning observation post, and couldn't go with us.

God touched me when he pointed me in the direction of journalism and English classes and good friends in high school.

God touched me in the fruit cutting sheds and packing sheds where I became acquainted with migrant farm workers and their families, and where I earned money to buy sweaters and skirts, so important in the wardrobe of a teenager in the 1940's.

God touched me in May, 1949 when Wayne walked into my life. He eventually became my husband of more than fifty-three years, the father of my three children, the love of my life and my life partner in family and work.

God touched me when each of my children were born, each a special joy to this day.

God touched me when Wayne died. I wanted to die too, but God held me close, comforted me, gave me strength, and opened new vistas and opportunities for friendships and activities.

God touched me when he led me back to the Methodist Church.

God touched me when he provided doctors to heal my son Bill, kept him alive and, to this day offers hope and promise that he will someday be strong again.

God touches me each morning when I open my eyes and say, "Thank you God for another day. Thank you for the birds I hear singing, for the sun shining in my window. Give me strength to face this day and do what I must do. Thank you for my children and grandchildren, extended family and friends. Please bless them all and care for them as you care for me."

Kathie Sheldon ✕

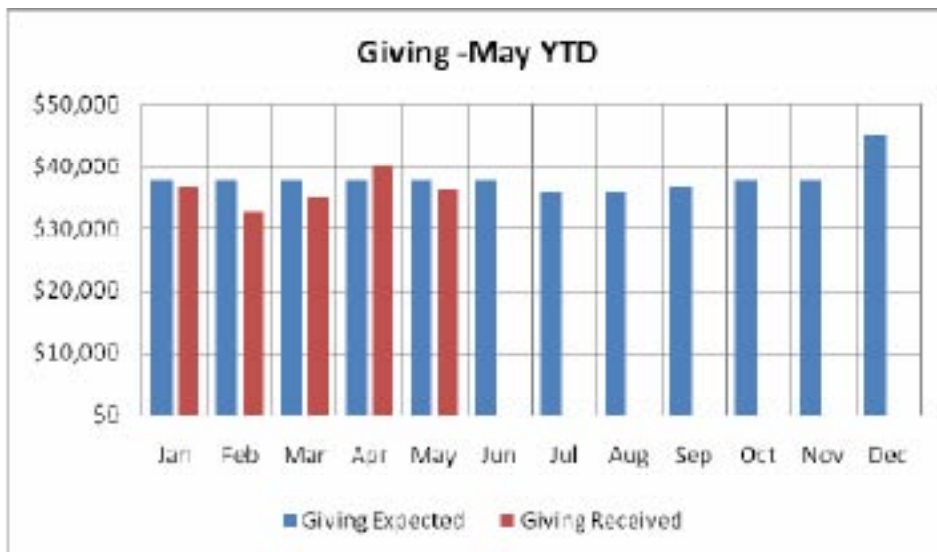


## MONTHLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT

In May, our pledge giving dropped off slightly from estimate. "Non-pledge" giving is improving but is still \$6.3K below estimate. Overall, our lower income is matching expenses mainly because personnel expenses are below budget. As we begin summer, remember that it is important that we keep pledges current.

### Income and Expenses thru April 2011

	March	Year to Date	YTD Budget
Income	\$46.9K	\$168.4K	\$174.7K
Expenses	\$38.4K	\$167.5K	\$185.1K
Excess	(\$8.5K)	(\$0.9K)	



**NEW "Interview Series" coming soon featuring Dave Sargent and YOU!**



Campbell UMC wants to hear your story.

If you are a member or friend of the church and are a veteran, your story would be valued by this church.

It would be logical to start with WWII Veterans and Dave Sargent is eager to sit down and listen to your story. I'm sure he'll have questions that we all need to hear answers to.

The idea is to record the conversation between the veteran and Dave, and then other talented folk will write up the dialogue. Transcripts would be approved by the interviewee before going to press.

If you have interest in this project in the role of Veteran, Interviewer, Transcriber or photographer, please let the Editor know.

Send an email to: [hreynolds63@gmail.com](mailto:hreynolds63@gmail.com), or phone 408-971-6343

### SOUP SUPPER RECIPE CREAM OF CELERY ROOT SOUP FROM BOB HERRING

3 c. diced celery root  
1 c. diced Onion  
1 c. minced leeks  
2 cloves garlic  
6 T. butter, marg or olive oil  
1 t. dry mustard  
1 t. sugar  
6 c. stock  
2 c. half-&-half/heavy cream or milk  
2 t. lemon zest, grated  
4 T. minced fresh Italian parsley  
salt, pepper

Saute in butter, onion, celery root, leeks on med heat for 4 mins. Add garlic, cook 1 min. Add mustard/sugar-cook 4-5 mins.  
Add stock, bring to boil, simmer 10-15 mins. Season. Remove from heat and puree in blender till smooth.  
Return to pan, add half-&-half and heat on medium, stirring. Can thin with water at this point. Do not bring to boil. Stir in lemon zest and season again. Garnish with parsley. (Serves 6-8)  
Variation: Can add 1 c. diced Russet potato





*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*  
 Luke 4:18-19 (Jesus quoting from Isaiah 61:1-2)

I have always loved this text: the poetry of the language, and the themes of freedom, justice, compassion and healing. The fact that this is the first recorded sermon of Jesus, and it is based on Isaiah 61:1-2.

But this text did not come alive for me until I started doing hands-on social justice. And that came after a couple of “flicks” from God. You know about flicks, such as when you were a child and your parents could not get your attention.

As a long-time Methodist, I knew social justice is supposed to be in our DNA.

Well, what is social justice? It is not simply what we do at the courthouse on workdays. It is really spelled out by this text:

- Doing good for the poor
- Helping prisoners get back to freedom and a life
- Helping society get past its blind spots
- Resisting oppression
- Working for a society that reflects our best values.

I knew that we have a 30-page statement of social principles, including a half-page social creed.

As a history lover, I knew about John Wesley’s insistence on:

- Caring for the poor
- Helping prisoners
- Seeking a fair society
- Abolishing slavery
- Education and hospitals.

I also knew of the historic link between the British Labor Movement and the Methodist Church.

And over the years I wrote out checks to support many worthwhile church

projects.

And then Elaine and I came to Campbell about the time Linda and Alan arrived. And for the first time I saw a pastor who was deeply involved with social justice:

- He not only talked about social justice;
- He also spent time raising awareness of community needs.
- He got involved with other faith communities to encourage this church and our community, to live up to our announced values.

Here is where the two flicks came into my life:

**Flick 1:** Alan asked me to chair our Church and Society Committee, which is our social justice committee.

Suddenly I was working with a group of people planning to feed 200-plus people at InnVision: the working poor, people in recovery, and the homeless.

I had never been to InnVision. I did not know the people there, and I was very uncomfortable with going.

**Flick 2:** The Presiding Judge called.

For judges, the Presiding Judge (PJ) is a lot like the Bishop for Methodist ministers. The PJ will listen to your input and then send you where he or she thinks you will best help the court system.

As with the Bishop, YOU CAN’T SAY NO! So I was sent to drug court. I went with a lot of anxiety, despite my own issues with chocolate, carbohydrates and sweets. Those of you who know me know that I have never met a carbohydrate that was not my friend!

I had no experience with drug addictions, but I had most of the prejudices found in our society.

I did not want to go!

But when I got there, I found some very likeable people, some struggling mightily with the demons of meth. Suddenly, the issues had human faces, families, real personalities, and were no longer hopeless statistics.

A few months after being assigned to drug court, Elaine and I went with the Church and Society group to feed people at InnVision. As we were carting in the food, we came face to face with one of the guys I was following in drug

court. His face lit up, and he started shouting, “IT’S MY JUDGE! COME AND MEET MY JUDGE!”

In that experience – the actual work of doing social justice – in this case, feeding the poor – this text came alive for me. I realized at an experiential level – not just intellectually – that we are summoned to do social justice, just as Isaiah, Jesus, Wesley, and Christians of all ages.

I am – and WE ARE – SUMMONED to bring good news to the poor, which means to open my heart and see those who are invisible to me, and get past my discomfort in working with people I do not know.

I am glad to tell you that a team from this church was at InnVision on Friday night feeding the poor, and Church and Society is meeting with the SJ Chair from New Creation on Tuesday evening to coordinate our efforts. The New Creation program is a real inspiration.

WE ARE – and I AM – summoned to proclaim freedom and provide help for the prisoners. On that issue, our church has recently begun a ministry for women at the Elmwood jail. There are plans in the works to expand that ministry.

I AM – and WE ARE – summoned to recover sight for the blind, which I think means to help our society adjust the prism of our politics so that our leaders focus on the weak, the poor, and those without clout in the halls of power.

So for me, I need to acknowledge Reverend Alan Jones for administering the flick that got me going and for helping me – and all of us – to a better understanding of God’s invitational summons to do social justice.

This week, and for some weeks to come, we will be lighting a social justice candle as a visible reminder of God’s invitational summons in our lives. As Wesley said, “There is no holiness but social holiness.”

Today I light the candle to remember those who work for social justice in our community, whether by feeding the hungry, ministering in jail, and as an advocate to power.

Franklin Bondonno  
 Sunday, June 12, 2011 ✕

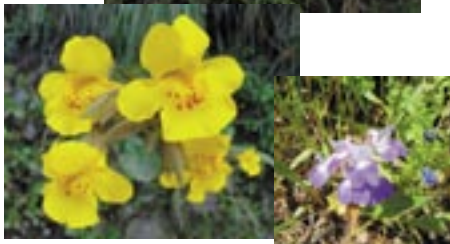
## On the CAMPUS

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### High Road Hikers to St. Joseph's Hill

The High Road Hikers enjoyed a somewhat strenuous six mile approx. 1,000 foot elevation gain hike from Old Town (Los Gatos) to the top of St. Joseph's Hill Openspace Preserve and return on May 21 st. Hikers, joggers, dog walkers, bicyclists, and baby joggers shared portions of the trail. An Open Space Ranger was enforcing the bicycle speed limit and No Bike portions of the trail. She was a great advocate for the Open Space Preserve concept while maintaining the safe use for all on the trail. A surprising variety of wildflowers\* were to be found if you looked closely for them. A volunteer work crew had been pulling out the invasive non-native Scotch Broom by its roots during the previous wet weather. We all returned to Los Gatos hungry and thirsty for brunch. A good hike, good exercise, good fellowship, spectacular views of the minute and the magnificent!

*\*Ithuriel's Spear, Pearly Everlasting, Honeysuckle, Elderberry, Chinese Houses, Indian Paintbrush, Douglas Iris, Lupine, California Poppy, Clarkia, Morning Glory, Blue-Eyed Grass, Lizard Tail, Lizard Tail w/ Variable Checkerspot Blue Dicks, Lizzard Tail, Globe Lilly, Yarrow, Seep Spring Monkeyflower, Blackberry.*



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### Outreach Notes

The Outreach team has heard a number of positive comments about the changes that have been made to the newsletter, "Campbell Connections." The idea has been to change this newsletter into a way to tell our stories of work, faith and fellowship. Stories and information offered here tell the world what this church has been doing during the last month and to report on the ministries at work here. Please continue to send in those stories of faith, social justice and mission so that the Outreach team can continue to tell the story and constantly add new voices to the telling.

As a reminder, announcements of upcoming events should be sent to the church office to be included in the Sunday Addendum.

Leon and his team continue to build our web-site. It's a big job and we're on the look out for people interested in helping to work with the web-site team. Also Outreach is always looking for story tellers. If you're interested in telling the church's story in words, sound, pictures, or video please let me know.

Please send any feedback on the newsletter to me at: areynoldsre@gmail.com.

Andrew Reynolds, Outreach ✂



## from the Editor:

*Just a short note to thank you all for the support I've received in the way of feedback to Campbell Connections. I love putting this together and I am enjoying this service.*

*But, here's the big "but"... I don't know how Melinda Knepp kept this commitment up for ten whole, long years!*

*Next time you pass by Melinda, give her a BIG "Thank You" and let her know that you appreciate all the hours, over all the years, that she typed and copy-fitted, proofed and printed your Campbell ChurchWorks.*

Heather Reynolds

*Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise!  
Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"*

*So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.*

*All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."*

Psalm 66 (Standard English Version)



## UMYF TALKING “LISTEN UP”

*Loleta is 15 miles south of Eureka. Most of the residents live in a central community. There are, however two separate Native American reservations on the rural outskirts of Table Bluff, California.*

*Downtown Loleta consists of a grocery store, a meat market, a bakery, a realty office, and a post office. Close to the freeway is the school, Loleta Elementary, a Catholic church and a Protestant church. There is an independent media development house, Bandicoot12 Studios. The most notable building in town is the firefighter's pavilion, managed by the local volunteer firefighters.*

*The town is known for the Loleta Cheese Factory, which ships cheese worldwide.*

*The Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria is headquartered in Loleta, where they operate the Bear River Casino.*

## What's Up? ...

### ON THE ROAD

On July 3rd, five youth and two advisors will be heading to Northern California. Why, you ask? They will be participating in one of Sierra Service Projects summer programs.

Erica Adams, Kyle Breunling, Chandra Couzens, Adrienne Norris, and Steven Shepherd will be joined by Jennifer Norris and Mark Shepherd on this trip to the northern coast. They will be assisting the Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, a small tribe located two miles inland from the town of Loleta, in the construction of new homes.

In past SSP programs, Campbell's youth have worked on repairs and construction on existing housing and community buildings. This year is exciting because the group will be working on brand new construction.

What a wonderful and rewarding experience for the youth and adults who will be participating in this summer's adventure. It's not just about repairing and/or building homes, but about building faith, serving others and making new friends. This group has taken the words of John Wesley to heart to "do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."

Melinda Knepp, Youth Coordinator ✕



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## Edie Kerr Recognized by American Association of University Women

Edie Kerr was recognized in the AAUW San Jose Branch newsletter "Bonfire," in the March issue article, "Women Making a Difference: Edie Kerr."

Some highlights from that article are:

*"Edie Kerr has been a vital part of AAUW since 1950. A member for 61 years, she's the oldest active past president of our branch. After college, work, and marriage, when Edie and her husband moved here, she became active in San Jose AAUW. For Edie there followed innumerable committees...that led to her being elected Vice-President in 1956 and then San Jose AAUW branch President the next year. ...She worked in many capacities for a group comprised of San Jose leaders including Norm Mineta: the Community Council of the Santa Clara County Welfare Department. She served on its board when they did a two-year study to show where services were needed. This study resulted in protective services for children where none had previously been legislated, one of Edie Kerr's proudest achievements."*

*"When she and her husband retired, they...moved to rural Shasta County. Edie, a gregarious person who missed her AAUW friends, started a new Intermountain-Fall River Mills AAUW branch...still functioning after 27 years' providing women with college scholarships and girls with summer Tech Trek science*

*camp experiences."*

*"Edie has returned to our AAUW San Jose branch to stay. Recently, Edie has come up with a new study group for our branch that she simply calls Friends."*

There was also an article in *California Retired Teachers* about Edie. She is one busy lady! We are thankful for all Edie's contribution to Campbell UMC.

Edie gave birth to the Single Senior Lunch Bunch as a way for single seniors to enjoy socializing on a Sunday after church, especially comforting to people recently losing partners. The idea came up in one Membership Committee meeting and she and Bobbie Corson selected restaurants for the group.

Dorrie Wilson, Kathie Sheldon and Jean Kiskadden are some of the active members of that group and lately Jean Kiskadden has assumed more leadership responsibilities along with another group started for seniors, the Senior Discussion Group.

Edie receives much support and companionship from these groups. Check the Sunday Addendum for information on meeting times and location.





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### Ode to Plearys Peggy (July 1988)

One time I had plearys  
When I was 8, 9, or 10.  
It's been so long ago -  
(I've forgotten)  
But I sure knew it then.

When the cousins opened Christmas gifts  
With every breath I hurt  
I heard the sounds of happiness  
But I didn't feel so pert.

So, each time Christmas comes again  
And I'm well and hale and hearty -

I thank the Lord I don't have that!  
And the Day is like a party.  
Dear friend I've been there  
And I know -  
How pain can rob the day  
Of all the beauty it's meant to be  
And I pray it goes away!

Love ya! Peggy!

Your friend, Peggy Ingle