

# Campbell



## CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER, 2012



# World Communion Sunday

October 7, 2012

Services at 9 am and 10:45 am

World Communion Sunday, celebrated each year on the first Sunday in October, is one of the most venerable of the "special Sundays" in the church year. The day has taken on new relevancy and depth of meaning in a world where globalization often undermines peace and justice and where fear divides the peoples of God's earth. On this day we celebrate our oneness in Christ, the Prince of Peace, in the midst of the world we are called to serve - a world ever more in need of peacemaking.

Our celebration in the Campbell United Methodist Church sanctuary will include a special communion liturgy and table, special music from the choir and a guest appearance of a steel drummer. It will be a wonderful celebration you won't want to miss!

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## Campbell Connections

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**Sunday Worship: 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**  
**Adult Sunday School: 9:00 a.m.**  
**Children's Sunday School: 9:15 a.m.**  
**African Fellowship: 10:30 a.m.**

*(1st & 3rd Sundays)*

**New Creation UMC Worship: 12:30 p.m.**  
**Quiet Communion: 6:00 p.m. Tuesday**

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## Pastor's Point of View

*Dear Friends,*

*I have a large and growing file in my desk entitled "Sermons To Preach." In it are numerous sermon outlines, one-sentence reminders of sermon ideas and stories that could be used in the sermons. One sermon has been in the file for a long time and it appears that I'll never get an outline developed for it let alone a completed sermon. But I do have a number of thoughtful quotes that are just gathering dust. Perhaps now is the time to put them to work by sharing them with you. I might call them . . .*

### 9 Inspiring Quotes for Living a Fulfilling Life

- When I die, God isn't going to ask me, 'Do you believe I created the earth in six days or five days?' But 'What did you do with what I gave you?' -Richard Cizik
- I must not just live my life. I will invest my life. -Helen Keller
- In the quest to know God, may we do ordinary things extraordinarily well. -Francis de Sales
- Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. -Will Rogers
- The best use of life is to invest it in something which will outlast life. -William James
- It's stunning how quickly 'not now' becomes 'never.' -Martin Luther
- The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present. As our case is new, so we must think anew and act anew. -Abraham Lincoln
- Sometimes it's just a short swim from the shipwreck of your life to the island paradise of your dreams. -Robert Brault

*And, of course, there's the one that means the most to us:*

- Follow me. -Jesus

*May God bless you with a fulfilling life as you follow Jesus.*

*Blessings,*

*Pastor Jim*



## League of Women Voters *The Real Story*



On Sunday, October 14th at 10:30 am, the League of Women Voters will present a one-hour program concerning the various ballot propositions for this fall's election. The League is known for excellent research, providing information on which entities are financing the propositions, and giving a balanced, non-partisan evaluation of the propositions. This is an excellent opportunity to be well-informed about the propositions. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. The event will be in the Chapel.

Franklin Bondonno,  
Church & Society ❖

## 50+ Group to Half Moon Bay - October 8th

How to spend a perfect Fall day? Join 50+ as we go to Half Moon Bay. We'll start with a short walking tour of some of the charming downtown area highlights.

Our walk leader will be local historian David Cresson, author of "The Treasures of Half Moon Bay". We will see several historic buildings and houses as well as the beautiful 1872 Methodist Church.

There will be plenty of time to explore some of the many interesting shops and stores on the Main Street. Along the way a pause for coffee and a fresh baked pastry may sound good. Or perhaps you'll just want to save room for a

delicious lunch in the very attractive "It's Italia" restaurant, which has a great lunch menu.

The only cost will be for lunch (a fantastic, filling panino sandwich on fresh baked focaccia, with a small salad ranges from \$10 to \$13 ) and, if you choose, a donation to the Half Moon Bay Historical Society (for our guided walk). You may want to purchase Cresson's interesting book which includes some great photos for \$10.

Mark your calendar. We'll car pool from the church at 9:00 am. Look for the sign up table on September 23 and 30 during Fellowship Hour, or call Bob or Betty Renfer at 408-248-8756. ❖

## Senior Discussion Group

The Senior Discussion Group is held on the third Tuesdays, 10 am, in the Fireside Room.

We are studying the book "Some Folks Feel the Rain, Others Just Get Wet" by James W. Moore. Each topic is based on a scripture. The format is reflection on questions about the chapter.

On October 16 we will be looking at the topic, "Can You Feel the Quality of Childlikeness? What our Children Are Teaching Us." The Scripture is Mark 10:13-16.

On November 20 the topic is, "Can You Feel the Firm Foundation. Upon This Rock I will Build my Church." The scripture is Matthew 16:13-20.

There are no meetings in December.

This is an interesting group. Don't let the word, "discussion", frighten you away. Participants are free to give comments or not. There is no pressure to discuss . . . only as one feels the Spirit move with an idea. All Seniors are welcome

and encouraged to try out this group. We'll see you in October and November!

Jean Kiskadden ❖

## Choral Workshop



Together with Campbell United Methodist (UMC) and the San Jose AGO, Daniel Hughes will be giving a choral workshop on Sunday, October 21st from 2-5 pm at Campbell (UMC). Mr. Hughes serves as the Artistic Director and Conductor of San José Choral Productions and Chancel Choir Director for Los Altos (UMC). He is in constant demand as a conductor, accompanist, coach and choral clinician. He has extensive training in piano and voice, and holds a Master of Arts degree in Conducting and was recently the 2011 recipient of The American Prize Award for Choral Direction. If you have ever seen Mr. Hughes conduct, you will not want to miss this afternoon event!

Choral directors, choir members and musicians are encouraged to come but ALL persons who love singing in a choir, in the car, or in the shower are invited as well! Mr. Hughes will show and teach ways to warm-up the choir, how to produce a better sound and quality, the joy of conducting, how singing in a choir is fun. If you have not joined the choir but want to see how fun being in can be, this is the perfect introduction to one. Three to four directors/organists will bring a choral piece of their choice and conduct the "impromptu" choir at the workshop with Mr. Hughes giving guidance and suggestions on how to conduct it more effectively,

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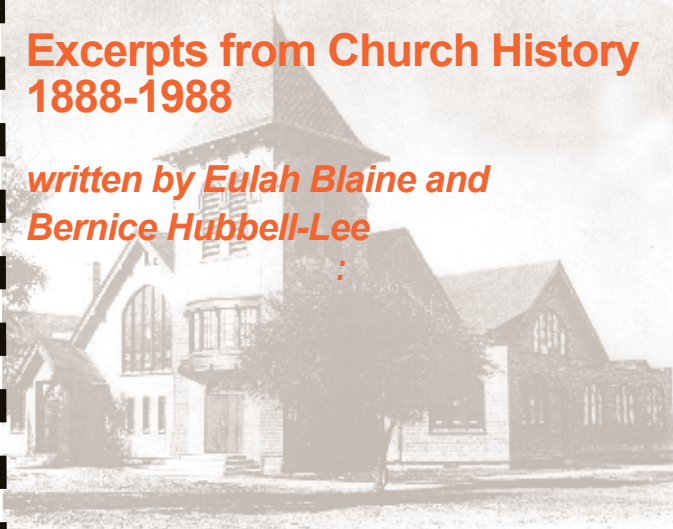
# HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

**EXCERPT NO.3**

## Excerpts from Church History 1888-1988

written by Eulah Blaine and  
Bernice Hubbell-Lee



The church's first full-time pastor was Rev. William Angwin who served from 1895 until 1900, the maximum term of five years allowed in those days.

One of the memorable events during this period was the wedding of Benjamin and Mary Rucker Campbell's granddaughter, Alda Swope, to John D. Blaine, who later became a judge.

A picture in the Campbell Museum shows the elaborate decor in the church for the occasion, and also the marriage certificate.

## ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING 2012 CHARGE CONFERENCE

Each United Methodist Church is required to hold an annual congregational meeting to conduct certain business matters in an open and transparent manner. Here's advance news about Campbell United Methodist Church's meeting . . .

**WHO?** All Church Members Invited

**WHAT?** 2012 Charge Conference

**WHEN?** Sunday, November 18th at 5:00 pm

**WHERE?** Campbell United Methodist Church Campus

What's special about our meeting is how we'll do it . . .

- First, we won't be alone. The eight churches of our Integrated Circuit will be joining us to conduct their meetings at the same time.
- Second, dinner will be served! This allows for a grand time of conversation and fellowship with other area United Methodists.
- Third, a brief worship service will be held and will include a choir comprised of singers from all churches.

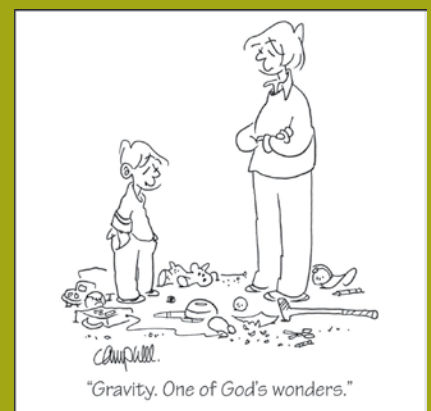
*You'll want to mark your calendar now to reserve the date!*

## Welcome Renee!

It is with great pleasure that Campbell United Methodist Church announces that Renee Eilerts has been hired as the new Church Secretary. Many of you already know Renee, as she grew up in the church, was active in youth group and was also a Youth Intern during the summer. She still serves as Camp Counselor at the United Methodist Summer Camps.

Her e-mail is [reneilerts@earthlink.net](mailto:reneilerts@earthlink.net), and she can be reached at 408-378-3472, ext. 10. Her hours will be Mon-Tues from 9:00 until noon, and Wednesday-Thursday from 9:00 am. to 4:30 p.m. Welcome Renee!

## CARTOON CORNER



# Methodist Connection

## United Methodist Women

### BOOK REVIEW BY SUSAN JONES



#### ***Wasabi Gospel* by Shawn Wood**

**Category:** *Spiritual Growth 2012*

**Pages:** 142

**Rating:** \*\*\*\*\*stars

This is a great read for anyone who has questions about the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If we read it the way it is intended for us, it may take a little effort on our part to change because truth does take an effort to apply to our lives.

What I loved about this book is Shawn introduces you to a young woman named Laura who through out the book tells her story of her struggles with the gospels. Each chapter opens with a journal entry from Laura, a scripture from one of the gospels and at the end of each chapter you get what he calls "Take a bite". Hmm... what is Take a bite? I will give you a little example. At the end of chapter two, (Forgiveness is a hard thing to give to someone), you're asked a few questions like: How long are you going to hang on to your guilt? How long will you punish yourself or someone else? It ends with:

Jesus thank you for forgiving me. Thank you that even when you knew every detail of my life you chose to say four simple words. "I forgive your sins." I accept those words in my life today and I believe that you are allowed to forgive me because you are God. Heal me and forgive me.

I hope I have sparked your interest in this little gem of a book.

#### ***Laugh Your Way to Grace* by Rev. Susan Sparks**

**Category:** *Spiritual Growth 2012*

**Pages:** 136

**Rating:** \*\*\*\*stars

Susan Sparks, grew up with a God who was not funny. But then again neither was Jesus or the disciples. Susan tells us that she did know that God lived in heaven, in a gated community (with pearls) where all the saved Southern Baptists got houses based on the size of their church tithes. God put all the rest of the people (about 6.5 billion) in a place that resembled Phoenix in August. She also tells us that while growing up, she was sure God spoke with a Southern Accent because she can't count the times she heard him say, "Be steadhul and know I am-um Gawd." As you read this book she will bring a smile to your face or just out and out laughter. I hope you take time to check this book and put some laughter or a few giggles into your heart.

Rev. Susan Sparks has some great one-liners from comedians, poets and playwrights. She even has Dr. Seuss. One of my favorite stories was the whale's side of the story in Jonah. Rev Susan is an ex-lawyer turned comedian and Baptist minister in New York City.

#### ***The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind* by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer**

**Category:** *Leadership Development 2012*

**Pages:** 290

**Rating:** \*\*\*\*stars

This is the story of a young boy in Malawi, Africa who at the age of 14 built his own windmill from materials he found. The first part of the book tells of William's life

### Tea and Crumpets Anyone?

The 6th Annual United Methodist Women's Tea will be held on Sunday, October 14th, from 12 noon to 2 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. All women are welcome. Whether or not you belong to a Circle, we want you to be our guest for a lovely lunch, lively discussion, and learn how UMW is supporting our community.

This year our speaker will be from our very own Rosemary School Snack Program, Sue Foyle. This wonderful program has been in existence since March. Many of the children who attend Rosemary School are not able to enjoy a hearty breakfast. They are sent to school hungry, waiting for their school-provided lunch. Trying to learn on an empty stomach is near impossible. So this program was established to provide snacks two days a week for these precious children. Sue Foyle and Brian Schmaedick, the school's Principal, will be explaining more about this program and how you can get involved. The Rosemary School Snack Program will also be the beneficiary of the proceeds from our baskets.

To this end, beautiful baskets with enticing treasures will be available for you to peruse and drool over with the hopes you might even take one home by way of your charitable donation. Just by attending you will be entered in our door prize opportunity.

So, plan on an entertaining luncheon and join us for some great fun. We want to show our women how important they are to us. Contact Carla Twilleager, 370-0847, or sign up in the church courtyard between church services on Sunday mornings so we can be sure to reserve a place for you.

Lou Woodburycatcott ❖

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# 9/11 Interfaith Dinner

## Imagine...

Imagine a world in which people of diverse religions gather around a table, breaking bread and discussing their faiths. At this table, they listen attentively and respectfully, seeking a deeper truth and understanding to questions they held privately – all in a non-threatening and non-judgmental manner. Now imagine not only one table but a fellowship hall filled to capacity with animated conversation and new friendships blossoming. Impossible? Imagine again...

For the last seven years, the Campbell United Methodist Church (UMC) has hosted an interfaith dinner and prayer event. Its objective was to create an opportunity for open dialog between Christians and Muslims after 9/11 and has since grown to include Jews, Sikhs, Buddhists, and other faiths. This year, on September 11th, the theme was Building Human Bridges: An Evening of Unity and Understanding, with 185 people attending.

Over a halal-kosher dinner, thought-provoking questions were tackled, such as “How can we change our focus from a remembrance of the 9/11 event to a focus on the future?” And “If you were designing a program to build human bridges, what would its parts look like?”

Following dinner, everyone was invited to join in Muslim prayers. Afterwards, everybody moved to the sanctuary, where Campbell UMC members of the group CrossRoads set the tone with some wonderful music. The participants then continued to explore ways the various communities could maintain and grow the momentum of building connections.



Campbell UMC member Joe Kappia, shared about his life growing up in Western Africa. Raised by a Muslim mother and a Christian father, Joe explained that the population of



Liberia and Sierra Leone is a mixture of Muslims and Christians. As such, there is a deep respect for each other's religions. Muslims and Christians coexist in harmony. Interfaith marriages are not unusual and the children attend school and worship together. They read both the Bible and the Koran and people work side-by-side in a spirit of cooperation and for the common good.



Chair of the Silicon Valley Interreligious Council, Reverend D. Andrew Kille, has attended the Campbell event for the past three years. “I am proud to live in a community that has events like this and I want to support them,” he says. “Professionally, I want to know what is going on in the Valley and lift up our many localized efforts as part of a county-wide reality.”

The Interfaith Dinner event seeks to create an environment that extends beyond merely promoting tolerance – the event strives for true acceptance. Each year, the Dinner has grown and expanded to include more and more people. It provides for a deep and rich personal experience for each participant. Following are some reflections from just a few of the people who wanted to join in the discussion and share their response to the question, “How do we continue to build human bridges?”

*“Friendship starts with a smile; then an invitation to breakfast, lunch, dinner or perhaps just sitting down over a Turkish coffee. That is the beginning of a long journey – and it starts with coffee.”*

*“Offer workshops where we can ask questions and learn more; we often fear offending others with our ignorance.”*

*“Engage in small groups; work together on a service project, such as Habitat for Humanity – there are many projects that involve providing food, clothing, or shelter.”*

*“As a Muslim woman, I brought my young son last year and we wanted to come again this year. When we arrived, he ran to the playground with the other kids and said, “I know this place!” He feels a part of this interfaith community.”*



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## 9/11 Interfaith Dinner

*"We should plan something together that will bring all our families together."*

*"Involve our kids – they don't have the prejudices; create an environment in which kids can play soccer together and engage with each other."*

*"Children watch how we live and behave; let them know when words or actions are unacceptable – be an example."*

To paraphrase one final comment from a Muslim participant . . .

*"We are all ambassadors. We took a brave step to come to this event; now let's keep up the positive energy, share what we've experienced and bring it out into the world."*

As a fitting and moving conclusion to the evening, the sanctuary was filled with the voices of members of multiple faiths, united in a song of blessing and peace. Dave Foyle led everybody in singing an original composition called "God's Peace to You," which incorporated "Peace" in the languages of Judaism (Shalom), Islam (Salaam), and Christianity (Peace):

*Shalom to one, Salaam to all, God's Peace - God's peace to you.  
Shalom for now, Salaam forever, God's Peace - God's peace to you.*

(©2007, Dave Foyle)

See KNTV's coverage of the event: <http://goo.gl/d5x8j>

Also read more on this at Campbell United Methodist website: <http://www.campbellunited.org/programs/indexinterfaith.html>

Photos thanks to Steve Stubbs

Gail Jacobs, Church & Society ❖



## On the CAMPUS

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go over trouble spots and more.

No audition is required to participate, just a love of singing and learning. *For more information, please contact Elisabeth Pintar at 408-445-1181.* The workshop is free.

Mary Ann Gee ❖



### "Many Thanks"

Thank you to all of you who so generously contributed school supplies for the Rosemary School.

Alice Orth purchased the backpacks and the Wednesday Wonder Workers sorted, counted

and organized everything. Jane LaPierre and Alice Orth delivered the many boxes and bags of supplies. Thanks also to Carolyn Buehner for making the pencil bags. The Rosemary School staff was very appreciative of all our efforts and contributions.

#### Items Collected:

50 backpacks  
28 graph paper pads  
62 rulers  
152 glue sticks  
8 containers of sanitizer  
60 spiral notebooks  
28 packages of lined paper  
94 boxes of crayons  
1100 pencils  
23 packages of washable markers  
68 folders  
19 packages of colored pencils  
52 blunts scissors

59 pointed scissors  
220 pink erasers

Also, another box of supplies was delivered 1 week later

Jane LaPierre ❖

### 4th/5th Grade Youth

4th and 5th graders - come join us for some time of friendship and fun at youth group. We will meet once or twice a month from 11:45-1:15 on Sundays. In the past we have had movie night, bowling, Minute-to-Win-it games, sharing of ourselves and fun, fun, fun. Our first meeting will be on Oct. 7 at 11:45-1:15. Bring your lunch. We will meet in the Asbury room. Following dates we have planned are : Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4. If you have any questions please contact Patty Henderson 446-2384, Amy Peterson ❖

## Circuit Writer



### Jesus as Paradox

Rev. Larry LaPierre

Paradox is often not easily accepted. Why? Well, to accept a paradox means to accept “a seemingly absurd or contradictory statement, even if actually well-founded.”<sup>1</sup> For those of us who have delved into science, one of the many paradoxes that we encounter concerns the nature of light. Light is both a wave and a particle simultaneously.

Religion has its share of paradoxes, and Christianity is no exception. How is it that we believe that Jesus is both human and divine? Yes, I know that not everyone believes this teaching, but even for those of us who do, it is almost unbelievable. At the very least, this dual nature of Jesus emphasizes that God has not stayed up in heaven utterly separate from us. God has come to Earth and lived as a human. God’s essence may be unknown to us, but whatever God is, God understands what we are.

Another paradox about Jesus is that he died, and yet he is alive! That’s what we proclaim on Good Friday (He died) and on Easter Sunday (He is alive!). One doesn’t have to be a cynic to wonder if this life is all there is. Common wisdom teaches us that “No one has ever come back from the dead.” Yet, believers in the resurrection of Jesus don’t agree. Jesus came back from the dead and made that clear to his early followers!

In the sermon that I preached at Campbell United Methodist Church on the first Sunday of September I made an outrageous claim. I said that Jesus had failed. From a worldly point of view, where almost everything is measured in terms of acquiring power, wealth, control and long

life, the reality is that Jesus attained none of these as far as most of the world of his time could see. Yet, he did not fail in accomplishing what God wanted Jesus to do. Jesus not only proclaimed the coming of God’s kingdom in the early first century. He embodied it! Jesus’ message not only survives almost 20 centuries after his death. It thrives as it affects at least two billion people today.

Jesus also showed the enormity of God’s love (look up John 3:16) by being willing to die rather than kill those who killed him. We live in a world where it is hard to find a day in which many people are not actively trying to kill each other—even here where we live. How could Jesus teach us to “Love our enemies?” (Matt. 5:44) To the world, that is either a paradox or foolish.

Another paradox about Jesus is that he associated with known sinners and others at the margins of his society. People who want to get ahead today choose their friends to get the most mileage out of their relationships. Jesus chose people for reasons to do the work of God’s kingdom. We, too, live with the paradox that we are called to live in the world but not live like the world. How do we resolve these paradoxes if at all?

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

## WHY DO WE SING?

I usually do some catching up with my readings during the summer as many others do. An interesting book I recently came across was “The Singing Thing” by John Bell, a fellow of the Royal School of Church Music. Let me share some of his thoughts with you.

We could say we sing because “We Can” and it’s a most natural thing. It has nothing to do with a trained voice or not having taken vocal lessons. Don’t we in our absent-mindedness hum or croon while our hands are doing another task? How about mothers singing to their children,

especially nursing mothers? A roomful of people cannot all talk at the same time but singing a song together is a great possibility.

We sing because we can express emotion and words. We can express extremes from acclamations of joy to moans of deep despair and sorrow, even anger. We can go from “Happy birthday to you” to “Kyrie eleison” (Lord, have mercy), from “Alleluias” to “Just As I am, without one plea” to “For all the saints...” There are many many more songs that I know you can think of.

We sing because we have a chance to exercise our precious gift of creativity. When we look and admire beautiful paintings and sculptures, when we walk through a wonderfully laid-out landscape, we are only spectators. When we actually use our breath, inhale and exhale and voice-out the notations or lyrics on a page, we are participants in the creative process of realizing the song. And should you come across words such as “amazing, suffer, sweet, eyes, die, roses, lips” etc, etc... do you feel a certain emotional tug as you pay attention to them?

Singing is to give of ourselves. Each one of us has a unique voice. There is no voice like our own. We go to concerts and operas to hear famous singers sing because we know we will be inspired and moved by that particular time and place. Many an audience can say they have had a transforming experience after attending a concert. When we collectively sing in church, we can have that experience too. Remember we are singing to God with that particular hymn and that particular arrangement of folks next to us or around us which will not be the same the next time. To quote John Bell, “Every time a congregation sings, it is offering an absolutely one-time only gift to its Maker. It is important that every song sung to God is offered with that sense of uniqueness. God is worth it.”

Mary Ann Gee, Organist ❖

1 The Oxford Dictionary and Thesaurus (American Edition) (New York: Oxford University Press, 1996), p. 1081.



# In the COMMUNITY

## MEMORIAL FOR SCOTTIE

A celebration of the life and service of the Reverend Franklin W. Scott was held in the Lincoln United Methodist Church. Scottie served the Campbell UMC from 1979 to 1985. Memorial gifts in memory may be sent to a scholarship fund which helps students attend seminary. Checks payable to RCA may be sent to:

Retired Clergy Association  
RCA Scholarship Fund  
Rev. Dick Ernst  
7930 Crystal Springs Way  
Loomis, CA 95650



## WORLD FOOD DAY

Help **STOP WORLD HUNGER** on Tuesday, October 16th by eating at Hobe's. Come to any of the following Hobe's Restaurants on October 16th and let them know that you are supporting **STOP HUNGER NOW**. Hobe's will donate 20% of your purchase to buy meals for the world's most needy. At \$25 a meal, we can make a big difference!

Come between 5 pm to 9 pm. Mention **STOP HUNGER NOW** and make your meal count.

Locations are at the Pruneyard in Campbell, Highway 9 and University Ave in Los Gatos, River Oaks Parkway and Montague Expy. in San Jose, 4224 El Camino Real in Palo Alto and South Malthilda and Ahwanee in Sunnyvale.

Working together to end hunger in our lifetime - [www.stophungernow.org](http://www.stophungernow.org)

## CAREGIVERS WORKSHOP

Caregiver Support Forum entitled, "A Hopeful Future: Giving Care from a Multi-ethnic Perspective" is sponsored by California-Nevada Annual Conference Older Adult Ministry Council, funded by a

General Board of Discipleship grant.

Open to all caregivers and those who work with caregivers. In the morning a workshop by Barbara Larsen on Movement with Meaning - a technique for interacting with persons with dementia. A light lunch is provided and in the afternoon there is a Panel on giving care from a multi-ethnic perspective.

This is held on October 13, 9 am - 3:30 pm at Cal Nev UMC Conference Center in West Sacramento.

For more information, contact: Rosemary Landry, 530-933-9963, or Rlandry2424@yahoo.com

## Henrietta Perdue Memorial Lecture Series

### *Practicing Neighborhood amid Empire*

You are invited to a Lecture Series at Stone Church of Willow Glen (1937 Lincoln Ave, San Jose), on November 9th, featuring Dr. Walter Brueggemann a world-renown Old Testament scholar and prolific author. He will explore the dominant narrative of power, performance and production in the Old Testament and in our society.

Lectures are Friday evening - 7:30 pm to 9 pm, Saturday morning - 9 am and 11 am.

The Friday lecture is "Realism amid Ideology; first Saturday morning is "Grief amid Denial", and second Saturday morning is "Hope amid Despair".

Dr. Brueggemann is the world's leading interpreter of the Old Testament and has authored more than 58 books, hundreds of articles and several commentaries on books of the Bible. His recent works include *The Practice of Prophetic Imagination; Preaching an Emancipating Word; Praying the Psalms; Engaging Scripture and the Life of the Spirit;*

*Journey to the Common Good; and An Unsettling God: The Heart of the Hebrew Bible.*

Cost of the Lectures is \$20 for Friday, \$20 for both Saturday, or \$30 for all. Registration forms are needed, and can be picked up from Stone Church or call for more information at 408-269-1593, or Patrick Magee 408-927-0862, [patmagee@ix.netcom.com](mailto:patmagee@ix.netcom.com).

## United Methodist Women

### BOOK REVIEW BY SUSAN JONES

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growing up in a village in Malawi. Life was very difficult. They had minimal health care, primitive agriculture and if that was not bad enough, wild animals in the forest could kill the villagers. The second part tells us that in 2001, the maize crops failed and country sides fell into famine and many died due to starvation and disease. They were living for weeks on one meal a day, which consisted of a few mouthfuls of cooked corn. The government was incompetently brutal and refused to recognize the famine.

As a young man, William was bright and wanted to go to school, but his family could not afford the fees. He finds a physics textbook in a local library and sees a picture of a windmill and although he could not read English, he manages to put bits of information together and build his own windmill from scrapes of wire, an old bicycle, and pipes.

The third part of the book is just as remarkable, as his technology triumphs. This is a wonderful story of a young boy in a country that has had little change in thousands of years and yet he succeeds in making a windmill, which powers a few light bulbs for a home and village, charges cell phones, and operates a water pump, which makes a real difference in village life. This is a great read and is an inspiring example of inventiveness and determination.

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**Liz King**

will be celebrating her 90th birthday in October.

There are still some of us in the church who remember those years with great joy, and with gratitude to Liz, when our kids were active in United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF).

You may want to greet her with a birthday card, which she will surely appreciate. Her address: Liz King, Atria Willow Glen, 1660 Gaton Dr., San Jose, CA 95125.