

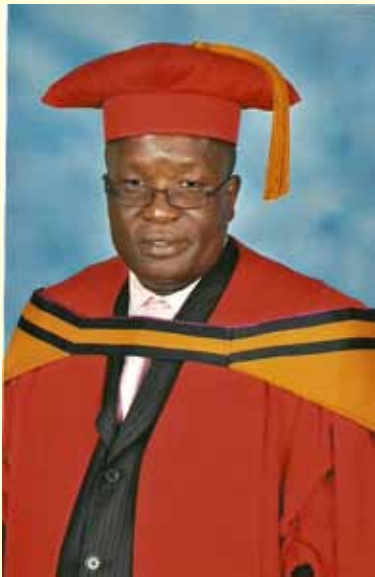
# Campbell



# CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY, 2012



## SPECIAL NEWS FROM SIERRA LEONE

🕊 Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am and 10:30 am

Rev. Dr. Sidney Albert Cooper is an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church, Sierra Leone Conference. He originally hailed from the Republic of Liberia and later migrated to Sierra Leone where he has lived for almost 27 years and is now a Sierra Leone citizen. He has a Higher Certificate in Pastoral Studies from The Sierra Leone Theological College, where he is a lecturer and Head of the Systematic Theology Department. He also holds a Master of Arts (Systematic Theology) degree from Luther Theological Seminary, St Paul, Minnesota, USA, Master of Science, Thames Valley University, UK and D.TH from the University of

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🕊 Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am and 10:30 am

Join us as we celebrate a Sunday we wait for every year!  
It's the Children's Musical Program  
"ONCE UPON A PARABLE"  
- a glorious celebration of kids, music and faith



🕊 Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am and 10:30 am

Join us as we celebrate the Birthday of the church  
Receive our Confirmation class into membership and  
Catch the Power of God's Spirit for Ministry



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## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Services at 9 am and 10:30 am

**Children's Musical** May 6  
A Sunday we Anticipate Every Year!

**Rev. Dr. Sidney Cooper** May 13  
Campbell Welcomes Sierra Leone speaker - *potluck following services*

**Pastor Jim** May 20  
The (Nearly) Impossible Task of Loving One Another  
John 15:9-17

**Pentecost Sunday** May 27  
Confirmation  
Celebration of the Church

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**Children's Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.**  
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*(1st & 3rd Sundays)*

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**Quiet Communion: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday**

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## Pastor's Point of View

Dear Friends,

Many ministers agree that writing a Pastor's Column for the church newsletter presents a special pastoral challenge. This is because all pastors want their columns to be timely, relevant and spiritually helpful to those invited to read it. And yet, take this month's column I'm writing for the May Connections:

- *Timely? Not so much, as I'm writing on April 8th for your use in May*
- *Spiritually Helpful? Perhaps not so much, as I'm still basking in the glow of Easter, enjoying yesterday's Good News, while this newsletter is promoting Pentecost activities.*
- *Relevant? Maybe not, as I'm writing less than two weeks after my neck surgery without knowing all the details of how my recovery will proceed and exactly when I'll return fulltime to office and church activities. And, anyway, you'll probably read this after I'm back.*

So this column may be handicapped in some ways at this time, but let me offer three important observations that may be helpful to the life of our community.

First, and foremost, I'm thrilled that we had the opportunity to celebrate Easter in the glorious manner we did. I've heard how wonderful the choirs sounded, how much the brass quintet added to the services, how singing the great Easter hymns meant to all in attendance and how Pastor Linda so capably proclaimed God's triumph. I missed being there with you in person but I was there in spirit. And remember, when we sing, "Christ the Lord is risen today," we mean it not only for Easter Sunday, but also for the day after. And the day after that. And all the days after. Amen!

Then, let me tell you how thankful Jan and I are for your thoughts and prayers, for your cards and calls, and for your genuine concern for both of us during this surgery and recovery time. The good news is that the neck surgery was a success and I'm now almost two weeks into my anticipated six week recovery period. Now it's just a matter of my being careful while the fusions knit together. I will begin returning to the office during the week of April 16th and will be in church with you on April 22nd.

Finally, I want to encourage you to carefully read the articles in this addition of Campbell Connections. Yes, you expect me to say that, but I really mean it because there is so much good ministry and mission taking place in May and I don't want you to miss any of it.

I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Blessings,

Pastor Jim



## Welcome New Members!



We welcome with joy and thanksgiving the persons who joined our church family last Sunday: Marilyn Hunsicker, Kadie Kabba-Sesay, Hawa Kanneh, Carol and Don Laucella, and Bill Sheldon. We hope you will continue to find Campbell UMC a place to grow in faith, love and service, and we celebrate your presence with us.

Bruce Hallinan ❖

## What Kind of a Legacy Will You Leave?

Many of us have thought about making a bequest to our church. How does one go about this? One relatively simple way is to make provision in our will or trust for money or property to be transferred from our estate to the church at our passing.

But there are even better ways to leave a legacy such as a Charitable Gift Annuity, a Charitable Remainder Trust, a Charitable Lead Trust, or a Life Estate Reserved. In some situations, this can be done in such a manner that we can receive income and tax advantages for the rest of our life.

What am I talking about?

Come to the Endowment Fund Committee Workshop on **Saturday, April 21, 2012** in the Fireside Room at 10:00 am to hear Susan Peters, a Certified Financial Planner from the California-Nevada United Methodist Foundation describe to us the various opportunities available to leave a legacy to your church.

George W. Cleveland, Endowment Fund Committee ❖

## Spring Work Morning

Spring is here! The trustees are having a spring work morning **May 12<sup>th</sup>**

from 8 am to noon. The spring focus is on grounds and exterior maintenance. A light snack and supplies are provided and all are encouraged to help in any way they are able: come for the morning or an hour or two, tasks for all abilities. All are encouraged to help.

Questions to John Finzel (408) 806-3744 or [jjfinzel@att.net](mailto:jjfinzel@att.net). ❖

## Clothing Bins

The only clothing that we are collecting is new socks for the Emergency Housing Consortium. Please do not drop off other clothing inside the entrance to the Fellowship Hall. Also, Jane's sewing group continues to collect old sheets, blankets and mattress pads to make bed rolls for the homeless.

Thank you, Jane LaPierre ❖

## More Opportunities to Hear Great Children's Voices!

In addition to our own wonderful *Children's Musical on May 6<sup>th</sup>*, you have two other opportunities to hear great children's choirs in May, as two local choirs perform at Campbell UMC. If your child or teenager is interested in music, hearing either of these choirs would be an excellent experience for them.

On **Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, the Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley, directed by Elena Sharkova, will perform at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Cantabile singers range in age from 4 to 18. They receive a comprehensive musical education, and performance opportunities of the highest caliber, engaging hearts and minds, and encouraging a lifetime of appreciation of the arts and the diversity of human cultures and languages. For ticket information, call 650-424-1410.



On **Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**, the Vivace Youth Chorus of San Jose, directed by Peggy Spool, will perform at 4:00 pm in

the Sanctuary. Vivace is a high-quality choral program for children and youth ages 4-18, that balances vocal training, musical theory and performance skills. Chorists gain experience with a wide variety of musical genres. The Chorus collaborates with local composers and musicians, as well as the San Jose Symphonic Choir, Opera San Jose, and Mission City Opera. For ticket information, call 408-885-1746.

## Single Senior Lunch Bunch

Campbell United Methodist Church (CUMC) is well-known for their variety of small groups. A very favorite one of mine is the Single Senior Lunch Bunch. This group was originally called 65+ Lunch Group; the name was changed to Lunch Bunch. Every third Sunday around 12 noon, the group goes to a different local restaurant to enjoy good food and wonderful fellowship. This is a very happy and spirited group as they exchange memories, news about grandchildren and great grandchildren and other activities. This is a very upbeat, cheery group who are concerned about those who are not present due to illness or any that are in distress about family members. For me it is caring and nurturing fellowship. Members are always on the lookout for new members – senior singles in CUMC. They transport each other when possible and make sure members receive at least one call between lunches.

The group was started by Edie Kerr, Dorrie Wilson and Kathy Sheldon. When I joined CUMC and began attending the Single Senior Lunch Bunch, I found a caring and loving group. It was not too large at that time, but Edie, Dorrie, Kathy, and I enjoyed a lunch at Mimi's and laid some future plans and activities as follows: *In July, instead of going to lunch at a restaurant, the group enjoys a noon "picnic" in the Fireside Room. This is a catered affair with summertime themes, food and entertainment. For the December meeting we enjoy our Christmas party. We gather in the Sanctuary at 12:30 pm to enjoy the organ concert. The party continues in the Fireside Room with a light lunch and Christmas goodies. Carol singing ends*

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the festivities. Jan Grodeon provides music and song books. Around the tables at both events many memories are shared and there is much laughter and happiness.

Carolyn Buehner has been a wonderful co-worker with me as we plan for the parties and reserve restaurants for lunch. We two have eaten at many local restaurants casing out the seating, menu, parking and atmosphere. Requirements also include receiving single checks for the meal and group seating in a special area. We reserve space for 15 to 20 on a given Sunday, but we are never certain how many will be there. The hostesses have been helpful in adding extra chairs when needed. I am happy to say that for the past two months, twenty-one single seniors have enjoyed lunch together.

A big thank you goes to Kathy Sheldon, who puts announcements in the blue addendum and the bulletin, plus providing transportation for several folks. Another person who deserves huge thanks is Dorrie Wilson who mails get-well and birthday cards to the members. If you have any questions about the group, you can call me at 871-7885 or Carolyn at 378-3801. I hope all of you single seniors over 65 will consider becoming a part of our group.

by Jean Kiskadden ❖

### Technical Trainee for Worship-Interested?

The Campbell UMC Technical Coordinator, Leon Johnson, is willing to train interested church members who have an interest in playing with big toys. Come and learn how to set up projectors, use presentation software, and the process of creating slides for Sunday services.

Email him at [leonjnsn@pacbell.net](mailto:leonjnsn@pacbell.net) or call 408-712-9120. ❖

## SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT SCHOLARSHIP GIFT

*The Campbell United Methodist Church is very pleased to accept the gift of a scholarship fund to Sierra Service Project, given by the family of Bob and Betty Renfer, in honor of their 80th birthdays.*

*Bob and Betty, who have a long history of faithful service at Campbell UMC, served as youth leaders for many years and currently are the driving force of the Wednesday Wonder Workers, who take such excellent care of our campus. Their gifts and service are a perfect match for Sierra Service Project (SSP), which is an organization that offers youth service opportunities through the building or repairing of Native American and urban communities. One of the tenets of SSP is that youth will better develop a strong and deep understanding of God's gifts and grace, by learning how to serve others. Originally founded by Methodist pastors, SSP is now an independent, non-profit organization.*

*Campbell UMC has a long history of participation in SSP and receives, with great gratitude, the gift from the Renfer family to continue our participation in the future. Thank you to the family for such a thoughtful, appropriate and generous gift; and thank you to Bob and Betty Renfer who have wholeheartedly supported and served this church for many years!!! ❖*



## HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

UPDATE

### HISTORY HELPERS UPDATE

The History Helpers continue to meet once a month to sort, organize, and catalog photos, newsletters, programs, and other historical items. We would welcome donations of, for example, past church directories, programs from special events, or photographs (preferably with date and/or event name, and/or people's names). Items may be left in the church office marked for the History Helpers. Any questions, please contact Susan Sargent at 378-1232.

# In the COMMUNITY

## 35<sup>th</sup> Annual South Bay CROP Hunger Walk

On Sunday, April 29th, at 12:30 pm, you can participate in this annual pledge walk through the beautiful Rose Garden area of San Jose! CROP Walk brings neighbors together to raise awareness of hunger issues, raise funds for two excellent local agencies, and supports international relief and development. Help support Second Harvest Food Bank, Sacred Heart Community Service, and Church World Service!

Pledge forms are available in the office and will be available during Fellowship Hour beginning next week. You can also sign up at [www.crophungerwalks.org/sbp](http://www.crophungerwalks.org/sbp), or contact Lea Adams for information at (408) 293-4562.

Special thanks to Hobee's Restaurants, who again will provide their special coffee cake for walkers!

The local South Bay CROP walk really took off due to the efforts of Campbell UMC's Hunger Task Force in the 1970's. Church members publicized the event, laid out the route, arranged for water and snacks along the way, found volunteers to man the checkpoints – all the things that make for a successful walk. Rod Thorn, of Stone Church in Willow Glen, eventually took over leadership of the walk, laying out the route through the Rose Garden that is used today. Currently Craig Leventon, whose parents, Jean and Keith Leventon were members here, is the regional coordinator.

Please continue this successful tradition and help fight hunger, by walking! ❖

## The Van Sickle Fund

The Van Sickle Fund is an endowment fund that the church has been administering for several years. The dividend and interest income from the invested principal has been used to help various organizations within the Campbell community as was proposed by Mrs. Van Sickle when she donated the fund to the church. The total amount spent from 2009 to the present is \$51,459.39. Below is a listing by year of the projects and organizations that have benefited from these funds.

### 2010

1. Library books (164) for Rosemary School.
2. Tables for the food bank program at the church.
3. Stretch bands for community based exercise class at the church.

### 2011

1. Rosemary Elementary School after-school and Saturday tutoring program.
2. Rosemary School Choir Program.
3. Heart of the Valley volunteer transportation fund.
4. Rosemary School backpacks- for students at the beginning of the year.
5. Posters for the Amanda Network anti-bullying campaign vigil.

### 2012

1. Choir program for Rosemary School.
2. Library books (65) for Rosemary School.
3. Campbell Community Center grant to help build a children's playground.
4. Campbell Community Center Cooking class – six weeks for low income families. This grant is matched with Public Health moneys.
5. Campbell Community Center Senior Fee waivers - so low income seniors can take classes.
6. Campbell Community Center Leadership Academy - to promote leadership skills in Campbell students.
7. Historical Museum Scholarships - so Campbell students will benefit from field trips to the Historical Museum – pays for bus transportation.
8. Historical Museum New Education Program - promotes education in careers in museum and research.
9. Historical Museum Traveling Trunks program - program and teaching lessons for historical artifacts that travel to school classrooms.
10. Rosemary School two-day a week breakfast support program for low income students.

The Van Sickle Fund Committee, the Endowment Fund Committee, and the Church Council have spent a great deal of time working together to make sure that the income from the fund is spent wisely and in compliance with the guidelines that were set up for the Van Sickle Fund.

Terry Tanner

Chairman of the Van Sickle Fund Committee ❖



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

## Care-A-Vaners

*This is the latest report from Care-A-Vaners, your United Methodist Volunteers in Mission Team (UMVIM) from the Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Methodist Church under the umbrella of the Board of Global Ministries.*

**March 25-29**

It was threatening rain, so the Care-a-Vaners were wondering if the trip to Salinas to paint the parsonage would be a waste of time. As we pulled into the parking lot of the church we immediately noticed that the flames on the crosses had turned pink -- ugh. The locals say that the insecticide is hard on the paint, others say that it is the hot summers, and I think it is a combination of both.

On Sunday we did a walk around to see how much work needed to be done, to figure out what jobs individuals wanted to tackle, and to start making a shopping list. There were 9 of us on Sunday including Sue and Dave Sargent, Elaine and Eugene Hill from Campbell UMC, and our newest member Ken Blackshear from Eureka. On Wednesday Ina and Marv Tanner spent the afternoon with us. They made 11.

This trip was full of connections that just fall into place and make us remember the kindness of people.

One of the women of the church found that her best friend's mother had a 1 ton Ford flat bed truck, just sitting there doing nothing. She knew that there were a lot of things she could do at the church if she "only" had a truck. Only her girl friend is allowed to drive the truck, so now we had two enthusiastic women. They had volunteered to help us haul away debris. Together we cleared out the back yard, removing lots of temporary fixes to the fence. Since they had a "little" more room they then went to the church to add branches trimmed from the pine trees.



Elaine H. painting the flame



Dave S. on paint duty

Tuesday morning Gene went to the tile boneyard in Castroville to try and find matching tile to repair the roof. They had the tile and gave Gene the name of a roofing supply place in Salinas to get the rest of the supplies that he needed. Shortly after he returned a man came walking up to the front of the parsonage. I asked if I could help him.

His reply was, "I am Haati, I am VIM<sup>1</sup>. Is Ken here?"

As I took him around to the back to see Ken he warmly greeted Rod and Gloria Castor. He had worked at a hurricane recovery site with them in Louisiana a few years ago, and then he saw Ken. He was a part of a team that Ken took to the Gulf Coast last February. Haati Nai is a roofer. Then it hit me. This is the famous roofer. He decided that by the time he was 50 years old he wanted to have installed 50 volunteer roofs, and he did it. This does not include roofs that he has repaired. I asked if he would do a safety inspection of this roof while he was there. He said that he would repair the roof now if we would get the supplies. So on his extended lunch hour he and Ken repaired the roof, and we knew that it was done right. What a blessing to have a professional

<sup>1</sup> Volunteers in Mission

## UM Women

### United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women (UMW) invite you to join them for their May program on **Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**, in the Fireside Room.

**"I was in prison and you visited me"**  
(title taken from the CIC Ministry website)

Rev. Louann Roberts, Facility Chaplain at Elmwood Complex Correctional Center for Women, will be our speaker. Members from our Campbell United Methodist Jail Ministry will also be speaking about their involvement in the Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy (CIC).

#### Business Meeting

9:30 am – 10:30 am

#### Coffee and Brunch

10:30 am – 11:00 am

Program begins at 11:00 am in the Fireside Room.

Darlene Dyer, UMW Executive ❖

### "Once Upon a Time"



**United Methodist Women's Spring Luncheon** has their Annual celebration on **Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>** in the Fellowship Hall. At 11:30 a.m. there is Table Viewing, followed by luncheon at noon. Tickets are \$12 and will be sold Sunday morning April 22<sup>nd</sup> (*last chance to purchase your ticket*).

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. ❖

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# Circuit Writer



**We Are  
Easter People**

*Rev. Larry LaPierre*

Sometimes I am so focused on my own thoughts before Sunday worship that I overlook the meditation at the beginning of the worship bulletin.

Not this time.

I noticed the first line and pondered how it applied to me: "Do not abandon yourself to despair." Have you felt yourself slowly sliding into a pit where hope seems to be absent? I have. I wage an almost constant battle with the darkness of despair.

How could this be? After all, I am an ordained pastor—presumably a person of faith, hope and love grounded in God's presence in my life. Don't I know about prayer, meditation, Holy Communion and the Scripture as ways to hold back the darkness and let the light of God's love into my soul? Yes, I do, and I use them all—and more.

However, I also know something about the darkness that can enter a person's soul and take up residence for as much as a lifetime. I've needed to be reminded of this reality periodically. One of those occasions happened when I was at a meeting of hospital staff in which we discussed physical pain for cancer patients and how to treat it. Someone said that a pain level of 4, where 0 is no pain and 10 is unbearable pain, was too much to bear day in and day out. I commented that I didn't think that I had ever experienced pain at that level. A Physician's Assistant quickly reminded me that I had.

How did he know? He didn't. He was guessing based on his experience treating patients for 25 years, but he was right. I remembered. Nor did it take long to remember emotional pain that was even worse. As a VA chaplain and as a pastor I knew many people who suffered even worse levels of pain. How can we avoid being overwhelmed by despair when pain of any kind, physical, emotional, spiritual

or relational, threatens to drain us of the will to go on.

The rest of the meditation from John Paul II gives us the answer. "We are Easter people, and hallelujah is our song!" I write this a few hours after being reminded by Rev. Daniel Gbundema that "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!" Pastor Daniel's enthusiastic reminder of this truth may have been a needed reminder that darkness does not overcome the light, for Jesus is the light of our lives both now and forever.

Darkness, in one sense, is just the absence of light. It only takes a little bit of light for the darkness to begin to retreat. The promise of more light give us reason to hope, and hope relieves the burden of the worst spiritual darkness—even despair. Those of you who know me are aware that I am not given to wild-eyed enthusiasm if for no other reason than my experience has opened my eyes to some of the depths of darkness into which we human beings fall or even jump. That same experience, however, has also shown me repeatedly how God's light in Jesus lifts us out of the darkness. That's why I continue to use every means I can to invite and welcome Jesus into my inner life.

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

## Care-A-Vaners

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roofer work on the tile roof, and to have met this generous man. And yes, Haati was right, he is VIM.

Now about the rain. We had some drizzles during the night, but the days were clear, and so the painting was done by Wednesday. On Thursday all we had left was installing the exterior lights, replacing the outlets inside the house, and putting the second coat of paint on the flames.

Elaine Hill ❖



"How many Methodists does it take to change a light bulb??"



*A resounding "thank you and bless you" to my church family for all of the prayers, cards, calls, and visits following my recent surgery.*

*And thank you for the beautiful flower that was delivered after Easter. I am so blessed by your care and concern, and I know your prayers helped my recovery.*

*I am doing very well, and glad to be home, and it was great being in church on Easter Sunday!*

*Jack Carnett*

## CARTOON CORNER



**SPECIAL NEWS FROM  
SIERRA LEONE**

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South Africa. Dr. Sidney Cooper also worked with General Board of Global Ministries(GBGM) as Missioner of Hope assigned to the Provisional Conference of Zambia Congo D.R. as Theological Education Coordinator (2000-2005). Rev. Dr. Sidney A. Cooper is currently the Director of Theological Education and Leadership Development, Registrar of Conference Board of Ordained Ministry of the United Methodist Church, Sierra Leone Annual Conference. He is married to Dorance Cooper with four children, Delicia, Seinya, Rebecca and Precious.

Dr. Cooper is a scholar, theological educator and United Methodist Church leader in Sierra Leone. He and Pastor Daniel are old friends and colleagues in ministry and we look forward to bringing him to Campbell United Methodist Church.

A potluck is planned in the Fellowship Hall after services to continue our welcome and for further conversation. ❖

*Music Music Music*

Music was an integral part of Holy Week for me. It was the music that elevated me above the everyday world.

Music helped me make the leap into the experience of Jesus' last week. I read somewhere that there are experiences that work like transitions through which it is easier to communicate with God. I sort of visualize those transitional doorways leading into butterfly aviaries - between worlds.

Music is that portal for me. So, I say to Chancel Choir and director, Bill Coye; to Mary Ann Gee at piano and organ; to all the soloists, "Thank you, I felt blessed."

I was particularly transported by the Friday 7 pm Requiem Mass.

Thank you all for your hard work in preparing the music for folks like myself.

Heather Reynolds ❖

**Easter Photos**



*Cross hangings made by women at Elmwood Correctional Facility through the Campbell UMC Art & Spirit Ministry*





**UMYF TALKING**  
**“LISTEN UP”**

**CALENDAR**

**friday, april 20**  
 friday night  
 progressive dinner

**sunday, april 29**  
 Crop Walk

**sunday, may 6**  
 youth group mtg.

**sunday, may 13**  
 Lock-In

**harry potter marathon part II**

**sunday, may 20**  
 Creek Clean Up

**sunday, may 27**  
 Memorial Day  
 no youth group



**Welcome to Adventures on Promise Island, where God's promises never change!**

Join us for Vacation Bible School this summer from June 25 to June 29. Each day at Promise Island kids will experience Bible stories about God's promises, play games, get creative with crafts, learn some songs, make new friends and have fun. All the while discovering God's promises and His lifesaving love.

VBS is open to kids from 3 years old (and potty trained) to those entering 6th grade. The cost is \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional sibling. If you didn't receive a registration form in the mail, you can pick one up in the church office or between church services.

Melinda Knepp,  
 Youth Coordinator ♦



**ONCE UPON A PARABLE Is Coming!!**

Jesus was a storyteller.

A quick glance at the gospels reveals him constantly regaling the crowds with tales designed to teach, amuse, puzzle, and even irritate!

And two thousand years later, His words are still fresh---the double meanings and surprise endings of the stories challenge and enlighten us.

Please join the **Joyful Notes Choir on Sunday, May 6th**, at both services, as they bring these stories to life in the musical *Once Upon A Parable*, by Tom S. Long and Allen Pote.

Daelene Groff, Joyful Notes Choir Director ♦



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and always  
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so bright

from  
the  
Heart

Dear Campbell United Methodist Church  
Thanks for all the supplies that you gave us we are very  
proud for all of the supplies that you gave us. I like the  
supplies that you gave us. I like the cool white  
boards that you gave us. Thanks for the ice pens. I  
like the cool markers. Thanks for the cool chairs.  
Thanks for the cool white boards.  
Sincerely,  
Joey.

Thank you very much  
and I hope you come  
again.

Dear Campbell United Methodist  
Church Thank you for helping our  
School you are the best for giving  
us the supplies. Thanks for the  
very cool markers. Thanks for the  
cool white boards.  
Sincerely  
Michael Dives

And always  
love  
the  
Office

Always  
Be mine  
forever

Notes of appreciation  
from students at  
Rosemary School  
for supplies and snacks