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VETERANS



SERIES

In the Words of Clyde Allen - a WWII pilot interviewed by Dave Sargent

I was born in Modesto, California, and when I was 10 years old we moved to Willow Glen and then, 3 years later, in 1933, to a house on Central Avenue in Campbell. My younger brother and sister and I went to Campbell Grammar School where the Heritage Building is now and then to Campbell High School. I joined the Campbell Methodist Church with my brother in 1934 when I was a freshman in High School. The church was on Campbell Avenue at Second Street. I graduated from high school in 1938 and enrolled at San Jose State.

The war interrupted my college plans, however. In 1942 I received notice from Uncle Sam to report and I joined the Air Force. I learned to fly an airplane and I flew solo for the first time in a Stearman biplane aircraft. I advanced from the 125 horsepower Stearman to a 250 horsepower BT13 and then to twin engine aircraft. I wanted to pilot a bomber. They sent me to instructor school in San Antonio, Texas. It was so hot down there that I remember standing in formation at seven o'clock in the morning watching the sweat run down the back of the fellow who was standing in front of me. The Air Force was looking for bomber pilots, so in the fall of 1944 they sent us all to Albuquerque where we trained on B24s. After that they kept me on and

sent me to their instructor school. We had just one class of new pilots before they sent most of us instructors to Lincoln, Nebraska to train on B29s.

I was in B29 training at Great Bend, Kansas in the winter and spring of 1945. We lost so much flying time due to snow storms that the entire squadron flew down to Puerto Rico where we flew training missions down the chain of islands towards South America. It

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The Stearman (Boeing) Model 75 is a biplane used as a military trainer aircraft, of which at least 9,783 were built in the United States during the 1930s and 1940s. [1] Stearman Aircraft became a subsidiary of Boeing in 1934. Widely known as the Stearman, Boeing Stearman or Kaydet, it served as a primary trainer for the USAAF, as a basic trainer for the USN (as the NS & N2S), and with the RCAF as the Kaydet throughout World War II.

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Pastor's Point of View

NOW IS THE TIME

There are several things in life that I'm absolutely certain about and this is one of them: No one likes to think about money when in church! No one wants to hear about the church's financial needs, its budget, its cash flow situation, or even what its ministry costs. But sometimes the issue must be addressed.

Now is the time for Campbell UMC.

Why do we give? I asked a number of church members and here's what they said:

"My giving is an investment in a caring community of faith."

"I like to respond to a crisis - at the church or around the world."

"It's my duty as a church member."

"I give out of gratitude."

I suspect that all of us have given for each of these valid reasons. But, of course, as the pastor I like to focus on Stewardship as Gratitude. I love it when church members recognize that all things come as gifts from God. I love it when church members want to pass on to others what they have experienced in Jesus Christ. I love it when church members want to work for the good of all people. I love it when church members are extravagantly generous because of their relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Gratitude is the very best reason for giving and the one for which we should all be striving.

Now is the time for Campbell UMC.

Campbell's Finance Committee, guided by Stewardship Chairwoman Diana Lovelady, has begun to provide you with information about our 2012 vision for ministry and its costs. This information tells an exciting story of renewed spirituality, increased service and bold new ventures in the name of Christ. I ask you to prayerfully consider this information and on Commitment Sunday, November 13th, respond faithfully with a generous pledge of your time, talents and money to build the ministries of our church.

Now is the time for Campbell UMC.

Allow me to share this Stewardship Prayer with you as you consider your Stewardship response for 2012:

My church is composed of people like me. I help to make it what it is.

It will be friendly if I am friendly. It will be holy if I am holy.

Its pews will be filled if I help fill them. It will do great work if I work.

It will be prayerful if I pray. It will bring others to worship if I bring them.

It will make generous gifts to many ministries if I am a generous giver.

It will be a church of love, compassion and mercy if I am filled with these things

Therefore, with the help of God, I dedicate myself to being all the things I want my church to be.

- Catholic Diocese of San Diego

And, please remember, **Now is the time for Campbell UMC.**

Blessings,

Pastor Jim



Pecans have Arrived

The Women's Service Club of Campbell is pleased to announce that once again they will be selling their delicious pecans between church services from the first Sunday in November for as long as they last. These are the perfect item as a gift for your hair dresser, mail carrier or teacher. Or maybe you just want to make that old family recipe for pecan pie for the holidays.



The pecans come in six delicious flavors: Glazed, Cinnamon Glazed, Milk Chocolate Covered, Dark Chocolate Covered, Chocolate Caramel Covered and the Fancy Mammoth Halves.

So be sure to pick up your pecans for just \$9.00 a bag as soon as you can. They go fast and you certainly don't want to miss out!!

The proceeds from these sales will be going for scholarships to graduating high school seniors within the Campbell Union School District.

Lou Woodburycatcott ❖

Disciple Classes

I will not be teaching any Disciple classes this fall of 2011 because I not only needed to take a break but I also needed the time to prepare a talk for the upcoming celebration in 2012 of the 100th birthday of the author May Sarton. I have been invited to deliver the keynote speech next May in York, Maine, Sarton's home during the last twenty years of her life. The celebration will be over four days beginning May 2nd through May 5th. It is my plan, beginning in the fall of 2013, to resume teaching with Disciple III, which consists of the study of selected books of the prophets and selected letters of Paul.

In the mean time, Katie (Brumley) D'Silva, a former student of my class from last year, has agreed to offer the shortened, sixteen week version

of Disciple I beginning this fall. Announcements of Katie's class will appear in the blue addendum of the bulletin for the next several weeks along with contact information so please watch for this if you are interested in taking this class.

The importance of the shortened version of Disciple I is that it allows individuals to be introduced to the basic study of the Bible without making a thirty-four week commitment, something that many people cannot do. It's also important to note that by taking this class, one can move on to the other Disciple classes because, according to the publishers of these studies, Disciple II, III and IV should not be taken before taking Disciple I.



New Classes

of high school and is now working in educational research. This is what Katie has said about her own experience with these classes: "Disciple courses have given me deep insights into myself and God while also creating a strong support network in my fellow disciples. . . . "Disciple courses are about spiritual exploration through the Bible, its history, . . . commentary, discussions and, most importantly, our own individual reactions and experiences." From my own experience as Katie's former teacher/facilitator I know that her careful preparation, cogent questions and insightful discussion will be valuable for anyone who chooses to take her class.

Lenora P. Blouin

Disciple Classes
Teacher/Facilitator ❖

Collections

From October 30th through the month of November, Church and

Society will be collecting children's hats and mittens for the Rosemary School. We will also be collecting hats, mittens, gloves and scarves for adults and children to be distributed through the Emergency Housing Consortium. Collection bins are in the entry way to Fellowship Hall.

Jane LaPierre ❖

Acolyte Help Request - 9 a.m.

Dorothy Faul was acolyte coordinator for the 9 a.m. service for many years



and since her fall and fracture last November needs to have others carry the torch. Thank you Dorothy for your

dedicated service over the years to the acolytes. I'm sure they all miss you.

Pat Olson has likewise coordinated the 10:30 a.m. acolytes for many years and continues to enjoy that. She also takes care of the training, scheduling, supplies, reminders and mailings. If your child has a schedule problem, Pat is the person to contact at 269-8809.

During the months that Dorothy was healing, the 9 a.m. acolytes continued to function. Thank you to all parents for filling in during Dorothy's absence.

I (Heather Reynolds) am now working with the 9 a.m. acolytes and would like to rotate with two or three others on a regular basis. If you regularly attend the 9 am service would like to work with me on acolytes - we'd each only have to do one Sunday a month. The kids are great to work with and it is a good way to get to know the youngsters in the congregation,

Do you want to give it a try? Call me at 408-971-6343 or email me at hreynolds63@gmail.com

Heather Reynolds ❖

Trustee Work Morning

There will be a Trustee sponsored work day on Saturday, November 12th from 8 to 12 a.m. We will be cleaning the Fellowship Hall including the kitchen and Fireside Room. We

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In the COMMUNITY

Greetings to all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts

Girl Scouts USA will celebrate it's 100th Birthday on Monday, March 12, 2012.

We would like to invite all present and former Girl Guides and Girl Scouts to participate in this celebration, which will be held on Sunday, March 11, 2012. In order to do this we need to know who you are. At this stage plans have not been made. We are ready to buy nuts while they are on sale. Are you participating in the Girl Scout Fall Nut Sale?

To get your name on the list for updates please contact Elaine Hill at eugeneh614@aol.com, or phone 226-6801. ❖

Second Harvest Food Bank Needs Our Help!

Have you ever wondered what happens to your Second Harvest Food Bank donations once they leave our church? Volunteers help in their San Jose Center on Curtner Avenue to prepare the food for the 24 distribution sites that distribute to needy people weekly. As Second Harvest Food Bank says, "Nothing else matters when you're hungry." Let's help do something that really matters!

The Food Bank relies on places like Campbell UMC to provide food donations and money to buy more bulk products. You can help three ways: (1) Bring food – fill our basket and bins, (2) Volunteer to sort and pack food, or (3) Send them a check. (Save the postage and leave your check in the office or collection plate – we'll get it to Second Harvest).

To volunteer for sorting food Saturday, November 19th, email Gail Jacobs at: gailj_2000@yahoo.com. She will provide details of the 9 a.m. till noon work at the Curtner Avenue warehouse.

For November and December, we need to make an extra effort to increase our contributions. For bringing food, use the following 8 item list as a shopping guide. When you shop, can you buy 2-3 of these items? Bring them in – it makes a world of difference to our hungry neighbors.

- Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- Low-sugar cereals
- Tuna and canned meat
- Canned fruit packed in juice
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Canned vegetables (low salt)
- 100% fruit juices -single servings
- Peanut butter – plastic jars

Bob Herring and Gail Jacobs
For Church and Society ❖

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COME CHRISTMAS

This Holiday concert is an early Christmas gift, filled with glorious music of the season. On the afternoon of Sunday, November 20 at 1:30 pm the beautiful voices of the Stanford Symphonic 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. Brian has taken the summer and fall semester on leave from SJSU Physics Department to expand twelve recent carols into this major work called **Come Christmas**. This is a thirty minute long work for chorus and orchestra plus two vocal 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 pm, followed with the performance on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 pm. Also included on the program is the music of Rutter and Vaughn Williams' **Fantasia on Christmas Carols**.

For more information or ticket purchase call Jolynda at 293 2765. Regular ticket price \$20 each. Buy in advance from Jolynda or at coffee hour for special price of \$ 15. Come celebrate this brand new piece at this special time of year. Hope to see you there. ❖

FOCUS on African Fellowship



Grace and peace from the members of the African community. The fellowship continues to meet every first and third Sundays of the month, fellowshipping in African context and addressing community and fellowship concerns. The fellowship hopes to resume contextual Bible study soon.

Augusta Mary Bindi, Christopher Kekulah and AnnMary Jah were gracefully received into membership on September 25th, 2011 during the first service. Congratulations to our new members.

For the past couple months the fellowship had three members hospitalized for different medical problems. Munda Amara for stroke related issues to Kaiser, now having therapy at home, Momodu Bangura for high blood pressure now recuperating at home, and Gaskin Sahr Ndomaina for valley fever and he is recovering at home. Let us continue to pray for a speedy recovery for them.

The fellowship continues prayer for Liberia as the people go to the polls on October 11th, 2011 to vote in the presidential and legislative election. Let us continue to pray for a peaceful election and a peaceful transition if possible.

Continued prayers for Fredrick Allieu and the rest of the Allieu family who lost their sister last month at the Nixon Methodist Hospital, Segbwema, Sierra Leone. For Theresa Jiba who will be taking her sick mother back to Bo, Sierra Leone. Pray for Sierra Leone as the country prepares for presidential and parliamentary election next year.

Rev Daniel Gbundema, 408-469-9442 gbndm@yahoo.com ❖

Methodist C.o.n.n.e.c.t.i.o.n

United Methodist Women

BOOK REVIEW BY SUSAN JONES

Connected Wisdom by Linda Booth Sweeney

This book is so well written. As the author Linda Booth Sweeney states, this book is for students, educators, parents, and anyone who wants to make everyday decisions within the context of an understanding of living systems principles. To get you pulled into the book, I want to introduce you to the first chapter; Interdependence, A relationship In Which Each Partner Affects And Often Needs The Other. Sounds somewhat boring, but it starts with some unusual questions. Like:

What does a corn harvest in Iowa have to do with a little boy in the African savanna? What does a wolf have to do with an aspen tree?

Or the tree outside your window with the breath you're about to take?

I don't know about you, but I wanted to know the answer. I got the answer and a funny little folktale about a Gecko's complaint and how one thing connects to another and another and sometimes it is very clear and other times it may not be all that clear. This is a great book and if you have children what a wonderful way to teach them about the living system in an exciting and fun way. Linda ties ecological concepts with folktales. A must read if you are even just a little bit interested in our ecological system.

The UMW Reading Program is moving to a new location

In October the books will be moved back to the fireside room. The move hopefully will make the books a little more accessible.

2012 Reading Program

I will be ordering the books for the 2012 Reading Program. I have selected some wonderful books like:

Beaded Hope. When four women embark on a mission trip to South Africa, they all have selfish reason for going but their lives are transformed.

We Wait You. A inspiring and humorous read.

Moral Ground. This book talks about moral guidance and principled reasons for doing the right thing for the future.

The Slave Next Door. Human trafficking and slavery in America today.

Laugh Your Way to Grace. Reclaiming the spiritual power of humor.

These are just a few of the books I will be ordering. I also plan on ordering a couple children books that can also be used in our Children's Sunday School groups.

Susan Jones ❖

TEA FOR TWO + 62...



The UMW Annual Membership Tea was a wonderful success. Sixty three beautiful women and one handsome gentleman (that's you, Pastor Jim) enjoyed tea, scones, tea sandwiches and an assortment of delicious desserts on the beautiful

afternoon of Sunday, October 9th. We had a wonderful time enjoying each other's company, possibly leaving with an elegant basket of treasures and learning about an under-recognized organization housed at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in downtown San Jose.



Joyce Meuer, Executive Director, spoke about the services offered by Books Aloud. Books Aloud offers many thousands of books on cassette tape for the visually impaired as well as for those with learning disabilities. This service has become a life-line for many Santa Clara Valley residents and is offered with no expense to the recipients. Through the offering of many gift baskets, we were able to donate \$702 to this wonderful organization. To learn more about Books Aloud's services or how you can volunteer, call 408/808-2613.

In the meantime, hopefully, you will be able to join us at next year's tea! See you then.

Lou Woodburycatt ❖

United Methodist Men

Psychology - Why So Much Fun?

When dealing with another person's personal problems, how could that be fun?

Peter Taylor, volunteer coordinator for Second Harvest Food Bank, and a practicing Psychologist for over 30 years will share with our Methodist Men's Club many of the humorous experiences he has had during his years in the Psychiatric profession.

On Monday November 14th at 6:30 p.m., the Methodist Men's Club will meet for their monthly dinner meeting for men in the Fireside Room (dinner charge is \$8.00). At 7:30 p.m., following the meeting, MMC will present Mr. Peter Taylor as he shares his entertaining experiences as a Psychologist. Everybody is welcome to attend Mr. Taylor's presentation.

Jack Hocker ❖

Circuit Writer



To Suffer Less

Rev. Larry LaPierre

What does it mean to suffer? All too often, it seems that suffering is a meaningless experience. After all, what value is there to the pain that comes with arthritis, the rejection experienced when one's partner initiates a divorce, the loss of function that may result from a stroke, the grief that comes from a child is dying or the overwhelming anxiety that is the hallmark of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder? It is hard to make the case that suffering, by itself, is good.

Yet there is, in the Christian tradition, a history of valuing suffering as a means of spiritual purification. It is widely acknowledged amongst Christian churches that the suffering of Jesus was redemptive—that is, his suffering paid the price for the sins of humanity and thus opened the doors of heaven to all of God's people who want to be with God. The writer of Colossians wrote, "I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church." (1:24)¹ For those who still wonder at the positive value of suffering in the history and theology of Christianity, how much clearer could it be stated than in Romans 5: "And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." (Vs. 3-5)

Still, the very thought of suffering leaves most of us uncomfortable. Truth to tell, we do not want to suffer if we can possibly avoid it. What do we do when it is unavoidable? That is, what is our attitude when all the tools of medicine, counseling and love of family and friends cannot protect us from

experiencing distress in our bodies, our minds, our souls or our relationships?

Two possibilities come to mind. We can blame someone or something for our suffering. Or, we can find ways to substitute something in place of the suffering. Carlo Carretto, Ph.D. wrote this about the choices involved in human suffering: "Love more and you will suffer less."²

To put it somewhat differently, the philosopher Nietzsche said, "Suffering expands to fill the soul." If these two philosophers are right, our choice is to allow suffering to fill our souls or to allow love to reclaim at least part of the place in our souls wherein God would dwell. Blaming (God, ourselves, someone else) fills our soul with anger and even bitterness and thus increases our suffering. Choosing to love, however, frees our souls, even if slowly, to replace the pain of our suffering, however legitimate, with the joy of knowing that we are loved and that we can love others instead of only suffering. Specifically, we can channel our spiritual resources into being compassionate towards others who are suffering, those who love them and those who care for them. What will our choice be?

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

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² Carlo Carretto, *Why O Lord? The Inner Meaning of Suffering* (Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1987), p. 89.



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need your participation to keep this wonderful facility beautiful and functional. Tasks include washing windows, cleaning cabinets, cleaning stoves and refrigerators and straightening storage areas. Snacks will be provided and you will have a chance to interact with wonderful people. Larry Griffith will be organizing this event and he can be reached at 408-252-2106.

John Finzel, Trustees ❖

Book Group

Book Group meets each month from 4:00 - 5:30 pm in the Fireside room. For more information call Sue Edson at 408-378-6349.

Book Group schedule for 2011 - 2012

October 24, 2011- "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet" by Jamie Ford. *Karen to lead.*

November 28, 2011- "Unbroken" by Laura Hillenbrand. *Ron, Dick and Ellen to lead.*

December – no meeting

January 23, 2012- "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson. *Ellen to lead.*

February 27, 2012- We will discuss the Silicon Valley Reads book for 2012. (*Title not yet announced*)

March 26, 2012- "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett. *Roger to lead.*

April 23, 2012- "The Great Bridge" by David McCullough. *Dick to lead.*

May 21, 2012- "The Giver" by Lois Lowry. *Susan to lead.*

Sue Edson ❖

Memorials

On All Saints Day, November 6th, the Memorial Committee will have on display the yearly Memorial Books. In these books, which date back to 1937, you will find a page for each of our departed Saints. Take a step back in time as you turn the pages and remember these loved ones. If you have made a memorial gift, it is interesting to see the benefit many projects and programs have received. Please contact me if you have any questions at 243-1773.

Betsy Drew, Chair ❖



In the COMMUNITY

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ALTERNATIVE GIFT FAIRE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2011

Christmas, a wonderful time of the Christian year, is just around the corner. But, this is also a hectic time with so many pressures to find just the right gift for each of our beloved friends and family. If you feel the stress of such pressure, please come to the Alternative Gift Faire! Alternative Giving encourages people of faith to examine and challenge our consumer society. John Wesley spoke about "works of mercy." He believed every Christian had opportunities to do good for others. The Alternative Gift Faire offers such an opportunity to you!

On Sunday, November 20, Campbell UMC will once again host the Alternative Gift Faire, a special event affording you the chance to purchase meaningful gifts for your loved ones.

In your honoree's name, contributions may be made to the following:

Family Supportive Housing
Church World Service
Bright Day Scholarships
Habitat for Humanity
Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors
Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley
Second Harvest Food Bank
UMCOR Disaster Response
Missionaries Joseph & Marilyn Chan

Any other Advance Specials of your own choosing.



An "Advance Project Overview" and a list of the General Advance Specials will be available for your perusal.

Christmas cards for adults and for children, and gift certificates will be available.

Please consider giving one of these thoughtful, caring gifts for those special to you this Christmas.

* After the Faire on November 20th, cards will be available from the office through December 22nd. You also have the option of "mail order!" Send your shopping list and check to the church office and we will mail your gift cards back to you.

Barbara Wade, Church Office ❖

FRIENDS OUTSIDE: ADOPT-A-FAMILY and GIVING TREE

Find the true Christmas Spirit: Help make Christmas merrier for a family in need. You can do this by adopting a family from Friends Outside! Friends Outside reaches out to children, families and individuals who are coping with the impact of imprisonment. One way of doing this is by helping these families celebrate Christmas. With a family member incarcerated the economic status of that family changes. By adopting a family, you can make sure that a family will not only have gifts under the tree, but also food. Anyone can do this: individuals, families or groups. You pick the size of "your family" and Friends Outside provides you with names, ages and some gift ideas. You then buy the gifts and food, box it up and deliver it to one of 2 drop off locations. Each adopted family also receives a \$25 Safeway certificate (supplied by CUMC) so they can buy meat. The forms for "adoption" are available in the Narthex. These forms will give ideas for food and gifts for the family. You can sign up by mail, fax and this year, online. This is a great opportunity for you, your family, or your group to share your love with those in need.

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HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

From the first issue of the first church newsletter! The pastor was Donald H. Baldwin, who possibly was the author of the newsletter at the time. It was called, "The Orchard City Methodist". The excerpt below is the front page content of that first newsletter.

The Orchard City METHODIST
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
CAMPBELL, CALIFORNIA
November 1941

INTRODUCTION:

"The Orchard City Methodist" makes its initial appearance. From time to time, as news, plans and important announcements warrant, it will appear. It will bring previews of things ahead and reviews of things past.

Items of news concerning the people of the church will be most welcome. Kindly feel free to hand such notes to the minister.

It is hoped that through the careful reading of this little journal a unity of feeling will exist between all of the members and friends of the church, and that everyone will feel himself more a part of that which is being done in the church.

FROM 1941

In the Words of Clyde Allen

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was in Puerto Rico that I learned how poor people could be – boys and girls would go around naked until they were about 10 years old and these kids would swarm around us begging for money. We were in Puerto Rico when President Roosevelt died; that was hard to believe at the time.

In about June 1945 we flew out to Sacramento. Our destination was Okinawa and our mission objective was to bomb Japan in preparation for the invasion of Japan. We were on our way to Honolulu when we heard that the Japanese had surrendered. Just before that the atom bombs had been dropped, first on Hiroshima and then on Nagasaki. Plans were changed and from Honolulu we flew to Guam. There were still Japanese snipers on Guam and so our movements were restricted, especially at night, because several U.S. soldiers had been killed. From Guam we flew to the island of Tinian in the Marianas Islands. Tinian is where they loaded the atomic bomb on board the Enola Gay. The atomic bombs were so large that a pit had to be dug from which they hoisted the bomb up into the airplane. The day they signed the peace, squadrons of U.S. bombers flew over Tokyo in a show of strength. The city was just one mass of burnt out houses and buildings as far as you could see.

At the end of the war the commercial airlines weren't hiring any pilots, so I went back to my old job in San Francisco working for Bethlehem Steel and later switched to Walworth, a major manufacturer of pipes and valves.

I have to backtrack a little bit: when I was in B24 training in Albuquerque, New Mexico I was granted a 10-day leave and I flew back to San Jose to visit my folks. At the end of my leave I flew back to Albuquerque on TWA. I asked the stewardess if it was OK for me to smoke. As she walked away I noticed that she had quite a figure and well cut ankles and I decided that was the girl for me and that's how I met my wife. ❖



Bethlehem Steel was one of the largest American steel manufacturing companies. Founded in 1857 the company provide steel to build America's rail system. By the 1940's Bethlehem was building ships, skyscrapers and even supplied the steel for the Golden Gate bridge. During WWII the company was a major supplier of ships, cannon forgings, armor plate, airplane parts and ordnance. At it's peak the company employed 300,000 workers and supplied much of the steel for the ships built in the San Francisco Bay area.

We hope you like the first in this series of interviews and we would like to print more. This is an abridged version and a more complete version will be on www.cumc.org soon. We'll have the full transcript plus some of the edited audio of the interview. If you would like to be interviewed for this series please let us know at: hreynolds63@gmail.com, or phone 408-971-6343.

Thanks to Clyde Allen and Dave Sargent for the interview; Hazel Davis for transcribing the recorded interview; Sue Edson for writing summary and editing copy for the website.

In the COMMUNITY

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FRIENDS OUTSIDE: ADOPT-A-FAMILY and GIVING TREE

If you can't adopt a family, you can still participate through the "Giving Tree." As of Sunday, November 13th, a Christmas Tree will be in the Narthex with gift tags on it. Pick a tag that interests you, buy the gift, wrap it, and return the gift with the tag on it, to the church office by Tuesday, December 6th. You can also contribute individual food items from the Adopt-A-Family food list. Gifts and food items will be brought to the Friends Outside Collection point on December 9th.

Barbara Wade, Church Office ❖



50+ September Excursion to San Francisco

The 50s+ (or more accurately "the 70s+") went to San Francisco in September and took a guided tour of Fort Mason and the surrounding area. Our guide was superb, very knowledgeable and articulate. As we followed him around this beautiful site, he told us about the early days of Fort Mason, first in the hands of the Spanish, then the Mexicans and finally the U.S. army. The fort was used as a military post during the Civil War and WWII. It was decommissioned and became part of the Golden Gate National Recreational Area in the early 1970s and is now enjoyed by cyclists and runners. We finished our tour with lunch in Ghirardelli Square. Thanks to Jack and Joyce Hocker for organizing this most enjoyable day.

Fort Mason Center, a dynamic waterfront destination for thought-provoking programs, events, and organizations, supports and reflects the evolving cultural fabric of the San Francisco Bay Area. Fort Mason Center is a partner of the National Park Service.

Sue Edson ❖



Autumn Festival

Sponsored by
Campbell United Methodist Church and
New Creation United Methodist Church

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Join us for a night of
FUN for the whole
FAMILY!



⇒ Costume Parade

⇒ Hotdogs

⇒ Pizza

⇒ Candy

⇒ Crafts

⇒ Games for all ages

When: Sunday, Oct. 30th, 5:00-7:00pm

Where: Campbell United Methodist Church
1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell, 95008

For more information,
please contact Pastor Justin Ryu (408)963-9517
or Amy Peterson, Amy_L_Peterson@yahoo.com

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it's Enchilada Time Again!

November 5, 2011 is the day the United Methodist Women will make more than 100 enchiladas for your enjoyment.

You can order yours during coffee/fellowship time on Sundays in October or mail your order and payment today!

If you would like to be a part of the fun, fellowship and mission of the day we make these yummy delights please contact

Janine Payton at: thepaytons@sbcglobal.net

AGAIN this year- Environmentally Friendly Packaging!

I would like to order:

_____ Boxes of Chicken enchiladas with Green Sauce (2 per box)

_____ Boxes of Beef enchiladas with Red Sauce (2 per box)

_____ Boxes of Cheese enchiladas with Red Sauce (2 per box)

_____ **Total # of boxes x \$5.00 =** _____ **Check #** _____

Name _____

Phone # _____

*Make Checks payable to Campbell **UMW** (Not UMC)*

Enchiladas must be picked up on November 5th, 2011 between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.

IF YOU CANNOT BE THERE PLEASE ARRANGE FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO PICK THEM UP FOR YOU AS WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH FREEZER SPACE TO STORE THEM.

Mail or bring order including payment to the church office:

UMW Enchiladas
1675 Winchester Blvd
Campbell, CA 95008

Orders must be in by October 30th!

Enchiladas not picked up on November 5th will be considered a donation, thank you!



WHO ARE YOU?

I am still working on a new Youth Directory this year so that we can keep the youth informed of events that pertain to them. If you have a 4th grader to senior in high school please get the following information to me. 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

WHAT'S UP WITH UMYF?

UMYF is in full swing. There have been a couple of meetings to get reacquainted and meet new members, cookie baking, an outing to see Lion King in 3D and a fall lock-in (thanks to our adults Rick Jackman and Jennifer Norris for getting the DVD player turned off at 7:00 a.m. so the youth could get some sleep!). And there's a lot of activities and events coming up. Check out the calendar of events here in the Campbell Connections or on the website <http://kneppfamily.com/cumc/youthgroup/>.

I'd also like to welcome Erica Adams and Travis Lanham to the Youth Task Force. This group meets on a regular basis to plan the UMYF calendar and it's great to have youth contributing to this process.

Melinda Knepp,
Youth Coordinator ❖

from the Editor:

Here is a request for the ideal format for articles and photographs sent to me for the newsletter.

Please type articles with returns as the only format - no extra leading, indenting, etc., as I have to take them out anyway. Send in Microsoft Word, or text in email. Do not copy text from the web (retype or take out the html format).

Photographs are best in jpeg's or tiff's at 300 dpi. I can resize down, but not up.

Thank you,
Heather Reynolds
Editor ❖

From the Outreach Dude -

This issue of "Connections" is another great example of all the great stories that are right here in our church community. There is always room for another story and always there is one more story that needs to be told. If you have a story to tell please let us know and we would love to tell it. All individuals and groups within the church have a story to tell of faith and service. It is through our stories that the community builds, binds and grows.

And the Outreach team is always looking for people that want to help discover and tell the stories of our community. We're looking for reporters, photographers, videographers, artists, writers, editors and anyone that knows HTML or other web stuff. If you'd like to help please contact Andrew at areynoldsre@gmail.com.

Andrew Reynolds, Outreach ❖

UMYF TALKING
"LISTEN UP"

CALENDAR

sunday, october 23
corn maze - 5:30 to 9:00 p.m.

sunday, october 30
halloween event/autumn festival - 4:00 to 7:30 p.m.

sunday, November 6
bake sale - between services

sunday, November 13
paint ball - high school youth

sunday, November 20
lunch and meeting - 11:45 to 1:30 p.m.

sunday, November 27
ABC dinner - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

AUTUMN FESTIVAL

The leaves are falling.
There's a chill in the air.

It must be Autumn.

CUMC and New Creations have decided to celebrate with an Autumn Festival.

This free, family event will be held Sunday, October 30th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

in the Fellowship Hall (outside too if the weather permits).

There will be a costume parade for the kids, (you don't have to be a kid to wear a costume), crafts, games for all ages, hotdogs, pizza and goodies.

So, join us for a night of fun for the whole family - and bring a friend.



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People reaching out, with open minds, souls and hearts -

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



*Dear Campbell UMC Friends,
I met all my goals at the Kaiser Vellejo Rehab Hospital, and I am at home now. Your prayers, cards, visits, Caring Bridge messages, flowers and meals have sustained me, Ina and my family. My rehab has been quite challenging, and I am aware that you have supported me throughout. Ina and I especially appreciate the work done by CUMC members John Fenzel, Dave Sargent, Gene and Elaine Hill and our daughter Loretta in making our entrance ramp and remodeling our bathroom for my accessibility. I look forward to attending church services again and greeting our friends.*

*Blessings to you all,
Marv Tanner*

