

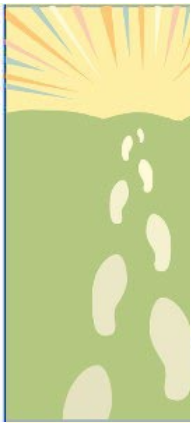
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CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 2012



**A Journey Through
HOLY WEEK
to EASTER**



You are invited to make worship a priority during Holy Week 2012
 Palm Sunday 🌿 Maundy Thursday 🌿 Good Friday 🌿 Easter
 Each day, Each Service Contributes to Resurrection Joy!

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 1st
 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Festival Worship with Palms
 Children's Choir, Adult Choir
 and Handbells.

Both services will ring with
 "Hosannas" as we remember
 Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 5th
 7:00 pm

A commemoration of the
 Last Supper with a
 Ritual of Hand Washing.
 A service where we
 become part of the story.



GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 6th
 12:00 noon and 7:00 pm

12:00 noon
 Service of Quiet
 Contemplation and
 Reflection with Holy
 Communion.

Service led by the
 Rev. Justin Ryu
 New Creation UMC.

7:00 pm
 Service of Music and
 Reflection.

Campbell UMC Chancel
 Choir sings Faure's *Requiem*
 with organ and harp.



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EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 8th
 9:00 am and 10:30 am

Festival Worship
 with Choirs, Handbells,
 the Menlo Park Brass Quintet

and a Resurrection Message
 by Guest Preacher
 Rev. Linda Holbrook



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Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.
African Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.
(1st & 3rd Sundays)

New Creation UMC Worship: 12:30 p.m.
Quiet Communion: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday

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Pastor's Point of View

Dear Friends,

Strange as it may seem, I just received a letter from the Easter Bunny. Actually, I just received a letter from the company that was offering to sell me a letter from the Easter Bunny to send to our church children. It wasn't too difficult to pass on the offer since it mentioned candy seven times while mentioning Jesus but once.

In the coming weeks we want to mention Jesus - to kids and adults alike - a great deal more than once. Here's what we intend to do as we conclude our Lenten journey, experience Holy Week and celebrate Easter:

- *First, we want to Tell the Entire Easter Story: Easter is far more than an enthusiastic celebration on one Sunday a year. So we'll gather together Campbell Church people for several services during Holy Week, tell the story of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, spend a quiet Holy Saturday and then celebrate Resurrection Joy on Easter Sunday. The details of these wonderful services are shared on the front page of this edition of the Connections newsletter.*
- *Then, we want to Proclaim Easter's Good News: Through our words, music and actions we want to shout out the central belief of our faith, "Why do you look for him among the dead? He is not here, but has risen!" (Luke 24:5).*
- *Then, we want to invite you to Reaffirm Your Personal Faith in Jesus Christ: We want each of us, come Easter morning, to complete the Lenten journey with a faith that is renewed, reaffirmed and refocused.*
- *Finally, we want to Put What We Believe Into Action: We want to leave Easter Sunday services with a recommitment to living as faithful disciples in God's world.*

Holy Week and beyond promises to be a spiritually vital time in our lives. I invite you to take full advantage of these opportunities.

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Most Campbell Church people know by now that I've had neck surgery and am on three weeks of doctor-ordered "rest and rehabilitation." The good news is this is the successful first step in repairing the built-up damage in my neck and back. The bad news is that it will force me to adjust my involvement in all that I've mentioned above. However, more good news is that we will have three marvelous opportunities to experience others preaching at these worship services. The Reverend Linda Holbrook, a UMC pastor from the Central Texas Conference now living here, will preach on Sunday, March 25th and on Easter Sunday, April 8th. Pastor Daniel will preach on Palm Sunday, April 1st. I trust you will give them your most generous welcome and full attention as they bring God's word to you.

Easter Blessings!

Pastor Jim



Book Group

The Book Group's next meeting is on **Monday, March 26** from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We will be talking about *Ann Patchett's latest novel, "State of Wonder"*, a mysterious tale, set in the Amazon jungle. Our **April meeting is on April 23**, when we will discuss *David McCullough's "The Great Bridge"*, the fascinating story of the building of the Brooklyn Bridge in the late 1800s. This was an amazing engineering feat for that time and the book details the struggles and challenges involved in its accomplishment. The last meeting before we break for the summer will be on May 21. We will be talking about "The Giver" by Lois Lowry. This short book is listed under science fiction, but reads more like an allegory. Everyone is welcome at these meetings, whether or not you have read the books.

Sue Edson ❖

Second Harvest Food Bank – April 14

Have you heard the rave reviews about volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank? It's a lot of fun and a very worthy cause! Join the next Saturday volunteer group at the Curtner distribution facility before their warehouse moves. Here is your opportunity – Saturday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We were only given a few volunteer slots, so sign up now and reserve your spot on the volunteer team. If you're free on April 14, you're 14 years of age or older, and you'd like to spend a few hours helping others less fortunate, send an email to Gail Jacobs at gailj_2000@yahoo.com. More details will be provided to the volunteers.

As Second Harvest Food Bank says, "Nothing else matters when you're hungry." Let's help do something that matters and have some fun at the same time!

Gail Jacobs

For Church and Society Committee ❖

Got Legacy?

On **April 21, 2012 the Endowment Committee will have a workshop to share some ideas about Legacy** and what it means to each of us individually and as a church community. The workshop will take place in the Fireside Room at 10:00 a.m. and is open to everyone, so come and see ways you can leave a legacy.

One type of legacy is the material possessions and assets we will leave behind when we die. Another type is the personal mark we will leave behind. For some of us the two can be related to each other.

No matter what we leave behind, it is important to be intentional about our wishes especially regarding the material aspects of our life. A written document is needed to be sure your wishes will be known and carried out. It is important to be sure we have the estate planning document in order that our wishes are known and can be carried out to our satisfaction.

If we die without a will or living trust, the law will make presumptions about our wishes. No matter what we have said while alive, our verbal wishes are not recognized under the law. This is actually a safeguard for our wishes. They must be in writing and executed with the legal formalities.

The simplest of the documents to reflect these wishes is a will. If your estate is complicated, planning a living trust may be what you need. In either case it is important that you have these estate planning documents in order so your final wishes are completed as you wish. Think about it. What is your legacy? How do you want to distribute what material and financial resources you have gathered? Are your wishes written in a legally binding document? Plan to bring your questions; this will be an informal place to ask!

One of the things we can do to get started is begin writing a personal legacy statement. What are the things we want those who mean so much to

us to know? An estate-planner or an attorney can help you develop your plan and make sure that it is legally recorded.

How can we leave a legacy for our church community and other non-profit concerns? Come to the workshop and find out ways to develop a charitable bequest. This is a great way to leave a legacy for the church and others.

If you have any ideas, needs or questions in these areas please leave a note in the church office directed to the Endowment Committee and we will try to be a resource for you and our entire church community on the topic of LEGACY. We all have one, let's leave it the way we'd like! We like to call it A LEGACY OF FAITH.

Terry Johnson, For the Endowment Committee ❖

High Road Hikers

The High Road Hikers had their annual potluck and planning meeting. A printed schedule is available on the kiosk in the Fellowship Hall narthex.

TLC (Treking to Lunch in Campbell) continues to meet on Fridays at 10:45 a.m. at the track at the Campbell Community Center. At 11:45 a.m. the walkers go to Aqui for lunch.

All interested persons are invited. Contact Dave or Susan Sargent, 378-1232, for information. ❖

"Once Upon a Time"



United Methodist Women's Spring Luncheon has their Annual celebration on **Saturday, April 28** in the Fellowship Hall. At 11:30 a.m. there is Table Viewing, followed by luncheon at noon. At 1:00 p.m. entertainment will be provided. Tickets are \$12 and will be sold Sunday mornings April 1, April 15, and April 22. Tickets will not be sold on Easter Sunday. They are also available from UMW Circle Leaders, or by contacting Sally Wenzel, at 371-7466. Tickets will not be available at the door, so be sure to purchase as soon as possible. ❖

GIRL SCOUTS CELEBRATE A MILESTONE: HAPPY 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

On Girl Scout Sunday, March 11, sixteen people gathered in the fireside room to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Girl Scouting. There were three men, four girls, and nine women who shared a delicious luncheon, fellowship, singing, and memorabilia. The format of the event followed that of a troop meeting. We had an opening, a time of sharing, a bunch of songs, a photo opportunity, and a closing. There were no crafts for this event.

When individuals spoke about their outstanding or special event memories a large majority included the outdoors, or camping. Dave Sargent spoke of clearing trails with Girl Scouts on the annual spring "trails day" events. Gene Hill spoke about driving piles of girls and equipment to Camps Hidden Falls, Skylark, and Renwickiup, and Marv Tanner spoke of Catalina.

We had Girl Scout handbooks from 1952, 1957, the 1970's, and the one that is currently being used. We also had a Girl Guide handbook from Liberia, West Africa.



Group photo after lunch



Memorabilia on the piano

Elaine Hill, Life Member ❖

Many brought pictures of themselves at troop events or gatherings.

Most of all we enjoyed sharing these memories with our friends.

Attending the event were Ellen Droke, Helen Hayashi, Elaine and Eugene Hill, Julie, Jordan, Natalie, and Madison Mangskau, Maria and Sheeva Farahani, Janice McClanahan, Heather Reynolds, Ina and Marv Tanner, Dave and Sue Sargent.



Girl Scouts brought a display of some of their activities

HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past" FROM 1942

*This info is from the June-July 1942 issue of "The Orchard City Methodist".
Donald H. Baldwin was the minister.*

"The Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in California begins Wednesday, June 17th in Stockton. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin will attend. All the Conference items of Benevolence and general support, as well as all local bills, are paid in full for the year. Congratulations and THANKS to all who helped in a successful year."

CARTOON CORNER



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

United Methodist Women

BOOK REVIEW

The Slave Next Door by Kevin Bales and Ron Soodalter

Category: Social Action 2012

Rating: *****stars



Although most people imagine widespread enslavement only in the historical past, human trafficking continues to exist today in myriad forms around the world. While many sensational cases have been well publicized, the authors demonstrate that slavery exists in mundane and unexpected forms. Their case studies begin in an American suburb and traverse the globe to urban China and rural Ghana, returning to Los Angeles, Calif., and East Orange, N.J., just a few of 100-plus documented cases in the U.S.

If all we can see when we hear the word slave is a picture from *Gone with the Wind*, our eyes will be shut to the slave of the present. We don't think of singers and acrobats who come to our country to perform for us as slaves; but we need to think again. It happens more often than we think. How can this happen in a country which holds its morality so high? Not everyone living here has high moral standards. Those who have no problem destroying lives have no problem destroying the earth. Those who destroy the lives of slaves don't mind wreaking havoc on nature. Forests are illegally cut, strip mines are carved into protected areas, reefs and coastal environments are destroyed and it is slaves who do the work. This is just a few of the topics that are covered in this book. The good news is, this book covers and exposes the issues of slavery, and it gives us information on how to identify people who are enslaved here in the United States. Also, at the back of the book, it gives you a list of antislavery organizations and agencies you can contact and support. Almost all states here have laws that prosecute human traffickers but the problem is getting the people abused to testify against these people. It takes so long for these cases to come to court, the victims either get lost in the system, return home or wander off in an effort to find work. Human trafficking and slavery is very hard to prove in court, but not impossible as you will read it this book. This book will shock you, make you sad, angry, bring tears to your eyes and make your heart ache. This also is a book we all should read so we are aware of what is happening around us; in our own neighborhood.

Susan Jones ❖

UMW Love Gift

United Methodist Women (UMW) pledge yearly to support mission - the global ministry of UMW. The members go "an extra mile" when the Executive committee selects a specific organization or group to support each month. The UMW Circles have a free-will Love Gift offering at every monthly meeting.

2011 Offerings Supported the following Organizations/Groups:

- \$321 Rebekah Children's Services
- \$316 Quilt Supplies for Homeless
- \$490 Call to Pray and Self-Denial
- \$497 UMCOR Flood Buckets
- \$613 World Thank Offering
- \$357 Rosemary School - snacks
- \$284 Quilt Supplies for Homeless
- \$349 Nothing but Nets
- \$526 Adopt A Family (Christmas)
- \$500 Turning Wheels for Kids
- \$4,253 TOTAL GIVING

Our love for those in need was shown in a selfless way.

Darlene Dyer, UMW Executive ❖



In the COMMUNITY

Habitat for Humanity

Thanks Campbell United Methodist Church for the donation of \$1,615 to Habitat Silicon Valley. This gift makes it possible for Habitat to build affordable housing and help eliminate poverty in Silicon Valley.

Their current project is in Cupertino in the beginning stages of construction and the site will soon be open to volunteers. They also selected four new partner families to work with them to complete their homes.

These families are grateful for the support and willingness to spread joy. Building homes takes money, materials and people power.

In 2011 Habitat wrapped up their 25th anniversary celebration as an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. Since the affiliate was founded, they served over 56 families, providing a hand-up from poverty and a sense of community, hope and brighter futures.

(Excerpts from a letter from Jennifer Simmons, Executive Director)

Circuit Writer



Caring About Those Who Suffer

Rev. Larry LaPierre

Caring for a person who is suffering can be exhausting. It can drain not only the body but the very soul of the caregiver to both care and be a caregiver. It is possible, at least for a while, to be a caregiver without caring, but that is truly draining. When I had chaplain interns assigned to the chaplain service at the VA hospital, I didn't do a lot of direct teaching. I did, however, always offer them one bit of guidance. I told them that wherever they encountered a patient in the hospital that they should "listen and care."

Listening without caring makes the so-called listener little more than a recording device. Caring without listening deprives us of an opportunity to share some of their journey.

Caring about as well as caring for a suffering person involves compassion. The problem with being compassionate is that we suffer along with the person who has the identified illness. Of course, those who are professional caregivers are usually taught to not let themselves get "too close" to the suffering person—especially if there are many suffering people for whom they are providing care.

I remember a nurse who worked in the same hospital at one point as Jane did. She was a neonatal intensive care nurse, an RN, with several years of experience. Yet, there came a day when it was too much for her to take care of these very ill babies.

When my nine-year old nephew was a cancer patient at Boston Children's Hospital I was in awe of what the nursing, medical and allied healthcare staff had to do. The emotional and spiritual burdens must have been enormous—especially when one of the children died.

That's why I think that a writer named Ernest Boyer, Jr. is so right when he

describes caring for those who suffer as "the sacrament of care."¹ Sacraments are traditionally defined as "the outward sign of an inner and spiritual grace." Churches vary in how many sacraments that they recognize. It never occurred to me that caring could be a sacrament, but then caring is an expression of love. It is an "outward sign" of something very spiritual that the caregiver is experiencing. That something is the grace that makes it possible for one

¹ Ernest Boyer, Jr. "A Way in the World." Quoted in "Disciplines For The Inner Life," Bob Benson and Michael W. Benson (Waco, TX: Word Books, 1985), p. 309.

person to bear some of another person's burden.

Boyer also refers to this "sacrament of care" as a spiritual discipline. It is not that we must suffer to be spiritual people. It is that we suffer with people we care about and care for because we are spiritual people. It helps to stay close to God not only when we are suffering, but also when we are caring for someone who is suffering. How else do we ever find the strength to listen while we care and take care of someone else?

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

CRACKPOTS!



An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water.

At the end of the long walks from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For two full years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water.

Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments.

But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream.

"I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to

your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"

"That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding.

You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

So, to all of my cracked pot friends, have a great day and remember to smell the flowers on your side of the path!

shared by Jean Kiskadden ❖

UMYF TALKING "LISTEN UP"

CALENDAR

sunday, march 25
Youth group mtg
VBS planning

sunday, april 1
Youth group mtg
and/or Ice Skating

sunday, april 8
Easter

sunday, april 15
Confirmation trip to Glide
Memorial - HS trip to SF

friday, april 20
Friday night progressive dinner

sunday, april 29
Crop Walk



Welcome to Promise Island!

Amid the swaying palm trees and exotic wildlife your kids will experience the powerful, unchanging promises of God.

This year participants in Vacation Bible School will sing some favorite old songs at *Seaside Celebration*, explore Bible stories about God's promises at *Lifeguard Lagoon*, get creative at *Project Pointe* and play great games at *Fun Time Falls*.

So mark your calendar,

VBS will be Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The cost is \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional sibling. Adventurers must be 3 years old (and potty trained) to those entering 6th grade. Registration forms will be out soon.

If you have any questions you can contact Melinda Knepp at melinda@kneppfamily.com or (408) 247-3577.

Melinda Knepp,
Youth Coordinator ❖



SUMMER CAMP

You haven't registered your kids for summer camp yet? It's not too late!

In the beautiful coastal forest in Aptos, the Monte Toyon Camps run July 8 - 13. These camps include Toyon Kids (3rd- 6th grade), Camp quest (7th-9th grade) and Toyon LIT (Leaders In Training 14-15 years old).

You can find registration forms and more information regarding Toyon Camps and other conference camps at www.cnumc.org/pages/detail/1221.

If you have any questions about camp or camperships call Melinda Knepp at 408-247-3577.



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People reaching out, with open minds, souls and hearts -

Nourishing spirituality

Engaging creativity

Building social justice

Providing loving, welcoming community

- for Christ and the world.

Gearing Up for Summer Sunday School
Call for Volunteers



Each summer, we give our wonderful Sunday School teachers a break and create a one-room Sunday School class.

This year, we would like to ask if there are volunteers from the congregation who would be willing to help out for Summer Sunday School.

Just choose a Sunday that you know you'll be in town, and let us know that you are willing to help. Thank you!

Please contact Jenni Martin at her email address: jmartin@cdm.org.

Jenni Martin, Children's Ministry Council