

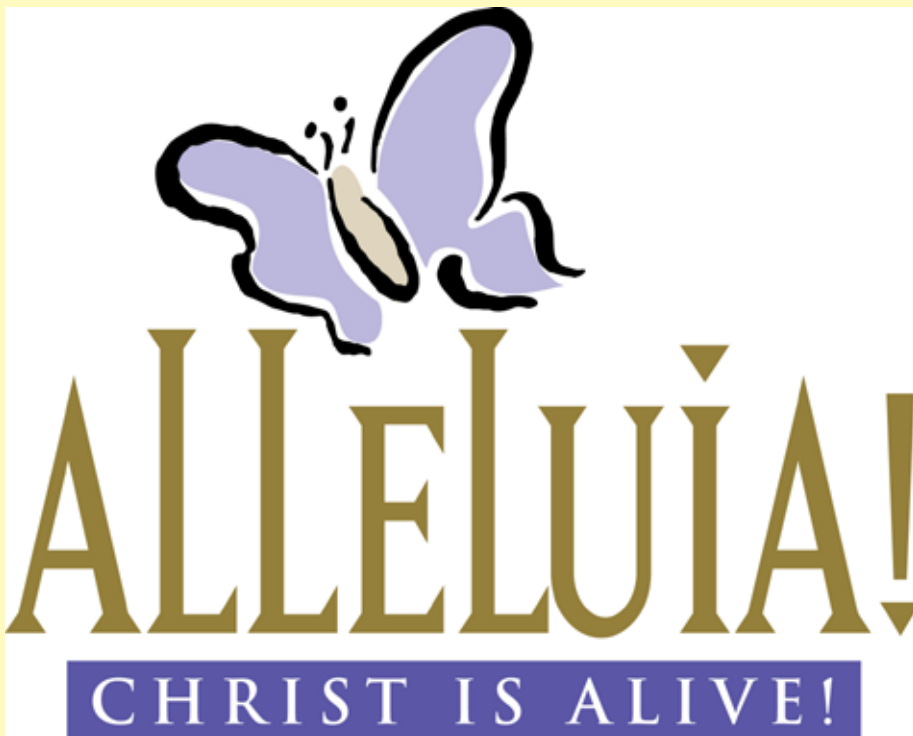
# Campbell



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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL, 2013



### Easter Resurrection Sunday March 31, 2013

- 8 am Pancake breakfast
- 9 am Easter Celebration with Menlo Brass
- 10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt
- 10:45 am Easter Celebration with Menlo Brass

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### Holy Week Services

Campbell United Methodist Church

### Holy Thursday Service

March 28, 2013, 7 pm

Joyful Notes Children's Choir  
Join Jesus in the Fellowship Hall for the Pedalavium (footwashing) and the Last Supper

### Good Friday Services

March 29, 2013, 12 noon and 7:30 pm

12 noon Stations of the Cross  
7:30 pm "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois  
The Chancel Choir

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**Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:45 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 Pen

### Two Old Men by Leo Tolstoy

*Two old men leave for a pilgrimage to Jerusalem; Efim Tarásitch Shevélef is a well-to-do farmer, while his friend Elisha Bódrof is an average person. Efim was the perfect gentry, village Elder twice, never drinking or smoking or behaving badly. He was a healthy and wise 70-year old patriarch of a large family.*

*Elisha was neither poor nor rich, a carpenter by trade. In his later years, he became a beekeeper. He was a cheerful old man who drank, smoked and took snuff at times. The two friends had promised to go on the pilgrimage a long time ago; but Efim's family business always got in the way. Then one day, Elisha asked him, "When will we fulfill our vows?" When Efim started to make excuses, Elisha stopped him, reminding him that they weren't getting younger, and that Efim's son needed to learn how to run the family business on his own. So they finally decided to leave.*

*They walked on for several weeks, so Elisha wanted to take a break. But Efim wanted to continue on. When they came by a small village, Elisha said he would stop by for some water and told Efim that he would catch up with him. Inside, Elisha found that the family was starving to death and suffering from various illnesses. He decided to help the family and save the dying people – giving up his dream of finishing the pilgrimage.*

*Meanwhile, Efim waited for his friend to catch up with him. He thought maybe Elisha had passed him while he was sleeping under the shade tree, so he hurried up the road. But his head was full of worries about his business back home. He was wary of others, fearful they might rob him of his money and possessions.*

*Elisha made sure the sick family recovered from their hunger-driven illness and provided enough grain and wood to survive. When he returned home alone, his family was surprised. His excuse was simple: "It was not God's will that I should get there," said he. "I lost my money on the way, and lagged behind my companion." He never told them about what happened at the poor village and lived on cheerfully as before.*

*Efim made it to Jerusalem with the other pilgrims. As he entered the crowded temple to worship, he was surprised to see his friend Elisha's head by the front of the altar where the holy fire was burning. There was a bright halo around Elisha's head. "How did he get there?" he thought. He tried to push through the crowd to get to his friend, but his friend disappeared into the crowd. He saw his friend three times in the temple.*

*Efim met Elisha after his return home. Efim was silent for a while, and then added:*

*"My feet have been there, but whether my soul, or another's, has been there more truly. . ."*

*"That's God's business, neighbor, God's business," interrupted Elisha.*

*"On my return journey I stopped at the hut where you remained behind. . ."*

*Elisha was alarmed, and said hurriedly:*

*"God's business, neighbor, God's business! Come into the cottage, I'll give you some of our honey." And Elisha changed the conversation, and talked of home affairs.*

*Efim sighed, and did not speak to Elisha of the people in the hut, nor of how he had seen him in Jerusalem. But he now understood that the best way to keep one's vows to God and to do God's will, is for each man while he lives to show love and do good to others.*

*By the time you read this, we will have come through Lent. I hope we all got to Calvary and to the empty tomb, meeting the suffering servant and resurrected Lord. Various traditions tell us that we have to give up this or that, keep that practice or this ritual, or don't sing or speak certain words. What matters is the true nature of spirituality.*

*May the story of the Two Old Men remind us of what is important – as we enter this Easter Season, following the living Christ who told his disciples that they will find him in Galilee, their stomping ground where they worked, lived, loved and died, - breaking bread with all who are weary and heavy-laden. May our eyes too be opened to see the living Christ among us.*

*Pastor Paul ❖*

*<http://www.online-literature.com/tolstoy/2891/>; or The Short Stories of Leo Tolstoy (Kindle Edition)*



## Calling All Prayer Triads

*"My House Shall Be Called A House of Prayer"*

On April 2, 2013, we will hit the middle point of our 90-Day Adventure in Celebrating Prayer. I have been encouraged by news that many of you have lived with the small Pray Daily booklet for your personal prayers and for group meetings. I have been privileged to join some of the Prayer Triads for their weekly meetings.

Setting apart 15 minutes a day for personal devotion or Quiet Time; or one hour a week for a triad meeting is a matter of commitment. And if you are just beginning to pray, just like any new habit we are learning, it takes practice. And learning to pray means we get better as we pray! So, just do it! Don't wait for anyone's permission. Don't wait for the right moment.

Anyone can pray, anywhere, anytime!

If you are not part of a prayer triad, please pick up a triad registration form on the Welcome Table or in the Office as well as a Pray Daily booklet. Or e-mail Pastor Paul and let him know of your desire. If you want to know what a daily reflection looks like, you may want to visit the Pastor's Blog on our church website and converse with Pastor Kim as he reflects on the given passages for each day.

If your triad is meeting, please let Pastor Kim know when and where you meet, and extend an invitation. He'll be happy to join you, to get to know you and to pray with you. Also, e-mail the office or the Pastor and share stories of your personal adventure in prayer or what your triad has been experiencing! Also if you have any questions or suggestions...

Look out for a Prayer Celebration Event sometime in April – we will pray up a storm!

A church that prays together makes a difference with a plus!

A family that prays together has more fun!

Pastor Paul ❖

## Planned Gift

Many people look for ways to give to an organization that they care about. It is possible for you to give a generous gift to Campbell United Methodist Church through a process called a planned giving. A planned gift leaves a legacy that keeps on giving past your lifetime

The beauty of this process is that you can make a gift without using your current income. To leave such a legacy you must first find the right strategy for you. One of the ways to see this is to make a bequest to the church effective upon your death. This method is an easy way to make a difference in the future of Campbell United Methodist Church.

Through a bequest you can give a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. This process is also an excellent way to transfer certain property or a specific asset you wish to share with the church.

As you begin 2013 think of ways you would like to support the church in years to come.

A gift of any size makes a

difference—just find the giving strategy that works for you.

Terry Johnson, Endowment Committee ❖

## Invitation to Lunch

*How about a Free Lunch?*

For several years the United Methodist Women have supported both the Bill Wilson Center and Silicon Valley Faces. These are non-profit agencies that support youth and families in our local community. If you would like to learn more about them you can join me for lunch.

On Tuesday, April 16th Silicon Valley Faces will have their luncheon at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View

On Thursday, April 25th The Bill Wilson Center will hold their luncheon at the Santa Clara Conventions Center.

Both events are from noon to 1:00 pm and there is no cost to attend. Of course the programs will most likely move you to want to make a donation or volunteer your time. They have certainly done that for me.

If you would like to join me at my table for either lunch please RSVP to thepaytons@sbcglobal.net or 408-378-3493

Janine Peyton ❖

## HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

Excerpt from Campbell, The Orchard City by Jeanette Watson, c. 1989, page 332.

**EXCERPT NO.9**

(Note--Elijah James served as the first librarian of the Campbell public library.)

"After the death of Professor James, Mary Lewis was hired as Campbell's librarian...She was strong-willed, determined and of great mental capacity. Her knowledge and love of books made one quickly forget her physical difficulty. She took an active role in Campbell in the Methodist Church, and the Campbell Improvement Club, as well as writing for the San Jose Mercury. The Country Women's Club stepped in to help pay Mary's salary as librarian, and she served as an inspiration to many youth who came to the library."



# In the COMMUNITY



## Some "Food" for Thought -- Second Harvest Food Bank Barrels are Back!

Picture our Second Harvest Food barrels filled to the brim and even overflowing! This would be easy to accomplish if we all just brought in one or two cans. When you're shopping to fill those Easter baskets, consider adding a few healthy items to your cart to help our neighbors in need. And don't even bring them into your house where you can easily forget about them. Keep them in your car! Canned fruits and vegetables are especially appreciated.

The majority of people served by Second Harvest Food Bank are seniors and low-income families with children. During the last fiscal year, Second Harvest served an average of 243,177 people per month. In a recent newsletter, Second Harvest wrote about the connection between hunger, obesity and malnutrition in the United States. They noted that low-income families "not only struggle to earn enough money to put food on the table," but they also often eat at inexpensive fast food restaurants as a means to "feed a family while also making sure that no one is left 'feeling hungry.'" Our donations are a very tangible way we can make a difference and curb hunger -- while fighting obesity -- in a healthy and nutritional way within our community.

We'll have our Second Harvest Food Barrels back through April, so please consider this idea. For the next few months, each time you go shopping, add a few extra cans for the Second Harvest Food Bank and let's see how many times we can fill those barrels! Thank you!

## Next Volunteer Opportunity at Second Harvest Food Bank

Hold the Date! We will be able to bring a small group to Second Harvest to help pack food on Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. This will also be

an opportunity to see their new facility on N. First Street in San Jose. Watch for more details as the date draws nearer. In the meantime, if you'd like to volunteer or have questions, please e-mail Gail Jacobs at [gailj\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:gailj_2000@yahoo.com).

Gail Jacobs, Church & Society ❖

## South Bay CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, April 21, 2013

CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide -- and here in the U.S. -- to have food for today, while building for a better tomorrow. Our local efforts are making a huge difference... and you are part of it!

Every dollar raised for our CROP Hunger Walk will be increased this year!



The Feinstein Foundation ([www.feinsteinfoundation.org](http://www.feinsteinfoundation.org)) will divide \$1 million among hunger-fighting agencies that raise funds during March and April. So the more funds we raise from March 1 to April 30, the more we'll receive. Every dollar counts even more!

If you are interested in participating in or donating to CROP Walk, you can:

- 1) contact Charlie Slayman ([cslayman@gmail.com](mailto:cslayman@gmail.com), 408-603-6276)
- 2) come to the CROP Walk sign-up table at Fellowship Hour on Sunday
- 3) register online to donate to a walker or join the Campbell United Methodist Team at: [http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR/2013SpringCROPHungerWalk/TR-Spring2013?fr\\_id=16489&pg=entry](http://hunger.cwsglobal.org/site/TR/2013SpringCROPHungerWalk/TR-Spring2013?fr_id=16489&pg=entry).

**Walk Details:** Location: San Jose City Hall Plaza, 200 E Santa Clara Street. Registration: 12:30 p.m., Walk: 1:30 p.m.

Charlie Slayman, Missions ❖

## Noah's Pudding Interfaith Event

This year was the second time members of Campbell UMC have participated in the annual Ashure (or Noah's Pudding) dinner and contest, held on March 9 at the Pacifica Institute

in Sunnyvale. The tradition of Noah's Pudding, a tradition shared by Christians and Muslims in the Middle East, is based on the story that when the ark came to rest on Mount Ararat after forty days of flood, Noah and his family wanted to celebrate and thank God for bringing them safely to land. They collected all the remaining scraps of food on the ark and stirred them together in a big



pot. The pudding that resulted was called Ashure, from a Hebrew word. In Turkey Muslims get together with their families every year to share Ashure, a dish which can include up to forty ingredients, though recipes vary. Groups hold fiercely competitive contests for the best pudding.

This year seven entries were submitted for the Pacifica contest, prepared a day or two ahead by interfaith groups of four women. (The women suggested that the men do the cooking next year!) Two prizes were awarded, one for taste and one for presentation. Each person in the winning groups received a beautiful Turkish bowl.



The fun starts with the preparation, held at the house of one of the Turkish ladies of each group. Hours are spent chopping, mixing, stirring, husking. Ashure is Slow Food. My group consisted of two women from Pacifica, two Christian women, and three young children. We talked, stirred, laughed and ate dinner together, sharing our life experiences and our different cultures. Our host's six-year-old daughter did a beautiful job telling us the story of Noah's ark. Of the many things I have learned from our Turkish friends, one is that they are all wonderful cooks.

On the evening of the contest we gathered in Sunnyvale where we

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

## United Methodist Women

### BOOK REVIEW BY SUSAN JONES

*Cry of the Giraffe* by Judie Oron

Category: Youth/Education and Mission

Pages: 190

Rating: \*\*\*\*stars



The story tells of a young girl growing up in Ethiopia as a Jew. Because of religious persecution many Jews known as Beta Israel fled to Israel. Wuditu, at the age of 15, fled to Sudan with her family. Soon after arrival to Sudan, Wuditu and her family are separated and Wuditu makes her way back to Ethiopia. Wuditu needs food and shelter and takes work as a servant. She soon becomes a slave and has nowhere to go -- so she endures. The story details her life as an outcast and a hated Jew. Her only hope is to be reunited with her family. A wonderful read not only for our youth, but adults will enjoy the story also.

TV. If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six. Open your child's imagination. Open a book. ~ Author Unknown

Susan Jones ❖

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN INVITE YOU TO THEIR ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON



SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2013

#### "Oh the Places You'll Go"

COME to the Fellowship Hall for

- 11:30 am, Table Viewing
- 12 noon, Luncheon followed by musical entertainment provided by J.F. Holmes and friends.
- Tickets, \$12
- For Sale Sunday Mornings March 24, April 7, and April 14
- No Sales Easter Sunday
- Ticket deadline, April 14
- Tickets not available at the door

For ticket information, contact  
Circle Leaders,  
or Sally Wenzel, 728-7142



### United Methodist Women's General Meeting

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."* - Dr. Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"



Reading for a lot of us is a wonderful experience that allows us to travel to many places without leaving the comfort of our living room. But, when someone, especially a child, has problems reading, they have a much different experience.

Reading Partners is a non-profit organization that tutors low-income children in reading, which not only helps them improve reading skills, but also aids them in achieving success and bolsters their self-confidence. Madison Dennis, one of our church

members, manages a local office for Reading Partners.

Come join the United Methodist Women on **Thursday, May 2, 2013**, in the Fireside Room as we learn more about Reading Partners and how we might be able to help a student become a better reader.

General Meeting at 9:30 am • Refreshments at 10:30 am • Program at 11:00 am

Daelene Groff ❖

# UMW

## Annual Layette Kit Drive

### Benefitting Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and UMCOR



On the 3rd Sunday of each Month, from April through July and every Sunday in August, we will be collecting supplies to assemble Layette Kits for the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and UMCOR. Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Volunteers are celebrating 75 years of contribution this year, 2013, and their first donations were layettes. This is a wonderful way to help them celebrate the dedication of volunteering to the hospital and support new moms who are in need of these essential supplies the first couple of days with their new little bundle of joy.

UMCOR has consistently supported countries with few resources and in need of these essential items. UMCOR receives no other support except from the members of the United Methodist Church.

*Below are the requirements for each organizations kit ...*

#### **Santa Clara Valley Medical Center**

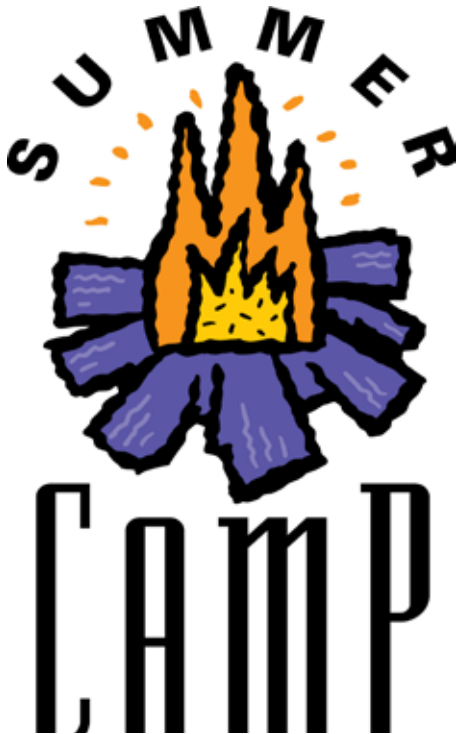
- 2 Receiving Blankets
- 2 Onesies, 3-6 month size
- 1 Sweater & Hat or Jacket w/Hood, 6 month size
- 6 Disposable Diapers, newborn size
- 1 Blanket, 36" x 36"
- 1 Gown or Sleeper
- 2 Diaper pins (must have protective covers)

#### **UMCOR**

- 2 Receiving Blankets (30"x30" or 30"x32" only)
- 2 Onesies or undershirts, 0-3 month size
- 6 Cloth Diapers, prefold or plain
- 2 Wash Cloths, Infant size only
- 1 Sweater, Jacket or Hooded Sweater, front opening only
- 2 Diaper pins (must have protective covers)
- 2 Gowns or Sleepers

***Our GOAL is 50 kits for each organization! Cash or check Donations will be gratefully accepted.***  
*(Cloth diapers for UMCOR can be purchased in bulk at a great price, so indicate on check whether UMCOR or SCVMC.)*





***It's not too late to register***  
for the California-Nevada Annual  
Conference Summer Camps.

**July 7-12 the Monte Toyon  
camps in Aptos are: Toyon Kids  
Camp (3rd through 6th grade),  
Camp Quest (7th-9th grade), L.I.T.  
(Leader in Training 14-15 year olds)  
and IMPACT L.I.T. (16-19 year olds).**

For more information about these  
camps and others go to <http://www.cnumc.org/pages/detail/1726>.

And if you bring your completed  
registration form into the church  
office by **April 7, 2013**, Campbell  
UMC will take care of the deposit.  
Forms can be found at the above  
website or you can pick one up in  
the church office.

If you have any questions about  
camp you can contact Melinda  
Knepp at (408)247-3577 , [melinda@kneppfamily.com](mailto:melinda@kneppfamily.com), or, Renee Eilerts  
in the church office (408)378-3472,  
[reneilerts@earthlink.net](mailto:reneilerts@earthlink.net).



# FAMILY MINISTRY NEWS



### 3rd GRADE BIBLES

On **March 3, 2013**, Campbell UMC  
gave out eight Bibles to seven third  
graders and one fourth grader. The  
recipients were Natalie Mantalas,  
Lauren Taylor, Felicia Keller, Jeanet  
Gibson, Jeanetta Gibson, Molly  
Twillieger, and Trevor Clapes.

They will spend an evening with  
Cheryl Anderson, one of our fourth  
fifth grade teachers, and Robin Goza,  
a church member, to learn more  
about their new Bible. It will be a  
fun evening for all.

**Parents Night Out and Kids  
Night In**, will be held on March 11th,  
6:00 to 10:00 pm. If you miss this  
one, there is another one scheduled  
for May 11th.

Don't miss Easter Sunday with our  
youth hosting a pancake breakfast  
from 8:00 to 8:45 am. **After first  
service, the children will participate  
in an Easter Egg Hunt.** You are  
invited to watch and cheer on the  
children as they search for the eggs.

On May 11th - The youth are  
holding another Kids Night In. Let's  
go see a movie, have dinner, or both.  
Also, May 17th is "Change the World  
Weekend". On Saturday May 18th,  
we will host Family Movie Night  
from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. The movie  
will be **Pay It Forward** which is rated

PG-13.

Lastly, I will be out of the office  
from March 25th and hoping to be  
back April 15.

I'm thankful for all the wonderful  
teachers, leaders, families, staff  
members, and children in our  
church. May your hearts be filled  
with God's love and peace.

In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Holly Aspiras, Children's Ministry  
Director ♦

### CHILDREN'S MUSICAL



**Samson --- The Day God Brought  
Down The House!**

This is the story of Samson, the  
strongest man in the Bible, who  
had the worst "Bad Hair Day" in  
history. God promises a childless  
couple they will give birth to a  
Hebrew Hero, who will clobber their  
enemies, the Philistines. So Samson  
is tricked by Delilah, an enemy  
spy, and locked up. A prisoner in a  
Philistine jail, Samson finally prays  
for the strength to "Bring Down the  
House" on his captors.

**Please join the Joyful Notes  
Choir on Sunday, May 5th, at both  
services, as they bring this story  
of Samson to life in the musical  
Samson --- The Day God Brought  
Down The House!**, by Eric Rainwater  
and Fred Judkins.

Daelene Groff, Director ♦

## Circuit Writer



### Singing As A Way To Pray

Rev. Larry LaPierre

Have you ever prayed with a frightened child? What about an older person who was dying and couldn't talk but could still recognize you? Then there are those of us who are so depressed that we can't imagine praying. Others of us are just overwhelmed by what is happening in our lives or the life of someone we love that we don't know what to say.

In each of these situations we who are people of faith can make a difference. Sometimes we just get to listen. Sometimes we can hold their hand. Other times we stay with a person in distress so that they know, however unconsciously, that they are not alone. But that is not all that we can do.

These are also times when we can pray. Yes, we can, even when it is not out loud and even if it is not with eloquent words. "Thank you God for not leaving us alone" is a perfectly good prayer. Equally valid is a prayer such as, "God, I don't know what to say. I just know that I (we) need your help right now."

However, I experienced another way to pray when I was the one in need of prayer. It was my turn to speak at a prayer breakfast at annual conference sometime in the 1980s when the Maine Annual Conference still existed. I intended to begin by thanking God and saying, "I'm doing better now that my daughter is past the worst." Instead, I got to the microphone, and I began to sob. I was definitely not OK. I fought to get my sobs under control of course. After all, I was the speaker. But nothing I did quieted them.

The group, however, knew something I didn't know at the moment. I didn't need to be in control. They didn't need to be in control either. They just needed to pray. It was the way that they prayed that moved me so much. They decided to softly sing the

Doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."

They didn't try to make me sit down until I felt better. They didn't offer me a glass of water. And, thank God, no one stood up and said something like, "That's OK, Larry. We've all been there." Instead, they just sang—over and over again.

It took several verses for me to be brought to an inner quiet. That's when I learned that singing a hymn can be an expression of healing prayer. Of course I had learned long ago that singing can be an expression of prayer. Going to all those "High Masses" as a Catholic boy had taught me that. During a "high mass" the priest sang his way through the prayers, the Gospel and what we know as the prayer of thanksgiving.

Those of us who are parents also know the power of singing to a distressed child. It is sometimes the only way to comfort them. But singing to help a forty-plus year old man? I had never known that to happen. I am so grateful for my friends who were led by the Spirit to intercede for me in that manner. It was an experience of being surrounded by love without being physically touched. I still marvel at how God worked that day.

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

*"Dear CUMC Family,*

*We want to thank you so very much for all the love, care, and kindness you've showered upon us during Jonathan's illness. We are so grateful for your continued prayers for his recovery and our strength. We truly believe prayer sustained us during some very difficult and scary days. Your emails, phone calls, cards and meals have been so encouraging and helpful to us. We are very grateful to be part of such a loving church family.*

*Brenda, Ron, Elizabeth and Jonathan Schirle"*

## Congregational Care



### Expanding Our Reach

A training will be given on "Sharing of Communion" for those active Care Givers as well as other members who feel called to be a caregiver and take communion to others. This training will take place during the regularly scheduled meeting on Sunday, April 28th at 12 noon after church. Please talk with Pastor Karen if you would like to attend. You will learn how to visit homebound - those in facilities with the purpose of sharing the Sacrament of Communion bread and juice that has been consecrated. There will be a specific script to follow and instruction on that type of visit. You can reach me at 408-378-3472 x23.

Pastor Karen ❖

## In the COMMUNITY

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enjoyed a delicious Turkish dinner and lively conversation around our tables. The evening's MC was Elaine Bondonno, who was one of the prize-winners last year. The five judges, from different backgrounds, made their selections and eight people went home with prizes, though in truth everyone is a winner. Just being together in this diverse group of people, enjoying each other's company and sharing our stories, is an experience that lifts the spirit and enriches the mind.

My personal interaction in regular gatherings with my Muslim friends has been life affirming, challenging me to think more deeply about my own faith while learning about theirs.

One of the women from Pacifica appends to all her e-mails this quote from Isaac Newton: "We build too many walls and not enough bridges."

Sue Edson, Women's Interfaith ❖



# UMYF TALKING “LISTEN UP”

## UMYF CALENDAR

2013

**Sunday, March 24**  
Creek Cleanup  
11:45 - 1:30 pm

**Sunday, March 31**  
Pancake Breakfast  
Easter Egg Hunt  
TBA

**Sunday, April 7**  
Lunch & Meeting  
11:45 - 1:30 pm

**Sunday, April 14**  
NO MEETING

**Sunday, April 21**  
CROP WALK  
TBA

**Sunday, April 28**  
Lunch & Meeting  
11:45 - 1:30 pm



## CREEK CLEAN UP

Oka Pond in Los Gatos is just one little piece of God’s creation and UMYF and Campbell UMC has pledged to take care of it. Twice a year members of our congregation go to Oka Pond to pick up trash. **Sunday, March 24 (Palm Sunday)** will be our first Creek Cleanup of 2013. Everyone is invited to join in this all-church service project.

Meet at Oka Pond at 12:45 p.m. (maps available in the office). You may also bring a bag lunch and join the youth for lunch in the AMY building and then carpool to Oka Pond at 12:30 p.m.

All you need to bring is a pair of work gloves. Trash bags and pickers are provided.

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND EASTER EGG HUNT

Plan on coming to church a little early on **Easter Sunday, March 31** and bring your appetite. From 8:00 to 8:45 a.m. Family Ministries and United Methodist Youth Fellowship will be hosting breakfast. There will be pancakes, bacon, orange juice and of course coffee and tea.

Following first service there will also be an Easter Egg Hunt out on the lawn for kids from pre-school through 5th grade.

*Look for more details as we get closer to Easter.*

## GOD’S BACKYARD BIBLE CAMP Under the Stars

This summer your kids will be gathering in God’s Backyard, right here at Campbell United Methodist Church, to learn about serving family, friends, neighbors community, and Jesus. They’ll see old friends and make new friends. Through song, Bible stories, crafts and games they will experience what it means to serve.

So mark your calendars! **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be held **June 24-28** and is open to pre-school (and potty trained) through entering 6th graders. Registration packets will be available soon.

VBS is planned and run by United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Melinda Knepp,  
Youth Coordinator ❖



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*Cema Rokoloma*



*Alice McManus*



*Billie Sue Shaffner*

### **Welcome Home, New Members**

***On Sunday, March 3, 2013, our church welcomed eight new members and one probationary member into our community. Please extend your hand of welcome and Christian fellowship. We are excited they have chosen Campbell United Methodist Church as their new spiritual home. Welcome home!***

***In the May edition of Connections, we will have a fuller description of our new members: Daniel Archer, Erlin and Juvenal Castro, Melissa Bagube and Rhoderick Vivas, Alice McManus, Cema Rokoloma, Billie Sue Shaffer, Deborah Hill (probationary, getting ready for baptism)***



*Erlin & Juvenal Castro*

***New members not yet photographed, are: Daniel Archer, Melissa Bagube and Rhoderick Vivas***