



## 'Tis the Season for Nominations!

Would you like to get involved in a different part of the church's life in the coming year? The Nominations Committee begins its work this month and is looking for volunteers to serve on a number of the church's committees. You can help by letting us know what you would like to do!

We are especially looking for people to fill openings in these areas:

**Hospitality** –Do you have a gift for welcoming and serving people? Do you like to work in or around the kitchen?

**Finance** — Do you enjoy working with numbers? Would you like to be part of making recommendations about the church's financial policies and strategies?

**Board of Trustees** — Do you have experience in business or construction? Would you like to know more about how the church's buildings and properties are maintained and improved?

**Communications** — Do you have ideas about how the church could more effectively speak out in the community—or the congregation could communicate with one another? Do you have skills in websites, design, publicity, or marketing?

**Service to the community and the world** — The work of the committees in these areas is being re-configured. This is a great time to bring your ideas and energy for projects, commitments and advocacy that put our faith into action.

If you're interested or have questions, please speak with Church Council Chair Bruce Hallinan or Pastor Kathi ([pastorkathi@campbellunited.org](mailto:pastorkathi@campbellunited.org)).



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**On Sunday, September 27,**  
*we'll have a guest preacher and  
 after-church workshop leader:*  
*Dr. Jay Emerson Johnson,*  
*Professor of Theology and Culture,*  
*and Director of the program in*  
*Spirituality and Social Change at*  
*Pacific School of Religion.*  
*This will be a very special*  
*Sunday—don't miss it!*

## Campbell Connections

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 am  
Adult Sunday School: 8:50 am  
Children's Sunday School: 10:15 am  
African Ministry: 11:30 am  
Quiet Communion: 6:00 pm Tuesday

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# Kathi's Pastoral Reflections

## *A Season of Growth*

My friend Scott Hafner is part of a family of winemakers in the Alexander Valley. I asked him about this year's harvest. "It's good," he said. "A little bit on the early side, because of the weather. And it will be a smaller harvest than the last couple of years."

Why? What did they do differently this year? Nothing. They're no worse at farming than they were last year, nor better. Every farmer knows that each year brings its own vicissitudes — of weather, soil conditions, insects, growth. Some years the plants produce sweet and plentiful fruit; some years they just don't. And no amount of harder work or worrying over them will make them any better. You just have to take the good years — and the bad years — as they come. You hold on, trusting that the next season will bring something new.

Maybe the same thing is true of churches.

In this church, you have seen many seasons come and go. You've had some years that felt like the church was holding on against storms of loss and hardship. You've held on when it wasn't clear what the future held. You have been faithful. You have continued to do the work of being the people of God in this place, even when it was hard to do that.

And right now we are experiencing a season of fruitfulness. There are many signs of vitality: our Sunday School and youth groups are full, worship attendance is higher than it has been in some time, our finances are solid. We could look for things we are doing differently, but it is much more truthful to just give thanks for the grace and faithfulness of God, through every season.

One of the things I am most excited about in this season of growth is the presence of three interns among us for the year.

Joshua Sulaiman, who you may already know, has begun a nine-month term as "Pastoral Intern" at Campbell UMC. He'll spend about 15 hours a week in this work, as part of his work toward a Master of Divinity degree at Pacific School of Religion and toward his own ordination. You'll see Joshua taking leadership roles alongside Pastors Kathi and Daniel in all areas of the church's life.

Joe Liverseed and Milena Lilles will be our Emerging Leader interns for this year as well. Each of them will develop a project to connect other young adults with a new church program that he/she will lead.

All three of these internship positions have been made possible by special gifts offered to the church by congregation members. I am deeply grateful. And deeply hopeful — for all that lies ahead of us.

With love and blessings, Kathi ❖

# On The Campus

## Disciple Bible Study

Disciple Bible Study without homework! Come when you can, take in what you need. Sundays at 1 pm in the Fireside Room. ❖

## LEGO Mania Fun Day

Do you enjoy building with Legos? Join us on Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon of Lego fun! All are welcome: young, old, single, families, everyone! You can try to build your favorite Bible story illustration, compete to build the tallest tower, or make your own unique creation. We will also be showing the Lego Movie and will provide snacks. We will meet from 1-3 pm in the Youth Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the AMY building).



Do you have Legos to donate? We will gladly accept your donation for this event. Families are also welcome to bring their own Legos or Duplos to use for the day.

Kallie Stroh, Director of Children and Family Ministries ❖

## SCRIP Shopping Online

Log on to [www.shopping.eScrip.com](http://www.shopping.eScrip.com) to find your favorite merchants and earn money for Campbell United Methodist Church.

eScrip's Online Mall is your way to make a difference every time you shop online - you shop, and their online retailers generously give savings for you, plus a percentage back to Campbell UMC!

Whether you want to shop the latest

fashions from Bloomingdales or Nordstrom, or if you are gearing up with the latest gadgets from the Apple Store or bargain hunting at eBay, your shopping will make a difference for the church.

The Online Mall also provides timely money saving offers as an added benefit to you for shopping with them. ❖

## Halloween Organ Concert

A Halloween Organ Concert will be held on Friday, October 30, at 7:30 pm

Organists are Margaret Kvamme and Michael Wright.

There is no admission charge but there will be a free-will donation box.

Come in a costume and you may win one of the three prizes!

Mary Ann Gee, Music Ministries ❖

## Estate Planning

Estate planning is essential to the health of a family. Organizing and preparing for changes in our lives minimize conflicts and confusion. Now is a good time to think about what you want to happen and how it will happen. Estate planning is a process of discussing various topics with your attorney and family. Four areas to consider are:

- Discuss with your attorney the best way for you to handle your estate: with a will or living trust.
- During the process of setting up your estate plan, be sure to include a durable power of attorney for business matters and one for health matters.

- One of the essential things in this planning is making sure you state clearly how you feel about life-prolonging measures.

- Make sure you include long-term care in your planning.

- Have you included your church among those designated to share in your estate?

Anyone can give an endowment gift. Any size gift may be made to the Endowment Fund. Consider doing this as part of your estate planning.

Endowment Fund Committee ❖

## Building a Culture of Gratitude

Do you notice all the work that is done by volunteers around the church? There's a lot of it: every week congregation members do small and large jobs that make a difference for the rest of us. We know "the church" should thank these people — but who is "the church?" It's all of us!



There's a new Gratitude Board in the lobby of the Fellowship Hall where you are invited to post a note every time you notice something that makes you want to say "thank you." Maybe you have a name to attach to that gratitude, or maybe you don't — either way is Okay.

Write on the board, read the board, use it to communicate your appreciation for all the good folks who make this Campbell UMC campus and community a good place to be. ❖

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# In The Community

## ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION BENEFIT CONCERT



Los Altos United Methodist Church  
655 Magdalena Ave., Los Altos 94024

Saturday, Oct. 3, 2015  
3 pm  
Free Will Donation

T. Paul Rosas has organized another unique and entertaining Alzheimer's Benefit Concert on Oct. 3, 2015, 3 pm at Los Altos United Methodist Church, 655 Magdalena Avenue in Los Altos.

We will have a chance to experience Brian Holmes playing the Alpenhorn live and up close with his new composition *Amazing Grace* for Alpenhorn and organ; *Cassation* for Alphenorn and organ by Kurt Sturzenegger; and a new piece of Brian's, *Twilight in the Alps*, for voices, alphenorn, and cowbells.

Larry and Carla Sue will amaze you with their ability for two people to play 8 bells in a mesmerizing, intricate dance of bells and music. Paul Rosas will play some wonderful classical and jazz pieces on piano and organ. The concert is free and a collection will be taken for the Alzheimer's Association during the concert.

Please make checks payable to "Alzheimer's Association." ❖



### EXHIBITION

September 12, 2015- November 1, 2015

### OPENING RECEPTION

September 13, 2015 2-4 pm

Community created art from inmates  
Elmwood Correctional Facility

CIC Ministries  
Art and Spirit

San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles

520 South First Street, San Jose

[www.sjqUILTmuseum.org](http://www.sjqUILTmuseum.org) ❖

## SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Volunteer Position: Site Chair  
for Second Harvest Food Bank  
senior food assistance program at  
Campbell UMC.

Help make a dramatic difference in the lives of our seniors! The Food Bank is seeking one or two volunteers to act as Site Chairs at Campbell UMC to facilitate the weekly distribution of food to low-income seniors seeking food assistance. Primary responsibilities include: directly oversee the distribution process at the distribution site, ensure that food is distributed in a fair, safe and timely manner and oversee record keeping such as roster attendance, hours reporting and/or membership applications and renewals.

**Commitment:** Every Friday morning  
from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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## In The Community

# Methodist Connection

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### SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

#### Qualifications:

- Friendly, patient person who enjoys interacting with seniors with diverse backgrounds
- Strong organizational skills, ability to lead others
- Good record keeping skills, good problem solver
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Maintain safe working conditions and follow all safety rules
- Ability to perform with a high standard of customer service, professional conduct and responsibility
- Helpful, but not required to speak Russian, Vietnamese, or Chinese
- Ability to attend mandatory quarterly meetings at the Food Bank

If you'd like to learn more about this rewarding volunteer opportunity or other Second Harvest food distribution opportunities at Campbell UMC, please contact Lori Mathis at 408-266-8866, ext. 236 or [lmathis@shfb.org](mailto:lmathis@shfb.org). Please feel free to share this opportunity with others who may be interested. ❖

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE 2015 GENERAL CONFERENCE IN PORTLAND

Every four years, delegates from the entire international United Methodist Church gather to consult and make policy for the Church. In 2016—May 10-20—the General Conference will meet in Portland, Oregon. A large number of volunteers will be needed in Portland. This is a great opportunity to watch a fascinating institutional process. It's also an opportunity to be part of an offering of hospitality to our United Methodist sisters and brothers from all over the world. Pastor Daniel and Pastor Kathi are both planning to be there for at least part of the Conference.

If you'd like to volunteer, you can do so online at <http://westernjurisdictionumc.org/gc2016/> ❖

## Campbell UMC Snapshots

### An Historical Skip Around Campus



On a recent Sunday morning, Pastor Kathi mentioned that Hurricane Katrina hit the U.S. ten years ago. I recalled a chapter in our 25-year history.



Campbell UMC responded to an appeal by UMWIM (United Methodist Volunteers in Mission) to help restore damaged homes in Dulac, Louisiana. Leaders Greg Knepp and Cheryl Olson, who was our Director of Christian Education, organized the mission trip with Pastors Alan Jones and Linda Pickens-Jones. The theme was "Do Love in Dulac," and Gene and Elaine Hill had theme tee shirts made. In February of 2008, our intergenerational team of 42 youth and adults spent a week working in homes in Dulac. (Excerpted from "Mission Trip to Dulac, Louisiana" by Marv Tanner, page 29, "125 Years and Counting.")

Susan Sargent, Church Historian ❖

### CARTOON CORNER



### Stewardship

This fall, we will enter together *Forty Days of Weaving Wholeness*, as we examine the integrity of our lives as we consider our financial commitments to the church for 2016.

Stewardship season begins October 1 and culminates with **Commitment Sunday** and an all-church luncheon on **November 8**.

*Watch your mail for more details.*



## Circuit Writer **Rev. Larry LaPierre** *Offering Christ To The World*

One of my clergy friends was remarkable in his service to God. He did not organize the church around social service programs like feeding the poor or caring for the sick. Nor did he focus exclusively on studying the Bible or sharing Holy Communion. He avoided building up his church in the eyes of his parishioners by criticizing other churches and their pastors.

He did not offer people the opportunity to join either the biggest church or the one “known” to include the “better class” of people. Nor did he inspire people to join the congregation that he led by promising them rewards either now or in the next life. He certainly did not try to make church membership easy by promising that they would not be asked to serve on committees that required any effort.

Instead, Pastor Vincent offered to each new person the opportunity to grow in faith, hope and love of God and God’s people. How? With great difficulty is one answer. My colleague and friend stuttered. Nor was it a “hardly noticeable” stutter. If you have ever stuttered you know the agony that goes with having to speak to an individual or to a group. My colleague bore this burden daily.

In that way he may and St. Paul may have been similar. Some scholars believe that St. Paul had a speech impediment. Responding to his critics St. Paul wrote, “For some say, ‘His letters are weighty and forceful, but in person he is unimpressive and his speaking amounts to nothing.’” (2 Cor. 10:10) Others suggest that

his speech problem may have been the “thorn in the flesh” that he wrote about in 2 Corinthians 12:7: “in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me.”

Whether we accept the claim that “a messenger of Satan” was given to St. Paul to “torment him,” living with a speech problem would make it difficult to offer Christ to the world. How do I know? I lived with a significant speech problem for twenty years. I could not imagine enduring what my friend Pastor Vincent endured.

But God expected Pastor Vincent to serve as a pastor with his speech problem. His witness to the grace of God at work in him was powerful if not smooth and polished. God enabled Vincent to serve God by giving him a loving heart, an ability to think deeply about God’s nature and the desire to share Christ with the world. Pastor Vincent and his congregation offered seekers and long-time Christian alike a church family in which Christ was proclaimed, loved and served.

There is not a person whom I have met who does not live with a problem or a burden that weighs on them. Yet none of us are necessarily prevented from loving God by our burdens or excused from serving God because of them. It remains for each follower of Christ to serve God with, and sometimes by means of, whatever burden we carry.

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

## I have been changed by Janine Payton



My husband Don and I moved into our Campbell home back in April of 1996, with a two year old and one on the way. Now we have an empty nest and are moving to another state.

I grew up attending a fundamentalist church in San Ramon, CA. Never quite fitting in with the crowd. I thought it was me.

Turns out I was just at the wrong church. I am so thankful that we purchased our home on Via Cristobal next door to Dave and Sue Foyle. They showed, in the way they lived, what it means to be a Christian. If not for them I would never have found this wonderful church. It took a couple of years, but Sue invited me to join her for a UMW outing. I had no idea “church ladies” could be so much fun.

Coming to worship to hear Dick Corson preach was actually a joy, not the torture I remember from my youth. It so often felt like he was speaking directly to me and knew exactly what I needed to hear. I have heard that others had the same experience. (and I now get that same feeling with Kathi) My kids and I felt at home here very quickly and I was baptized into the church on July 26, 1998.

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## I have been changed

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I have met and become friends with so many amazing people because of this church. I have had the opportunity to practice my organizational and leadership skills -- things I never knew I had. I taught Sunday school with Myra Wight. My son Eddie and I went on a mission trip to help rebuild homes in Houma, Louisiana. My family helped break ground for the beautiful AMY building. When things were not perfect here most of us stuck together because we know that together WE are the church. Pastors may come and pastors may go but together WE are the church. This was a very big aha moment for me because that was not the feeling I had at my previous church.

Coming from a narrow-minded background, it was an eye opener to learn about what it means to be a Reconciling Church. To join in the discussion at Disciple Bible study with differing opinions and views about what scripture might mean -- and that was encouraged -- was another eye opener!

To use the words of my friend and fellow disciple David Box -- Wow, just Wow.

I am excited for the next chapter in our lives but will miss you all deeply.

I want to thank all of you who have been a part of this life changing 17 years. You have all meant so much to me, to my family. I extend a true invitation to come visit us in Colorado! ❖



## Congregational Care Ministries

### KINDNESS

A Nobel Peace Prize winner that Pastor Kathi McShane lifted up in her sermon on August 23, 2015, is the Dalai Lama. He is the spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhists and is the political leader as well, now working from exile in India since 1959. His Peace Prize was awarded in 1989 for his consistent opposition to the use of violence in the Tibetan campaign for independence.

As he describes his philosophy and attitudes of compassion, he says, "My religion is very simple...My religion is kindness."

Much has been written about kindness, what it is, how to practice kindness. Something called random acts of kindness caught on for awhile. Maybe a new way to look at the practice is Intentional Acts of Kindness.

The following are some notes to myself as a Care Giver that might spark a thought/action for you.

- 1) Stop, look, observe, notice the moment and those in it with you. Be attentive to others and willing to take a detour to help.
- 2) Be willing to extend yourself. Listen to others, move toward them with a sense of caring/ serving. Diverse communities need more understanding. Do unto others as they would have done to them. Do what is needed, not just what I want to do.
- 3) Have a willingness to give of self. This might be harder work and involve a cost in serving others.

On a deeper level, you might glimpse the wholeness of others, connect with their humanity and maybe even create a spiritual bond.

Through intentional acts of kindness, compassion and true caring, transformation is possible. A little bit of kindness can grow to become a big miracle. Want to try?

Ellen Droke, Congregational Care Ministries ❖

## On The Campus

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### Men's Group



The Men's Group is currently studying the book, *Becoming Human, Core Teachings of Jesus*, by Brain C. Taylor. This book discusses the basic lessons Jesus taught in a conversation provoking way. Each short chapter focuses on one lesson such as, "pray for what you need", or "become simple." We discuss a chapter each meeting and have a prayer time.

The Tuesday morning group meets every week from 7:30 to 8:30 am in the Fireside Room. The Thursday group meets the second and fourth Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:00 pm in the Wesley Lounge. Ron Schirle leads both groups. ❖

# United Methodist Women

## Layettes for Newborns

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Layette Kits for Valley Medical Center. We contributed 40 kits for the newborns.

Jane LaPierre, UMW



## Annual Membership Tea



Campbell United Methodist Women invite you to be our guest at the *Annual Membership Tea* on Sunday, October 11, in the Fellowship Hall. Basket viewing will begin at 11:30, and the Tea will be from 12 noon to 2.

Our speaker will be Lisa Blanchard, Executive Director of the Grateful Garment Project. A variety of baskets will be available through your charitable donations.

Proceeds will benefit the Grateful Garment Project.

Please sign up during Fellowship Time on Sundays September 13, 20, or 27; or call Carla Twilleager at 408 370-0847 no later than Sunday, September 27. ❖

# Enchiladas!



NOVEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>

IS THE DAY THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
WILL MAKE MORE THAN 1000 ENCHILADAS  
FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT.

ORDER YOURS DURING COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP TIME ON  
SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER OR  
MAIL YOUR ORDER AND PAYMENT TO THE CHURCH  
OFFICE TODAY!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THE FUN,  
FELLOWSHIP AND MISSION OF THE DAY WE MAKE  
THESE YUMMY DELIGHTS, PLEASE CONTACT CARLA  
TWILLEAGER AT 408-370-0847 OR EMAIL HER AT  
DCTWILLEAGER@SBCGLOBAL.NET

NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> IS THE LAST DAY TO ORDER  
SO DON'T MISS OUT!



## Automated External Defibrillators (AED's)

You may not know that Campbell UMC has two Automated External Defibrillators (AED's), designed to provide life-saving treatment to someone who is suffering cardiac arrest. One is installed in the Fellowship Hall; and the other, designed especially for children, is located in the Bright Days space.

A number of people in the congregation have been trained to use these devices. We hope, of course, that the need for them will never arise; but being ready to offer this kind of assistance if it is needed is one more way we can care for one another.

There are two reasons for this update at this time:

1. Are you willing to be trained to use the AED equipment? We could use a few more volunteers. This is a valuable way to be ready to serve this congregation and the people in it.
2. Some people have provided in an advance health care directive that they do not wish to be resuscitated in the event of cardiac arrest (a "DNR" provision). If you are concerned about ensuring that this directive is followed should the occasion arise while you are at the church, we are able to post such an instruction with the AED, once you have completed a written instruction.

If you would like to respond to either of these, please contact Pastor Kathi at [pastorkathi@campbellunited.org](mailto:pastorkathi@campbellunited.org).

## Don't Miss This Fun Event!

For more information, contact Kallie Stroh, Children & Family Ministries

 **Fun for the Whole Family!**

**The 5th Annual  
CUMC and New Creations UMC  
Autumn Festival**

**Sunday, October 25  
5:00-7:00pm**

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



**Campbell United Methodist Church**  
1675 Winchester Blvd. Campbell, 95008

## Calling All 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders!

Join the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Fellowship for fun activities on and off campus, service projects, and of course positive FELLOWSHIP!

Please add the dates below to your calendar. We typically meet from 11:30 am - 1 pm in the Asbury Room (CUMC Education Building) but times can vary when we do activities off-campus. For more information, please contact co-leaders, Patty Henderson (408-355-4189) or Amy Peterson (408-712-7986).

Sept 20 (Kickoff)  
Oct 4  
Oct 18  
Oct 25 (Harvest Festival)  
Nov 15  
Dec 6 (Merry Mayhem)  
Dec 10-14 TBD (Bethlehem: Live Nativity)

Mailing Date: [September 23, 2015](#)

Next Newsletter **DEADLINE**

**October 2, 2015**

***Return Service Requested***

## **Become...**

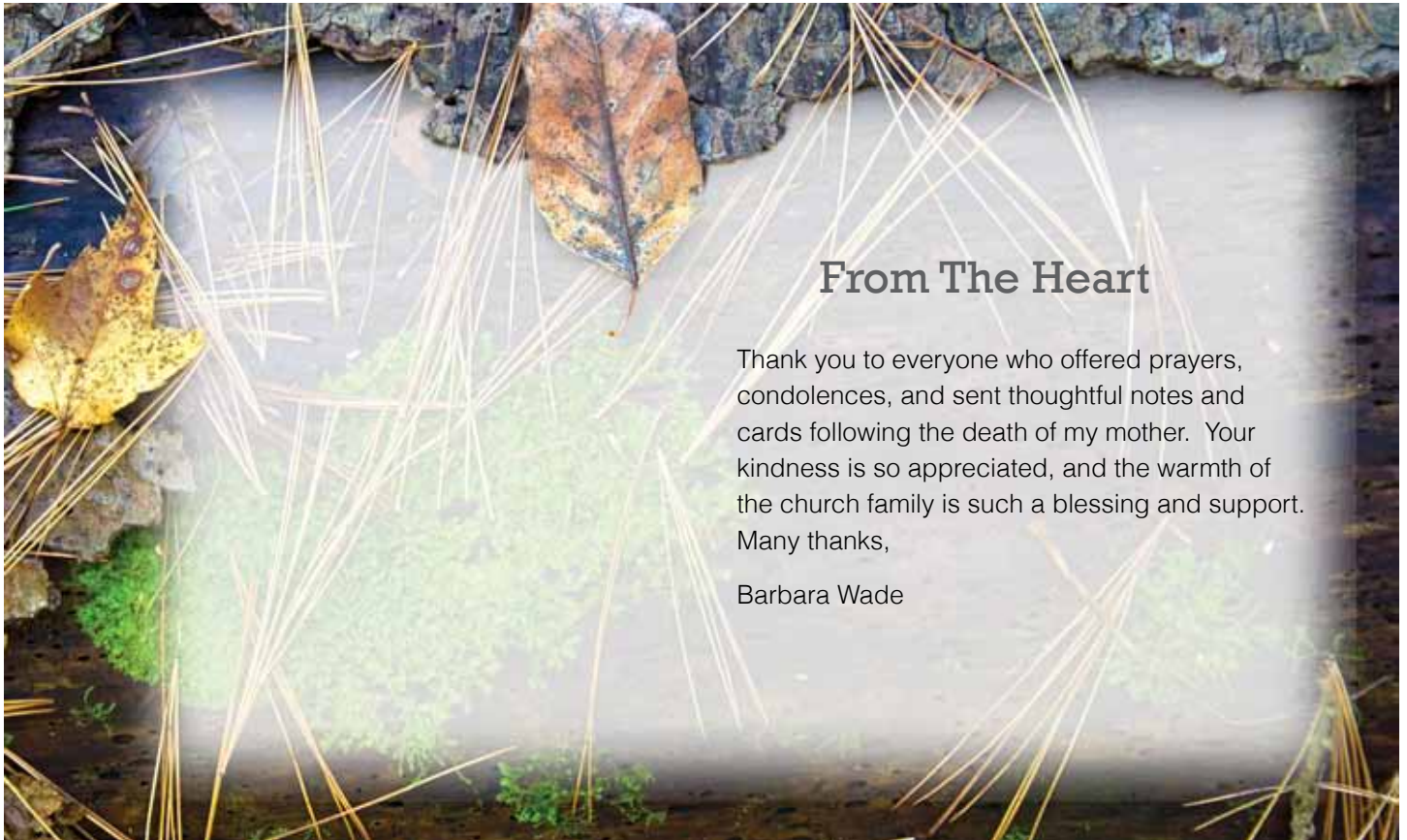
who God created you to be - fully human, fully alive.

## **Be found...**

in a community where our differences are treasured as glimpses of beauty in the eyes of a creative God.

## **Be unafraid...**

to cross boundaries for the sake of love and justice.



## **From The Heart**

Thank you to everyone who offered prayers, condolences, and sent thoughtful notes and cards following the death of my mother. Your kindness is so appreciated, and the warmth of the church family is such a blessing and support. Many thanks,

Barbara Wade