

Campbell



CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

DECEMBER, 2012

Advent

at

Campbell United Methodist Church
December 2012

Spectacular Christmas Music

Friday Organ Concerts, 12:30 ~ 1:00 pm

December 7, Carolyn Prior, organ

December 21, Mary Ann Gee, organ; with Covenant Ringers and Brian Holmes, french horn

Wednesday Concert, December 12, 11 am

Ladiesong, women's vocal ensemble

Sponsored by the Santa Clara Branch of Music Teachers Association of California

✦ A Christmas Concert ✦

Sunday, December 16, 3 pm

Featuring Campbell UMC Chancel Choir
Carillon Ringers and Full Orchestra

with Brian Holmes new Christmas work, "Come Christmas"
Congregational carol singing - Reception following

✦ Christmas Eve ✦

Monday, December 24, with candlelight singing

Children's Pageant - 5 pm

Communion Service - 8 pm (*music begins 7:45*)

Lessons and Carols - 11 pm (*festival prelude begins 10:30*)

✦ African Epiphany Service ✦

Sunday, January 6, 9:00 and 10:45 am

All the above are free and open to the public

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Rev. Karen Paulsen

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Children's Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.

African Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.

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From the New Pastors

Rev. Paul Kim and family



Pastor Paul was born in South Korea, grew up in a parsonage in rural Ohio, graduated from San Jose's Lincoln High and did his theological studies at Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey. He earned a Ph.D. in theology from Princeton Seminary in 2004. Pastor Paul was ordained in the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference in 1989 and served churches in New York City (1989-1991), Ridgefield Park, New Jersey (1994-2004) and Little Falls, New Jersey (2004-2011).

Pastor Paul is married to Dr. Christie Huh, who grew up in northern Virginia, graduated from the American University and received an Ed.D. from Teachers College Columbia University. She has taught at various colleges in New York and New Jersey. Dr. Huh was an active lay leader in the Greater NJ Conference, organized several organizations to prevent domestic violence and served as an elected council member in Little Falls, NJ from 2007-2010. She is also a painter.

To begin their second half of life, the Kims moved to California from the East Coast where they lived for over 30 years. In their 2011 move to California, they drove across the continental US/Canada in their Prius, visiting 20 states and 15 national parks - along with their 12-year-old therapy dog Evie (shih tzu).

The Kims enjoy (in no particular order) long hikes, books, coffee and tea, chocolate, traveling, great dim sum, flowers and plants. They are excited to join the Campbell United family to rejoice at the wonders God will be showing us all in the days ahead.

Rev. Karen Paulsen

Dear Faith Family,

We are in the season of harvest, of giving thanks and welcoming the stranger. Well, you now extend that table of hospitality to me. I am Rev. Karen Paulsen and I am eager to begin our journey in faith together. What makes this appointment exciting is that I will be serving in a ministry team along with Rev. Paul Kim and all of you. The other incredible aspect of our time together, starting in November is that IT WILL SOON BE ADVENT!

Maybe it is because of Advent that all our uncertainties will smooth out. After all, we will enter the season of waiting, preparing for something new, the birth and celebration of the Christ Child born into our hearts and minds anew.

What better time for two new Pastors to come among you and share the hope Christ's birth brings.

I was born in Palo Alto, and raised in First United Methodist Church. I received my College B.A. in Social Welfare from Fresno State University, then later an Elementary Teaching Credential from Dominican College, then much later, received a M.Div. from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley. I worked many years in Social Justice programs, and Welfare Reform, before attending seminary. I served three churches over 14 years: Pt. Arena, Sebastopol, and Wesley, Palo Alto.

I retired last June but wasn't done with ministry. I wanted to serve a large church and focus my energy on Pastoral Care and Spirituality.

Our Conference Cabinet and District Superintendent, Rev. Kristie Olah called me back to serve, when Campbell United Methodist Church (UMC) needed transitional ministry leadership (I believe it was the Holy Spirit). I feel blessed and happy to be among you, looking forward to serving you as a part of a team ministry with the Rev. Paul Kim and all of you.

Since I am appointed to Campbell UMC for 15 hours/week I will be setting Tues-Thurs hours to be mostly available. I will be visiting home-bound folks as soon as I meet and talk with Ginny. Also I will be in church during November and December. Please come by the office so we can get acquainted. I will begin attending various gatherings and meetings on the calendar in order to meet you.

Blessings to you all. Pastor Karen



On the CAMPUS

What's Next?

Campbell United Methodist Church (UMC) is starting to get used to Pastoral changes and as I have always said, "We get to stay as a church, not the pastor." So it should come as no surprise that the congregation needs to take responsibility for the continued vitality and mission of the church. Of course, we miss the emotional connection with our former pastors but the ownership for the implementation of the church's vision falls squarely on the members.

This is particularly true over the next seven months when we will be blessed with two Supply Pastors who will assist us in the daily operation of the church programs. However, the long term practices and vision of the church will be managed by the congregation. We need to continue practicing Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk Taking Mission, Extravagant Generosity – and we need church leaders to keep us true to these practices.



Over the coming weeks, members of the Lay Leadership will be calling on members to contribute your talents in a variety of fields so that we can continue to:

- Grow our small groups participation
- Produce inspiring worship services
- Increase our involvement with local United Methodist churches and community groups

Please prayerfully consider these calls as you contemplate your pastoral participation at Campbell UMC.

Bruce Hallinan

Chair, Church Council ❖

United Methodist Women Enchilada News

Thanks to our church community and their friends, the United

Methodist Women of Campbell raised over \$2,000 to support our mission giving. We had 85 orders for 633 boxes of enchiladas. That is more than 80 pounds each of chicken and beef plus 75 pounds of cheese to make over 1300 total enchiladas. In the two days we worked, 30 members put in a total of 107 hours. That is a lot of love!

We hope you enjoy eating them as much as we do making them.

Janine Payton, Campbell UMW Social Action Chair ❖

Thanks from Trustees



Twenty-two church members and friends showed up on the November 10 work morning to show what a group with dedication and diversity can achieve. Seven of the twenty-two were youth from New Creation United Methodist Church led by Bing Son. Others in that group were Joe Kim, Michelle Choe, Robin Chyo, Tommy Hu, Jonathan Park and Michelle Kim. Thanks to them the Narthex and stairs received a thorough cleaning. The rest of the crew consisting of: Patty Henderson, Jeffrey Young, Ray & Darlene Dyer, Cindy Schultz, Jane LaPierre, Carol Farmer, Leon Johnson, Eric Caralyus, LaVerne Jury, Donna Cano and Musu Bennett - cleaned the Sanctuary.

Outside there were workers too - Gene Hill, Dave Sargent and Don Laucella accomplished various projects.

A tasty brunch was prepared by LaVerne Jury.

Next time you are in church take a look at the sparkling environment and offer your thanks to one or several of

these folk. They deserve a resounding round of applause.

Ray Dyer, Trustees ❖

Dishwasher Operation

There is evidence that the dishwasher in the Fellowship Hall kitchen has not been operated properly.



The dishes are not being sterilized properly, and the dishwasher has not been cleaned thoroughly after each use. It has been eight years since the "new" dishwasher was donated by a church family, and the initial trainees have moved on. Recently, untrained persons have been observed operating the dishwasher without proper supervision. Operating the dishwasher is not complicated. New large signs, with bold print, have been posted next to the dishwasher. Please read these instructions if you intend to operate the dishwasher. If you would like training, please contact me. I will be happy to train you.

Marvin Tanner, 408-997-3981 ❖

Year End Planning Check List

The end of the year is a good time to review and update your estate plans. The following check list is a good place to start.

- Review your current will and trust. -- Your will or trust may need to be updated because of changes in the tax laws.
- Inventory and make a written record of the content of any safe-deposit box. -- Give a copy to a trusted family member.
- Review and update beneficiaries of your life insurance policies and retirement plan assets.
- Make sure your durable power of attorney or health care and living will are current.
- Review and revise existing business buy-sell agreements.

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In the COMMUNITY



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Two Projects for Advent

Church & Society is sponsoring two exciting projects for the Advent season.

First, Church & Society will be sponsoring the **Holiday Peace Fair on Saturday, December 1st between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Church Social Hall.**

This is a great opportunity to look for unique gifts that are not from mainstream corporations. Many of the items are handmade and come from all over the world. There will be handicrafts, games, toys and books, as well as food, international dancing, and musical entertainment.

This is the 30th Annual Holiday Peace Fair which has been continuously sponsored by the San Jose Peace and Justice Center and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. It should be lots of fun, and there will be crafts, games and stories for the children, as well as great food.

Second, Church & Society once again will be sponsoring four **Advent candle stations in the sanctuary for specific in-kind and/or cash donations to worthy projects each Sunday in Advent.** The Sundays' donations and point person are listed below:

Sundays of Advent	Date	Organization to Be Benefited	Point Person
First	12/2/12	Rosemary School	Sue Foyle
Second	12/9/12	Elmwood Jail Ministry	Elaine Bondonno
Third	12/16/12	Emergency Housing Consortium	Jane LaPierre and Franklin Bondonno
Fourth	12/23/12	Sierra Leone Community	Michael McDavid

From a recent conversation with the Rosemary School staff, we know the school is in great need of the following items:

- Pencils – Dixon or Ticonderoga
- AA batteries
- White or colored copier paper
- Jumbo-sized glue sticks
- Crayola crayons
- Plain white T-shirts – children's sizes
- Boys' and girls' underwear for children in Kindergarten through Grade 2
- Money or checks for the CUMC Rosemary snack program



ADVENT GIVING

Please look for information in the Blue Addendum on a weekly basis as to the specific needs of each group or organization. This is a wonderful time and a great opportunity to reinforce the purpose of Advent in our own lives and those of our children. If you have specific questions about a particular group or its needs, please contact the Point Person directly.

Franklin Bondonno, Church & Society ❖

- Review carefully any annual exclusion gifts to your heirs.
- Offset your capital gains with losses
- Finish charitable contributions by December 31

A gift to the Campbell UMC Endowment Fund can support the church forever.

Rowena Hinojosa, Endowment Committee ❖

Merry Mayhem



All are invited to Merry Mayhem on **December 2nd, 2012, 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.** Enjoy holiday arts and crafts for adults, youth and children, cookie decorating, tree trimming, and caroling. Please bring an ornament that represent Peace, Hope, Love, or Joy to trim our tree. We hope this event will attract ALL generations, the young and young-at-heart. ❖

Women's Advent Study

All women are invited to attend an Advent Study beginning **Tuesday, November 27th, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** in the Church Library. The book we will be using is *A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God*, by Norman Shawchuck and Reuben Job. The book can be ordered through amazon.com.

Please contact Brenda Schirle at 408-378-3472 or, info@campbellunited.org. ❖

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United Methodist Women

BOOK REVIEWS
BY
SUSAN JONES



***Forgotten Girls* by Kay Marshall Strom & Michelle Rickett**

Category: Education Mission 2012

Pages: 161

Rating: **** stars

This is a collection of real girls and their personal stories on surviving abuse, injustice, and violence and how God came into their lives and gave them hope. These stories show us the harshness of starvation, illiteracy and sexual exploitation women and young girls go through everyday with little hope. When you read this book, you cannot help being touched by these stories and want to help try to make a difference in these girls' lives.

Listed below are just a few ideas from the Step out and Take Action for Spiritual Change section of the book. (Pgs 50-51).

1. Create a prayer group that prays for unreached areas in this book. JoshuaProject.net offers current information on unreached people.
2. Start a dinner club hosted in homes of friends. Once a month have dinner with your friends and the money you save on not going out can be invested in reaching girls with the good news of God.
3. Light a candle at dinner each night and pray for unreached girls to experience the light of God's love.

Knowledge does not always move me much; knowledge with skin on does. I could not say this any better than Shannon. It can be a difficult read at times, but it really is a must read.

***We Wait You - Waiting on God in Eastern Europe* by Taryn R Hutchinson**

Category: Education Mission 2012

Pages: 244

Rating: ***** stars

"We waited 45 years for you to come and set us free. Why did you take so long?"

Taryn was asked this question after her lecture on democracy to a class in Bucharest, Romania. Communism had just fallen.

Taryn Hutchison is filled with humor and affection about her experiences in countries emerging from Communist imprisonment. She lived in sometimes dismal situations; saw flames shoot out of her walls; suffered pick-pocketing, robbery, and assault . . . and loved her time there, where people were hungry for the gospel. Embarrassing episodes . . . share the pages of spiritual triumphs and trials of daily living.

Taryn will make you smile, cry and even laugh out loud as you travel along with her through her many experiences. This book gives a true picture of the challenges and rewards of modern missionary life.

Questions for reflection or discussion included after each chapter will guide you as you consider: Who waits for you?

Susan Jones ❖

United Methodist Women General Meeting

DECEMBER 6, 2012

9:30 am - General Meeting

10:30 am - Refreshments

11:00 am - Program

During this season of Advent -- a time of reflection and preparation to welcome the Christ child -- how can we similarly prepare our hearts to be receptive to the "other" in our midst?

Preparing for Christmas



Come join the United Methodist Women on **Thursday, December 6th**, in the Fireside Room as we discover the **UPSIDE-DOWN CHRISTMAS**.

Please bring with you family photos or mementos that you would be willing to use in an activity.

Daelene Groff, UMW Executive ❖

Care-A-Vaners

Potter Valley

October was a wonderful time to be working at the Potter Valley Community United Methodist Church, established in 1873. This small ranching community in Mendocino county originally had two Methodist churches -- the Methodist Church North, and Methodist Church South, to represent their loyalty to the recent war. In about 1893 the long social hall style building belonging to the Southern Methodist Church was purchased by the Northern group, hauled across town, and attached to the Sanctuary belonging to the Northern Methodist Church. At that time a bell tower was added, and the church was created much as we see it today.

Until about thirteen years ago the church used the two upstairs rooms as Sunday School rooms. Then the wooden fire escape became unstable and was torn down. Insurance, and a grant gave them enough money to build another one, but the membership was uncertain how to proceed, and so they waited. This past Summer the Vacation Bible School was so big that some of the classes were held on neighbors' lawns, since the upstairs rooms could not be used. This year an architect was hired and Care-A-Vaners were asked to follow his direction as we built a new fire escape.

One man took a week's vacation to lead this work party, and travel 18 miles every day to Ukiah for additional supplies. Most of the men in the congregation work outside of the valley, so the women manage the ranches and drive the trucks. Our large load of lumber was delivered by a woman on a 30-foot flat bed goose neck trailer, expertly backed into a very narrow driveway beside the church.

For housing, the community invited us to stay at the Potter Valley Community Rodeo Grounds. We were

so spoiled. Each of us had our own electrical circuit, and the well water tasted wonderful. There was plenty of space to park. One of the ranches was weaning cattle, so they were left in pens at the rodeo grounds, and we were able to listen to them calling for their mothers.



While the fire escape was being built there was plenty for the rest of us to do. We repainted the curb in front of the church handicap blue, refurbished the church sign, removed the old carpet from the interior staircase, fixed the front door so that it would shut properly, painted two bathrooms, painted trim, and trimmed bushes and pulled weeds.

The Potter Valley UMC is considered a center for the community. In San Jose the term "first Friday" means that the downtown museums are free, so it is a good time to gather with friends and see the exhibits. In Potter Valley "first Friday" is also a good time to visit with friends and have dinner at the United Methodist Church. So we were not only assisting a fellow United Methodist Church, but really building community.

Elaine Hill ❖

RV'ers in Mission

Elaine and Gene Hill were invited to join RV'ers in Mission, a Southern California-Pacific United Methodist Conference mission team, as guest workers for a week. Gene's grandfather helped get the Desert Hot Springs United Methodist Church built

in the 1950's, and his memorial service was held there in 1969.

There had been a successful K-8 church-based elementary school operating here, but the recent economic downturn caused the school to close. RV'ers in Mission came in to refurbish and paint this multi-purpose and classroom wing. We repaired and painted five classrooms, a long hall, two entry halls, and a large meeting room. We also repainted three of the four bathrooms. We repaired folding room dividers and trimmed overgrown shrubbery. The renewed facility will likely be used as a Hispanic United Methodist church.

There were fifteen of us in eight motor homes and travel trailers, parked in a fenced lot owned by the church. Monday morning the city code enforcement people showed up and told us to leave: "harmful dust" was cited as the reason. There was also a paved church parking lot, but that was also unacceptable because it was not a designated campground. Hours of discussion with city officials ensued, and a solution was reached only after the Palm Springs Desert Sun newspaper assigned several reporters to the story. The story was picked up by two national news services. As a result of the newspaper story, a local business was motivated to contribute \$1,000 to the renovation project.

Other than the code enforcement mess, we had a great time working with RV'ers in Mission, met a bunch of nice people, and contributed to a growing United Methodist congregation.

Elaine Hill ❖





In the Words of Fenwicke (Fen) Holmes WWII Marine Corps interviewed by Dave Sargent

continued from November "Connections"

In February of 1943 the 9th Regiment embarked for Auckland, New Zealand where they trained and were held in readiness to back up the 1st Marine Division on Guadalcanal. Five months later the division deployed to Guadalcanal, but the ground fighting was over. They did get occasional bombing raids at night, but these were inconsequential.

There is an axiom in the Marine Corps: "Never Volunteer". However, in September 1943, on Guadalcanal, Fen violated that principal and volunteered to form a Depot Company and go to the central Solomon Islands and help establish a forward supply depot to supply the forthcoming landings. Men were drawn from other parts of the 3rd Division and Depot Company "A" was born on the 19th of September. It was formed, equipped, had a practice firing of weapons, held a practice landing, embarked on the USS Crosby (a converted WWI destroyer) and landed on the island of Vella Lavella on the 23rd of September.

Fen quickly realized that the Navy had landed the unit on the wrong beach. Using the photomontage "Map", he found that they were only 2 or 3 miles away from the right beach, and after a quick march before nightfall, they were, as preplanned, bivouacked on the Juno River. Since units of the 8th New Zealand Brigade had previously secured the island, there was no enemy ground action.

The plan was to establish a forward depot to support the pending invasion of Bougainville. Along with Fen's company, another depot company had been deployed, with various "Sea Bee" (Navy construction) units to follow later. Scheduled were weekly convoys of LVT's loaded with food, rations,

and ammunition. But the Japanese failed to cooperate, and greeted each convoy with dive-bombers from nearby Kolobangara. The first convoy was attacked and several ships were hit. Most particularly, LST 448 was hit on the beach with heavy casualties to crew and passengers including elements of the 1st Marine Corps Parachute Regiment.

Fen's company was at the beach. One contingent helped to bring wounded to an improvised aid station. Others manned hoses and attempted to fight the flames. Amid the chaos, the smallest Lieutenant Colonel Fen had ever seen, Victor "The Brute" Krulak, arrived in his jeep. "Who's in charge here?" "Just me" Fen replied. The Colonel ordered "Get these trucks out of here, get the men out of here, the Japanese will be back, the Japanese will be back!" Then he was gone.

Fen went about seeing to the evacuation of the wounded and continuing to fight the fire on the burning LST. The Colonel was right. The Japanese did come back and dropped bombs on the LST. Fortunately, there were no further casualties, but the fight to save the ship was abandoned.

Fen's medical corpsmen told him that a paratroop officer, O'Brian was too badly wounded to be evacuated by truck to the hospital over the rutted dirt road. So Fen set out to obtain an LCT to effect the evacuation. Another LST had been hovering in the water about a quarter of a mile away, but communications were difficult. Attempts to wig-wag signals back and forth failed, so Fen decided to swim out for help. He stripped down to his shorts and swam through the proverbial "shark-infested water". At the boarding ceremony, he introduced himself as "Captain Holmes", shorts

and all, and demanded an LCT (The term "Captain" is a very evocative title in the Navy, as it represents 4 stripes versus the 2 bars of a lower-ranking Marine Captain. Of course, you can't tell a Marine from Navy man in his shorts!)

Fen got his LCT from the skipper of the LST, who was a mere Navy Lieutenant. The injured Marine paratroop officer was evacuated successfully. Later, Fen and five of his men were awarded the Navy Marine Corps Medal for their part in this action. The Navy Marine Corps Medal is awarded for non-combat-related deeds and the review commission decided that, since a Depot Company was a "supply" outfit that it would be an appropriate medal. Years later, in a review of wartime medals in the Navy Department it was determined that the LST episode was performed in actual combat with real bombs and bullets and that the medals should be upgraded to a Silver Star, even though the participants were "mere supply people".

When Depot Company "A" was placed in reserve in the Shortland Islands as part of Branch 3, 4th Base Depot, Fen visited the 3rd Marine Division on Guadalcanal to request a transfer back to the 9th Marines as had been promised earlier. Unfortunately, the division had just promoted a lot of new Captains and there was no going back to line duty for Fen.

So Fen returned to the Shortland Islands and Branch 3, 4th Base Depot and was soon to embark for Bougainville where the company occupied the 28-acre island in Empress Augusta Bay, a few hundred yards off shore from the main island. The usual dive-bombers contested their landing on Bougainville and the unit experienced some casualties. Here they were able to establish a supply depot of rations, drummed fuel, ammo and miscellaneous supplies. The air at night always had one or more "Betty" bombers, which found Purata Island a very convenient target.

On Christmas Eve, for example,

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In the Words of Fen Holmes

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a lone bomber crisscrossed above the island for hours before releasing about a thousand 5-pound bombs, each of which had Ten-Cent Store sirens attached to their tails. Fen and his exec officer, Lt. Cookie, occupied the same slit trench, helmet to helmet. Hearing the grating of helmets, Fen said: "Cookie, you're not scared are you?"

"No Captain," he replied, "Just quivering with patriotism, and I've just decided that when the next war comes along, I want to be where the bombs are the thickest. That would be the Naval Ammunition Depot, Crane, Indiana."

Early in 1944, the company was relived and returned to the Shortland Islands. Taking stock of the 135 marines that started out for Vella LaVella in September, our ration strength was down to 100. A few were killed or wounded. Some were evacuated for sickness or "combat fatigue".

Branch 3, 4th Base Depot, had grown and was preparing to support the invasion of Guam, for which exercise it was re-designated the Fifth Field Depot. Units were reshuffled and Fen became the Depot Adjutant.

The Depot embarked for the landing on Guam, which was to involve one Marine Division, a Marine Brigade and an Arms Division. The expedition was delayed for 30 days because of a major ammunition explosion at Pearl Harbor. The invasion fleet was anchored at Eniwitok Island for an extra month under the tropic sun. The landing for the liberation of Guam came on July 21, 1944. Elements of the Depot were ashore on D-Day, but Fen didn't get ashore until D+10. There were no Adjutants in the first wave.

The Fifth Field Depot was to remain on Guam until the end of the war. On Guam, they provided rations to the whole island, maintained 2 ammunition depots, and provided signal supplies, motor transport, ordinance supply and repair and other logistic duties.

Shortly after the landing, Fen was

made the Depot Supply Officer and presided over the largest overseas supply operation in Marine Corps history. A few months before the war was ended, Fen was promoted to Major.

After the atom bomb was dropped, they waited for the Japanese reaction. When the radio reported that Hirohito had accepted unconditional surrender, Fen went to the Commanding Officer's hut, saying, "Colonel, the war is over!" Colonel Inman was an old, hard-bitten, experienced Quartermaster. He growled, "Cancel all backorders!" ❖

to be concluded in January "Connections".

This unabridged version was divided into three issues and will conclude next few month. To read the article in full, go to the church website at www.campbellunited.org.

If you would like to be interviewed for this series please contact Heather Reynolds at: hreynolds63@gmail.com, or phone 408-971-6343; or, Dave Sargent at: dnssargent@aol.com.

Thanks to Fenwicke Holmes and Dave Sargent for the interview.

HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

Excerpts from Church History 1888-1988
written by Eulah Blaine and Bernice Hubbell-Lee

EXCERPT NO.5

Campbell continued to grow. The first elementary school was started in 1889. The following year, Dr. C. N. Cooper, a physician, came to town. When a need for high school education was felt, Dr. Cooper sponsored it, with 35 students attending their first classes in September, 1900, in the upper story of the grammar school at Winchester and Rincon.

The Reverend William Angwin had served our church from 1895 until 1900. Then the Reverend A. J. Hanson served for one year, followed by the Reverend J. H. Wythe from 1901 to 1903, at which time the membership had risen from 12 to 132 active Methodists.

Circuit Writer



"Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child"

Rev. Larry LaPierre

It's not often that I am moved so deeply by a piece of music that I write about it. I am not a musician of any sort. I read music to a very limited extent and, even then, very slowly. Yet, some songs, especially hymns, reach into my soul and stir me in ways that nothing else does.

When Ronnie Grisby sang his interpretation of "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" at Campbell United Methodist Church on October 28th I had one of those experiences where my soul was deeply touched. Why was I so deeply moved? I'm not sure. I was not a "motherless child."

Moments after he began to sing, however, I searched my memory for someone who was a "motherless child" in Scripture. Moses, of course, was separated from his mother briefly until Pharaoh's daughter hired her to be his wet nurse (Exodus 2) and then again at some point after he was weaned. Then there was Rachel who died giving birth to Benjamin—the youngest of Jacob's twelve sons (Genesis 35). He was a "motherless child," but the Biblical writers don't seem to make much of that.

Anyone who has lost a mother due to her death or to separation from her while an infant knows more than I do about what it's like being a "motherless child." When a friend asked me about why I thought that what Ronnie Grisby sang was a spiritually-based song, I thought of my theory of spirituality (J. of Religion and Health, Summer 1994, p. 53-61) which includes six ways to be spiritual -- one of which was community -- the experience of belonging.

The African peoples (and others) who were forcibly ripped away from their families and communities for centuries, as well as people of all backgrounds who are even now being

sold in the human trafficking trade, knew and know what it is like to lose their sense of belonging. This old spiritual, while simple in wording, evokes an awareness of the deep, deep harm that we do to a human being when we tear her or him out of their family, community and culture.

There is no substitute for belonging. There is no way to be assured that we are loved if we don't belong. The pain of not belonging in a family is so acute that young people sometimes join gangs so that they will have somewhere that they are sure they belong. Others of us engage in other forms of "high-risk" behaviors because we crave the attention of or even acceptance by someone whom we hope will at least acknowledge us.

The often unrecognized part of the 2nd Great Commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself, is that we need someone to assure us that we are loved right from our earliest days on earth. The Christian community is tasked by Jesus to fulfill this commandment. When we meet someone who does not know that they are loved, we need to offer them sanctuary in the Church where they can be loved, and where possible, in our lives so that they will not feel "Like a Motherless Child." God simply did not make us to be alone; let alone to be abandoned.

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

CARTOON CORNER



"Then God said, 'I have some good news and some bad news. The good news is, the apple had zero cholesterol.'"

from the Editor:

Greetings for the season and best wishes to all. I pray the season brings peace and hope for the community here and all around the world.

Don't forget that it is good to share our stories with each other in our faith community, and this newsletter is a good place to let that happen. Following are some tips on how to send to me.

The ideal format for articles and photographs. E-mail to: hreynolds63@gmail.com

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 e-mail. 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 ❖



SAVE THE DATE!

On **Saturday, January 12th, from 10:00 a.m. to noon**, Campbell United Methodist Church will package 10,000 meals for STOP HUNGER NOW! We need "packers" of all ages, and some cleanup help following the event. In order to package 10,000 meals in two hours, we need 40-50 volunteers. This is a great event for all ages - packing can be done by children, youth and adults - so bring your friends and family, and help end hunger in the world.

Pastor Jim Mishler's Retirement A Celebration of 43 Years in Ministry



Dear Blessed Friends,

You welcomed us into your lives with love, humor, and food. The event in the Fellowship Hall the first Sunday we were here revealed to us that our time here at Campbell UMC was going to be lively, fun, and meaningful. We were looking forward to the next several years with you and were eager to get started knowing all of you. We were eager to worship with you, sing in the choir with you, and share in your church lives and your personal lives.

We did not take into consideration that our time with you would be cut short. And then it was with deep regret that Jim had to tell all of you he needed to retire due to medical reasons. Sometimes the body isn't at one with the mind and heart.

But you took the news with grace and helped plan the next steps in this church's life and in ours. Your understanding of Jim's medical issues and your loving concern for both of us, are representative of a true church united.

The "send off" you gave us this past Sunday was a wonderful testament of your ability to perform with grace under pressure. The work that went into this event was amazing. The tables were decorated. There were napkins rings with Jim's years in the ministry printed on them. And not only was there large amounts of food, but food for people with special dietary needs. There was even a cake to not only honor Jim, but the United Methodist Church. People were working there Saturday night, early Sunday morning, and late into Sunday afternoon to clean up. So many people, so much love!

How on earth could we ever thank you or express words to let you know how that day made us feel? You told us you were so glad we were there when we came. And told us how much you were going to miss us when we left.

We will always remember all of you. We will always remember this church. And we will always remember how much you cared for us.

With much love and many thanks,

Jim and Jan Mishler

We were all a little sad to say farewell to Pastor Jim and his wife Jan on Sunday, November 11. After an inspiring service we gathered in a packed Fellowship Hall to celebrate Jim's 43 years of ministry, including 18 months at Campbell UMC. Jack Norris hosted an entertaining look at a man who has devoted his entire adult life to making a difference in the world.

During the one-on-one interview it struck me how many challenges Jim has had to overcome and how many times he has relied on his faith to tackle difficult issues (and people) and solve problems on a variety of scales. His lifetime of devotion and faith is an example that we can all follow. John Wesley once asked, "Do you walk in love, as Christ also loved us and, gave himself for us?"

We wish Jim and Jan all the very best in the latest chapter of their selfless lives.

On behalf of the Church Council and the entire congregation, I would like to thank Sally Wenzel for her leadership of the Staff Pastor Relations Committee. Sally and her SPRC team jumped into action when Jim's unexpected retirement was announced. They worked carefully and quickly with the District Superintendent, Rev Kristie Olah, to ensure that Jim's transition to retirement went as smoothly as possible so he could concentrate on a healthy recovery.

I would also like to thank Jane LaPierre and her kitchen crew who managed to feed the five thousand that showed up to say 'see you later' to the Mishlers. We promise to watch out for Jim's speedy recovery, pray for his wonderful family and keep his words of encouragement and inspiration in our thoughts.

Bruce Hallinan, Chair, Church Council

UMYF TALKING “LISTEN UP”

UMYF CALENDAR

Sunday, November 25

Movie, Youth Room - TBA

December 1-2

Lock-In, Youth Room

Sunday, December 9

Lunch & Meeting - 11:45 to 1:30

Sunday, December 16

Food for Finals - 10:30 to Noon

Breakfast out - location TBA

Sunday, December 23

Prepare luminarias
for Christmas Eve Services
10:30 to 11:30 am

Monday, December 24

Light & Extinguish luminarias
at all services

Sunday, January 6

Lunch & White Elephant Gift
Exchange - 11:45 to 1:30

Cookie Baking

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) was busy in the kitchen (the Knepp's kitchen to be exact) baking cookies for the **November 18 InnVision dinner**. There were nine youth participating and they baked a total of 300 hundred sugar, oatmeal and chocolate chip cookies. That's 150 bags of cookies for the dinner. And yes, they actually baked a few more than 300 because you have to have quality control!

Melinda Knepp, Youth Coordinator ❖



4th-5th Grade Youth Off to a Great Start

Our lively 4th-5th graders are having a great time getting to know one another and our church better. We planned out the year, had fun playing Minute-to-Win-it games. We enjoyed our hayride at the pumpkin patch, climbing the tractor and finding the perfect pumpkin. At our last meeting we explored our church campus trying to solve riddles. On this scavenger hunt, once the riddles were solved, they needed to take a picture of the place or item. They needed to solve the riddle as a small group, stay together and take turns. We all found out that whether they had been going to the church since they were little or were new members they didn't know where many things were. In the end they all found all the destinations.

Our next meeting is the 1st Sunday in December to bake cookies for Merry Mayhem. We look forward to more adventures this year.

Patty Henderson ❖





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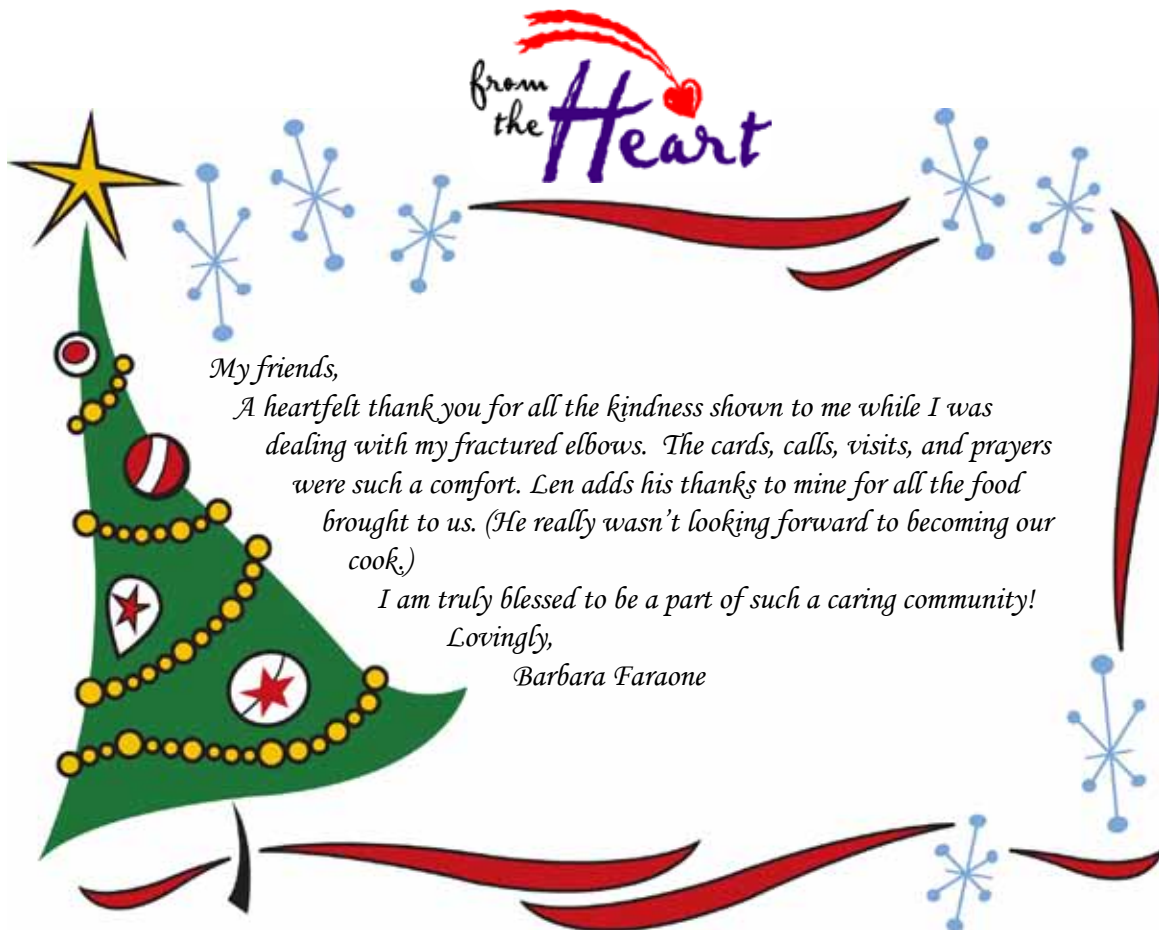
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from
the **Heart**

My friends,

A heartfelt thank you for all the kindness shown to me while I was dealing with my fractured elbows. The cards, calls, visits, and prayers were such a comfort. Len adds his thanks to mine for all the food brought to us. (He really wasn't looking forward to becoming our cook.)

I am truly blessed to be a part of such a caring community!

Lovingly,

Barbara Faraone