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NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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March 21, 2014

Greetings Fellow Members,

I wanted to give you an update on the Bishop and Cabinets search for a pastor for us. They have found someone! Bishop Brown intends to appoint the Rev. Kathleen (Kathi) McShane to Campbell United Methodist Church starting July 1, 2014.

Rev. McShane is currently the Co-Pastor at San Ramon Valley UMC. Previously she was Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Director of the Commission on Strategic Direction Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley. Before that she was the Senior Pastor at First United Methodist Church, Sacramento. She has also been the Associate Pastor at San Ramon Valley UMC and was also the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Pacific School of Religion (PSR)

Before she was ordained as an Elder in the CA/NV Conference of the United Methodist Church she practiced law for 16 years.

Her Educational Background:

Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA, Master of Divinity Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, CA .D.

University of California, Davis, CA B.A. with highest honors, Public Service/Political Science

She has one adult daughter, Stacey McShane, who lives in Los Angeles.

I will wait and let Rev. McShane share more about herself when she joins us in July.

I want to thank everyone for pulling together and helping out our church community these past weeks and for your continued help moving forward. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the church office, Bruce Hallinan our Church Council Chair, myself or other members of SPRC.

Sally Wenzel, Chair, Staff-Parish Relations Committee

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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 has been 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

Center for Living and Dying Workshops

Many experienced the leadership of Nick Arnett, who came to offer techniques for dealing with loss. Here is a summary of his four steps to aid when trauma occurs in our lives:

- 1. To deal with difficult feelings, such as grief, anger, pain, guilt, sadness, etc. we need to ACKNOWLEDGE that we are indeed experiencing these feelings. They are real feelings and deserve attention. The numbness that comes over us is normal but in time it is good to acknowledge how hurt we are, or angry or shocked.
- 2. The next step in healing feelings is to EXPRESS them to trusted others in a safe, confidential place. An ancient Chinese proverb states, "a feeling held inside increases its strength a thousand times." For some people, sharing verbally with others works, then for others, writing the story down is helpful. Physical exercise is good to release pent up feelings. Remember also, prayer is very useful. We are given permission to rail at God in difficult times. Just read Lamentations or Psalms, where we hear the Prophets rail at God.
- 3. Helpful also is to ACT. Doing something to help another aids the victims as well as ourselves. I remember serving Sebastopol UMC in 2001, on September 11th, when the tragedies struck our nation. I was in the church office that morning after hearing the news. Our phones rang off the hook, from community people and congregants calling to find out what they could do to help the people in New York They wanted resources to local blood banks, charities where they could write checks, such as UMCOR. They all wanted and needed to DO something to help.
- 4. Lastly, group leader Nick Arnett mentioned finding a time and place for people to take a break from thinking about their trauma. At some point, he said, we need to think about and do other things, giving ourselves time to experience joy and beauty. In order for us to replenish our energy so we can further deal with our losses, we do need to step away, even for a short time.

Remember, when we take an airplane somewhere, the flight attendant always give instructions to "place the oxygen mask over our own mouths first, before assisting others." We need to recoup our own strength in order to be useful to others.

Our church Care Giver's office has copies of these and other resources, which were written and given to us by Director Janet Child of Center for Living with Dying in San Jose. This is a program within the Bill Wilson Center. Other resources about trauma are available in our own Media Resource Center on campus.

Thanks to all who participated and received information which can be helpful to us and to help others.

Pastor Karen

On the CAMPUS:

Pastor Paul Kim Tribute DVD

The tribute to Pastor Kim that was shown at his memorial service and created by Mark Shepherd, is available to purchase for members who would like a copy, at a suggested price of \$25. All proceeds will go towards a new camera for the church.

Handbell Concert

The church's 5 handbell groups will perform a full hour of handbell music on May 18, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. The five groups are Carillon Bell Choir, New A'Peal Ringers, Covenant Ringers, Diamond Ringers and the latest addition, Discovery Ringers. We will feature music from the classics to pop and also bring in other rhythmic instruments. Can you believe there will be a "Rhumba" piece? It will be loads of fun for your listening ears. Bring a friend or two or more. FREE admission. �

Calling All Artisans and Crafters!

Arts and Crafts Show and Sale!

Jim Laflin has made several beautiful items from our fallen Silver Maple tree and we will have a 'Show and Sale' on June 1st. We would love to see all the wonderful talents that our members have. Perhaps you are a woodworker like Jim, or a knitter, painter, potter, photographer, papercrafter or baker. Jim is offering his creations for a donation to the church and you may do the same or just bring them to show. If you would like to participate please contact Janine Payton at thepaytons@ sbcglobal.net. Forms can be picked up in the church office.

Bright Days Auction

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

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.

There is still time to bid on these wonderful items. �

CARTOON CORNER



"I'm not sure what an E-pistle is. I think it's some sort of pre-e-mail device."



In the COMMU

UMVIM Team to Brazil

The Los Gatos UMC with sister churches in the El Camino Circuit will be organizing a Volunteers in Mission Team to Caconde (Cah-cone'-gee), Brazil in September. The likely dates for the team are September 21st through 30th.

This is Los Gatos UMC's third visit to Caconde. The project will focus on a Senior Residence Center. Work includes painting, light construction, landscaping, and socialization activities with the seniors. The cost per participant is ~\$1,800 including air fare.

Caconde is about 200 miles northwest of the city of Sao Paulo, Brazil. It is situated in the Mantiquiera mountain range, in temperate, rolling hills famous for coffee production. The town is becoming known as a heath resort and a center for eco-tourism. The Pardo River attracts adventurous rafters who want to test their skills against the whitewater rapids. Eliana Brown, one of the team leaders, was born and raised in Caconde, where her mother is a leading supporter of the care facility, called an Asilo.

UMVIM stands for United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. They exist to promote "Christian Love in Action," by sending teams of people to provide hands-on service to others, sharing unique gifts to work collectively on a project.

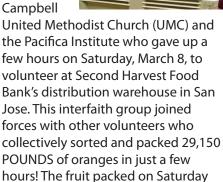
If you are interested, contact Dave Wolf (mdwolf@comcast.net, or 408-268-5806), or Eliana Brown (elibrown@ sbcglobal.net, or 408-761-8837). There will be an informational and planning meeting in late April or early May. 💠

Orange you Glad you Helped?

"As a child, my family was fortunate enough to receive help during difficult

times and we were very grateful for it." -- Grace Gallardo-Oliver, Campbell UMC

Grace was one of 12 volunteers from



would be delivered the following

meals to those in need.

Monday to hungry children, families,

seniors and organizations that provide

There are a variety of reasons why people want to volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank, Some volunteer because, like Grace, they appreciate the opportunity to give back. Julie Lattin, Campbell UMC, enjoyed her time as a first-time volunteer. She notes, "Second Harvest is well-organized, which made the experience easy and straightforward. There was never a question of what to do." She adds, "I enjoyed the opportunity to get to know people I really had not had a chance to connect with otherwise."



Many volunteers enjoy the camaraderie that develops with this type of activity. On this occasion, packing food alongside Muslim friends from Pacifica Institute provided a casual and fun opportunity to build new and stronger

relationships while working together toward a common community goal -helping the hungry. The opportunity to work together on projects that benefit the greater good was voiced repeatedly at a Campbell UMC Interfaith Dinner, and volunteering at Second Harvest was a great way to achieve this desire.

Still some volunteer because they just love to help, and the realization that one in four families are hungry within our own neighborhoods is a strong motivator. Second Harvest distributes food to 740 sites, including 300 different organizations, such as shelters, churches, and other food banks. Recipients reside within every zip code within Santa Clara County. Campbell UMC also serves as a distribution point.

This stellar organization ranks among the top 2 percent of nonprofits nationwide and boasts a slim 4 percent overhead rate. One factor in achieving this low rate is the 300,000 hours of volunteer time the organization receives per year. In a letter to Saturday's volunteers, Director of Volunteer Services for Second Harvest Food Bank, Kristin Sulpizio, wrote, "We deeply appreciate the time you have taken out of your own busy life to help us focus on what matters -- that anyone who needs a meal can get a meal today, and every day. Your gift of time has made a true difference for many in our community."

A huge thanks is extended to the volunteers who donated their valuable time to help make a difference.

Gail Jacobs, Church & Society �



(top, left-right): Gail Jacobs, Patty Henderson, Gene Hill, Franklin Bondonno, Carol Laucella, Don Lucella, Lou Woodburycatcott, Greg Catcott; (bottom): Meryem Halbutogullari, Julie Lattin, Nihal Sahan, Grace Gallardo-Oliver.

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United Methodist Women



BOOK REVIEW by Jane LaPierre

GROWING UP MUSLIM: Understanding the Beliefs and Practices of Islam

by Sumbul Ali-Karamali

This book could be compared to a very condensed Reader's Digest treatment of the information available on Islam. It appeals to teenagers as well as to adults.

The book is written in three sections. The first section is "Muslim Beliefs and Practices (or, What it's like to grow up Muslim in California)." This section deals with everyday life, daily prayer, holidays, donating to charity, everyday rules of behavior, clothing options and relationships between men and women.

Section two covers the beginnings and the development of Islam. This includes Muhammad and his mission, how Muslims view the world, the basis of Islam (The Qur'an, the Sunnah, and the Sharia) and the spread of Islam.

The third section discusses the major groups that comprise the Muslim faith: Sunni, Shi'a, Sufi and others. It gives geographic locations where each of these groups is found throughout the world.

I recommend this book for the information the author provides about Islam as well as for its sympathetic treatment of the Jewish and Christian faith. This book can be read in an afternoon.

Jane LaPierre, Campbell UMW 💠

Care-A-Vaners

CARE-A-VANERS WORKED AT MONTE TOYON

Twelve Care-A-Vaners, including four new recruits, spent a productive week at beautiful Monte Toyon Methodist Campground in Aptos. We scraped, sanded, and stained the wooden railings and benches on the deck which surrounds Helgesson Hall, and reconstructed the dry rotted downspout corner of the roof on that hall. Other dry rotted wood, on exterior walls, was replaced with new wood. Another major project was the installation of ceramic tile on the floors of





two large bathrooms in the dining hall. We also sewed new curtains for

Cary Lodge. On our last afternoon, we walked uphill to the Sumner Rhododendron Garden, which was in full bloom.

For part of the week, we enjoyed sharing Monte Toyon with a group of 6th grade science campers who were learning about ecology and saving resources. Monte Toyon Methodist Campground is a wonderful Methodist resource which our apportionments help support.

Dave and Susan Sargent �

CHEERFUL ULTRA MIGHTY WINNERS TO WALK AGAIN



Our Campbell United Methodist Women-sponsored team will walk again in the Campbell Relay for Life, raising money for the American Cancer Society.

This 24 hour walking-in-relay team event begins on Saturday, July 12 at 10 a.m. at the Campbell Community Center track. Our team welcomes men, women, boys, and girls. Last year's team was 24 members strong, and included three generations of the Sargent family.

The cost to register is \$10, or free for Cancer survivors. To register, go online to American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, and choose the Campbell event and the team Cheerful Ultra Mighty Winners (CUMW).

Last year's team members are still in the American Cancer Society online system, making registration even simpler.

For more information, contact Team Captain Susan Sargent, 408 378-1232.

DATE FOR YOUR CALENDAR

LUMINARIA EVENT, Sunday, June 8, after church, in the Fellowship Hall.

Susan Sargent �

Circuit Writer



SAYING GOODBYE Rev. Larry LaPierre

At the last meeting of a psychology course I took in 1975 most of the students were exchanging telephone numbers and promising to "keep in touch" over the summer. When the professor learned of this she said, "You need to say 'Goodbye.' If we meet again in the Fall we can say 'Hello,' but right now we need to say 'Goodbye."

It's hard to say, isn't it? Some of us go to great lengths to avoid saying it. I have had to say "Goodbye" to churches I have served as well as those where I was not the pastor. Like you, I've said "Goodbye" to family, friends and colleagues. Perhaps the most demanding experience of saying "Goodbye" has been with people who are dying.

Dr. Ira Byock, currently at Dartmouth Medical School, has written extensively on this topic. He recommends, and I agree with him completely, that there are 5 topics that are important to discuss when we or someone we care about is dying.

Of course, we have to get past the difficulty that many of us have in acknowledging that we or someone we love is dying. Perhaps the most painful experience I witnessed of this was the reluctance of a Vietnam veteran to tell his 8 year old daughter that he was dying. The staff finally convinced him to do so, and his wife brought their daughter to his hospital room so that he could tell her. I was there, and it was heartbreaking to watch the anguish of both parents and their child as he broke the news. I thank God that he said it, however, because he died two hours later. Getting past this reluctance is only the beginning. There are still 5 topics. I will simply list them as summary statements and share a few thoughts:

- 1. "I love you."
- 2. "Thank you."
- 3. "Forgive me."
- 4. "I forgive you."
- 5. "Goodbye."

Of course, when we or someone we love is dying we need to be sensitive to when the other person is ready to hear what we have to say. We also need to be utterly honest and realistic. Not everyone can or should say "I love you" especially if the relationship has not been a loving one. Nor can we necessarily be grateful for everything, but whatever we can be grateful for we can acknowledge. "Forgive me" and "I forgive you" are often difficult to say for obvious reasons. Yet, it is a great gift to those whom we have hurt if we can ask their forgiveness. It

is also a great gift if they can extend their forgiveness to us, but they may need time. Some of us have hurt or been hurt so badly in a relationship that the injured person/people may have never quite healed no matter how often we have said "I'm sorry."

The hardest part is saying our final "Goodbye." It can feel like life is ending when we say it, and the truth, of course, is that life does end! The only way that I can offer to make it easier to say this final "Goodbye" is to remember that the word "Goodbye" has come down from the Middle English expression that meant "God be with you." It's a blessing, and a very personal one that can be a great gift. As ever, there is more to say.

Rev. Larry LaPierre 💠



A Season of Transition

We have experienced shock at the sudden death of Pastor Paul, and are still grieving our loss and his untimely passing. Our expectations to go into future ministry together came to an abrupt and painful end. We have been sharing feelings about losing Paul, about being lost, and anxiety for what lies ahead.

Since February we have appreciated an enhanced lay leadership. The Reverend Karen Paulsen has returned to serve with the Care-Giving ministry team in pastoral care. With local pastors filling our preaching needs on Sundays, and with our capable staff stepping up to cover many areas, Campbell UMC is coping through this transition stronger and more able.

We will enter a new phase of

transition soon. The Bishop plans to appoint The Reverend Kathleen McShane as pastor to Campbell UMC starting in July. We have a name and some have met Kathi. Many of us are less anxious now. We know she is coming to be in ministry with us by summer.

How are we to prepare for our new pastor? Of course, there are the physical, concrete tasks of readying the office and parsonage. There are also mental and soul preparations that we might consider. How to make room for a new spiritual leader in our lives? What does that mean?

What are your expectations? Are there certain qualities of leadership that you will look for and hope for? A clean slate? For our new pastor and for fellow members, too?

I know I need to come with an open mind. Let Kathi surprise us with her gifts of ministry. We shall discover her strengths. She will guide us with grace and love.

May we trust the Spirit to strengthen and inspire us in our ministry together for many years to come.

Ellen Droke, Care Giving Ministries �



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 selfconfidence, resourcefulness, and gratefulness as they encounter a spiritual awakening that will unfold over a lifetime.

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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.)

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 eighth panel highlights some of the milestone events of the past twenty-five years.

1993--The Sanctuary was extensively remodeled and the Schantz pipe organ was installed.

1997--CUMC members voted to become a Reconciling Congregation.

2004--The 3 story AMY Building was completed, to be used for Administration, Music, and Youth.

These events, and many more, are described in the forth coming CUMC History, "125 Years and Counting". Pastor Paul Kim actively inspired the writing of our story and the celebration of our Quasquicentennial.

Susan Sargeant, Church Historian 🧇

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

Joseph's Coat of Many Colors



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 🧇 Connections 7

80+, 90+ and 100+ Birthday Party was a Huge Success! A BIG Thank You to Claudia Slayman for leading this Celebration



On Sunday, March 30th, with flowers, prayers, music, food and laughter, members of Campbell United Methodist Church who are 80 years of age and older were remembered, honored and thanked both in worship and in a luncheon celebration that followed in the Fellowship Hall. It was wonderful to see many old friends, some now living out of the area, return to be part of the day's festivities.

Delia Shepherd created a gorgeous altar flower arrangement, set in a large piece of wood burl that had been shaped by the late Gene Riggs. Her idea was to use a wood base to represent the elders of our church who by their presence, their service, their gifts, and their witness have helped build a strong foundation for Campbell UMC. Delia also worked with Linda Kropff (almost 80!) to make 70+ corsages and boutonnières to give to each birthday celebrant.

Heather Reynolds and Mark Shepherd took formal photos of the honorees, plus many wonderful candid shots which hopefully, we shall see displayed very soon. The photographs captured the joy of old and new friends in conversation, the delight of the crowd when Daelene Groff and Elin Bolt serenaded everyone with "A Very Merry Unbirthday to You", and the pleasure all experienced with the lovely piano renderings of high school senior, Chandra Couzens. Another of our youth, DelMar Shepherd, was a wonderful hostess, keeping the popular punch bowl filled! Janine Payton and Sally Wenzel, performed magic and got 180 servings out of two half sheet cakes! Of course Jack Norris was funny, endearing, and excellent at directing the program, including interviewing our earliest member, Clyde Allen, who was confirmed at Campbell UMC at the age of 14, and our longest continuous member, Evelyn Buck, who joined the church in 1941, and who will be 102 this coming August! Evelyn's sage words were, "This room full of people, laughing, talking, being together, caring for each other, THIS is the real church. That big place across the courtyard, that's just a building. But wherever we gather as people of God, we are the church".

So many people helped bring food for the feast, and stayed and helped to clean up, and to them all a huge "Thank you!"

And to the Elders of our church, once again, we thank you, we respect you, and we love you! Claudia Slayman, Caregivers �







































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Nourishing spirituality

Engaging creativity

Building social justice

Providing loving, welcoming community

~ for Christ and the world.



Thank you to the United Methodist Women for their Love Gift designated for the YWCA Silicon Valley Rape Crisis Services.

As a former board member, I found it a privilege to work with an organization that supports women, men, children and families during a most crucial time in their lives.

The 24-hour rape crisis line and counselors give hope to victims so they can continue on with their lives. I'm thankful for the YWCA Silicon Valley and for our UMW who cares for our community.

Helen Hayashi

It is good to be part of Campbell United Methodist Church. It is exciting to see all the things that are happening here in Christ's name. There is so much talent in this church and this has shown up in the many things that people are doing in the transition from Pastor Paul's guidance to the anticipation of our new pastor.

Many of you have stepped in to fill needs that have made this time in the church a welcoming and nurturing time for our church family and for newcomers. Your service to Christ and his work is commendable and it has made the change easier for us.

Romans 8:14 - "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are Children of God."

Your commitment as God's children through Campbell UMC has been invaluable to the life of the church. I now take time to thank all of you who have willingly shared His work during this time.

Thank you – Thank you – Thank you.

Terry Johnson