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Pastors and congregations of the Integrated Circuit

Dear friends,

Please share the message below with the leaders, members and friends of your congregations.

Congratulations! Hallelujah! Praise God!

I have been reading in some of your newsletters and e-mail announcements about the success of your day at the San Jose Giants. It is wonderful that together you raised over \$8,700 for Imagine No Malaria. You saved 870 lives.

Of course, you also raised awareness in your own congregations and out into our communities, of how we work together to support an effort that truly makes a difference. You also lifted up the challenges and possibilities of preventing and treating malaria. And you surely demonstrated that we United Methodists love to have fun!

I appreciate these efforts and also your commitments for greater fundraising for Imagine No Malaria. You are disciples in action, an inspiration to many others. We have an ambitious goal as an Annual Conference, but your creative efforts to fundraise are moving us toward that goal in positive and important steps. I pray for you all.

May God bless you with courage and strength as you share Gospel hope in the seasons of ministry ahead. May God's love be with you as you touch lives and speak out with hearts and hands for justice.

In the grace and hope of Christ,

Rev. Kristie L. Olah
District Superintendent

cc: Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr.

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Kathi's Pastoral Reflections

As I write this, I am in my tenth week as your pastor. That's including two weeks during which I was in the hospital and recovering... a time when we might more accurately say that you were my pastor! The first, and perhaps most important, thing I want to say to you at this moment is *Thank You*. Thank you for your patience, your kindness, and your generosity with good and healing hopes and wishes as I have recovered and continue to recover. The cards that greeted me when I returned to the office were enormously dear and meaningful to me, and I am very, very grateful.

However we count these weeks, I'm still pretty new here; just beginning to get a sense of the ways in which CUMC has done its work and understood its mission and how you have connected with one another over many years. All of that is important for me to know. You and I will help shape one another in the years to come, and like any relationship, it is important for us to start by knowing and understanding one another.

That's why I've spent a majority of my time in these ten weeks just talking with people, listening to the stories of your lives and your relationship with the church, trying to get a sense of what you love about this place and what difference the church makes in your life. (Claudia Slayman has been working right alongside of me to set up appointments for these conversations, so if we haven't yet had a chance to talk, please let one of us know. I'll be very glad to have that time with you!)

Here's what I see and hear from my conversations so far, and from the observations I've made as I've watched the ways the church works: This is a church with good bones. Some of you remember a time when the church was much larger, and stronger in some ways, than it is now. That's true of most churches these days. But this church has many things that give it an extraordinarily strong foundation:

- A large core of good people who have been committed for a very long time to being the Church in Campbell;
- A history of bold decisions and courageous discipleship—about justice, about caring for others, about welcoming people across differences;
- A tangible commitment to raising children and youth who begin adulthood with a solid core of values and knowledge of the Christian tradition;
- An amazing array of creative gifts—musical, artistic, inter-personal, entrepreneurial; and
- A history of strong leaders, both lay and clergy. I know these relationships have not always been easy, but I am very aware that I stand on the shoulders of each of the leaders who has come before, and who has done their work with passion.

All of this makes me very grateful, and very glad to be here. I am looking forward to all that is ahead of us!

Blessings and love, Kathi ❖



Halloween Organ Concert!



Yes, here in our sanctuary on **Friday, OCTOBER 31, at 7:00 p.m.** David Hegarty will be the performing artist. David is best

known in the Bay Area as the organist of Castro Theatre in San Francisco since 1978. He also performs regularly at Stanford Theatre in Palo Alto. His program at Campbell UMC will include *Bach's Toccata in D Minor* and music from *Phantom of the Opera*, music from the movies *Psycho* and *Vertigo* and many others.

We will also hold a costume contest and prizes will be given.

Come hear our versatile Schantz organ bring forth her "theatre" side. This event is co-sponsored with the American Guild of Organists. A reception will follow. Come and bring someone and you will all be well-entertained. The concert is free and if you are so inclined, a free-will donation will be received.

Mary Ann Gee, organist ✦

Happy Birthday to Bright Days Preschool



It's time to celebrate our twenty years of operation!

All Campbell United Methodist Church parishioners are welcome to come and are warmly invited

to attend the Bright Days' 20th Birthday Celebration on Children's Sabbath, **Sunday, October 12**. The day's celebration will begin with thanksgiving and blessings during morning services at 10:00 a.m.

Following morning services, all are invited to share in a no-cost Mexican taco bar lunch, hosted by Bright Days, served at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Activities for the young and young at heart will be available from noon-1:00 p.m. including games, arts and crafts, and more!

Plan to attend this special occasion.

Mary Smith, Bright Days Director ✦

Church Council

After many years of service, Sue Edson retired as Secretary of the Campbell UMC Church Council. We thank her for all the excellent work she

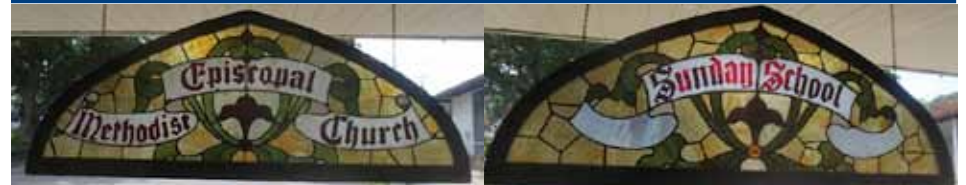
did recording our meetings and wish her and Chuck all the best for their move to Grass Valley.

The Church Council is now preparing for the year ahead with input from the various committees responsible for church programs, staff, finances and facilities. The United Methodist Book of Discipline gives us clear guidelines for us to follow so that the Church Council shall envision, plan, implement, and annually evaluate the mission and ministry of the church. One of the goals of the church council is to maximize the use of volunteers to alleviate the workload on the pastor and staff. Your gift of time and talents are always welcome.

The Church Council will be meeting on **Wednesday, September 24, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Fireside Room. All are invited to participate.

Bruce Hallinan, Chair ✦

CUMC SNAPSHOTS An Historical Skip Around Campus



STAINED GLASS WINDOW HISTORY

1911 -- The windows were installed in our second sanctuary, which was built in 1911 and located on Campbell Avenue.

1957 -- The Campbell Avenue church property was sold and the buildings demolished.

The windows were salvaged by William Ainsley Lloyd.

January 1989 -- Geraldine Hicks, daughter of W.A. Lloyd, gifted our church with some 30 stained glass windows which had been stored on the family property.

Five of the windows were carefully cleaned and put on display at the church.

The Administrative Board charged the Centennial Celebration Committee to research window restoration.

Mr. Wesley John Hogan completed the restoration of four windows.

May 6, 1989 -- The two windows shown here, and two others, were hung on the inside of the Sanctuary narthex windows.

Mr. Hogan subsequently restored additional windows which were hung in the Fellowship Hall.

(Source of information--Church History, 1888-1988, by Eulah Blaine and Bernice Hubbell-Lee)

Susan Sargent, Church Historian ✦



Housekeeping Discovery

Recently I was sorting through stacks of papers, preparing them for filing to save or tossing them out. I noticed an article, written by a former member 13 years ago for another church's newsletter, about her experience there in Care Ministry. These are Mary Ann Schuck's words (by permission):

"The program and working with a care receiver has helped me learn more about who I am and what's important to me. It has helped me be more focused on my journey of faith, my relationship with God, and the role prayer plays in one's life. I have learned to be more patient with others as well as with myself. I've discovered strengths I didn't know I had, and discovered that I can take a chance, walk through fear, and survive.

I also found that to be a Care Minister you do not need to be a professional counselor or be working in another helping profession. You just need to be willing and able to listen, show compassion, and have a desire to help others."

These are the very qualities of listening, compassion and helping others that will lead some of you to train and become Campbell UMC's new Care Ministers. We have a team of 12 and are looking for more to expand our ministry and services.

Look again at the second paragraph above. These were the benefits she gained as she ministered and gave to others. Please call/contact Claudia Slayman (408) 460-3913, claudia.slayman@gmail.com; Ellen Droke



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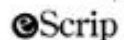
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(408) 241-4055, eadroke@aol.com; or Kathi McShane (408) 332-2280, pastorkathi@campbellunited.org for more information and to enroll.

On October 18th there will be an all-day Saturday retreat for orientation and training of new care ministers as well as for continuing education/sharing for the current team. Please prayerfully consider this invitation. It may be a door opening for you to enter into new relationships with others and with God.

Ellen Droke, Care Giving Ministries ❖

CARTOON CORNER





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United Methodist Women

NOMADS



BOOK REVIEW The Dressmaker of Khair Khann

by Gayle Zemach Lemmon

The dressmaker was an educated woman of 20. At the time the Taliban took over Kabul in 1996, her father and a brother old enough to be forced into the Army fled to Pakistan. Kamila was left with the responsibility of caring for four sisters and one teenage brother. With patience, faith and perseverance, she supported her family and was able to support the ones in Pakistan as well. Kamila eventually hired and trained dozens of women in dressmaking so that they could also support their families. All the while she lived by the Taliban rules.

Borrow the book and see how she did it.

Jane LaPierre, Campbell UMW ❖

LAYETTES . . .

This month we will deliver 50 layettes to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. Each kit contains 2 receiving blankets, 3 "onesies," 1 cuddlewrap, 8 disposable diapers and 1 blanket or quilt.

We would like to thank everyone who donated items, especially Carolyn Buehner, who donated numerous onesies.

We would also like to thank everyone who worked on blankets, quilts and cuddlewraps. We appreciate the efforts of those who cut fabric, ironed hems and seams as



well as those who stitched. Several of the women who helped on this project reside in Quail Hollow Mobile Home Park where I live.

Campbell UMC women who helped included Lou Woodburycattott, Barbara Farone, Sharon Lewis, Janine Payton, Heather Reynolds, Brenda Schirle, Carolyn Buehner, Pamela Eades, Donna Marencia, Bertie Meehan, Sheri Woodhouse, Pat Irwin, Alice McManus and Ina Tanner.

On behalf of Campbell UMW, I would like to thank all of the women for their many months of effort. This is a year-round project. If you would like to help, please contact Lou or Jane.

Jane LaPierre, Coordinator of the Layette Project ❖

8th Annual United Methodist Women's Tea



Calling all women, whether you belong to UMW or not ... you are invited to the 8th Annual United Methodist Women Tea on Sunday, November 2nd, from noon to 2:00 p.m.

Join us for good food, beautiful baskets of tempting treasures and fellowship with wonderful women.

The beneficiary of our baskets this year will be Freedom House, a non-profit organization with a mission to bring hope, restoration and a new life to survivors of human-trafficking.

Please be sure to sign up during fellowship time, or call Carla Twilleager at 408-370-0847 before October 12th. ❖

There were sixteen people who gathered in Centralia, Washington this August for the first annual gathering of NOMADS in the Northwestern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. Gene and Elaine Hill represented California for this national branch of Methodists who travel in their recreational vehicles (RV's) to work at Methodist Church properties throughout the United States.

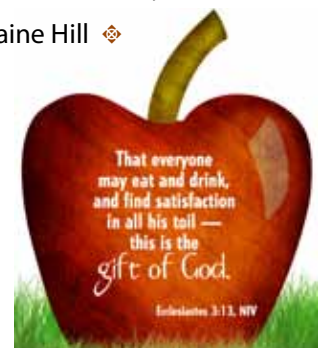
We started the day with devotions and spent time learning about each other and the projects where we have worked. We found a leader for our next gathering and discussed the possibility of having a National Convention in the Western Jurisdiction. The hardest thing to find is a place to park 150 rigs with the availability of hooking up to water, electricity, and sewer.

All sixteen of us participated in the leadership training provided, so now we are all eligible to lead a work team.

Many of us know that where there are Methodists, there will be a pot luck. The food was good, with one person bringing fresh produce from her garden. We provided California olives and fresh fruit.

In a normal camp setting there are often ghost stories told around the campfire. This group told scary true RV stories. Many of these are reminders to follow safety guidelines, and to think twice, and act once.

Elaine Hill ❖



Circuit Writer



Holy Ground
Rev. Larry LaPierre

Cemeteries have been an important part of my life. In part it's because, as a pastor and a chaplain, I have officiated at a number of funeral and memorial services which, sooner or later, bring us to the cemetery. Cemeteries are usually considered to be sacred resting places for our loved ones' remains.

Some places and some experiences are so sacred that we consider them to be "holy." For many of us this means that God is present. It might be the experience of committing a body to the ground and the spirit to God's eternal love. But God can disclose God's presence in other places. The writer of Exodus 3:1-12 made that clear in the story of the burning bush. Since the bush was not destroyed as it burned, Moses drew closer to investigate. As he did, God called out to him, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." (vs. 5)

There is much more to the story, of course, but clearly it began with God getting Moses' attention with the bush and then making it clear that Moses was on holy ground. What made it holy? It was God's presence that made it holy! Any location or situation in which we encounter God is a holy place and a holy occasion.

It does not have to be a dramatic experience like the burning bush for it to be an encounter with the Holy One. I recall being at the State Veterans Cemetery in Randolph, VT several times for graveside committal services. The graves are on a hillside that faces a verdant valley which is surrounded on three sides by hills. It is not only a place of natural beauty. It is a place where I felt God's Spirit very near to me.

Churches can be places where we discover that we are on holy ground.

One such place is St. Margaret's Episcopal Church in Belfast, Maine. The first opportunity that I had to speak with the pastor privately I shared with him that I felt safe there. It's fair to ask, "Why wouldn't a person feel safe in any church?" My experience is that some churches are not truly welcoming, not just to certain people, but seemingly not even to God. I may be more sensitive to this problem because I have a history of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. It's an anxiety disorder, and I work at coping with it. For a church or any other place to feel "sacred" or "holy" is truly a spiritual blessing to me, and I am alert to those places

where God is close.

One experience of being on Holy Ground is any place where I am able to share in or lead a service of Holy Communion. That's why Jane and I attend the service of Quiet Communion in the chapel on Tuesday evenings. I don't believe that I turn the bread and grape juice into the body and blood of Jesus when I offer the prayer of thanksgiving. I do believe, however, that God is present at those times in a way which I can feel, and for that I give thanks! Where and how do you find yourself on "holy ground?"

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

In the COMMUNITY

Our own Campbell UMC Samuel Hinojosa was mentioned in an article from the **San Jose Mercury News, August 13, 2014 in SAL PIZARRO'S COLUMN - "All-Star Visit":**

Former 49ers Steve Young, Dennis Brown and Allan Kennedy paid a recent visit to the Via West campus in Cupertino to check out Via Services' All-Star World Tour, a five-day camp for kids, teens and adults with special needs. And while they were there, they had the chance to meet with a new member of the 49ers extended family: Samuel Hinojosa.

A 21-year-old born with Down syndrome, Hinojosa is in Via's Peer Program Leader session and was recently employed to work at one of the clubs at Levi's Stadium, his first full-time job. His first day on the job was at the opening Earthquakes game on August 2 - a long shift that left him tired, but happy. Hats off to the 49ers for broadening their definition of diversity when it comes to hiring. ❖

MISSIONS LUNCHEON on SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

Our Homecoming kicked off with a luncheon served to us by the Campbell UMC Youth Group with musical entertainment from James and Mary Ann, along with some educational (but entertaining) information about our missions in Africa, Cambodia, The Philippines, and elsewhere.



UMYF TALKING “LISTEN UP”

UMYF CALENDAR 2014

Sunday, September 28

Lunch & Meeting
11:30 to 1:00

Sunday, October 5

Lunch & Meeting
(Fall Festival Planning)
11:30 to 1:00

Sunday, October 12

Lunch & Meeting
(Fall Festival Planning)
11:30 to 1:00

Sunday, October 19

Corn Maze
TBA

Sunday, October 26

Fall Festival
TBA

SSP SPLASHDOWN



Our youth have already started fundraising for a Sierra Service Project trip in 2015. After worship on August 24, the congregation was given the opportunity to buy a water balloon and use it to drench the most deserving youth. Thanks to the generosity of all those who participated, \$548 was raised toward next year's trip. ❖

CALLING ALL YOUTH

All youth in 6th to 12th grade are invited to join United Methodist Youth Fellowship. UMYF offers youth a place to connect, have fun, serve the community and become active participants in our congregation.

The group meets every Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the youth room on the 3rd floor of the AMY building. There are two meetings a month, one service project and one fun event (movie, mini golf, games, etc). Lunch is provided unless otherwise noted. There are weekly e-mails to let you know what's coming up and any changes in meeting place or times.

If you have any questions you can contact Melinda Knepp at melinda@kneppfamily.com. We hope to see you there and please feel free to bring a friend.

SIERRA SERVICE PROJECT 2014

On June 29, 12 youth and 3 adults left for a week of community service. Their destination was Smith River in Northern California. There they repaired roofs, built fences and painted a fire station. They also made new friends with youth from the other churches working at Smith River. Some were lucky enough to meet and spend time with the family they were working for. Through this activity they also strengthened their relationships with each other and with God.



On August 24, these same youth led the entire Sunday worship service from soup to nuts. Travis kicked things off with a welcome message, followed by Jack Hallinan with the call to worship. Grace Willhoite led the passing of the peas (oops, peace...) and Audrey Twilleagar gave a great message to the younger kids on loving your enemies.

Christian Babcock led the centering prayer, which he wrote himself, addressing some of the challenges of youth and adults alike in trying to set aside distraction. Matthew Michel read the scripture (Proverbs 31:8, the scripture that the Sierra Service Project [SSP] theme was inspired by) and was followed by Erin Norris, Jordan Aspiras, Kira Petroff, and a repeat appearance by Travis. They each eloquently shared their own personal stories about their Smith River experience and the presentation included a great slide show assembled by Jordan. Through these stories and pictures, we learned about the impact this week of service had on their lives and their faith.

Jocelyn Keller played guitar and led us through a spirited rendition of "Pass It On." Bodie Knepp then led us through a time of prayer, lifting up members of the congregation, Pastor Kathi and victims of the Napa earthquake before leading us into the Lord's Prayer, the offering and the prayer of dedication. Jocelyn shared the joys and concerns of the congregation and after another hymn, Travis closed out the service with the benediction.

SSP called our youth to "Speak Up" this year and they certainly did with their powerful message in this most-excellent (and speedy) worship service.

Melinda Knepp, Youth Coordinator ❖



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- for Christ and the world.



What a wonderful group of people we have at Campbell United Methodist Church. Every card and letter and phone call has been cherished. Some of them have given me a much-needed giggle, and others sweet and sincere tears. I trust that one of these days I will return to a somewhat normal state (health-wise, that is) and feel well enough to return to the fold!

Until then, a million "thank you's" for thinking of me. It truly does make things easier.

A big hug for each of you,

Dorrie Wilson