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Pentecost Sunday represents an ending as well as a beginning: the end of the "Great Fifty Days" of the Easter Season (Pentecost means "the 50th day" in Greek) and the beginning of the commemorations of the early church. Pentecost also gives us an opportunity to ask ourselves the question, "What is our community 'on fire' about?"

For the early church, Pentecost was the second most important part of the Christian year after Pascha or Easter. Originally, it commemorated both the Ascension of Jesus and the descending of the Holy Spirit, but became two distinct celebrations by the end of the fourth century.

Pentecost also became a favorite time for baptisms with its focus on the work of the Holy Spirit within the church and within our lives. The holy day continues to be a wonderful celebrative time for rites of passage including baptism, confirmation and the reception of new members.

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School: 8:50 a.m.
Children's Sunday School: 10:15 a.m.
African Ministry: 11:30 a.m.
Quiet Communion: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday

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Kathi's Pastoral Reflections

Our California-Nevada Conference's strategic plan was adopted in 2010. One of its primary objectives is to create a Conference "culture of multiplication" so that we can "create new places for new people." The plan asks each congregation to identify itself in three ways:

- What are the existing vibrant ministries—things that are working really well—that can be multiplied?
- What are the ministries that are not yet vibrant but could be transformed to more effectively invite in people we do not yet know but want to know and serve?
- Are there gifts for mission and ministry that could be offered to help a new church start? Could this church be an anchoring, or sponsoring, or parenting force in the launch of a new church?

I think Campbell UMC has gifts to offer in all three of those categories. We have some wonderful ministries already, just ready for multiplication. You see this every week in the expanding number of children who are coming to Sunday School and who are participating in the church's music programs. It's the direction we're taking as Church & Society leads us from previous Stop Hunger Now events into an invitation to the whole community to get involved in a day of service on May 9.

We are always working toward transformation and improvement of even more programs. We're offering more small group opportunities—which is the best context for working intentionally on your spirituality, what it means to be a follower of Jesus in the middle of your real life.

And I want to highlight and celebrate especially the ways this church offers infrastructure support to New Creation United Methodist Church. By welcoming this still-new congregation to share our facilities and resources, Campbell UMC is making possible a whole set of ministries we could not do alone. If you haven't yet seen the church property alive with neighborhood children engaged in sports activities, come by on a Friday evening or Sunday afternoon to see for yourself. New Creation offers its entire worship service on Sunday afternoons in both English and Spanish, so that it can serve its newest members more effectively. It offers Spanish language Bible study on Friday evenings for those same families.

I congratulate Pastor Justin Ryu and the whole New Creation congregation for the good ministry they are doing. I'm excited about some ways we are collaborating for even more effective ministry—in a joint Vacation Bible School this summer, in a shared Board of Trustees, in other joint projects. But all of this is also a sign that Campbell UMC is living out its part of the Conference's strategy and its own mission—by sharing what we have been given, to make this corner of Hamilton Avenue and Winchester Blvd. a place where the love and generosity of God are plainly visible.

I'm glad to be in ministry alongside of you.

Kathi ❖



New Men's Small Groups

New small groups for men are forming now! These groups offer community to support your faith, your family, your health and your friendships. Two new groups are meeting morning and evening: Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room; Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Lounge. No RSVP necessary; just come!

Ron Schirle ❖

NEW STAFF EMAILS

Campbell UMC Staff members now all have "campbellunited" emails to use. You can reach staff members at the following addresses:

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Volunteer Now to Stop Hunger Now

On Saturday, May 9, Campbell UMC will host a Campbell community-wide service day, providing volunteer opportunities for adults and children of all ages and abilities. In conjunction with Stop Hunger Now, we plan to pack 40,000 meals for hungry people across the globe.

To participate, please call the automated registration line at 1-408-688-9530 and register for one of the two-hour sessions beginning at 9:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., or 2:00 p.m. The final session will be 4:30-6:00 p.m. The event is designed to provide a service opportunity for the community and to acquaint them with various additional organizations that will be on hand with information about their services and volunteer opportunities.

Please mark May 9 on your calendar and plan to attend. Also, please help us spread the word by inviting others and promoting the event through your Facebook, Twitter, and other social media posts. Those of you who have been to Stop Hunger Now events in the past know that they provide great personal satisfaction, as well as being high-energy and fun events.

Church & Society ❖

Endowment Update

Another great year has been completed. A total of \$9,759 was donated to the regular Endowment Fund during 2014. Distributions during 2014 in the amount of \$3,977 were made from the regular Endowment Fund and \$42,100 from the Community Fund to various church and community needs.

Have you included your church in your will or trust? Contact the Endowment Fund Committee for additional information about how to remember your church.

George W. Cleveland ❖

Special Music in May



On Sunday morning, May 17, 2015 we will host the St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble as they lead and enhance our worship experience by bringing their music so steeped in the Russian choral tradition to our listening ears. That means we will hear selections with gorgeous a capella four-part harmonies and that striking basso profundos (very low bass) sounds. You will recognize it once you hear it. This group led by Kirill Sokolov has sung for us before and they love visiting us once every few years and we love having them. Let us warmly welcome them again.

On Sunday, May 31, 2015 Sunday afternoon at 3:30 p.m., we will hold our third annual all-handbell concert for this congregation and for the wider community. Come hear the handbell ringers perform many different styles of repertoire; sacred, secular, folk to Broadway. Handbells are very versatile instruments. We invite you to bring others to this event, especially those who do not know what handbells are. Four groups of ringers are participating---- the Carillon Choir, the New A'Peal Ringers, the Diamond Ringers and the Discovery Ringers.

The concert is free and open to all. ❖

SAVE THE DATES!

CONFIRMATION
Confirmation Sunday
is May 31, 2015

VBS
Vacation Bible School
June 22 - 26

Watch for further
information in the
Addendum



May 31st
 Sunday
 3:30pm

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The Staff Parish Relations Committee is delighted to announce the hiring of a new Director of Children's and Family Ministries. Kallie Stroh begins her work at Campbell UMC on April 29.

Kallie recently moved to California from Minneapolis, where she had served as Coordinator of children's and family ministries at a number of Lutheran churches. She has a Master's degree in Children, Youth and Family Ministry from Luther Seminary in Minnesota, and a B.A. in Religion and Communication Studies from Gustavus Adolphus College. She studied abroad in India and brings a deep appreciation of cross-cultural work for justice and peace.

Kallie is married to Tyler, who works at Apple. They have two children—Jackson, who is 4, and Aaron, who is almost 2. Jackson and Aaron will begin as students at Bright Days.

We are very excited about Kallie's coming, and we look forward to the ways she will help us broaden and deepen our ministry to families with children. ✦

CUMC SNAPSHOTS

An Historical Skip Around Campus



The View from the Choir Loft

Music has been an essential element of worship at Campbell UMC since its formation in 1888. *The History of the First Hundred Years*¹, in discussing the 1920s, mentions that "Fred Hanger pumped the church organ for many years." Many men and women, both volunteers and paid

staff members, have served as organists and choir directors.

On Easter, we gave a fond farewell to Bill Coye as he joins Lynn in their new home in Raleigh, North Carolina. We welcome Jim Groff as he adds directing the Chancel Choir to his considerable musical contributions to our congregational life.

The accompanying photo shows the view from the choir loft. Singers of all ages and stages are welcome to join the choir and enjoy the view.

—Susan Sargent, Church Historian ✦

CARTOON CORNER



¹ Written by Eulah Blaine and Bernice Hubbell-Lee

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

Preparing to Reopen Schools in Sierra Leone

Primary and secondary school teachers at United Methodist schools in the Sierra Leone Conference were in a classroom just for them as the country prepares to reopen in April schools that have been closed since June 2014, because of the Ebola virus.

“The training is to prepare our teachers to be able to respond to health emergencies when schools re-open, especially given the situation that Ebola is not over yet. We are giving them knowledge and tools to be able to respond appropriately and safely,” said Joseph Pormai, education secretary for secondary schools at the United Methodist Sierra Leone Conference. The training was conducted by the conference education department with support from Operation Classroom, a support ministry to the Sierra Leone and Liberia education departments funded mainly by the Minnesota and Indiana Conferences. The training for the 160 schoolteachers is a response to the government’s plan to reopen schools in April.

The United Methodist effort is supporting the nationwide training and consideration is being given to training at United Methodist schools in remote and hard-to-reach communities that might not be covered by the general training opportunities.

The workshop followed the Key Messages for Safe School Operations, guidelines developed “to help West African ministries of health and education reopen schools closed because of the Ebola outbreak.” The training materials, developed for countries with outbreaks of Ebola, was put together by the collaborative efforts of UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and WHO. The training takes the form of discussions and information-sharing.

The Sierra Leone Conference Education Department is providing sanitizing buckets, bars of soap for hand washing and sanitizers while

the Ministry of Education is expected to provide every school with infrared thermometers in addition to other sanitary conditions when the schools reopen.

Teachers were encouraged to be very observant to be able to weed out for isolation children who might show signs of illness. But, emphasis was put on how that isolation would be done so that the children’s dignity and self-esteem is preserved. Signs and symptoms of Ebola were emphasized but care was urged since some signs of Ebola are similar to malaria, which is also common in the country.

Everything in life is a risk, noted the Makeni District superintendent, Mariama Bockarie, even the reopening of schools in Sierra Leone at this time. She said the Bible admonishes Christians to do their part and leave the rest to God Almighty. She asked all to do what the health officials advise, but prayed that Ebola would be over by the time schools are scheduled to reopen.

Ebola Response

Since June 2014, the Global Health unit and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), both of the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, have been working together to coordinate an integrated response to the Ebola epidemic in West Africa. To date, they have ensured that grants totaling more than \$500,000 for educational programs, protective equipment, and other Ebola-related supplies have been provided to the health boards in Sierra Leone, Liberia and Cote d’Ivoire and to other partners.

If you would like to give financially to support the goals of this long-term approach, please give to UMCOR Global Health, Advance #3021770 at <http://www.umcor.org/umcor/donate/ebolaresponse>

One hundred percent of your donation will help Global Ministries to work with local partners to strengthen healthcare capacities to confront this and other health challenges. ❖

Care-A-Vaners



WE CAME, WE SCRAPED, WE PAINTED

Nine Care-a-Vaners painted the exterior of the main buildings at Selma United Methodist

Church AND at Caruthers United Methodist Church. We scraped, taped, sprayed, rolled, and brushed the stucco and wood surfaces. Though small in numbers, the Care-a-Vaners made a big improvement to two small Central Valley churches.

An upcoming Care-a-Vaners’ work trip will be to beautiful Shasta Camp, near Mt. Shasta City, beginning May 26. New members are welcome! Contact Marv and Ina Tanner, Elaine and Gene Hill, or Dave and Susan Sargent to hear all about it.

Dave and Susan Sargent ❖

NOMADS

NOMADS is a nationwide United Methodist Mission Team that uses their RVs for housing while working at United Methodist properties -- churches, parsonages, camps, children’s homes, as well as disaster relief sites.

On March 7, Elaine and Eugene Hill arrived at the La Verne United Methodist Church in Southern California to spend three weeks working with a small NOMADS



team. There were six of us plus two former NOMADS who were members of the La Verne church.

This church was established in 1888 in the town of Lordsburg, now known as La Verne. The property we were working on was the second location

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Circuit Writer



Praying With Jesus

Rev. Larry LaPierre

If we were asked to describe how Jesus prayed, we would probably cite "The Lord's Prayer." After all, it's what he taught the disciples when they asked him how to pray. (Matt. 6:9-13) However, it was not his only prayer recorded in the Gospels.

In fact, there are several others that are worth remembering. There is the prayer of submission to God's will that Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. "Abba, Father . . . everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:36) Prayers in which we express our willingness to accept God's will are not heard all that often in many churches.

Perhaps it's because something goes really wrong, and we get stuck in a dark place like depression or despair. We might then better appreciate Jesus' prayer of despair as he hung on the cross: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mark 15:34) Maybe it's hard to imagine Jesus, the Son of God, calling out to God in despair. How could the Second Person in the Holy Trinity believe that he had been abandoned by God? Some have tried to explain it by dismissing this cry as words put into Jesus' mouth by Mark or a subsequent editor of Mark's Gospel. Others remember that they are verse one of Psalm 22. Others simply claim that Jesus had a human side, and it was that part of him that cried out in human despair at the peak of his suffering. Still others take a big step backwards and interpret this prayer as evidence that Jesus was not God.

Perhaps the most difficult prayer for me to imagine anyone saying is the one that Jesus prayed for those who had crucified him: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." (Luke 23:34) Given the anguish that he must have endured, I

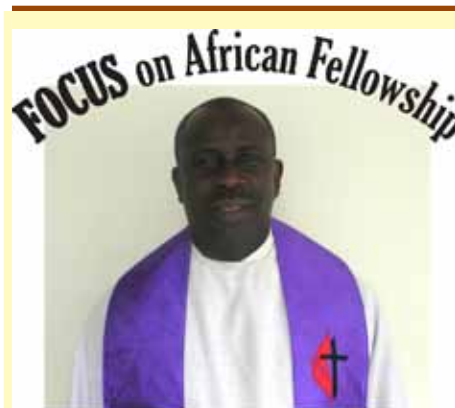
am surprised that Jesus could think of anyone but himself at that moment. I cannot fully understand the love required by a suffering Jesus to ask God to forgive those who tormented him.

There's a fourth prayer, however, that may be so demanding that we may unconsciously resist remembering it. It's Jesus' final prayer in Luke's Gospel: "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46) It is a prayer that I hope to utter as I am dying. It is, perhaps, the ultimate act of faith. While it was certainly Jesus' last prayer in Luke's Gospel, we don't have to wait until we are dying to say it.

As we undergo the events of Holy Week each year we are, once again, reminded that even Jesus' closest friends failed to commit their lives to God. Even St. Peter, the "rock" upon which Jesus would build the Church, failed to honor his commitment the night before Jesus died. The only "cure" for failing to turn our lives over to God is to begin again. How? We do it by praying each morning and each night, "God, into your hands I commit my spirit/self!" It helps to do it throughout the day as well.

I'm interested in knowing whether you agree (if you are willing to share your response with me).

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖



Pastor Daniel extends a warm welcome to everyone to attend the African Fellowship Services on the third Sunday of the month at 11:15 a.m.

Please join in the next celebration on May 17, 2015 in the Chapel.

NOMADS

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for the church and the third building. In 1961, the current property was purchased. It had been the Evergreen Ranch, owned by the Packard family. The new sanctuary was built where the ranch house used to sit. The orange groves are gone, but the barn and packing shed are still there. The Boy Scouts use the barn for troop meetings, and the church and Boy Scouts share the packing shed. Behind the packing shed is a field of strawberries -- the grower rents from the church. Bonita High School is across the street, and the church and school sometimes share parking lots.

The weather was beautiful Southern California Spring weather, and the strawberries were ripe daily.

There were "only" three jobs for us to do: (1) Paint the men's and women's bathrooms, (2) Put tile on the kitchen counters, and (3) Put up a soundproof dividing wall in the church/preschool director's office.

We all ended up working in all of the areas to support each other. Gene was the leader of construction of the office wall, but we also cut and installed backer board for the backsplash in the kitchen. Elaine assisted Gene in the office as well as tapping tile and placing spacers between the tile. Roger helped Gene cut metal for the office dividers, and Elaine helped with finish work in the bathrooms, kitchen, and office.

In the evenings we watched the three movies that had wedding scenes filmed at the church. The most famous is *The Graduate*. We also saw *Bubble Boy*, and *Wayne's World II*. These well-known scenes often bring visitors to the church.

The choir director invited us to sing in the choir on Sundays and for a very special memorial service. This is the most musically talented team that we have worked with. Not only did we sing in the choir, but we also sang most of our graces.

We, and the church, were pleased with our work. We were especially happy that all work was completed before we left.

Elaine and Eugene Hill ❖

United Methodist Women



GENERAL MEETING

Please join the United Methodist Women on **Thursday, May 7, 2015, in the Fireside Room** as we learn more about *The Grateful Garment Project* from their Executive Director and founder, Lisa Blanchard.

- **Business Meeting at 9:30**
- **Brunch at 10:30**
- **Program at 11:00**

The mission of The Grateful Garment Project is to ensure that every victim of a sexual crime who crosses the threshold of a SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) facility is provided with new clothing, toiletries, snacks, and other miscellaneous items that he or she may require. *(Information taken from The Grateful Garment Publicity)*

We are asking everyone who attends this program to please bring a **NEW** clothing item or a **NEW** Non-perishable or Grooming Item from the lists below. Thank You!

The Grateful Garment Project is seeking the following new items:

- Sweatshirts (Adult and Youth – all sizes)
- Sweat Pants/Pajama Bottoms (Adult and Youth – all sizes)
- Sport Bras (all sizes)
- Underwear (for women, men and children - all sizes)
- T-Shirts (Adult and Youth – all sizes)
- Socks/Booties
- Flip Flops or Slip-on Sandals (all sizes)

General Items:

Non-perishable:

- Individually wrapped nuts
- Instant Meals
- Protein bars
- Instant Oatmeal
- Chips
- Beef jerky

Grooming Items:

- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Hair brushes
- Lip balm
- Hand Sanitizer
- Hair ties
- Mouthwash



LAYETTES FOR NEEDY

The UMW is collecting the following items for layettes for the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center:

- 2 Wash Cloths
- 2 Onesies (3-6 month size)
- 1 "Cuddlewrap"
- 6 Disposable Diapers (newborn size)
- 1 Blanket or Quilt: 36" x 36"
- 1 Sleeper (6-9 months)
- 2 Diaper pins (must have protective covers)

The UMW is collecting the following items for layettes for UMCOR:

- 2 Receiving Blankets (30" x 30" or 30" x 32" 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

We will be collecting on the Second Sunday of the month.

If you would like to make a cash donation, the Cuddle Wraps cost \$6.00 each to make.

Jane LaPierre, UMW ❖

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2015

The Confirmation class of 2015 has 17 wonderfully diverse youth who are excited about exploring their faith and building a relationship with God. The class has been led by Terry Tanner, Heidi Lanham and Lynn Dellaporta. They have been active in visiting Shir Hadash synagogue, Trinity Episcopal Church, St Lucy's Catholic Church, and Glide Memorial Church during these past few months. They have helped serve the community by collecting shoes for the shoe drive, helping with the Crab Fest set-up, and were part of a team preparing sandwich-lunches for the homeless at Glide Memorial Church. Although many of the discussions have been serious, they have also participated in the Bishop's Retreat at Monte Toyon, built Christian villages with Legos, played semi-serious games during our class and have formed bonds which we hope will continue in future years.

Their confirmation will take place on **Sunday, May 31st, during 10:00 am service with a luncheon to follow** in the Fellowship Hall. ❖

A Glimpse from Maundy Thursday Service



I was at a round table with five adults and three young boys, two of them in blue choir robes. During the service we heard the story of Holy Week in spoken word, music, and rituals around the tables of anointing foreheads with oil, hand washing and Holy Communion. The lads were not hanging on every word, often quietly playful among themselves, but never a distraction for others.

However, when it was time to join others at the table in one of the rituals, they were all three reverently engaged in forming crosses with a thumb dipped in oil, or washing a neighbor's hands by pouring water over them, and serving each other the communion elements of bread and juice. Somehow each child knew when the proper time came to be fully present and attending with the adults. They watched, they learned and did likewise. When the time came for the Joyful Notes choir to sing, children streamed from tables all over the hall to gather for their anthem. Many children had been watching, learning and following the models before them.

Part of the many meanings for me during that wonderful service was appreciation for the presence of those three boys at table with me, their wide eyes following the actions of adults during the rituals and then confidently participating. I greatly appreciate the diversity within our gathered Christian family and commend the parents within the African Ministry who have nurtured the young boys, my table-mates, in the ways of the church.

Our youth are our future, for all of us. And what I see is very good.

Ellen Droke ❖

HOLY WEEK AND



EASTER ACTIVITIES



Photo Credits: thanks to Mary Ann Gee and Barbara Wade

2015 Summer Camps

Registration Open! A week at a camp can be a life-changing experience for children and youth. The Summer Camp Programs of the California-Nevada Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church (whew!) are about meeting the hopes and dreams of parents and creating lifelong, life-changing memories for young people in a safe, fun, and caring environment.

Your child will discover an ever-greater love for God in their hearts – while growing in self-confidence, resourcefulness and gratitude as they encounter a spiritual awakening that will unfold over a lifetime.

Monte Toyon Camps:

Toyon Kids – July 6 – 11, for those going into 3rd - 6th grades

Toyon L.I.T. - July 6 – 11, for 14-15 year-olds

Camp Quest – July 12 – 17, for those going into 7th-9th grades

Impact L.I.T. – July 12 – 17, for 16-19 year-olds

Lodestar Camps:

Super Kid Camps – July 19 – 25, for those going into 3rd- 6th grades

Super Camp – July 19 – 25, for those going into 7th-9th grades

Lodestar L.I.T. – July 19 – 25, for 14-15 year-olds

If you register by May 8, CUMC will cover the \$100 deposit.

Please register ONLINE at www.cnumc.org/camping, OR download the registration form from the website and mail your payment to Shari Sandoval at CA-NV Annual Conference, P.O. Box 980250, West Sacramento, CA, 95798. Make checks payable to CA-NV Annual Conference (add the name of the camp that your child(ren) will be attending on the memo line. Bring a copy of your registration to the church office by May 8 to be reimbursed. For questions, contact Shari Sandoval at (916) 374-1528, at sharis@calnevumc.org.



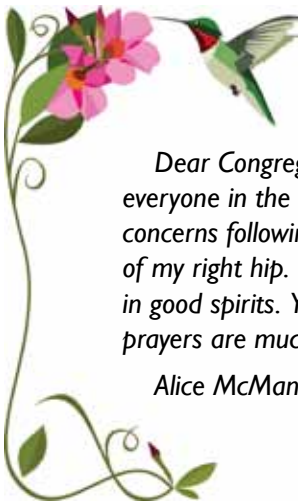
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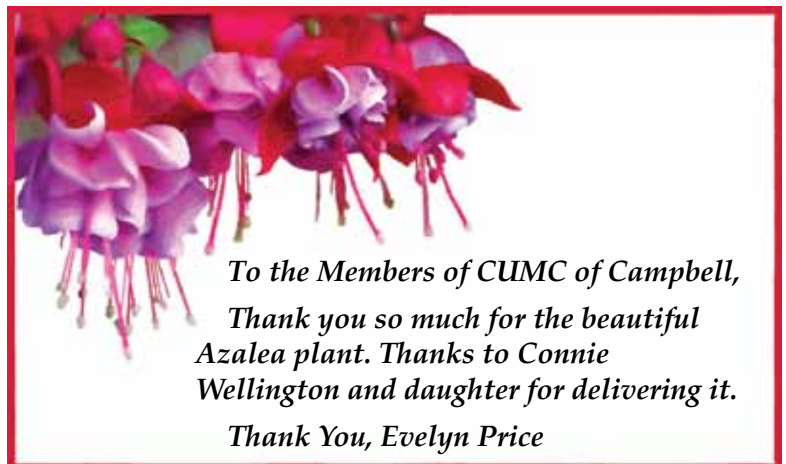
People reaching out, with open minds, souls and hearts -

- Nourishing spirituality
 - Engaging creativity
 - Building social justice
 - Providing loving, welcoming community
- for Christ and the world.



Dear Congregation, I want to thank everyone in the church for your prayers and concerns following my recent fall and fracture of my right hip. I am in no pain and am in good spirits. Your cards, phone calls and prayers are much appreciated.

Alice McManus.



*To the Members of CUMC of Campbell,
Thank you so much for the beautiful
Azalea plant. Thanks to Connie
Wellington and daughter for delivering it.
Thank You, Evelyn Price*