

Campbell



CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH, 2014

Message from the Church Council

In this time of shock and sadness it is important to remember that the programs and operations of Campbell United Methodist Church (Campbell UMC) will continue without the wonderful leadership of Pastor Paul. We are blessed with a great professional and organized staff.

Campbell UMC also has a strong church membership with a history of answering many challenges over the last 125 years of the church's existence. Many of you are already stepping up to make sure the church continues to function smoothly. I thank you for your contribution of precious time and God given talents.

We are being supported by the Annual Conference and Bishop Brown has tasked District Superintendent, Rev Kristie Olah, to assist us through this period. For a while, Sunday services will be diversified with a variety of guest preachers leading us in worship and helping us to grieve. Let's embrace those different styles and viewpoints.

I sat down with Pastor Paul before the last Church Council meeting and he shared with me his vision for the year ahead. It involved a happy, faith-seeking congregation based in love and prayer. I am certain that we will be working together to make Paul's vision a reality.

Bruce Hallinan
Chair, Church Council

Condolences from Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted" (Matthew 5:4)



I am saddened to share with you the sudden death of our brother in Christ, Rev. Paul Kim, pastor of Campbell United Methodist Church. Paul suffered an aneurysm unexpectedly.

Paul is a clergy member of the Greater New Jersey Annual Conference and has served Campbell since Advent of 2012.

Prior to Campbell, Paul served First United Methodist Church of Sunnyvale, United Methodist Church of Little Falls, New Jersey (2004-2011), First United Methodist Church of Ridgefield, New Jersey (1994-2004), Hanul Church of the Compassionate Christ, New York City (1989-1991), Korean Church of the Bronx, Bronx, New York (1984-1986), and Korean Community Church of New Jersey, Tenafly, New Jersey (1980-1982).

Fluent in seven languages (Koine Greek, Biblical Hebrew, Classical Chinese, German, French, Korean, and Spanish), he earned a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Princeton Theological Seminary, a M.Div. in Church and Society from the same institution, and a B.A. in English Literature from Bethany Bible College.

Paul is survived by his wife of 29

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years, Dr. Christie Huh. They moved to California in 2011 from the East Coast driving across the continental United States and Canada in their Prius visiting 20 states and 15 national parks, along with their shit tzu, Evie.

Please keep Christie and the rest of the Kim family in your thoughts and prayers throughout the next days, week, and months ahead.

Grace and Peace
Warner H. Brown, Jr.
Resident Bishop

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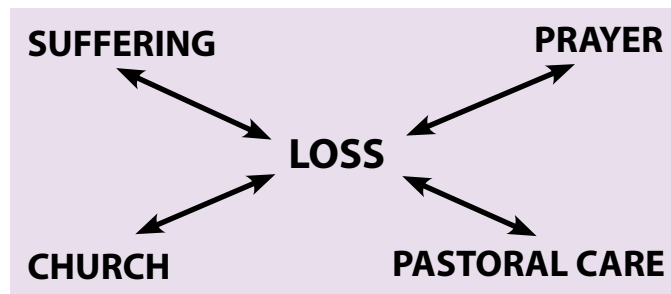
As We Grieve for Pastor Paul

LOSS and GRIEF BEST CARED FOR in COMMUNITY

In New England we often heard the expression, "Laugh, and the world laughs with you. Cry and you cry alone." While not always true, we ought to listen to the implied warning. Not everyone wants to hear about our grief. Nor do most of us want to share it with just anyone. But we need people who care enough about us to listen.

Myron Madden, former head chaplain at Southern Baptist Medical Center in Baton Rouge, LA, made this point at a seminar in Bangor, Maine in 1979. He told us that we need to tell our story when we have undergone a loss. In fact, we need to tell it until we don't feel the need to tell it again. Madden emphasized that it can take a long time and quite a number of retelling of our story to get to that point. Sadly, there are often too few people who are willing to listen to our stories, especially of death and other profound losses, for us to finally be able to not have to speak of our stories again.

Perhaps it would help to understand how we can share the experience of grief by considering the following diagram. I created it as a way to appreciate how the Church can be part of healing our grief. Imagine arrows connecting "LOSS" with each of the four factors in the corners. Loss is unavoidable. Suffering is hard to escape. The other three factors may help if we at least share our story and perhaps our feelings.



Our loss, especially when it is an unexpected or tragic loss, can become the center of our lives for some time. The emotional, spiritual, relational and even physical suffering can be intense. We may or may not want to pray. We may or may not want the Church members or the (interim) pastor to visit or even to speak to us of our loss.

However, the Church community and the pastor can still pray. They can call to ask if we are up to a visit. The pastor or a Caregiver can bring us Holy Communion as part of a visit. They can act in response to our suffering even when we aren't ready to discuss it. In that way the Church shares, if only to a limited extent, the burden of our loss.

We are, in fact, a covenant people. That means that we travel together with God leading us much as the Israelites travelled 40 years with God to reach the Promised Land. One way to picture this is to imagine all five of these factors surrounded by a sphere of God's love. It's a way to show that no suffering occurs outside of the compassion, sustaining and healing power of God's love.

Rev. Larry LaPierre



Women's Lenten Study

A Women's study and discussion group of the book, *A Tree Full of Angels, Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary* by Macrina Wiederkehr, will begin on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 and end April 15, 2014. The class meets in the Fireside Room from 11:30 am to 12:30 p.m. Feel free to bring a sack lunch and enjoy the opportunity for fellowship to share, or just to listen, as we explore this book during the Lenten Season.



The book can be easily found on Amazon. For additional information, contact Brenda Schirle at: Schirle9238@yahoo.com or Jane LaPierre at : cirrider@att.net.

Brenda Schirle ❖

125th Celebration Continues

Pastor Paul envisioned a special way in which to continue to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Campbell United Methodist Church: A Birthday Party for all those in the congregation who are 80 years old or more!



This includes everyone who WILL CELEBRATE their 80th birthday during 2014! He actually called it "The 80+, 90+ and 100+

Birthday Party!"

He especially asked to have a photograph taken of this special group of folk, on the sanctuary steps.

Please join in this celebration in the Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, March 30, 2014 at 11:15 a.m.**, shortly after worship.

All honorees (anyone who is eighty

or more, including anyone turning eighty in 2014), please plan to be in worship on Sunday, March 30th.

Immediately following worship, please go to the front of the sanctuary, where a group photo will be taken. Please be sure to RSVP your attendance to Claudia Slayman at (408) 460-3913, or claudia.slayman@gmail.com

Everyone else is invited to bring already plated finger foods/ appetizers (no dessert) to be shared. Birthday Cake and punch will be provided! Please bring your appetizer to the church kitchen before worship.

If you are able to help with set up, decorations or with clean up following the party, please contact Claudia at (408) 460-3913, or claudia.slayman@gmail.com ❖

Missions Commission Update

Update on Christmas Giving and CROP Walk from Missions Commission.

Alternative Gift Faire

Thanks to all those who participated in the Alternative Gift Faire, Campbell UMC raised over \$4,400 -- Here are the worthy causes your contributions will help:

Church World Service	\$140
Heifer Project	\$1,430
Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley	\$100
Habitat for Humanity	
Silicon Valley	\$1,570
Family Supportive Housing	\$270
EMQ Families First	\$290
Bright Days Scholarship Fund	\$15
Sierra Service Project	\$5
Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors	\$225
Second Harvest Food Bank	\$100
Philippines Typhoon Haiyan	\$260
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,405

The Missions Commission says "THANKS!"

Giving Tree Christmas Gifts for Children

The congregation's support of gifts to needy and underprivileged children this Christmas was fantastic. The Salvation Army picked up 220 individual Christmas gifts!

South Bay CROP Hunger Walk – Sunday April 6

Mark your calendars for the **South Bay CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, April 6**. Please contact Charlie Slayman at 408-603-6276, or cslayman@gmail.com if you are interested in signing up for the walk or donating to a walker.

Charlie Slayman, Missions Commission ❖

2013 Financial Totals

A big THANK YOU to everyone who responded in December with a financial gift to the church. Thanks to your generous support, we ended December slightly over our budget expectation for income (budget was \$69,785 and our actual income was \$70,177!)

	Dec. Actual	Dec. Budget
Pledges	35,590	42,000
Non-Pledge		
Giving	12,334	9,000
Plate Cash	687	700
Sunday Sch	11	10
Christmas Offering	15,911	12,000
SCRIP	582	750
Thanksgiving	575	1,000
Rentals, interest, other	4,487	4,325
TOTAL	70,177	69,785

Our total annual income was \$505,690, less than our budget of \$519,000, but our expenses came in under budget at \$493,574, thanks to savings in personnel.

Barbara Wade ❖

SCRIP NEEDS YOU!

Please consider supporting the church by purchasing scrip during



February 9th was a difficult and emotional day, yet a day of blessing and grace as well.

From the perfectly coordinated worship service, to the loving and affirming memorial service, the generous outpouring of help setting up and cleaning up the reception, and to the last ones turning off the dishwasher, the congregation stepped up to the plate and succeeded beyond measure.

Hearts and souls were poured into every detail, help was offered with such love, that the day was truly a testament to the strength of community. And it was a wonderful tribute to Pastor Paul.

Thank you, every one of you! To quote our own Evelyn Buck, "Ya done good!"

Barbara Wade ❖

I am writing on behalf of my sister, Christie Huh, to thank you for the incredibly moving memorial service for Pastor Paul Kim. She was very uplifted and comforted by your church community's love and kindness during this time. It was very powerful for her to hear all of your stories about Pastor Paul and she is so glad to learn all the many ways he was a witness of God's grace at this time. So thank you - she was much strengthened by your encouragement. She will be spending some time with her sisters for a little while, but she will return to Campbell in the near future. Please continue to keep her in your prayers as she discerns God's will for her and seeks a new job.

Thank you again for coming and for all your compassion.

Rinna Chun ❖



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SCRIP NEEDS YOU!

fellowship time, registering for escrip so a donation is made every time you shop at Safeway, Gene's and Lunardi's or go through escrip.com when shopping online to generate funds for Campbell UMC.

There is no additional cost to you just a few minutes of your time- stop by the scrip table to learn how you can help. ❖



Care Giving

We are grieving, for the loss of Pastor Paul, for the loss of new hope in ministry with him.

We are grieving, for unwanted changes, for abandonment again.

We are grieving, for so much is unknown. And the unknown is a scary place.

We are listening, we are talking, we are sharing our fears and maybe our hopes.

Merciful God, look upon your little United Methodist Church in Campbell once more with kindness in our hour of need. We humbly ask that you will bless our efforts to listen to each other, reach out in love to all, lift up the broken hearted, and encourage those who seem to have lost enthusiasm in their faith.

We are especially bound together as we seek to find new pathways of ministry. May common mission bring us new strength to serve and to witness your love in our communities and to the wider world. Hear our prayers, O Lord. Amen.

Ellen Droke

Care Giving Ministries ❖



United Methodist Women



BOOK REVIEW by Jane LaPierre

GRACE AND GRIT by Lilly Ledbetter (2013)

This book recounts Lilly Ledbetter's years of struggle to keep her supervisor's job at the Goodyear plant in Alabama as well as her many years of litigation that her struggle entailed. She fought for equal pay and to be treated with fairness on the job as a woman. She brought her case all the way to the Supreme Court of the United States. Her husband is a devout Christian, and he supported her efforts. Lilly tells of moments for which she is thankful to God, but she does not tell us about her spiritual journey. She deals with severe stress and depression during this extended ordeal.

I recommend this book to anyone interested in the still ongoing struggle for equal treatment for women in our country.

Jane LaPierre, Campbell UMW ❖



**MARCH 1, 2014
AT 5:30 P.M.**

All-you-can-eat crab, salad, pasta, garlic bread and delicious dessert table and chocolate fountain.

Silent auction • Costume contest • Live entertainment by Westmont High School Jazz Band • \$45 per person, \$10 per child (12 and under).

This event will be held at Campbell United Methodist Church, 1675 Winchester Blvd., Campbell in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets can still be purchased from: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/567463>

Do not miss this fund-raiser for Campbell United Methodist Church.

More information at:

www.campbellunited.org

www.facebook.com/campbellunited.org



In the COMMUNITY

Help Second Harvest Distribute Food to our Neighbors in Need



On the second Wednesday of each month, Campbell United Methodist Church serves as a distribution point for Second Harvest Food Bank. A large truck filled with donated food and fresh produce is unpacked and set up for volunteers to distribute to low-income families with minor children under 18 years old. From 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., volunteers help set up tables, unload and bring food inside the Fellowship Hall, bag produce, distribute food, and clean up. This activity is a great opportunity for volunteers to have direct contact with Second Harvest's clients!

If you are in good physical condition, enjoy the face-to-face contact this activity provides, and your schedule allows, consider volunteering for this fast-paced activity. Volunteers 14 years old and up can simply show up if you'd like to help. Contact the church office for

a volunteer agreement (18 years and older). If you have a group of five or more who would like to volunteer, please contact Osvaldo Maldonado (omaldonado@shfb.org or 408-694-0023) to register the group. Second Harvest is typically in need of an additional 15 workers at Campbell UMC each month and would appreciate you joining the volunteer team!

Thank you.

Gail Jacobs, Church & Society ♦



Rosemary Elementary School

Thank you Campbell UMC for such a generous, unexpected gift of over \$350! We much appreciate your ongoing support of our school.

We will use the money to support a study trip for our third grade to the Campbell History museum.

Principal Brian Schmaedick and the Rosemary Community

Thanks for Pointsettias

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful flower that Dave Sargent brought to me. We are enjoying it every day!

Love, Marilyn and John Rhoades

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the Christmaas Pointsettia. Also thank Alice Orth for delivering it on Christmas Day! It is still in perfect condition and I am enjoying it every day. I appreciate all you do for me.

With Love, Margueritte Howell

Thank You for the beautiful Pointsettia that Carol Griffith delivered.

Karen Clapes

HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

125th Anniversary Sanctuary Panels - Tell the Story

Eight panels, symbolizing 125 years of our church history, recently hung on the sidewalls of our Sanctuary. The 1970s panel shows the footprint of Wesley Manor, our 12 story next-door neighbor.

In the 1970s, Methodists from the Santa Clara church formed the Santa Clara Methodist Retirement Foundation (SCMRF). SCMRF was responsible for the construction of Liberty Tower in Santa Clara, a low income senior housing project federally funded by the Housing and Urban Renewal Department (HUD).

Wesley Manor was the second senior housing project built under the auspices of SCMRF. In July, 1977, a special Campbell UMC Church Conference agreed to grant an easement for development of a driveway between our church and the proposed Wesley Manor project. Wesley Manor was completed in February 1979. Our pastor, and some church members, serve as members of the board of SCMRF. ♦



Circuit Writer



Sin, Savior and Salvation

Rev. Larry LaPierre

One of my favorite hymns begins with this claim: "I serve a risen Savior . . . I know that he is living whatever (others) may say." ("He Lives") I share this because I have met a number of people who are not sure that Jesus is alive or is the Savior for humanity.

Having a Savior creates a problem. It raises the question: "Why do we need a Savior?" The answer for many of us is that we have sinned, and our sin has created a barrier between us and God that cannot be overcome simply by saying that we are sorry. That's troubling to some of us because we were taught to say "I'm sorry" when we offend someone. We also learned that nice people then say, "I forgive you."

Isn't God supposed to be nice? Doesn't the Bible tell us that God loves us and that Jesus died for our sins? Oh, yes, it does. I remember the woman in my student parish who told me back in 1980 that John 3:16 pretty well summed up the Gospel message for her: "For God so loved the world that (God) gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." The footnote to this verse in the NRSV Study Bible adds, "God gives Jesus in love to all people, and whoever believes in this gift will receive eternal life."¹

For the record, I accept what Jesus said in John 14:2a: "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." I choose to believe that those who never had the opportunity to know about Jesus will have every opportunity to choose eternal life when they die. All of that said, and I

know that there is much more to be said, we are still sinners.

That is, we choose a path at different points in our life other than the one that God calls us to travel. We choose, to put it differently, to dwell in the shadows or even in the darkness of sin rather than in the light of God's love. By doing so, we allow our willfulness to come between us and our loving God. We can become so used to this barrier that we don't see how it interferes with our capacity to follow Jesus' call to "love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12 NRSV)

To offer us a clear sign that God did not want to leave us disempowered and dwelling in the shadows and darkness of sin, God sent Jesus. Some of us question whether a good God would send God's Son to die for others. Perhaps we can believe that God sent God's Son to show us the depth of God's love in an undeniable way as Jesus allowed himself to die rather than use violence to stop his persecutors. Sin is real, but God's love was real before sin was, and God's love empowers us to turn from sin and be healed by God's love as shown in Jesus' life, death and resurrection.

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

Campbell United Methodist Church 125th Anniversary Sharing



What does Campbell United Methodist Church (CUMC) mean to me and my family?

Hello, I'm Andrew Reynolds, co-chair of Communications.

I do have hopes and dreams but today I am weary and feeling burdened by the world. Inspiration fails me as do the words that I hoped would inspire you to action.

My vision and my hope for this place? This church? In a far corner of my mind is a perfect place that I long for. It is a place where I am loved, supported, nourished, and strengthened. It is a place where I go when I am weak to recover and renew. It is a place where I go when I am strong to help and nurture. It is a place where joy and tears share the same space.

It is a place where gifts are valued and respected. It is a place that understands when I have nothing to give.

It is my hope for this church is that it becomes a place where the people and their needs are more important than the building. It is my hope that we who gather here turn our hearts and minds to the job of strengthening our faith. And when renewed, we turn our hands to the world around us so that those outside these walls might know what we have found.

It is easy to lose hope when I am tired or when the worries of the world close in. It is easy to fall into despair and lose joy.

All I have to offer you today is imperfect words and unfinished dreams. That incomplete place in my mind is my vision and my hope - my hope that this place, this church and you my friends can help me build such a place here. ❖

CARTOON CORNER



"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."

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UMYF TALKING “LISTEN UP”

UMYF CALENDAR 2014

Sunday, February 16
No Meeting

Sunday, February 23
Pizza and movie night
in Youth Room
Time TBA

Sunday, March 2
Lunch & Meeting
11:30 to 1:00

Sunday, March 9
Parents Night Out
SSP Fundraiser

Sunday, March 16
Laser Tag
Time TBA

Sunday, March 23
Creek Clean-Up

Sunday, March 30
Middle School - Mini Golf
High School - SF Trip

SUPER THANKS!

There was quite a crowd at United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)'s "Souper" Bowl Tailgate party. This year's Bowl Game had the Broncos (Doug Twilleager, Sally Wenzel, Janine Payton and Jim Petroff) challenging the Seahawks (Susan Pilling, Ellen Droke, Geoff Pilling and Bruce Hallinan) to a game of "Name That Team" brought to you by the SSP-N (Sierra Service Project Network) announcers. The Broncos were the big winners in Campbell that day. Half time entertainment was provided by the UMYF and included live and recorded commercials along with a performance by the "Frozen Funding."

Thanks to everyone who came to enjoy the food and fellowship. The first rainy day of 2014 and Ken Starr and Elton Jordan were out in the elements barbecuing hamburgers. Thank you for your faithfulness to this event.

Also a big thank you to everyone who brought their spare change and checkbooks and donated to SSP. We raised \$1,332.35! The generous support of this congregation is very appreciated.

SAVE THE DATES

On Saturday, March 8 there will be a Parents Night Out. Bring the kids to church for a couple hours of fun.

You're invited to join the youth on March 16 for a creek clean up at Oka Pond. Enjoy the outdoors while helping to keep a little part of our community clean.

Look for details to both of these events later in the month.

Melinda Knepp, Youth Coordinator ❖



Campbell United Methodist Church Children's Ministry

Campbell United Methodist Children's Ministry has begun the new year with steady and consistent Sunday School attendance. This is great news, while the research for ways to increase overall Sunday attendance is ongoing. The need for a preschool Sunday School class is a current consideration. Support will be given to Sunday School, Vacation Bible School (VBS), Children's Music (Joyful Notes), and the youth groups in order to enrich the spiritual growth of our church's youngest members.

Children's Ministry will align activities with the overall vision of the church. One important aspect of the vision set forth by Pastor Paul includes an increased awareness of environmental issues and concerns. Service projects and activities will give children and youth the opportunity to understand the urgency of protecting the ecosystems in one of God's most important gifts to us: our planet Earth.

Time for fun and fellowship is scheduled in the calendar. A few events designed for this purpose include the pancake breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, summer picnics and beach trips, community outreach through Autumn Festival, and the church's traditional Merry Mayhem event. Increased small child care for evening church events will help younger families experience what our church community offers.

All of the aforementioned research, strategies, and activities serve the overall purposes of guiding and assisting our children and youth in their journeys to loving God, other people and our Earth. We're looking forward to what awaits us in spring, summer and fall/early winter 2014, all while learning and growing through our faith.

Julie Lattin, Family Ministry Coordinator ❖



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Honoring Rev. Paul Kim, pastor of Campbell United Methodist Church

This has been a most difficult week in the life of church. The events of the week have left most of us stunned and deeply saddened. On February 9th we gathered to say farewell and celebrate his life.

I will always remember his humor, caring, energy and most of all his determination to build this church. I was working with him on a few projects and came to rely on him in many ways. Things moved ahead because of his commitment and drive to see the projects through.

When I received the news of Paul's sudden collapse, my first thoughts and prayers were with his wife, Christie. Then I started to think about the meeting we had scheduled that week, the task group we were gathering, and that report I had promised him.

All gone. Replaced with sorrow, uncertainty, tears and the question, "How can I carry on with this work?"

The only answer is, "As best I can."

In the midst of our grief, we can honor his memory by doing the best we can to move ahead in the direction he has started us on. As I think of Paul's ministry, three clear themes come to my mind: Be joyful, care for one another and pray.

I ask you to help us continue the tasks he set before us. As you gather as the people of the church, take a moment to remember Paul. Share a story, tell a joke and say a prayer. Think of those of our brothers and sisters who need our care and support. Go to them.

God's work still needs to be done here in this place.

May God's peace be with you,

Andrew, co-chair Communications Team