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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL, 2014

Palm Sunday
April 13th

*Palm Processional
at 10 a.m. Worship*

*Spring Choral Concert
at 3:30 p.m.
in the Sanctuary
Rutter Requiem sung by
Campbell UMC
Chancel Choir*

Maundy Thursday
April 17th

*A Service commemorating
the Last Supper
(with ritual hand-washing
and communion) in the
Fellowship Hall at 7:00 p.m.*

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Good Friday
April 18th

*Good Friday Service at noon
in the Sanctuary*

Easter Sunday
April 20th

*Pancake Breakfast
begins at 8:30 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall
made by the Youth Group*

*Festival Worship at 10:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary*

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HOLY WEEK

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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

Bright Days Preschool

Mary Smith, Director: 408-378-8422
www.brightdayspreschool.com

Current Pastoral Situation



Visiting Pastor

The congregation at Campbell United Methodist Church was rocked when our Pastor, Rev. Paul Kim, passed away suddenly on February 6, 2014.

A new pastor will be appointed by the Bishop of the CA-NV Conference and is due to join us on July 1, 2014.

Until that time, our pastoral care team will be supported by a friend of Campbell UMC, Rev. Karen Paulsen. Each Sunday, during worship, we will be hearing from a variety of voices - some familiar preachers and some new. All will be giving a passionate perspective on Christian life and their experiences.

This congregation aims to honor Pastor Paul's memory by continuing to strengthen our faith and happily reach out to others in the community.

Bruce Hallinan, Chair of the Campbell UMC Council

The Purposes of Lent and Eastertide

by Taylor Burton-Edwards

Historically, Lent and Eastertide have been all about discipling people in the way of Jesus and sending them into ministry in his name.

The primary purpose of Lent has been to help people begin to live the way of Jesus as they prepare to receive baptism or reaffirm the baptismal covenant at the Easter Vigil or on Easter morning.

The Greek term for this process is "catechesis." The word in Greek means, roughly, "re-echo." Catechumens (persons preparing) learn to "re-echo" Christ in their own lives as they see Christ being lived out in others (catechists) who are training them.

Eastertide picks up where Lent leaves off. It helps those schooled in living Christ's way during Lent both to understand what has happened to them in baptism, what it means to be part of the body of Christ, and to begin to take their place as ministers in Christ's name and in the power of the Holy Spirit who has given each gifts for ministry.

The Greek term for this process is "mystagogia" (mystagogy, we say in English), which means "leading into the mysteries." Part of the work of these weeks of Eastertide is doctrinal, to begin to form in the newly baptized and to remind the rest of us what it takes to "give an account of the hope that is in us" (1 Peter 3:15). This is an initial immersion in Christian doctrine intended to be followed up for a lifetime.

But mystagogy, thus the work of Easter Season, is about more than doctrine. It's also about launching new or renewed disciples, grounded in the way of Jesus and now also in the basic teaching of the church, into a lifetime of ministry in Jesus' name with the support and accountability of the whole church.

In Lent, then, the church acts as midwife to those being born again or those renewing their commitment among us. In Eastertide, the church acts as life coach to help those born by water and the Spirit to discover their gifts, connect with their God-given passion, hone their skills toward excellence, and, come Pentecost Sunday, to commission them into ministry in Jesus' name with the support of the church and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Thanks for Dinner Served at Montgomery Street Inn

Church and Society Committee would like to thank all the people who participated in helping to serve dinner to the homeless at InnVision's Montgomery Street Inn on February 16. There were many who provided food, helped cook, provided transportation from Campbell UMC to Montgomery Street Inn, and then served the homeless.

The people we served were so very grateful and we feel very privileged to be able to provide this service.

Remember that we will be providing meals the 3rd Sunday of the even numbered months except for December from now on. We will continue to need your support. Please keep these events in your prayers.

Lea Adams, Church & Society ❖

A New Tree for the



Courtyard

The Trustees would like to thank the congregation for all your suggestions on how to utilize the space previously occupied by our beloved courtyard tree. After reviewing the responses from the survey, the majority asked to replace the tree with another tree. Other structures suggested were equally considered and after researching the cost, maintenance and city permitting requirements, it was decided a tree would best fit the wants and needs of the church. Several arborists were consulted to advise on the best type

of tree for our location that would also satisfy the city of Campbell code requirements. We are currently in the process of considering a 20' tall red maple. It has a 14' spread and would be transported in a 48" square box. We hope to have a tree installed within the next month or two. We hope the new tree will provide much enjoyment and pride for the church for many years to come.

Susan Mares-Pilling, Trustees ❖

South Bay CROP Hunger Walk 2014

Sign Up to Walk on April 6, 2014 or Plan to Donate!



CROP Hunger Walk helps 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!

Last year, Campbell UMC raised \$2063. Let's double that for 2014!

If you are interested in participating in the walk or donating to CROP Walk, please contact Charlie Slayman (cslayman@gmail.com, 408-603-6276).

Walk Details: this year, CROP Walk will start at San Jose First United Methodist Church, 24 North 5th Street, San Jose, CA. Registration - 12:30 p.m., Walk - 1:30 p.m.

Charlie Slayman, Missions ❖

Save the Date! Joseph And The Dream Team Xtreme

In the action-packed story of "Joseph and the Dream Team Xtreme", you will meet Joseph, whose colorful coat and dreams of destiny provoke the envy of his brothers, and see how they plot to rid themselves of

the brother they have come to hate. You will also see the marvelous way in which God was able to preserve and promote Joseph throughout his numerous ordeals on his journey from pit to palace.

Please join the Joyful Notes Choir on **Sunday, May 4th, at the 10:00 a.m.** service, as they bring this story of Joseph to life in the musical, **Joseph And The Dream Team Xtreme**, by Dave Noel and Jay Rouse.

Joyful Notes Director, Daelene Groff ❖

Volunteers for SEED



Church & Society Committee is the liaison for a new community project that New Creation United Methodist Church (UMC) is taking on. They are currently looking for volunteers for the **Student Extracurricular Education Development (SEED)** project. Weekly Free Afternoon Classes are provided to serve the needs of our local community with tutoring, music, and sports classes for children, and English as Second Language (ESL) classes for parents.



The detailed schedule is as follows:

Sunday 3:00-4:30 p.m.

- Music Classes (3:00-3:30 p.m.) in the Sanctuary Lounge
- Volleyball (3:30-4:30 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall
- ESL (3:00-4:30 p.m.) in the Library



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Wednesday 6:00-7:30 p.m.

- Tutoring in the Sanctuary Lounge
- Yoga in the Youth Floor

We currently are in need of volunteers for music classes and ESL on Sunday and for tutoring on Wednesdays. Anyone High School and/or above can be volunteers. If you are interested or can help, please contact Pastor Justin (408-963-9517, or justincryu@gmail.com)

For more information, please visit <http://www.newcreationunited.org/#!seed/c6hj>

Endowment News for 2013

The church's Endowment Fund Committee had a very active and successful 2013.

Contributions of \$37,000 from church members and friends were received and added to the principal of the investment accounts. Only income received from the investments may be spent, none of the principal can be spent.

During 2013, distributions from account income exceeded \$30,000. Examples of how these distributions were used include the Fire Suppression System over the stove in the church kitchen, Campbell Historical Museum Scholarships, 75 backpacks for the students at Rosemary School, repairs to some pipes of the Schantz Pipe Organ in the Sanctuary, support of the Campbell UMC Elmwood Art and Spirit Ministry, an Automated External Defibrillator for the church, the Stop Hunger Now Project, installation of ceiling fans in the Fireside Room and kitchen, Heart of the Valley, Campbell Veterans Memorial Site Fund, installation costs for the screen and projector system in the Fireside Room, and the AVID Program at Del Mar High School.

You can join us in this wonderful opportunity to provide support for similar community and church needs

by making contributions to the Endowment Fund of the Campbell United Methodist Church now, or perhaps including such a provision in your will or trust documents. For additional information, please contact the committee or the Church Office. George W. Cleveland, Committee Chair ❖

Bright Days Auction

Bright Days Preschool will be holding their *Annual Silent Auction Fundraiser* from **Sunday April 27 through Wednesday, May 7, 2014.**

Donations for the auction would be appreciated and need to be provided by April 17. If you cannot deliver to the preschool, please call Mary Smith at 408-378-8422 for pick-up.

Donation items needed:

- Basket creating supplies
- Re-Gifted Items
- Unopened toys or games, puzzles
- Pet supplies/gifts
- Accessories - jewelry, scarves, etc.
- Time & Talent - services or skills
- Recycling - books, crafts, etc.

Bright Days has a fundraising goal of \$8,000 and it will be used for a Block construction area on the playground and for the Financial Aid

Fund. The auction will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays, April 27 and May 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. In the Education building Mondays to Fridays, April 28 to May 7 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The auction will close on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:15 p.m. in the Education building.

All are welcome to celebrate with Bright Days at a Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday, April 25, 5:30 p.m.

Any questions, please contact Mary Smith, Director at 408-378-8422 or bright_days@earthlink.net. ❖



HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

125th Anniversary Sanctuary Panels - Tell the Story

Eight panels, symbolizing 125 years of our church history, recently hung on the side walls of our Sanctuary. The seventh panel illustrates the logo designed for the Centennial Celebration.

The celebration actually covered a full year. Evelyn Buck chaired the Centennial Celebration Committee, which began meeting in April of 1987. They planned many events, beginning with a vignette, "The Meeting of the Original Twelve", which was presented at the worship services on June 26, 1988. The following month, on July 17, we had a commemorative walk through Campbell, which began at the old church site on Campbell Avenue, and ended at our present one. A Scottish bagpiper, accompanied by handbell ringers, led our procession. Many of the walkers, including Dick and Bobbie Corson, wore vintage costumes. On several other Sundays, we enjoyed a picnic or a special worship service. The year of celebration closed on July 16, 1989, with a "grand and glorious homecoming".

Susan Sargeant, Church Historian ❖

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

United Methodist Women



BOOK REVIEW by Jane LaPierre

KING PEGGY by Peggienelene Bartels and Eleanor Herman (2013)

Peggy describes for us both her spiritual and emotional journeys to become a King in the nation of Ghana (there are no Queens in Ghana). Ghana, in fact, has many regional kings. As a child walking to her school she hears the ancestors telling her that she will live in the palace someday. Her faith is a mix of ancestor worship and Christianity. Her story includes living part of the time in Ghana as well as holding a full-time job in the United States. Many people helped her to transform her community as well as overcome many obstacles.

I recommend reading this book. It gives us an example of how the church in the United States can work with a community in Ghana in a positive way.

Jane LaPierre, Campbell UMW ❖

United Methodist Women Invite You To Their ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON “Jan’s Favorite Things”

Saturday, April 26

Fellowship Hall

Men, Women, and Children are welcome

11:30--Table Viewing

12:00 noon--Luncheon

followed by musical entertainment provided by the Peninsula Banjo Band

Tickets--\$12

Tickets will be sold Sunday mornings
April 6, 13, and 20

The ticket deadline is Sunday, April 20
Tickets will not be available at the door

For ticket information, contact UMW
Circle Leaders or UMW Members



4 Cs of Starting Small Groups

The “Call to Action” from the United Methodist Council of Bishops indicates that one of the key ministry strategies in vital congregations is small groups for adults. Here are a few ideas to consider as possible starting points.

Connect to adults’ lives. Adults get involved in experiences that are relevant to their lives, that involve their input, and that have immediate application/ usefulness. Talk to the adults in your congregation and community, listening for issues that continue to be raised, concerns that are expressed, and hopes and dreams that are shared.

Connect to mission. Many adults, particularly younger adults, are looking for ways to put their faith into practice. They want to make a difference in their communities and in the world.

Connect to the calendar. Pay attention to the church year and to the seasons and rhythms of your community. There are three natural starting points for small groups in the next several months: Advent, New Year and Lent.

Connect to God. Provide small-group opportunities for adults to practice spiritual disciplines, such as prayer and Bible study. Encourage meetings in homes or places in the community that offer a relaxed, informal setting for conversation and exploration.

When you make your decision about which group or groups to start, communicate clearly what the purpose of the group is; the dates, times, and locations of the group meetings (including how many weeks the group will meet); and how adults will benefit from participation.

Once a group starts to meet, you may find that they want to continue meeting together. However, let the next steps unfold as the process moves along. ❖

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Circuit Writer



WHY DOES IT HAVE TO HURT?

Rev. Larry LaPierre

One of my least favorite memories from childhood was that of having three “baby” teeth extracted at the same time. My father brought me, and he was in a hurry. So, he told the dentist to pull the teeth even though the Novocain had not fully taken effect.

It hurt, but it wasn’t awful. To be fair, a few years later I watched my father endure nearly unbearable pain without complaining as he was dying. In other words, he didn’t ask me to bear even a small fraction of what he was willing to endure. Yet, I can almost hear some of you thinking, “How unkind he was.” In his mind I’m sure that it just went with being tough enough to deal with the world as it is—not as we might like it to be.

That’s the problem, isn’t it? The world is not as nice as we want it to be. Those who are familiar with 2 Corinthians 12 remember that St. Paul wrote about the privilege of having visions of heaven. However, “a thorn was given me in the flesh, . . . to keep me from being too elated.” When St. Paul asked God to take away his suffering, God replied, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” (vs. 7, 8b)¹

In other words, God’s power is made obvious by our limits in coping with pain and other forms of suffering. Some of us might rather cope on our own, but we can’t. Instead of being angry, perhaps we could practice being grateful for God’s willingness to help us.

To be clear, Campbell UMC is just in the beginning phases of our grief

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over the death of Pastor Paul. We will be reminded every time that we see someone who is not Pastor Paul step into the pulpit that Paul is dead. While we are grateful for the generous help of these other pastors we may also resent that, once again, we have to go through this experience of separation, loss and all the forms that grief takes in our lives.

Why does God do this to us? That’s the wrong question, isn’t it? You disagree? OK, but where is it written, except perhaps in our hearts, that we are promised a life free from suffering? It isn’t—at least not in the Bible.

The reality is that we don’t get to control what can go wrong in our lives. We can choose whether to allow our grief to overwhelm us or to ask God to give us the strength not only to cope but also to show the world that God makes it possible for us to heal. The rest of the world will watch to see whether we get stuck being angry at God or depressed as a result of our loss. Let’s intentionally pray together. Let’s talk and listen both to God and to each other and, when needed, let’s weep together with the assurance that God is and will continue to guide us through our time “in the valley of the shadow of darkness.”

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖



Care Giving Ministries

We are grieving for our present loss: Pastor Paul’s life and his ministry with us that was just beginning. Church Council members on February 26 shared their respect, awe, fondness, and friendship for the Paul that we were just getting to know,

with sadness that the opportunity to know him better has been cut off.

We are also grieving for past losses: those from within our community life as well as from our own personal lives over the years. Unresolved and accumulated sorrows from other losses overflow when a new time of grieving occurs.

Stages of grief include shock; response, and rebuilding. Different authors label these stages differently, but the ideas and progression are the same. We need to process and understand our emotions before we can rebuild on solid ground.

If anger and disappointment hangs on among and between us, we will not be ready to rebuild with new clergy leadership. The clefs will remain, ready to re-open on familiar lines from new stresses and strains. To speak of anger already begins to diffuse it, and can be a first step in coming to a resolution.

Let’s do our grieving well this time. We are without appointed clergy leadership until July. We must do our own leadership for now, which is well begun with Sally Wenzel as SPCR chair, and Bruce Hallinan chairing Church Council. Pastor Karen Paulsen is back with us through June for pastoral care, and she is willing and able to be with us, individually and communally, in our grieving processes.

Jesus taught about specks in another’s eyes, but logs in our own. Can we trust each other enough to reach out across the chasms of misunderstanding, disappointments, even anger, and embrace the goodwill we may find there? I trust we can humble ourselves to reach out to those that we know we have differences with, and work toward healed relationships.

If this congregation moves toward healing through acts of forgiveness and reconciliation, then we can and we will be ready to welcome a new pastor in July with common purpose and hope.

Ellen Droke, Care Giving Ministries ❖



The Fat Saturday Crab Feed was a wonderful event! A big "THANK YOU" to Janine Payton for organizing the event, and to Chef Juvenal Castro for organizing and running the kitchen. The Westmont High School Jazz Band was awesome, the auction items were enticing, the food was delicious, and the decorations really set the mood. We had a superb turnout of church folk who helped set up, serve and clean up. The Crab Feed reimbursements were processed last week, and the last of the auction items picked up. We made about \$6,400! THANK YOU to all who made this such a fabulous event, and mark your calendars for February 21st, 2015, for next year's Crab Feed!



2014 Summer Camps: Registration Open

A week at 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 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 gratefulness as they encounter a spiritual awakening that will unfold over a lifetime.

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).

For questions, contact Shari Sandoval at (916) 374-1528 or sharis@calnevumc.org. (Scholarships available – contact Melinda Knepp. Also, if you register your child by April 30th, the church will pay the \$100 registration fee. Copies of the registration forms and payment method should be submitted to the church office.)



CAMPS DATES

MONTE TOYON CAMPS

Toyon Kids Camp - (3rd-6th Grade)
July 6-11
Toyon L.I.T - (14-15 years old)
July 6-11
Camp Quest - (7th-9th Grade)
July 13-18
Impact L.I.T - (16-19 years old)
July 13-18

LODESTAR CAMPS

Super Kid Camp - (3rd-6th Grade)
July 20-26
Super Camp - (7th-9th Grade)
July 20-26
Lodestar L.I.T - (14-15 years old)
July 20-26

URBAN CAMP - SAN FRANCISCO
(9th-13th Grade) June 11-18



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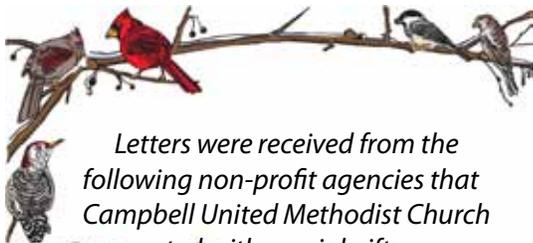
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Building social justice

Providing loving, welcoming community

- for Christ and the world.

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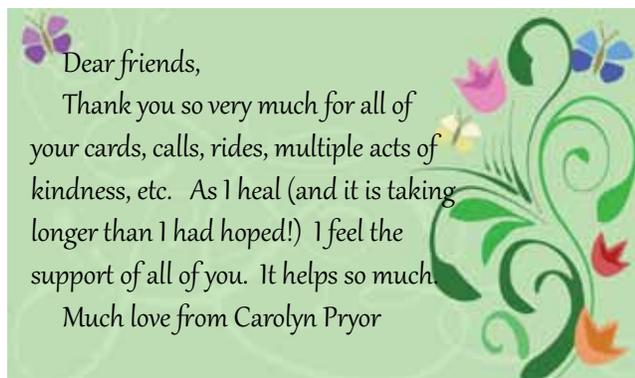
Letters were received from the following non-profit agencies that Campbell United Methodist Church supported with special gifts.

Words of thanks and appreciation arrived from Church World Service, Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley, Habitat for Humanity and Heart of the Valley, Services for Seniors, Inc.



Dear, beautiful church friends,
Thank you for the cheerful cards, phone calls and e-mail I received during my recovery from shoulder surgery. I felt surrounded by your love and prayers.

Sue Edson



Dear friends,
Thank you so very much for all of your cards, calls, rides, multiple acts of kindness, etc. As I heal (and it is taking longer than I had hoped!) I feel the support of all of you. It helps so much.

Much love from Carolyn Pryor