

Campbell



CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY, 2013

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19, 2013

Services at 9:00 and 10:45 am



**We warmly welcome back
for the third time**

St Petersburg Men's Ensemble.

**They will sing during this Pentecost
Sunday for our two services.**

**Their repertoire will mainly be Russian
sacred music. Our Chancel Choir will
join them on one song.**



**This male quartet's spokesman is Kirill Sokolov and
their members attended Glinka Choir School and
St Petersburg Conservatory.**

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Pastor Exchange



Our Integrated Circuit is having a Pastor exchange for May 26, 2013. Rev. Bob Chicou of Evergreen Valley United Methodist Church will exchange pulpits with Rev. Paul Kim.

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Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:45 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)

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

Quiet Communion: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday

Bright Days Preschool

Mary Smith, Director: 408-378-8422

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Pastor's Pen

Soul Food: From Your New "Old" Pastor Paul

When the Bishop asked me to serve at Campbell last November, I told the SPRC (Staff-Parish Relations Committee, the church's HR Team that works with the pastors and the staff) that I would work hard to make sure the church would be readied and equipped to run into the future with its next pastor, come July. Little did I know that I would be that new pastor! So we have a chance to live tomorrow's life today! I hope you are as excited as I am about the "new" thing God will be doing in our midst.

Listen to these wonderful words from Prophet Isaiah:

"Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;

for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,

*to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise."*

(Isaiah 43:18-21 The New Revised Standard Version)

Before I was assigned to Campbell last fall, I wrote down several questions I'd ask the church leaders, and for that matter, all members of the church. Of course, there was no time to do that during the last several months. It is my prayer that these questions will help us prepare for the "new thing" which will spring forth in us, like water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

I plan to use these questions during the summer and fall in "Interview with the Pastor" sessions, a time of spiritual sharing in a safe and secure setting. Look for the schedule at the beginning of the summer. I invite your insightful thoughts and reflections.

- 1) *What is the passion of your life?*
- 2) *What difference has following Jesus made in your life and your passion?*
- 3) *What one thing do you do regularly to keep spiritually healthy?*
- 4) *What one thing should the pastor know about you and your family?*
- 5) *What's the one issue or concern, if any, that keeps you up at night sometimes?*
- 6) *What would Jesus say about your relationship with money?*
- 7) *How does the Campbell church "work" for you?*
- 8) *What one thing should the Campbell church do now to become better than today?*
- 9) *What one thing would you like to do at the Campbell church and/or the community?*

In July, we will be celebrating our church's 125th birthday and begin our quasiquintennial year (practice saying it: "kwaahs-kwee-sen-TEN-ial"). What a perfect time to dream new dreams and catch the Spirit and the new vision God has for our church. A "Q-Team" will be formed to help us celebrate!

Christie and I look forward to serving among you with great enthusiasm. For 125 years, the Campbell church has loved God, grown together and served others faithfully. God's Spirit invites us to be part of the "new thing" God is doing, leading us into a new century of passionate spirituality, compassionate service and inspiring faith. That is truly something to celebrate. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Paul ❖



Trustees Work Day

"Spring is Here"

Have you noticed how beautiful the church campus is? Many volunteers keep it that way. On

Saturday, May 11th, the trustees will have a spring work day from 8 am until noon, and we invite all to come and be a Wonder Worker for a day. Supplies, tools and a snack will be provided. Tasks and fellowship for ALL abilities will be available and ALL are welcome.

Questions or concerns, contact John Finzel at 408-806-3744 or jjfinzel@att.net

Thank You and see you there!

John Finzel ❖

Sanctuary Flowers

Do you have a special dedication, celebration, or memory that you would like to express with flowers?



The altar flowers that you enjoy each Sunday on the communion table are supplied through donations made by friends and members of Campbell United Methodist Church. You can collect a form from the church office, put your special date on the flower calendar and your dedication will be printed in the blue Addendum the Sunday you request.

Several Flower Stewards do the arrangements each Sunday and make every effort to meet special requests.

If you are interested in being a Flower Steward, or in donating garden flowers, please contact Linda Kropff at 408-257-5292

Linda Kropff, Flower Coordinator ❖



SOS - Parsonage Furniture

Pastor Paul and Christie are moving into the church parsonage on June 15. It will be completely empty except for the kitchen appliances.

The Kims only brought minimal furniture on their move out from New Jersey. Since most church parsonages are furnished by the church, they didn't want the church to spend money buying them. So they are asking if anyone has any used "good-quality" furniture to let the Pastor know (by phone or texting 650-605-5818; or email: [luke.x.27\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:luke.x.27(at)gmail.com)), and they'll drop by to see, so the furniture can be coordinated as much as possible. All donations will be tax deductible.

The following items are needed:

- 3 bedroom sets, including a sofa bed, chests, lamp stands
- Living room set: sofa, coffee table, lamps/lampstands
- Dining room set: dining table & chairs
- Kitchen: credenza for dishes
- Front yard deck: outdoor deck table, chairs, umbrella
- Office: desk, chair and book cases

Scrip News

May brings Mother's Day, Teacher Appreciation and even some graduations. Scrip can help you be prepared.

We have some small denomination cards for your favorite teachers, \$5 Barnes&Noble, \$10 target, Starbucks, Jamba Juice, and more. We have \$10 and \$25 Bath & Body Works, Macy's and Jo-Ann's. Amazon.com is a one size fits all certificate! Every card you purchase gives a donation to Campbell UMC. Stop by the Scrip table between services -- we may have just what you need and if we don't we can probably order it!

Janine Peyton ❖

Time to Destroy Documents

It's that time of year and a lot of us wonder, how long should we keep financial and tax returns documents before we destroy them?

Unfortunately, tax season and identity theft are companions this time of year. So cover your trails. Here are some tips on what you should keep and what you can destroy:

Tax returns (7 years): The IRS has three years to challenge information in your return and six years to conduct an audit based on unreported income. Keep tax returns and supporting reports, like W2s and 1099s, for at least seven years. You can scan tax documents and save them on our computer.

Investment statements for taxable accounts (Indefinitely): Most brokerages and mutual-fund companies send annual statements summarizing the year's transactions. Once you have these, you should destroy your monthly and/or quarterly statements.

Bank statements (1 year): Keep statements that back-up information on your tax returns for up to seven years. Other bank statements can be destroyed after reviewing for errors or scan and save for a year.

Credit card statements (1 year): Once you've confirmed that the statement is accurate, keep it long enough to make sure that any returns are noted. If you're claiming expenses as tax write-offs, save it until tax time. Request the annual statement and keep it for 7 years.

Loan and Mortgage statements (1 year): Wait until the year-end statement arrives, then shred the monthly or quarterly statements. Continue doing this until the loan is paid off in full. Save mortgage tax forms for 7 years.

Medical bills (1 year or until paid off): You'll need them to claim any high costs as tax write-offs. Save unpaid bills until they're paid in full-and then save the final proof of payment for 1 year.

Home improvement bills (Until

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you sell): Proof of spending can sometimes be used to lower your taxes. And you'll need your bills if the buyer wants confirmation that the new roof really is brand-new.

Rowena Hinojosa, Endowment Committee ❖

Don't Forget **CHILDREN'S MUSICAL** May 5th



The Day God Brought Down The House!

This is the story of Samson, the strongest man in the Bible, who had the worst "Bad Hair Day" in history. God promises a childless couple they will give birth to a Hebrew Hero, who will clobber their enemies, the Philistines. So Samson is tricked by Delilah, an enemy spy, and locked up. A prisoner in a Philistine jail, Samson finally prays for the strength to "Bring Down the House" on his captors.

Please join the Joyful Notes Choir on Sunday, May 5th, at both services, as they bring this story of Samson to life in the musical Samson --- The Day God Brought Down The House!, by Eric Rainwater and Fred Judkins.

Daelene Groff, Director ❖

In the **COMMUNITY**

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Retired pastor Margo Tenold died on Tuesday, April 9, 2013. She is survived by two children: Adam and Robin Tenold. Condolences to the family may be sent to Robin Tenold at 1117 Phyllis Avenue, Mountain View, CA 94040.

The memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 30, at 3 p.m., at the Los Altos United Methodist Church. The Rev. Mark Bollwinkel will preside.

Margo served the Boulder Creek, Los Gatos and Mountain View: Trinity churches, as well as serving with the Santa Clara County Council of Churches, before retiring in 2010.

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ORGAN CONCERT

WITH
ANGELA KRAFT-CROSS

**Sunday, May 19, 2013
4:00 p.m.**

at
Campbell United Methodist Church

On Sunday, May 19, 2013, Campbell UMC and the San Jose Chapter of the American Guild of Organists will sponsor Angela Kraft-Cross in an organ concert in the sanctuary at 4:00 pm.

Angela is a virtuoso organist, pianist and an eye surgeon. She played in Campbell UMC's Advent series three years ago. Admission is free.

Please invite friends and people in your community to hear our wonderful 3-manual Schantz pipe organ. Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Discover more about Angela Kraft-Cross on her website: www.angelakraftcross.com

Come and bring a friend!



Next Volunteer Opportunity at Second Harvest Food Bank

Hold the Date! We will be able to bring a small group to Second Harvest to help pack food on Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This will also be an opportunity to see their new facility on N. First Street in San Jose. Watch for more details in the Blue Addendum as the date draws nearer. In the meantime, if you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please e-mail Gail Jacobs at gailj_2000@yahoo.com.

Gail Jacobs, Church & Society ❖

Save the Date!

HANDBELL CONCERT

On **Sunday, June 2, 2013, at 3:30 pm**, Campbell UMC's 4 Handbell Choirs will bring an afternoon of handbell music to delight people of all ages. Repertoire will span from sacred, classics, secular and more recent tunes.

Here is another opportunity to bring your friends in the community and introduce them to the church.

Admission is free

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

United Methodist Women

BOOK REVIEW BY SUSAN JONES

This month we review a children's book that will be located in the Sanctuary. This book is for the use of the children during service. Please do not remove from the Sanctuary.



Violet by Tania Duprey Stehlik
Category: Children
Pages: 23
Rating: *****stars

Violet has moved and is starting a new school. She is afraid of going to the new school so she tells her mother she is sick. Her mother tells her "Nice try, Missy! But you're going to school" As Violet gets to the front door of the school, she sees kids that are red, yellow and blue...

This is a wonderful book about the many nationalities and how we blend together. Violet's father is blue and her mother is red. Together the blue and red made Violet!

Enjoy the wonderful story of Violet.

Susan Jones ❖



Prayers for UMCOR Project



Elaine and Gene Hill have been on a two-year quest: to make 1,000 birthing kits for UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief (our denomination's relief agency). And they did it! Hurray! On Wednesday, April 17th, members of the Wednesday Wonder Workers gathered to bless

the last batch of the kits as they make their way to the UMCOR West Depot in Salt Lake City. The Hills will take them to Carson City, which will then be carried by another group to the Depot.

This is the completion of their making 1,000 birthing kits, each with 2 blankets. Elaine and Gene each made 1,000 blankets. Elaine also made 100 knitted layette sweaters.

As each pallet of boxes of relief supply kits is completed at the UMCOR Depot in Salt Lake City, all those who worked on it put their hands on the boxes and repeat the following prayer. On Wednesday morning, we also prayed together, remembering those who made them and those who will make use of them to deliver babies and the new babies and their families.

Prayer: Most Gracious and Loving God, We come together to do your work: One item at a time, One kit at a time, One box at a time, One pallet at a time to serve One person at a time, who is, One from the multitude of your children in need across this world. Amen.

(Prayer originally by Rev. Pete Smith, FUMC, Golden, Colorado) ❖

Care-A-Vaners



Care-A-Vaners spent the week of March 17th painting the four buildings surrounding

the courtyard at Alum Rock United Methodist Church. There were 15 of us including 7 from Campbell UMC -- Gene and Elaine Hill, LaVerne Jury, Dave and Sue Sargent, and Marv and Ina Tanner. We camped in the upper parking lot amid the pine trees. It was surprisingly quiet. Our security guards, both the Santa Clara County Sheriff and the San Jose Police, did drive through several times a day. They also like the quiet time to talk on their radios and fill out paperwork.

This was almost like being at camp. We hiked downhill to work and uphill for lunch and at the end of the work day.

Our visit began on Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, with a corned beef and cabbage dinner. Those members of the church who bought paint were invited to join us.

Our ever present contact person was Priscilla Batty. She is the newly elected Lay Leader, not a member of the Board of Trustees, but agreed to chair this project. She



answered a million questions about the buildings, which items to paint what color, where the maintenance people were going to replace or repair, and which rooms were being used for that day. This is a very busy campus. There are three churches that meet here -- Alum Rock United Methodist Church, Burmese Christian Community Church, and Vietnamese United Methodist Fellowship -- as well as the Head Start program that is there Tuesday through Friday 8am to 5 pm.

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There are several outreach programs that meet both during the day and evenings -- AA, FA, NARA, and the largest of over 100 people in the NA family group which meets for dinner and fellowship. Because of this our break time moved from room to room, and onto the patio.

At first glance the buildings look long and low. Not hard to spray paint. Then there are the exceptions. The social hall, used as a church on Sundays, was once the main sanctuary for Alum Rock UMC. It is two stories tall, as is the fireside room. The fireside room windows go from floor to ceiling with lots and lots of trim pieces. Every classroom and office has 2 or 4 exterior doors and enough windows to make the classroom light and airy -- tons more trim. There is a covered walkway all around the interior of the patio, and across the front of the office. In the summer this provides a cool breeze through the buildings. For

us it meant more hand painting on the posts and exposed beams. We normally do not work on Saturday, but we did this time.

We saw Pastor Stephen Lee every day. By Friday we were able to sing the days of the week and months of the year songs with the Head Start children. One day Pastor Karen Paulsen visited. Care-A-Vaners had previously worked on her Point Arena Church. It was a good chance for her to see us in action and visit with Gloria and Rod Castor, our fearless leaders.



Next month Care-A-Vaners will travel to North San Juan in the gold country. It is my understanding the primary work will be to put up new exterior siding. For the past year there have been several other groups working on the foundation and exterior of this historic building.



Elaine Hill ❖



We have heard from our District Superintendent Kristie Olah that Reverend Paul Kim will be appointed to our church full time starting July 1, 2013! What wonderful news for our congregation!

Pastor Paul and his wife Christie Huh will be moving into the parsonage in the middle of June. They sold most of their furniture when they left New Jersey so if you have extra furniture you don't know what to do with talk with Paul or Christie to see if it is something they need.

Reverend Karen Paulsen who has been handling Pastoral Care for our congregation will not be continuing with us after June 30th. Pastor Karen has decided to continue on her journey as a retired pastor, but does a pastor ever really retire? So until the end of June Pastor Karen will continue to be available for your pastoral care needs. She will also be continuing to recruit new Care Givers.

SPRC will be working closely with Pastor Paul to develop a lay caregiver program so the he can focus on visioning and church growth. It may mean having a part-time staff to support lay caregivers in the short term.

God Bless,

Sally Wenzel, Chair
Staff Parish Relations Committee ❖

HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

Excerpts from Church History
Written by Eulah Blaine and
Bernice Hubbell-Lee

EXCERPT NO.10

The Rev. J.F. Wilson (1910-1913) became pastor in a period of severe drought. Less than eight inches of rain had fallen in 1909-1910, so special community prayer meetings were held for relief to save the fruit crops. Prayers were more than adequately answered when over 13 inches of rain fell in January of 1911. The Los Gatos Creek overflowed its banks a mile south of town and the area ran two feet deep in water and silt for almost a week.

Art and Spirit Ministry at Elmwood

A Personal Reflection

I volunteer with a jail ministry team that provides an Art & Spirit Ministry for the men and women at Elmwood Correctional Facility. It is part of the CIC Ministries (Correctional Institutions Ministries), a non-profit corporation, ministering to individual needs, as well as bringing the Christian message to men, women, boys and girls in county jails and juvenile facilities. There are five Chaplains at Elmwood who hold regular training sessions and supervise the ministry of over 300 volunteers from a variety of faith communities, denominations, languages, cultures, races and styles of worship.

The Art & Spirit Ministry team from Campbell United Methodist conducts classes three to four times a year to three groups at Elmwood. The groups are named W2, W4 and M4: two medium securities and one minimum security. I volunteer with the minimum-security group, W2, which is in the women's jail.

You might be thinking, "What on earth motivated me to join this ministry?" I guess there was something in the stories the volunteers shared that resonated and a little part of me, kept whispering, perhaps I could do that? Then another voice piped in, what would a white, older woman, have to give to people in jail, especially as naïve as you can be? Well, I've some experience of poverty, stupidity, poor judgment and failure, don't I? Just give it a try and feel it out. You'll know if the fit isn't right.

So Saturday, our team of five women¹ met in the church parking lot, to carpool to Elmwood at 8:15 am. At about 8:40 am we checked our driver licenses in to the guards, who exchanged those for orange numbered plaques to hang around our necks. The clunk of the lock sounds and we go through the first door. It clangs locked behind us as Gillian signs in the book and the guards pass us the room keys. The first time I went to jail, this felt quite terminal. Our box of art supplies also gets a check

¹ Gillian Harrington, Lou Woodburycatcott, Sheri Woodhouse, Gail Jacobs, Heather Reynolds

from the guard and then we are ready to make the journey through three more locked doors until we reach the fenced in yard of the women's minimum security pods. Way back in that yard stands the trailer where we hold the classes.

"Are you here for the art class?" Some ladies call out from near the fence.

"Yes," we call back, as we continue across the exercise yard to the trailer.

Gillian unlocked the door and we piled in, immediately yanking open the windows that weren't broken. There are plenty of tables and chairs, a water fountain and two toilets. The walls are filled with evidence of other classes and bright with posters. We fall into the rhythm of distributing the supplies to all the tables, making sure pencil boxes have a full count as we have to recount before leaving. Gillian wrote the agenda on the white board and we went over our duties. The theme is healing and wholeness using mandalas as the tool. The hour and a half class opens with song, prayer, introductions and rules; continues with an interactive bible



reading, explanation of the art project, the art project; closing with a sharing circle, litany and song. We are ready.

Gail and Gillian go off to tell the guards that we're ready. The guards have the sign-up sheet with all the names of women who signed up to participate. Thirty women can sign up. The guards aren't present at the trailer in minimum security. Sheri, Lou and I take our positions in the room. We hear that pill call is late, so that means the ladies will be late. They gradually trickle in in groups of four and five. We greet them and tell them they can select one to the printed mandalas off the back table. Sheri and Lou explained to the groups as they settled, the process of coloring the mandala from the center out, or

from the outer edge into the center. We invite them to start in the center and color to the outside reflecting on how it feels to travel from the self to community. Or they could color in the opposite direction, from the outer to the inner. Very quickly the women gravitated to the color pencils, rather than the felt markers and the room was fairly quiet. We go talk to the women while waiting for the room to fill. Even if they seem intent on their paper, it only takes a small comment to reach out.

"I see you picked a flower design. Do you like flowers?" I inquired of one lady her head lowered.

"African Violets are my favorite flowers," she replied, pointing to her name tag (which I noticed read, Violet). Then Violet proceeded to tell me about her keen sense of smell and taste due to her blindness from birth to three years of age when she had an operation.

A little later I was standing at the end of another table and someone called out to me,

"Is Jesus the same as God?"

My brain reacted as though in an exam. Brain freeze. Panic. I was contemplating an answer when a young lady turned around from the table in front with,

"That's a difficult question. You can't ask questions like that!"

"Well", I added, "don't expect an answer before my morning coffee."

And I'm saying a silent 'thank you, thank you, thank you.'

Our team stays alert; we read the mood; and Saturday it was mellow and the women were really focused on the project.

The creativity of the women amazes us. Many women know the direction they want to take their art. They always want to finish their project. During the sharing time, I'm always humbled by their self-awareness



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and by the support they give each other. Many women make art for their children. Several voice their addiction struggles. They thank us as they leave and say they will return the next week.

Gillian, Lou, Gail, Sheri and I, finish clearing up, then do a quick debriefing. We feel good today as we make our way to the locked doors. The women really settled into today's project.

Lou drives her big van so we continue to debrief as we travel down the freeway. We agree that it is easier to lead songs, prayer, bible discussion at the jail, than in groups at our church. The ladies in jail don't judge what we do, they're so appreciative of us coming. We remember some of their sharing in the big mandala circle.

"I'm all over the place today, so I colored from the center and from the outside."

"I started coloring from the center, 'cause I know this time I've got to start working on myself. I can't blame this and that. I gotta work on me."

"It makes me feel calm to do this. Thank you for coming."

"When I color, I think of my little boy. I imagine I'm coloring with him."

"I chose this sun mandala. I want the sun to be just the right distance away. If it is too close everything burns up – too far away and everything freezes."

Taking a leap back from one intimate class experience, I'm jumping to the bigger picture. Classes in jail have many restrictions as you might expect, but the strongest asset for volunteers is flexibility. Our Saturday class is supposed to be 9 am to 10:30 am, but it didn't end until almost 11:00 am because of the late start. The women didn't mind having a cold lunch; they wanted to finish the art.

This is the third 3-week art/spirit session I've served on. Next Saturday there is another class and the Sunday after that class we all attend a two-hour Sunday Worship Service in the women's jail, led by Chaplain Louann. Women from our class are invited to share in part of the service where about 100 women attend along with a very

loud band.

In my first 3-week session, my trial session, our team had the women create journals and my very first time in jail, while I was nervously trying to remember the 101 rules from the training – the women were painting long roles of paper with tempura paint and sponges. I had taken a bucket of dirty water to the bathroom and dumped it into the toilet. To my horror, I watched a sponge shoot out of the flow of dirty water into the toilet bowl. I plunged my arm into the toilet swiftly and fished around for the sponge. I got it. I remembered what happened if we were short a sponge. Or short on any object count. First the guards, ask the women to return the object; if that doesn't produce the missing object, a room search occurs – it is not tidy; finally a full body search. Volunteers, who lose things at jail, are not popular with the inmates.

I did listen to my inner self that first session. I never felt afraid. I wasn't always comfortable, but I watched the other team members and learned. I love the art process and I love experiencing the power of creativity with these women.

Heather Reynolds ❖



Welcome to GOD'S BIG BACKYARD Under the Stars

Get ready for an outdoor adventure right here in the backyard of Campbell United Methodist Church. At Vacation Bible School this summer your kids will learn to share love of Jesus by serving their families, friends, neighbors, community and Jesus.

The days will begin and end at Backyard Bash. There will be group music, an introduction to the Bible story and life focus of the day, with more music and sharing at the end of the day. Kids will explore the daily Bible story at Backyard Bible Club, enjoy snacks and games at Backyard Food and Fun, have fun with crafts at Clothesline Creations and learn about serving others at Community Corner.

VBS takes place from 9:00 a.m. to noon Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28 and is open to all children 3 years old (and potty trained) to entering 6th grade. The registration fee is \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional siblings.

Melinda Knepp, Youth Coordinator ❖



I was at the funeral for Sherry's Mom whom I had never met. When Sherry read the eulogy, it was as if I was being introduced to a real, solid human being who not only did her best as a Mom but also lived fully as a human being, displaying God's glory. It was one of the best eulogies I'd ever heard. I wished I'd known her. So I asked Sherry if she wouldn't mind sharing her Mom with our members in the May Newsletter in time for Mothers' Day - so we too can be inspired by her example of love, passion and compassion. Pastor Paul

Sherry Riney's Eulogy for her Mother

Thank each of you for coming today. I believe Mom would be humbled, grateful, and honored by your collective presence.

My mom was an amazing woman, mom, wife, and friend. She was part southern bell and part city sophisticate. She had southern grace, charm, and poise, and city refinement, elegance, and savvy. She was a beautiful regal woman.

She was a necessarily independent child, a champion roller skater, a young bride and then single mother, and then raised their four children with my father, her husband, partner, and best friend, as we traveled the world as an Air Force family. Dad was our breadwinner and Mom was our foundation. We moved nearly every year until 1974 when Dad retired to Cupertino, and she worked with tenacity and purpose to make every new residence a home.

I remember as a kindergartener having lunch with her every weekday and then having an apple while watching I Love Lucy. When the episode ended, it was time for school. On cold winter days in Germany, we'd come in from playing in the snow to be greeted with tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches. She worked to make every

birthday special, every holiday festive. She included single airmen who worked for Dad in our holiday celebrations and invited our friends to stay for lunch or dinner anytime. She balanced the family budget while keeping us well fed and clothed and was able to save pennies for the extras: scouts, field trips, lessons, and sports.

Mom maintained high standards for herself and for each of us. She wanted us to present the best of ourselves and do our best in every situation.

As a teenager, I used to dislike when people told me I was just like her. I thought she knew nothing, understood nothing, and had nothing important to say. During the summer of my 20th year I traveled through Europe for months, and came to miss her and to gain a new understanding of her and what our relationship could be. I wrote a letter to her in my journal that I read to her when I returned. I believe that was a turning point in our relationship. A change in me from needing parenting to having a Mom who could be a parent and a friend.

I learned that in some ways we were very much alike. We could get under each other's skin like no one else. We also had a shared intimacy like no one else. We enjoyed each other's company most of the time, sharing coffee or tea and conversation, shopping, and attending ballet. We were mother and daughter. I now view comparison to her as the highest compliment I can receive.

When I was a little girl, I used to play with Mom's beautiful jewelry (of course when she wasn't home). I'd wear her crystal beads as a flapper would, fill my fingers with rings, clip on stunning, but for me quite oversized earrings, and prance around their bedroom, feeling quite sophisticated and beautiful; two pieces I coveted in particular...a ruby bracelet and an ear of ruby corn. When I asked to wear them, she used to say they were "grown up jewelry." So, when I received the bracelet for my graduation from college, I felt quite honored and proud. When asked what I would like for graduation from grad school, I asked whether I was grown up enough for corn. And so I was, because here over my heart is that ear of ruby corn.

I had many relationships through high school and young adulthood, none of which were ideal. Mom (and Dad) accepted boyfriends with grace and generous spirits, letting me find my way and find myself, offering support and guidance when asked and respectful silence when their opinion wasn't sought. I believe one of the greatest gifts I've given them is to meet and marry John, bringing him into our family. On the day he came for his first visit to California to meet family and friends, Mom had hip surgery. As the family stood at the foot of her bed following recovery, some of her first words were "Sherry, you have to go to the airport to pick up John!" Mom loved him immeasurably and loved how we are together. I believe it brought her peace to know I was in John's good hands.

When I was diagnosed with breast cancer five years ago, Mom set aside plans and cleared her schedule to be with me throughout the process. While Dad hosted members of John's family and my family cruising Alaska's inside passage, John was my rock, and Mom was one of my many caregivers, sitting with me after surgery, bringing food, attending appointments and chemo sessions, giving of herself as only a mother can.

I sometimes hear people speak of regrets regarding relationships with their parents. I have few. My mom knew I loved her, respected and admired her, envied her beauty, poise, and grace, and treasured our quality time together. I know my mom loved me, was proud of me, forgave me my transgressions and harshnesses, and appreciated what I contribute to the family. I know she suffered my every struggle and exalted in my triumphs.

She gave me the greatest gift, the gift of herself, with all of her difficulties, her successes, her abilities to face and rise above every challenge. She set a standard I will never reach, but I know it's there because she lived it and modeled for me a full life well lived.

I love you Mommy, with all my heart. I missed you those many months you were trapped in a body that failed you. I miss you now. I'll miss and love you always... ❖

Circuit Writer



God's Opinion or God's Will?

Rev. Larry LaPierre

My theology professors from a generation ago would not have been pleased with me for daring to describe God's perspective as an "opinion." I was taught that God knew what was best in all situations. That's why we spoke of God's will—not God's opinion! So, if God knows and wants what is best, then why didn't God give us clear instructions about how to live? You say that God did give us such a set of instructions?

Well, OK, there are the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20 and Dt. 5). Still, we might wonder just how clearly they show us God's will in dealing with modern moral issues. Such as? Such as living with a more than adequate standard of living while people are homeless. Such as fighting to maintain the best healthcare benefits while others queue up at a hospital ER because they have no health insurance. Such as getting upset over gay/lesbian marriage while looking the other way as our young people "hook-up?"

Then there are the moral choices when we get into a modern hospital. They are required to treat anyone who arrives in the ER with a true emergency. What happens when neither the patient nor the hospital can afford to provide follow-up care to people whose emergency conditions are likely to return? Or what about the dilemma faced when a parent is dying and one or more of the children wants "everything done" although their parent wanted only to be kept comfortable while dying?

Moral questions are everywhere, and as any student of the Bible knows, explicit and unequivocal Biblically-based answers are sometimes hard to find. I spent years studying ethics and learning how to apply them in situations both in the parish and in the VA hospital that weren't always answerable by an appeal to the Ten Commandments.

Most of us grew up with those

10 laws as the basis for judging our morality. But while Moses was receiving the list from God the Israelites were breaking several of them. We still break the 10 commandments, but we've added ways to thwart God's will. Why isn't more said about human-trafficking, the wealth controlled by the 1% and unending wars?

What about pollution? Do we need televised images of people in Beijing wearing face masks to remind us of air pollution? Do we need reminders of mercury in the food chain to realize that we are poisoning God's creation? I remember being horrified in 1970 when I discovered that my employer was flushing plastic waste into a nearby river. It was the same river that my uncle said was good for swimming, fishing and duck hunting in the 1920s. By 1965 that river was dead because paper mills upstream from my employer flushed excess pigment that merged with our plastic waste. Was that moral?

What have we done to help define what is right? The United Methodist Church takes stands on a great many ethical/moral issues of the day (see The Book of Resolutions) although our denominational hands aren't clean either. Read our history of dealing with slavery if you doubt me. It's long since time to address our contemporary immorality. Maybe we should start with ourselves as individuals and as a church community!

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

CROP WALK

Thank you to everyone who donated or pledged to the walkers of the CROP WALK on Sunday April 21st in San Jose. A special thanks to all who pledged to new church member, Deborah Hill for her to walk the race. She raised the most money for the walk. Cudos to Deborah and all the other people who walked to raise funds for food and awareness of hunger in our area.

Congregational Care



Expanding CARE at Campbell

As most of you have learned, I will be re-retiring at the end of June. I have grandkids to visit and projects to start. I have loved every moment being with you all, and doing what I could to serve you as Minister of Congregational Care. It truly has been an honor and blessing to visit, talk and get to know many of you on a deep basis. Campbell is a wonderful church filled with warm and dedicated people who are faithful to Jesus' teachings. You have taught me a great deal and I will miss you greatly. But I am not gone yet. I am here working fifteen hours a week, or more, at least until the end of June.

I will be helping Pastor Paul expand Campbell's congregational care in the weeks to come. The key to expansion is identifying those who currently visit others or those who would wish to occasionally visit homebound folks or those in hospitals. If you feel a tug from God to do this ministry with the Pastor's help, please mention it to me or let the office know. I will offer training so you will feel comfortable in home settings.

This has been my favorite ministry and I feel certain that being able to serve one another in this way is Christ's way of giving us healing and hospitality in this current isolating society. While not everyone is suited to visiting those who are sick or lonely, anyone who feels they would like to try, can be a part of this ministry. So please step out of your comfort zone, and with support from others join in to get to know people in the congregation, and bring some joy into the life of others who may need company or looking in on. Talk with me or Pastor Paul.

Blessings, Pastor Karen ❖

UMYF TALKING “LISTEN UP”

UMYF CALENDAR 2013

Sunday, April 28

Lunch & Meeting
11:45 - 1:30 pm

Friday, May 3

Progressive Dinner (Cinco de Mayo theme)
TBA

Sunday, May 5

No Meeting
Children's Musical

Saturday, May 11

Parents Night Out (SSP Fundraiser)
5:30 - 10:30 pm

Sat-Sunday, May 18-19

Lock-In
TBA

Sunday, May 26

Lunch & Meeting
11:45 - 1:30 pm

QUESTION: How many youth does it take to cook a pancake?

ANSWER: 7

(and a whole lot more to put on a breakfast)



That's what happened Easter Sunday.

A large group of youth got to church extra early that morning so that they could fix breakfast for the congregation before first service. Close to 100 people showed up to enjoy pancakes, bacon and orange juice. The youth worked hard setting up, cooking, keeping supplies filled and the dishwashing team was awesome. Those attending seemed to be enjoying their breakfast and the fellowship before church.

Of course it couldn't have been done without the help of some faithful adults. Thanks to Alice McMannis, Chuck and Heidi Lanham, Jennifer Petroff and Andy Taylor. We couldn't have done it without all your help.

After first service UMYF helped Children's Ministry with an Easter Egg hunt. Many families from the local community showed up and it was very heartwarming to see all the kids hunting for the eggs and the surprises they held.

All in all it was a very special Easter morning.

Melinda Knepp, Youth Coordinator ❖



There will be another Parents Night Out on Saturday, May 11. This an opportunity to drop off your kids (infant-middle school) at church and go out for a few hours. You can enjoy some free time while your kids have fun doing crafts, playing games and watching movies.

Parents Night Out is a fundraiser planned and run by the youth. Proceeds from this event will benefit Sierra Service Project trip this summer.



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Heartfelt thanks --

I would like to extend deep heartfelt thanks to the whole congregation for the love, care and kindnesses shown to me during my recent surgery and recovery. They were a great comfort to me and also to my family. We are forever grateful.

Mary Ann Gee

Dear Church Members,
Bill and I thank you for the beautiful white potted Azalea we received for Easter. We also thank Dave Sargent for the delivery and visit. We enjoyed he's visit very much.

God Bless to all,
Bill and Elizabeth Hawkins

Thank You so much for the beautiful Azalea plant. I will enjoy looking at it every day until it fades, then will have it planted in my yard. Also thanks to Connie Wellington for delivering it. She is a wonderful person. It was nice to meet Pastor Karen a while ago. She is special too.

With love,
Margueritte Howell

from
the Heart

I have been overwhelmed (in a wonderful way) by all the cards, notes, phone calls, and other attention I have received from our congregation in the past weeks. One day before too long I hope to be able to return on Sunday morning. I miss you all so much!

Dorrie Wilson

Dear Church Family,
Stuart and I send our hearty thanks for the lovely Calla Lily plant. We have never had the beautiful purple and yellow flowers so they are a real treat. It was kind of Dave Sargent to bring them to our home! Thanks again,
Stu and Jean Sigafos

My mother Helen Reggio wants to thank Campbell UMC and Dave Sargent who delivered the beautiful flowers. It almost brought tears to her eyes.

Dear Family and Friends: Good News!
Finally, yes finally, at last, at long last, I can say I've had my back surgery and it was a SUCCESS!

As you know, this process began in March '12 when I fell during a worship service at Campbell UMC. I was referred to a surgeon who confirmed I required back surgery - but not before emergency neck surgery. Complete healing from this neck surgery included 7 weeks in a neck brace, 6 months of careful living and, finally, restricted living for 2 more months. And all this while my back continued to degenerate.

Early this January the doctors agreed that my neck had healed and referred me to another surgeon, this time at Stanford Hospital, to perform the back surgery. He and his staff spent 5 hours working on my lower back with rather amazing results. I am now able to stand up straight, walk without wobbling, pain-free for the most part and have very little of the numbness that caused so much of my problem. I'm also going on a 6-month training routine (diet, walking, exercise) that will further develop healing and strength. Wow!

My recovery team has included Jan, who daily provides love, worry and nursing care; an insightful primary care physician; two wonderful surgeons and their staffs; and ... YOU! Please know how much I've appreciated your heartfelt prayers, good thoughts and cheerful cards. You've helped see me through this situation and I'm deeply grateful.

Jim Mishler