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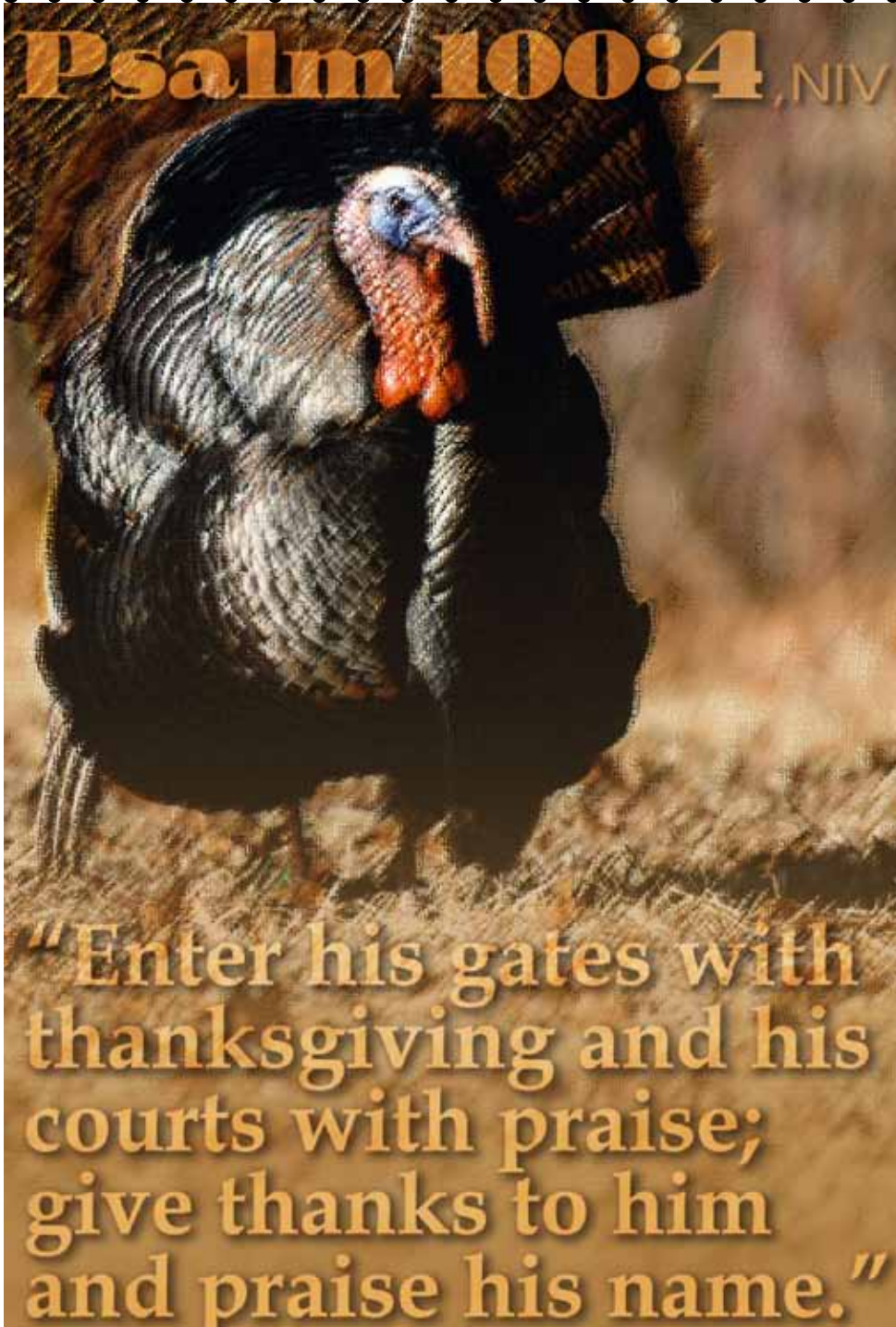


## CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NOVEMBER, 2014

### Psalm 100:4, NIV



"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name."

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## Kathi's Pastoral Reflections

*I think asking you to give your money away is one of the most important things a pastor can do for you.*

*Really. I do. Here's why:*

*There are many, many voices in our lives telling us to be afraid that we won't have enough. We worry about our money running out, or our investments failing. We plan our retirements and our estates with the hope that there will be some left over, or maybe that there will be just enough. There are good reasons to be careful with our money and our possessions, and it is good for us to be prudent and responsible about taking care of ourselves.*

*But we can become paralyzed by this fear, so conscious of wanting to be self-sufficient that we begin to consider our finances something separate from our spiritual lives. We feel generous and faithful; we say we trust God to care for us; but when it comes to our financial lives, that seems like a different issue altogether.*

*Jesus talked about money more than he did almost anything else. I think Jesus knew that for the people he was talking to, and for all of us who would come along years later, needing money, making money, spending money, saving money would consume a big part of our thoughts and time each week. That if people aren't able to put their deepest beliefs about God and their everyday economic decisions in alignment, they'd be missing something important.*

*Giving—holding and giving your money in a way that matches up with the kind of loving, generous, self-giving and compassionate person you want to be—is a spiritual practice, as much as prayer and church attendance. It's like a muscle that needs to be exercised.*

*And the church is like your personal trainer. Church is perhaps the only place in your life where each week, someone asks you to give—not just because someone needs your money, but because you need to give, as an expression of your faith in the One who promises that there will be enough, even when there's just a little bread and a couple of fish to begin with.*

*In these next weeks, I will ask you to think deeply about whether your financial giving matches the depth of your commitment to God and to faithful living. I hope you will know that I do this with love, believing—from my own experience—that giving until we can feel it is as life-giving a spiritual experience as we can find anywhere.*

*Glad to be in ministry alongside of you—Kathi ❖*



*from the Editor:*

*Share your story with your faith community; this newsletter is a good place to let that happen.*

*Following are some tips on how to send to me at: hreynolds63@gmail.com*

*Please type articles with returns as the only formatting - no need to format yourself, as I have to take it out anyway.*

*Send in Microsoft Word or text in e-mail. Do not copy text from the web (retype or take out the html format).*

*Photographs are best in jpeg's or tiff's at 300 dpi. I can resize down, but not up.*

*Thank you,*

*Heather Reynolds* ✦

## Book Club

The Book Club will meet Monday, October 27th, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. This month we will be discussing ...

*I'll Go ...* by Douglas Norris (Jack Norris' father)

At our November 24th get together (4 p.m. in the Fireside Room), we will be discussing ...

*The Monuments Men* by Robert Edsel

Whether you've had a chance to read the books or not, come join these lively discussions.

Lou Woodburycatt ✦

## Christmas Concert

### **Save the Date!**

The annual Campbell UMC Christmas Concert will be Sunday **December 14 at 3:30 p.m.** The concert will feature our Chancel Choir, an accompanying orchestra, and Campbell UMC bell choirs.

The choir will perform Gerald Finzi's "In Terra Pax", works by Alfred Burt, and our own Brian Holmes. As in years past there will be a musical surprise or two.

Of course, this will be followed by a light snack/dessert reception in Fellowship Hall. ✦

## Book Donations

We are no longer collecting books for the Elmwood Jail. We are still collecting Bibles for the jail ministry.

Sue Foyle, Art & Spirit Ministry ✦



## 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 a friend! 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 ✦

## CUMC SNAPSHOTS

### An Historical Skip Around Campus



### CROSS AND FLAME IN THE SANCTUARY NARTHEX

A major building project at Campbell United Methodist Church (CUMC) was the remodel of the sanctuary and installation of the pipe organ. A Building Committee was established in early 1987; and after the work was completed, the Committee issued its final report in October, 1993. The contributions of those who enabled the project are acknowledged by the Cross and Flame.

The symbol of the Methodist Church is the cross and flame. Ours is located on the west wall of the Sanctuary narthex and measures approximately five by eight feet. It commemorates the work of the Building Committee and lists its members as well as the names of all who made financial contributions. This cross and flame is one of the many projects produced by Roy Kropff.

*(Source of information--"125 Years and Counting," pages 33-35, article by Bob Renfer)*

Susan Sargent, Church Historian ✦

# In the COMMUNITY

## Second Harvest - Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported the church's summer drive to fill the Second Harvest Food Bank's barrels! During the summer months, many children miss out on nutritious meals they would typically receive at school. To help fill this void, Second Harvest asked its supporters to donate with these children and families in mind; and Campbell United Methodist Church members and friends delivered! Our barrels were full more than once and are almost full again.

During the fiscal year, Second Harvest served an average of more than 250,000 people per month. The majority of people served are seniors and low-income families with children. Church & Society thanks everyone who answered the call and increased their donations throughout the summer, and we thank all who continue to support this important ministry throughout the year. Your donations are very much appreciated.

Gail Jacobs, Church & Society ❖



Church & Society would also like to thank all those who contributed so generously to the meals we served at InnVision's Montgomery Street Inn this year. We were able to serve five meals this year with a very special Easter Sunday dinner. Your willingness to provide food and the cooks who gave of their time to prepare the food and those who transported and served the meals are so appreciated. We cannot do it without you. The men were very appreciative of your generosity and I believe those of us who participated

were rewarded as well. With God's blessing we will be able to do it again in 2015.

Lea Adams, Church & Society ❖

## To All Church Women



We are so grateful at the Mother Infant Care Center at Valley Medical Center for all of the effort put in to preparing the layettes donated to us. As you know, many of our patients have very little and often times then have difficulty getting by day to day. These layettes always bring a smile to the mothers and it makes them feel special in a time in which they should be feeling special. Thank you so much for all that you do.

Best Regards,  
Vanessa Padilla, MSW  
Valley Medical Center ❖

## CARTOON CORNER



## Thanksgiving

### SHARING AND INCLUDING

November brings us to a season of thankfulness: thanksgiving to God for harvests, for family, for health, for hope. Norman Rockwell illustrates this as large dining table plentiful with food, family and friends.

Not everyone's holidays look like that. Some of us are going into a season of sadness. Thanksgiving may be a time of busy anticipation only for others, not for those who might be alone this year.

Years ago when I was attending a new church as a single person, a new acquaintance called early in the week of Thanksgiving to invite me to his family's dinner. I chuckled, said that sounded delightful, but actually I was cooking for an expected large gathering at my home. I remember his invitation with great fondness, a lovely act of thoughtfulness and care. He envisioned me possibly alone on that Thursday and so reached out with kindness.

Where will your acts of kindness take you this November? You might be surprised as you cast your bread upon the waters. Ripples may return tenfold. Please share your experiences with me. I would love to hear your stories. Thank you.

Ellen Droke, Care Giving Ministries ❖



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

## United Methodist Women



### BOOK REVIEW

#### Radio Shangri-La

by Lisa Napoli

In 1999, the King of Bhutan (a small country that borders northern India as well as Afghanistan) permitted radio, TV and the internet to be available in Bhutan. The author was invited to help modernize the radio station. She traveled there in January 2007.

The King, instead of measuring the country's economic progress by calculating the gross national product, created a different measure. "His majesty created a different scale. He proclaimed a philosophy that he described as 'Gross National Happiness.'" The well-being of the people was considered before the sheer generation of goods and cash. Quality of life was to take precedence over financial or material success. Being; not having (was the standard). Happiness above wealth."

Bhutan's population is almost universally poor. However, there are no homeless people, no orphanages and the environment is cared for. Most of the people are Buddhist. They believe in taking care of each other.

Come and read what Lisa "discovered on my accidental journey to the Happiest Kingdom on earth." It is definitely worth reading.

Jane LaPierre, Campbell UMW ❖

## Care-A-Vaners

### It's Not Just About the Work

*"Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver and the other gold."*

A group of 19 Care-A-Vaners recently completed a week of work at Methodist Shasta Camp, in the mountains near Mt. Shasta City. Working together, new friends soon become old friends. All retired, we come from a wide variety of occupations. We include engineers, a building contractor, a house painter, a math teacher, an elementary teacher, a paralegal, a nurse, a retired Methodist pastor, and more. Our skills range from making coffee to splitting and stacking wood to fixing leaking plumbing to painting walls to driving the quirky camp truck, and much more. We self-select the tasks we will do, usually working together in teams of 2 or 3 or more. We support one another and learn from each other. There is a time for work and a time for coffee and conversation breaks; a time for dinner out and for a festive potluck at camp.



Two photos illustrate camp life. In one, Marv Tanner, Bob Buckner, Doyle Martin (our Shasta foreman), and David Moss (one half of the Shasta Camp permanent staff couple) are enjoying a coffee-and-goodies break on the deck of Buckner Lodge.

In the other photo, Dave Sargent and John Davenport (from Santa Rosa) are working on an extensive refurbishment of the boy's bathroom and shower building. (As an aside, John Davenport and Susan Sargent were in the same Campbell High School graduating class -- it is a small world!)



The Care-A-Vaners stay in their RV's. Some set up at Shasta Camp while others stay at an RV Park. This fall, 4 couples stayed nearby at the Lake Siskiyou Resort and Campground. Care-A-Vaners welcome newcomers. To learn more, talk to Marv and Ina Tanner, Gene and Elaine Hill, or Dave and Susan Sargent. Lend a hand, make a friend; it's all good.

Susan Sargent ❖

### DON'T FORGET

**Pick up your ENCHILADAS - Saturday, Nov. 1**

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual United Methodist Women's Tea - Sunday, Nov. 2 at noon**

# Circuit Writer



## The Journey Inward

Rev. Larry LaPierre

From early childhood I have sensed that there was “more” to a relationship with God than just being “good” or doing “good.” I remember a question in my elementary school catechism (a book on what a church teaches about faith) that pointed to this “more.” The question asked, “Why did God make (us)?” Answer: “God made (us) to know, love and serve (God).”

I have spent the last 65+ years learning how to know, love and serve God. What have I learned? I’ve learned that we serve God by obeying The 10 Commandments, living by The Golden Rule and striving to live according to the Sermon on the Mount. However, there’s more. I need to work on knowing and loving God. It’s not enough to simply keep the rules.

If I identify myself as a Christian, I am claiming to be more than simply an intellectual follower of Jesus as a teacher. I am affirming that I am a disciple of Jesus the Christ and, as such, I am called to follow where Jesus leads. If you and I share this experience of being disciples, we together make visible changes in our lives. We answer God’s call outwardly as we grow older and become homemakers, pastors, nurses, engineers, teachers, plumbers, etc.

We also respond to God’s call internally. We ask what it means to know and love God. If we look deeply enough into our spiritual selves, however, we will discover underdeveloped and even wounded places in us that interfere with our becoming who God calls us to be. These inner places need attention along our spiritual journeys. We may need to consult a spiritual director, a pastoral counselor or even a psychiatrist as we seek to cope with feelings of guilt, anxiety, anger, unworthiness, arrogance, etc. If we

refuse to examine these places, and focus instead only on being “good people,” we risk not being aware of how weak the foundations of our spiritual life are (i.e. how well we know and love God). When we feel stressed by what God is asking of us, we may not think to look within to deal with our spiritual weakness or brokenness.

Knowing, loving and serving God happens more easily if we “allow” God’s grace to work within us. We need that grace to heal us from the inner pain of living with spiritual wounds and weaknesses. By acknowledging our inward woundedness and weakness, we open the door further for God’s grace to enable us to avoid making a wrong turn on our spiritual path—one that leads us away from knowing and

loving God.

Knowing that we are on an inward journey to know and love God is new to many of us. We may wonder whether it is real. If we are not ready to discuss this with a pastor, spiritual director or spiritual friend, we may begin by keeping a journal to record what is happening within us as we live our journeys. Spiritual goals, questions, insights, feelings, and how we respond to God’s call are important. Specific ways in which spiritual disciplines such as prayer and studying the Bible help us or frustrate us are also important. Record your thoughts about why you are responding to God as you do. Look for a companion to share your journey on the “inner way.”

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖



## A Holy Place

In the October issue of Connections Reverend Larry LaPierre wrote a wonderful piece on the concept of “holy ground.” He stressed that it does not have to be in a church or cemetery to be considered a place where God can be encountered. At the end of the article he posed this question: “Where and how do you find yourself on ‘holy ground?’”

After reading his moving comments I decided to take up the challenge and write about one of the most “holy grounds” I have ever been in. I have experienced many places in my life that became or were holy places for me. When I was thirteen years old I stood by the Klamath River and intuited that God was there with me as I “turned my life and will over to Him.” When I was twenty and very poor, I attended a Christian college as well as working at a part-time job cleaning fraternity houses at San Jose State. On one afternoon I was told there would be no work that week since it was Spring Break and all the students were gone. What a blow to find myself without any money to tide me over for a week. I walked back to the boarding house where I lived, lay down on my bed crying and praying for help. Then I felt something under my pillow and pulled out an envelope in which there was a check for \$100.00 and a note saying a church in Southern California had “adopted” me and would be providing monthly checks as well as necessary personal items such as shampoo, toothpaste and soap. At that moment my bed became Holy Ground as I felt the overwhelming presence of God.

These are just two of the many, many times I have experienced God’s presence in the most unlikely places. Yet in spite of all these experiences, at this stage in my life, the most Holy Ground I am standing on now is at the Stanford Cancer Center. God’s presence is so palpable there that it can be overwhelming at times. I sense Him in the presence of my doctors who treat my illness, the nurses who administer my medications, the many technicians and assistants who care for me and in the many patients I encounter and talk with. We recognize we are in a special, holy place and in our own ways are supporting each other. We are members of this special club in which as patients we have faced fear, doubt, anger and eventually, for most of us, acceptance of our conditions.

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**SPIRITUAL JOURNEY:**

**A Holy Place**

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During one of the more difficult moments of my illness I read in Romans 5:3-5:

*"... we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us."*

I know implicitly that God led me to this passage while undergoing treatment at the cancer center and helped me recognize the Holiness of the place.

Thank you Larry for reminding us to be alert and alive to "holy" surroundings.

Lenora P. Blouin ✨

**4th-5th Grade Youth Fellowship**



We are off to a terrific start with the 4th-5th grade youth fellowship with great kids and tons of fun.

Our year started with a fun swim party and some planning for our year. This group is mostly about having fun while strengthening our friendships with our church friends. We eat lunch and discuss topic cards, play games, do activities and service projects and go on outings. Last time we had a photo scavenger hunt with clues about our campus. This group really knows our campus well. We ended our time with coconut races.

Patty Henderson and Amy Peterson. ✨

**FELLOWSHIP HALL was a busy place on September 14, as all the groups and classes provided information on their activities**



**Pre-K and Nursery Play**





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- for Christ and the world.

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to  
Our Pastors Emeritus

from  
the **Heart**

