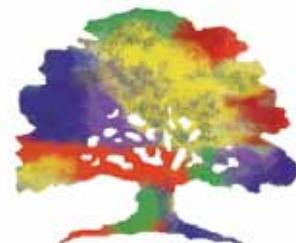


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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER, 2013



New Visitor Welcome Team

At the Welcome Team Training Event on September 29, a Visitors Welcome Team was organized to pay special attention to the newcomers and first-time visitors to our church. The team leader is Christie Huh. When you enter the narthex of the church, you will see a large sign that says "WELCOME!" Another sign informs the visitors that they have indeed come to the Campbell United

Methodist Church and invites them to fill in a Welcome Card and take home a Welcome Packet. Various gifts for the newcomers – including children – are prepared.

On Sunday mornings, the Visitor Welcome Team members host the welcome table – offering international coffees and teas and light snacks. If you are planning to invite your neighbors, friends or family, be sure to bring them straight to the Welcome Table in the Narthex to meet new friends with wide smiles to welcome them! If you notice a newcomer during the worship service, be sure to walk with them to the Welcome Table following the service to pick up their gift and the Welcome Packet. One of the team members will walk with them to the Fellowship Hall.

In time, the Visitor Welcome Team will have a system in place to not only welcome the visitors and newcomers but also help them find a spiritual home and a supporting community here at Campbell UMC. By making new friends and finding new opportunities to serve and share their gifts, newcomers and visitors will know that they are welcomed to continue their spiritual and life journey with the people at Campbell.

Along with the greeters and the ushers, the Welcome Team members are ambassadors of the church, representing the best of Christ and our church! If you would like to be a part of this new ministry of welcome, please stop by the Welcome Table on any Sunday morning. If you are new in our church, do come by and say hello. We'd love to get to know you better. If you are an early bird and come early to church on Sunday morning, do stop by the Welcome Table to share a cup of coffee and some conversation. Welcome!

Christie Y. Huh

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SAVE THE DATE - MERRY MAYHEM December 7, 2013, 2-5 p.m.

Mark your calendars and get ready to join the "mayhem of the merry" with crafts, food, caroling and fellowship fun.

Do you have a wonderful Christmas or advent craft you can teach children, adults, or both to make? Let me know so we can set up your workshop!

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Pastor's Pen

Thank You! Salamat! Gracias! Kamsahamnida!

Two woman friends met after many years.

"Tell me," said one, "what happened to your son?"

"My son? The poor, poor lad!" sighed the other. "What an unfortunate marriage he made – to a girl who won't do a stitch of work in the house. She won't cook, she won't sew, she won't wash or clean. All she does is sleep and loaf and read in bed. The poor boy even has to bring her breakfast in bed, would you believe it?"

"That's awful! And what about your daughter?"

"Ah – now she's the lucky one! She married an angel. He won't let her do a thing in the house. He has servants to do the cooking and sewing and washing and cleaning. And each morning he brings her breakfast in bed, would you believe it? All she does is sleep for as long as she wishes and spend the rest of the day relaxing and reading in bed." [from Taking Flight by Anthony de Mello, p. 150]

November is the season of Thanksgiving. But often, we miss the opportunity to express our gratitude – because we get caught up in a world of comparisons. "Count your blessings, name them one by one," an old gospel says. If we did as the hymn suggests, the exercise would show that our lives are indeed already filled with God and God's gifts, so full that "my cup runneth over." The only thing left to do is to say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!"

A group was enjoying the music at a Chinese restaurant. Suddenly a soloist struck up a vaguely familiar tune; everyone recognized the melody but no one could remember its name. So they beckoned to the splendidly clad waiter and asked him to find out what the musician was playing. The waiter waddled across the floor, then returned with a look of triumph on his face and declared in a loud whisper, "Violin!" [De Mello, p. 71]

In this season of Thanksgiving, let us return our thanks to the Source of all our gifts – and not focus on the things that we have or not have. Let us remember that all that we have been given is entrusted to us to be used for other, so we too can be like the Universal Giver – extravagantly generous, reaching out to the least, the last, the lost and the lonely. May the blessings that come to us from the Source of our hearts flow seamlessly into our world, so others may see and give praise and thanksgiving to the Giver of all good gifts.

And Christie and I thank you, the community here at Campbell, for welcoming us into your midst during the past year. Thank you for being faithful by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Together, we will raise our voices in thanksgiving and praise to our gracious and generous God. Thank you, Lord! Merci! Xixie! Spacibo! Arigato! Danke!

Peace,

Pastor Paul



Welcome to Julie Lattin - Family Ministry Coordinator

On **October 13, 2013**, Julie Lattin - along with her husband Christopher and 5-year old son Will - was introduced to the congregation as the New Family Ministry Coordinator. We welcome the Lattin family to our church and look forward to knowing them better in the days ahead. Please pray for Julie and the entire Children's Ministry Council and the Sunday School as they begin a new chapter in the life of our church. Look for an article in next month's newsletter regarding the Lattin family. ❖

Henrietta Perdue Memorial Lecture Series

The Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers will be lecturing on *Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus* on **November 15-16, 2013** at Stone Church of Willow Glen, 1937 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose.

Lectures are: Friday Evening Lecture (7:30 to 9 pm) - From Galilean Sage to Supernatural Savior: (Or How I Became a Heretic with Help from Jesus)

First Saturday Morning Lecture (9 am) - God-Talk: How Quantum Physics is Redefining "Almighty"

Second Saturday Morning Lecture (11 am) -- The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus.

You can register at Stone Church or go to www.stonechurch.org. For more information, call 408-269-1593. ❖

Church Conference

CHURCH CONFERENCE, on **Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room.**

Every year, each United Methodist Church is required to hold an annual meeting to review and evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. It is sometimes called a "charge" conference (meaning the church is under a pastor's "charge"). These days

it is called the "church conference." While District Superintendents would usually preside over church conferences, in recent years, ordained elders have been assigned as presiders when there are no major issues facing the church. At the church conference, all professing members of the church are allowed to vote.



Following are the agenda items for the upcoming conference:

- 1) Recommend and renew any candidates for ministry and lay servants (formerly lay speakers) and certified lay ministers;
- 2) Receive reports from Volunteers in Mission teams
- 3) Set pastoral compensation for 2014
- 4) Receive and act on the membership report
- 5) Elect leaders (which we already did at a church conference in June)

All members are invited to come and celebrate our ministry - hope to see you there. ❖

50+ Holiday Fun

All are invited to join 50+ seniors group on **Monday, December 16 at 12 noon** for a docent guided tour of the historic Ainsley House in downtown Campbell.

All fifteen rooms will be decorated by local designers, decorators, florists, and volunteers who will transform the Tudor style house into a holiday wonderland. In addition, holiday gifts, ornaments, and decorations will be for sale in the Ainsley House Boutique.

After the tour, we can have lunch at one of the several eating places within easy walking distance.

The cost of the tour is \$6 for seniors and \$8 for adults (payable on the day of the tour). Please sign up at coffee hour on December 1 or December 8, or by calling Susan Sargent at 408 378-1232, so that the Ainsley folks can plan on the number of docents for our group. ❖

Thank You Ed Ayers!

When we were making plans for a new organ in 1993, our organist was the very talented Ed Ayers. Ed worked with our consultant, Dr. Roger Nyquist to plan the specifications for the organ. That means that he had lots of input in planning all of the different kinds of sounds which we wanted for our new instrument. The result is a beautifully balanced and voiced instrument with lots of amazing sound colors. Ed, sadly, died at a very young age. We will be eternally grateful to him for his role in planning for our new instrument.

Carolyn Pryor, former Director of Music ❖

from the Editor:

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Revision is in process for procedures for the newsletter.

Next month's deadline of November 6, is earlier to give more time for editing, copyfitting and copy editing. This will be one of the new changes.

Communications Team is also looking for a volunteer Content Editor.

If interested, contact Andrew Reynolds, areynoldsre@gmail.com.

Articles should be submitted in plain text, between 500-750 words or less.

Thank you, Heather Reynolds ❖



Methodist Connection

United Methodist Women



Tea With A Purpose

The other day I got to thinking, just exactly how did United Methodist Women (UMW) get started? Well, it all began back in 1869. Now, this was at a time when women were legally classified as “chattel”; they were considered “legally dead, non-persons”. Even here in the US, there were little services available to women because of prejudice and limitation of cultural attitudes in the

church and in society. However, six women battled a major snow storm to hear two wives of missionaries speak of the plight of the women in India. Apparently, in India, women were not able to receive any medical care. All the doctors were men, and men were not allowed to treat women. Even education for girls was almost non-existent. Female medical staff and educators for girls were desperately needed in India. After learning of India’s plight, these six Methodist women met a second time. They wrote a constitution and organized the Methodist Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society, a very early precursor to our current day United Methodist Women. In just a few short months, these women were able to raise enough money to send a female medical doctor and a female educator to aid in the needs of these under-served women.

And that is how UMW works. We hear of someone or some organization who needs spotlighting and we step up to aid. In the last year, we have served both locally and abroad with our monthly love gift to a myriad of organizations. We have donated to Next Door Solution, layette kits for Valley Med, Silicon Valley FACES, Catholic Charities (Friends Outside), Partners in Reading, UNICEF, as well as Save the Children. And one of our favorite organizations has been Turning Wheels for Kids. To that end, this year’s beneficiary of our annual UMW Membership Tea on Sunday, October 13, 2013 was Turning Wheels for Kids.

Sue Runsvold, founder of Turning Wheels, spoke to the 70 attendees of the tea, explaining how she decided to start the organization and some heartfelt stories of recipients. Apparently, in 2003, Sue decided to donate some toys to Toys for Tots. She took her grandchildren with her to a local toy store and asked them, “Of all the toys in the store, what would be the best gift for children in need.” They spoke loud and clear ... BIKES. So, though she didn’t have a lot of money, she bought what she could. The bikes were received well. The next year, she and some of her friends from her work did it again. This time they were able to significantly increase the number of bikes. Word spread and here she is, ten years later, watching her organization grow beyond her wildest dream. She has already ordered \$300,000 worth of bikes for this year’s Bicycle Build in December. That’s almost 4,000 bikes. According to Sue, every penny that is donated goes directly to purchasing bikes. If there are any other incidentals needed, she has private donors pick up the expense or gets things donated.

Though we weren’t able to erase her entire \$300,000 bill for her bike orders this year, thanks to the extreme generosity of the beautiful women who attended our tea, we were able to help reduce her debt by an even \$1,000. Thanks to all who attended and to all who donated.

Hope to see you soon at the next UMW meeting. You will be warmly welcomed.

Lou Woodburycattott, Membership Tea ❖



BOOK REVIEW

BY SUSAN JONES

Permission to Speak Freely

by Anne Jackson

Category: *Spiritual Growth, Youth*
Pages: 191

Rating: *** stars

This book written by Anne tells of her turmoil with her brokenness. She is very candid about her struggles with her faith, church, family and looking for love at a very young age. She talks about things many people are afraid to talk about, especially to other members of their church. Early in Anne’s life, she becomes involved with a youth pastor who is older than she is. For obvious reasons this does not work out and leaves her scared and depressed. She leads you through a heartfelt story of her recovery and how she started *Permission to Speak Freely*.

This is an excellent book for those who are struggling in their lives with church, addictions or just knowing you are not alone.

“There is redemption and freedom that occurs when darkness is forced into the light, sometimes disguised as awkwardly spoken words. Somebody is waiting on you to tell your story. To share how you’re being rescued. To share how scary it is but how beautiful it is. So take a step. Confess the beautiful and broken. It happens one word at a time” Anne Jackson

Susan Jones ❖

CARE-A-VANERS

CARE-A-VANERS AT SHASTA METHODIST CAMP

Over the week of September 8th, twenty-three Care-A-Vaners prepared Shasta Methodist Camp for the winter. Campbell UMC attendees were Jim Laflin, Dave and Susan Sargent, and Marv and Ina Tanner. There was a long list of work items, but the major job of all was not on that list. After the Pavilion was dedicated last year, the camp has been working towards having a fire-fighting water system utilizing the existing redwood emergency water tank way up the hill. Over the years the tank has developed many leaks. Rather than attempt to repair the tank, we decided to replace the tank with a 1500-gallon polyethylene tank. With donated funds from the Care-A-Vaners, two of our members drove to Redding to purchase and haul the 9-foot diameter tank back to camp on the back of their pickup. With the help of many, the tank was rolled, carried and lifted into place. As a final touch, the old redwood staves were banded to the tank so it still looks like a redwood water tank. Dave added four beams underneath to assure support for the tank. Susan helped clear debris left after demolishing the old water tank



Dave and Jim also neatly stored the large beams from the old dome platform that was taken down in June. Jim Laflin, using his "witching rods", located the underground leaking water pipe between the water tank and the proposed fire hydrant. Next year's project will be to repair or replace that broken water line.



Another major job was to split logs for firewood. Several women (men excluded) spent five days splitting logs. The cut rounds were moved to the hydraulic splitter. Even three break downs of the splitter did not deter the volunteer's zeal. Susan and others moved and stacked a whole lot of split wood, both at the splitter and behind the Caretaker's cabin. Susan also helped load and unload wood in the camp pick-up truck several times.



A perennial job was to thoroughly clean Buckner Lodge and the three bathrooms up the hill (these are called Babylon and Upper Babylon). Ina helped in the lodge. The refrigerators were defrosted and cleaned. All the shelves were scrubbed to clean residue on the surfaces. Marv repaired the two badly worn steel-drum barbeques with rolled steel inserts he had ordered. Susan brought in all trail signs, nature trail numbers, and RV space numbers and then stored them for the winter.



This is our Campbell UMC team.
We would like you to join us.

Marvin and Ina Tanner
Dave and Susan Sargent

Circuit Writer



Emergency Services

Rev. Larry LaPiere

When I think of “Emergency Services” I think of ambulances, fire trucks and police cars racing to the scenes of various disasters. I think of a network of social workers and other people who stand ready to place children with foster parents or to provide shelter for a family in which there has been abuse. I even think of the physicians who were on call for emergencies at the VA hospital where I used to work.

I most definitely do not think of churches. Why not? Are we not in a position to provide emergency care to people who are in a spiritual crisis? I know that we talk about being kind, helpful and even loving to people in need. I don’t remember us discussing how to cope with people whose need for spiritual care has reached the crisis stage.

I raise this issue because of what I saw on the outer wall of Fellowship Hall Tuesday evening. There on the left as I headed for the parking lot was a sign that clearly said “Emergency Services.” I had just enough time to wonder what that had to do with Campbell UMC. Other than our pastors, who would we call on for care in a spiritual crisis?

For that matter, what IS a spiritual crisis? The writer of the letter of James came to mind as I pondered that question. In chapter 5:13-16 he wrote, “Are any among you suffering? They should pray. . . . Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.”¹

If we are spiritual beings, and I take

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it as a given that each of us is spiritual, then the local Church ought to provide “Emergency Services” — especially in times of spiritual crises. A spiritual crisis may be any situation in which our sense of being connected to and loved by God and/or God’s Church is stressed, damaged or destroyed.

How do we help in these situations? We can call those who are frightened by whatever circumstances they are facing, and we can offer to visit them. If they are not ready for a visit, we can ask if they would like us to pray for them over the phone. I’ve prayed with many people over the phone. There are others of us who are dying and would like to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion with a few friends/family. What about those who are grieving because of divorce or abuse? Campbell UMC already sends several people to visit those in prison. That is a good example of ministry to people who are likely to be in spiritual crisis. We also send visitors to the homebound. Are there other situations in which the Church should come to the aid of those who are in spiritual crisis or need?

Rev. Larry LaPiere ✦



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2013

CARTOON CORNER



CARE GIVERS MINISTRIES

Within a week or two new care receivers and some twelve care givers will be matched for this ministry at Campbell UMC. Care Givers were first trained and then commissioned on November 12, 1989. Two of those first half-dozen lay care-ministers are still active in the program: Darlene Dyer and Connie Wellington.

We thank them for their many years of faithful service.

If you would like to have on-going and regular contact with a care giver, please let us know. Or if you are aware of someone in our congregation who would benefit from a care giver to talk with, please let us know. Call (408) 378-3472, or email Claudia (claudia.slayman@gmail.com ; Ellen (eadroke@aol.com) or Pastor Paul (luke.x.27@gmail.com) to refer or discuss care giving. Our care givers offer compassionate listening, an on-going relationship, confidentiality, and Christian friendship.

Recently in a Sunday worship service Pastor Paul included a litany of presentation of symbols and sacraments of the church, signifying the ministry of both clergy and laity. I would like to lift up another symbol, that of a shepherd’s crook, which reminds us of pastoral care. In our church this work is shared with pastor and lay caregivers. We hope that you will want to be a part of this vital ministry, through participation as giver or receiver, and in prayer for those who care for each other.

Many in our church already care for neighbors, friends, family and other members of the congregation. You, too, are a strong link in sharing Christian love with others. Thank you for your faithful service.

Ellen Droke ✦



In the COMMUNITY



Joining in the Crusade to Stop Hunger

Imagine an orphanage or village where children are literally dying from hunger...

Now imagine being an active participant in an effort to fight hunger! Campbell United Methodist Church is proud to have partnered for a second time with Stop Hunger Now, an organization that provides a means to get nourishment to children in the direst of situations throughout the world. Their vision is “a world without hunger,” and their mission is “to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world’s most vulnerable and by creating a global commitment to mobilize the necessary resources.”

In September, Campbell UMC hosted an interfaith, intergenerational event where diverse groups could unite for a common cause -- stopping hunger! Volunteers learned that one billion people struggle with hunger or hunger-related illnesses each day, which breaks down to one person in seven. And that breaks down to 25,000 preventable deaths each day. Of those 25,000 deaths, half will be children under the age of 5.

To help win the war on hunger-related illnesses and deaths, Stop Hunger Now provided all the necessary elements to prepare food packets, and Campbell UMC provided the space and the volunteers. Youth and elders, Christian and Muslim, all worked side-by-side combining measured

amounts of soy protein, dehydrated vegetables, rice, and vitamins and minerals especially engineered for malnourished bodies. When added with water, one package of these ingredients constitutes six nourishing one-cup meals. These basic staples and necessary nutrients can allow a child to live another day.

“How many times in your life do you get to do something that will impact several thousand people?” asks Franklin Bondonno, chair of Campbell UMC’s Church and Society Committee, the event organizer. “The knowledge that hungry people will be full, and that I’m able to have a part in it, is wonderful.”

This activity provided ample opportunities for chatting and getting to know each other better. And Campbell UMC’s youth, from young children to teenagers, were out in force, smiling and working hard and fast to pack the food. Audrey Twilleager, one of the enthusiastic teens who helped assemble the ingredients, explains why this volunteer effort is a “fantastic” experience: “People have the opportunity to work towards a larger goal -- and have fun doing it! It’s incredible to see so many people come together for such a short period of time and accomplish so much. I really appreciate the opportunity, especially since I am only 16. I would participate again any day.”

With lively music motivating the volunteers to keep up the pace and

show off their dance moves at times, packet after packet of nutritious meals were assembled, weighed, sealed, and packed. And each time 1,000 meals were completed, the thunderous tones of a gong would prompt everyone to pause and celebrate with applause and rambunctious cheers. At the end of two hours, the tenth gong tones reverberated throughout the hall, proclaiming that the volunteers had completed 10,152 meals, exceeding Campbell UMC’s goal of 10,000.

Participants left feeling fulfilled, satisfied in the knowledge that a mere few hours of their time made a significant and very real contribution toward stopping hunger. It was also heartening to know the meal just packed would be distributed directly to children and families who need it most, wherever that might be. And perhaps one of the bags they packed might be the meal that would extend a child’s life. Imagine that...

Church and Society wishes to thank all the volunteers who came out to pack food and also the Van Sickle Endowment Committee, whose kind generosity enabled this worthwhile interfaith event. Please visit the Stop Hunger Now gallery <http://tinyurl.com/lyvnzcg> for more photographs.

Gail Jacobs,
Church & Society ❖



INMATE ART CAPTIVATES THE CROWD!

Stunning! Incredible! Beautiful!
Wow! These exclamations may still be reverberating within the Halls of Justice as they were echoed over and over again by visitors who attended the opening of *Transformation: Art from Within*, an exhibit displaying a collection of artwork created by women and men incarcerated at the Elmwood Correctional Facility in Milpitas.



Visitors lingered beside each piece of art, absorbing each description and every word written by the inmates, seemingly hesitant to move on and leave the art behind. The more than 200 people who came to see the art were visibly moved by what they saw. It's hard not to have a preconceived notion of what the art might look like -- simplistic, rudimentary -- basically something produced by a non-artist. But what was hanging on the walls of the Santa Clara County Hall of Justice was anything but elementary. Many of the visitors were caught off-guard by the emotions that arose within them as they wiped away their tears.

The guests got to know the artists as each piece revealed the inmates' innermost thoughts, hopes, and prayers. Visitors marveled at the maturity, depth and soul of the pieces. Art aficionados commented that several of the pieces were museum quality. Many were in awe and described the works as "phenomenal," "extraordinary," and "stunning." And others simply had no words...

The remarkable art installation was just a representation of the hundreds of art pieces created by the inmates.

Campbell United Methodist Church's Art and Spirit Ministry team has been leading classes at the jail for more than two years. The team is able to offer this unique ministry thanks to the support and guidance of CIC (Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy) Ministries and the passion, dedication, vision and creative leadership of Campbell UMC's Elaine Bondonno.

Elaine describes *Transformation: Art from Within* as "an exhibit that affirms how art enables incarcerated men and women to tap into their humanity, their spirit and their gifts. Recognizing the dignity of their humanity, and the commonalities we share, is essential for the incarcerated. The art and writing show there is more to them than their crime. Their work exhibits introspection, promise and hope."

Chaplain Louann Roberts, CIC Ministries, has worked with Elaine and the team tirelessly. She states the Art and Spirit Ministry "helps the incarcerated men and women who created these beautiful pieces to have the opportunity in jail to become better than they were before their incarceration -- more confident, more faith-filled and more hope-filled for their future and the future of their families."

Elaine believes the Ministry enriches the spiritual and creative lives of the incarcerated. "Art is the vehicle that offers opportunities to learn skills necessary for life within and outside of jail," she says. "Each piece has been created in community by a diverse group of inmates. One of the skills we're trying to demonstrate is working together as a team and then taking those skills with them when they are released from jail. The return of these inmates to the community calls us to provide programs which instill other, more spiritual and loving ways to live." The inmates themselves have noted that community art has encouraged cooperation, unity and peace within the facility.



At the event, Elaine stated, "It is astounding what comes from people when they perceive their own humanity, and doing art as a focus is one way to achieve that. Art takes people to a different place -- it allows self-expression; it teaches skills people didn't know they had."

Creating beautiful works of art has brought vibrant colors into a drab, achromatic environment. It also has allowed the inmates to tap into their creative side; to make them aware of their assets, to increase their sense of self-worth. Having these inner resources to draw upon provides ways to better cope with current or future situations. The inmates themselves have noted that community art has encouraged cooperation, unity and peace within the facility.



But this art exhibit also gave the general public insight into the nameless, the faceless, the forgotten -- the incarcerated. Several visitors took the opportunity to create a prayer flag, writing messages of love and hope for the inmates. The art restored a personal identity to the "invisible" and gave them a voice -- and they were heard. Several visitors commented that the art provided them with the ability to relate to the inmates -- to see the common humanity and spirit we all share -- and to know that transformation is indeed possible. Volunteer Gillian Harrington noted, "With this art exhibit, the women and men certainly sent their

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messages of hope and grace out to the world, and not just on prayer flags."



Campbell UMC's Art and Spirit Ministry team and CIC Ministries wish to acknowledge and thank the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara for hosting the exhibition and to the Office of the Sheriff for providing their generous support. Also, deep appreciation is expressed for all those who allow this ministry to continue through their financial support: the Van Sickle Endowment Committee, the California Nevada Annual Conference Advocacy and Justice Committee, who awarded a Peace with Justice Grant, and the many individuals who have provided contributions of money and art supplies.

More visitors' comments are available on "Voices of the Visitors." <http://tinyurl.com/m7qpsea>. And you can tour the photo gallery <http://tinyurl.com/m2wpcf9r>, or watch a video <https://vimeo.com/73337121>, to see the amazing variety of art produced by the inmates: from prayer flags to the three-panel "More than Stripes;" from peace cards to a stunning weaving; and from thoughtful Haiku poetry to the uplifting "Metamorphosis," whose genesis was pages from the California Penal Code -- and so much more! Transformation: Art from Within will be on display at San Jose's main civil courthouse at 191 N. First Street, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The exhibit will continue to be available for viewing as it moves throughout several local venues in the coming months.

Gail Jacobs, Communications Team ❖

HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"



Panels Tell the Story

Eight panels, symbolizing 125 years of our church history, now hang on the side walls of the Sanctuary. The "1900's" panel shows our second church building.

The flood of 1911 severely damaged the foundation and partial basement of the first building. The congregation voted to build on a new site at the northwest corner of Campbell Avenue and First Street. Eulah Blaine, writing in our 100 year history, notes "Here again Mary Lewis starred with her intelligent planning and design. She suggested moving the upper portion of the church to the new site, using it for Sunday School and social hall, and adding to it a new 200 seat auditorium, with a church office on the south side and a primary room on the east. It was accepted by the church architect, Wilson J. Wythe of Oakland, but with a few technical changes...It was completed by the end of 1911 at a total cost of \$8,868.50, and dedicated in January 1912."

Who was Wilson J. Wythe and how did he come to design the church? An internet search finds him listed in various San Francisco-Oakland directories (1906, 1912, 1920), and as the architect of the New Oak Park Methodist Church in Sacramento, built in 1942. Was he related to J.H. Wythe, who was the minister here from 1901 to 1903? We just don't know. ❖

WOODSHOP OPENS AT BRIGHT DAYS!

After two years of fund raising and a year of construction, the Bright Days Woodshop opened for our young students on September 4, 2013. The woodshop provides the children with an opportunity to express their creative and constructive talents while they gain mastery at using typical wood shop hand tools like a hammer, drill and saw. All tools are sized for children, which enable their small hands to use them effectively and appropriately.



Children are offered an array of materials to create their masterpieces in the wood shop – everything from corks to buttons, scrap material to craft sticks and bottle caps to foam shapes. We have an assortment of wood scraps that the children use to construct the layers of their projects, attaching the pieces by hammering nails or applying wood glue.

Constructing a wood shop has been a long-time dream of Teacher Janice Schlager, who has worked with young children at Bright Days Preschool since it first opened its doors in 1994. We all know how much children enjoy working alongside adults in everyday projects around the house. At times, adults can wonder how much ‘help’ their small helpers are providing! So offering children an opportunity to design and create their own projects, with authentic tools and materials, allows children to have complete ownership of their new creations. Besides learning and perfecting their skills for using wood working tools, the children gain confidence, learn through trial and error and experience the inner feelings of joy and accomplishment that come through working with our hands.

The woodshop is often a busy area, with the sound of hammering ringing through the playground. The fact that we went through our entire supply of wood scraps in the first two weeks of school is evidence of how well the woodshop is being used for the children’s creative expression! I overheard a conversation between two parents as one admired the finished product of her child, “Look how many nails he added to his project! I remember his first one only had a single nail!”



We have Jim Genereux to thank for construction of the patio overhang that protects our woodshop from rainy weather and for constructing the cabinets used to store the woodshop materials. Jim tiled the cabinets in an array of colors, using tiles created with children’s artwork and colorful, complimentary tiles. Thank you, Jim, for bringing the woodshop to life!

We have the Campbell UMC and Bright Days communities to thank for supporting our fundraising events in past years. The earnings from our Silent Auction in 2011 and 2012 were used to pay for the construction of the woodshop. Thank you to the entire community for your continued support!

Bright Days Preschool - Now Enrolling!

Bright Days Preschool, a ministry of Campbell UMC, serves children ages from age 2 through the year before kindergarten. Our classes offer children opportunities for engaging with their peers in developmentally appropriate and creative activities. We are a half-day program, working to create a rich learning environment for our young children while fostering caring and compassionate relationships between peers, staff and parents. We invite you to share news of our program with family, friends and neighbors. Individual tours are available at your convenience and can be scheduled by calling the school office at 408-378-8422. We appreciate your support in spreading the word!

Mary Smith, Bright Days Director ❖



You're Invited to Join

The 4th & 5th Grade Fellowship Group

At Campbell United Methodist Church!

Do you like hanging out with friends and doing fun activities such as...?

Visiting a Pumpkin Patch

Playing Mini Golf

Jumping at Skyhigh

Playing Minute-to-Win-it Games

Volunteering for Community Service Projects

Watching Movies

Mark your Calendar for the 2013-14 Dates:

- November 10th
- December TBD,
- January 12th, 2014
- February 9th
- March 9th
- April 13th
- May 18th

We will typically meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Asbury Room within the Education Building. However, the time may vary based on the activity.

For more information, please contact co-leaders: Amy Peterson: Amy_L_Peterson@yahoo.com • 408-712-7986 or Geoff Pilling: geoffpilling@yahoo.com • 408-247-3477

We hope you can join us!!!

UMYF TALKING "LISTEN UP"

UMYF CALENDAR 2013

Sunday, November 3

High School - Paint Ball
Time TBA

Middle School - Pinball Museum
Time TBA

Sunday, November 10

Creek Clean Up
11:30 to 1:00

Sunday, November 17

ABC Dinner
Time TBA

Sat/Sun., Nov. 23 or 24

MOVIE NIGHT - Time TBA



SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT

SUMMER 2014

Campbell UMC is planning on sending a group of youth to a Sierra Service Project (SSP) in the summer of 2014. This trip is open to youth that are currently in 8th - 12th grades. If you missed the kick-off meeting on October 20th and have a youth interested in attending please contact Jennifer Norris at jennifernorris@gmail.com as soon as possible. Our reservation needs to be in November 1, 2013.

SSP is a Christian non-profit organization that provides youth the opportunities to serve Native American and urban communities through acts of repairing homes and facilities. We want to include as many youth as possible in this life-changing experience.

Melinda Knepp, Youth Coordinator ♦



You're Invited to:



The 3rd Annual CUMC and New Creations UMC Autumn Festival

Sunday, October 27
5:00-7:00pm

Fun for the Whole Family!

Costume Parade, Hotdogs, Pizza, Candy, Crafts,
& Games for all ages

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Building social justice
Providing loving, welcoming
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- for Christ and the world.

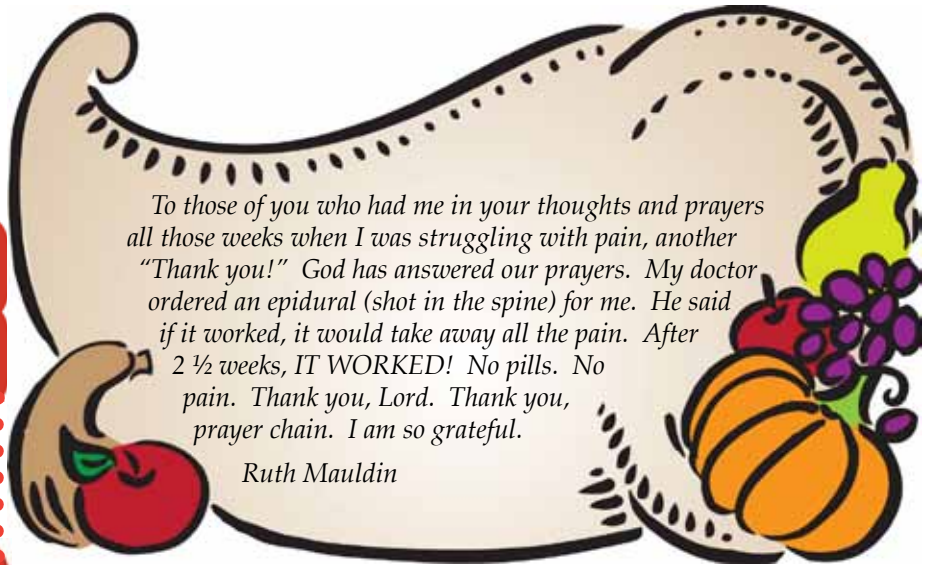
from
the **Heart**

It is an amazing lifetime experience when you do something that you truly enjoy doing and are rewarded by a dozen red roses and a mini-concert in your own home. That's exactly what happened to me. Joy abounds where love abounds where music abounds.



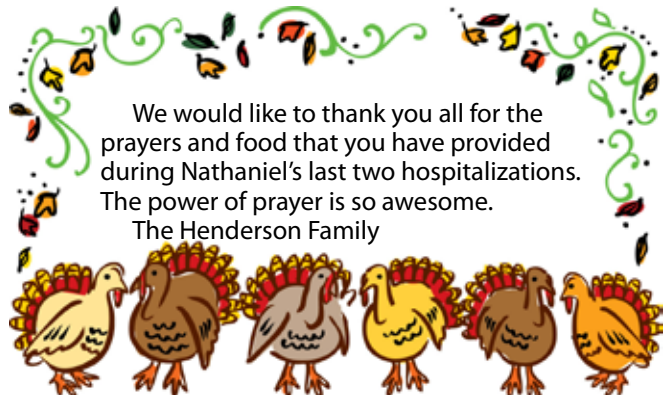
I'd like to thank everyone for the joy and the pleasure I am getting from the visits, the cards, the prayers and ... the excellent soup.

Jan Grodeon



To those of you who had me in your thoughts and prayers all those weeks when I was struggling with pain, another "Thank you!" God has answered our prayers. My doctor ordered an epidural (shot in the spine) for me. He said if it worked, it would take away all the pain. After 2 ½ weeks, IT WORKED! No pills. No pain. Thank you, Lord. Thank you, prayer chain. I am so grateful.

Ruth Mauldin



We would like to thank you all for the prayers and food that you have provided during Nathaniel's last two hospitalizations. The power of prayer is so awesome.
The Henderson Family