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CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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What's In a Name?

Think about the weeks that 'parents-to-be' ponder on the issue of child-naming. ..and a lot of energy goes into it! Rightly so. Names are important. Names tell us about those doing the naming and they say a lot about our expectations! I mean everyone knows about the song called, "A boy Named Sue"? The song was written by Shel Silverstein and made popular by Johnny Cash. Look at the consequences that came with that naming. . .

Naming is also about ownership. When we have ownership in the name we have more energy to give to it. A name gives meaning; gives identity and names function. The Book Group is immediately recognized as having something to do with reading and books; whereas the AMY building is not immediately recognizable - it needs more description. Actually its meaning is downright unclear until you have the Administration-Music-Youth information! Where did the newsletter name ChurchWorks come from? (See the History Helper article on p.2)

Name changing is not done lightly, but times change and sometimes the name just doesn't fit anymore. Think about it...this church used to be named First United Methodist Church... until it was obvious that there was only one UMC in Campbell, so it became Campbell UMC. The Outreach Committee is working hard to coordinate all the 'outreach' communications in the church such as the website/ newsletter/stationary and campus signage in an effort to tell a specific story about us, to the community beyond us. It's all about connections and communication.

So, you see it is all about the name...and it's all about a new name which describes the direction we are now traveling. It's about connections with each other; connections to our Methodist roots; connections to the larger church; and connections to the world. ✕

Heather Reynolds, Editor

The Story Tellers

Campbell United Methodist Church is a living church with many things happening here. Look anywhere in the church and you'll find an interesting story to tell. There are stories of faith, good works, healing, and inspiration. These are all stories that need to be told to the world.

The Outreach Committee is dedicating itself to telling the story of CUMC to as many people

in as many places as possible. Key elements of this are the church web site and the newsletter. In addition there are possibilities in electronic communications in the form of e-mail and social networks. The biggest impact will be achieved by having a uniform message and approach to all the communications channels available. A single story can be told in many ways using different media – print, film, web, etc. By sharing the stories we tell

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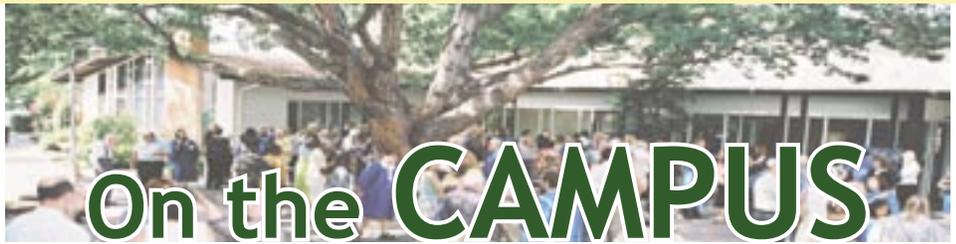
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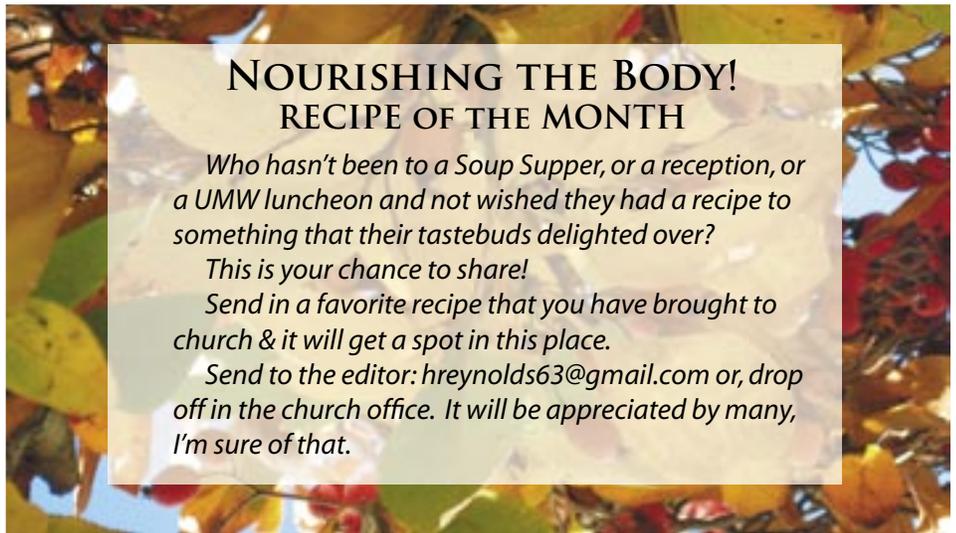
Sermons - Video-recorded

"Time to check out the church web site again: www.campbellunited.org.

Mark Shepherd is videotaping Pastor Alan's sermons and they've been posted to the web. This is a new feature of the web page and a service to all those who miss a Sunday or two and want to catch up on the message. Thanks to Mark for all his work to make this possible." Andrew Reynolds, Outreach Chair

Ushers Needed

Ushers are a very important part of our service and we have openings for volunteers. If you would like to welcome and serve our church community on Sundays, please contact Mark Adams at 394-5486, or email: mandm993@yahoo.com.



NOURISHING THE BODY! RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Who hasn't been to a Soup Supper, or a reception, or a UMW luncheon and not wished they had a recipe to something that their tastebuds delighted over?

This is your chance to share!

Send in a favorite recipe that you have brought to church & it will get a spot in this place.

Send to the editor: hreynolds63@gmail.com or, drop off in the church office. It will be appreciated by many, I'm sure of that.

HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

(Note - the last "Spotlight News" was published on January 7, 1982. A contest had been held to rename the newsletter).

From "the Church Works/Your Church family Newsletter" of January 21, 1982. "Yes, our newsletter has a new name and logo. The committee received so many good

suggestions that it was difficult to select just one. The 'Church Works' was submitted by Geraldine Richmond."

"as I remember, the name change was part of an overhaul...when Karen Miller was church secretary"

This look at past church newsletters is brought to you by the History Helpers.

FOCUS on African Fellowship



A wonderful array of food for lunch



sharing special music



processing in song



3 Pastors leading worship

Did you miss this vibrant Epiphany worship service on Jan 2, 2011?

In the COMMUNITY

CROP WALK AND SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK

Mark Your Calendars for the 34th Annual South Bay and Peninsula CROP Hunger Walk on Saturday, April 3rd. Funds raised for CROP Walk will fight hunger, both in our local area through supporting Second Harvest Food Bank and Sacred Heart Community Service, and around the world with Church World Service. The walk will start at Hoover Middle School, 1635 Park Avenue, in San Jose at 1:30 p.m. There will be one and five mile options. Our Bay Area organizers have set the goal to be the largest CROP Walk on the West Coast! Let's make sure CUMC can make this happen.

If you are interested in getting a group together for CROP Walk, contact the Missions Commission (Charlie Slayman, 408-603-6276, cslayman@gmail.com) to help with organizing and advertising within CUMC. The group doesn't have to be limited to just CUMC members. Invite friends from outside the church. The more, the merrier! Let's get some friendly competition going to see which group can raise the most donations.

There will also be an informational rally on Saturday, February 12th at Second Harvest Food Bank at 750 Curtner Avenue, from 12 to 1 p.m. if you want to learn more on your own. A tour of the facility will take place at 1 p.m. There will be a separate

service opportunity to sort food that same morning, from 9 a.m. to noon. Check out <http://shfb.org/home> and click on "How to Help" to sign up for information on Second Harvest Food Bank.

We are looking for a donor to contribute \$300 to have CUMC's name and logo added to the CROP Walk T-shirt. Ask at work if your company is interested in sponsorship.

For more information on Church World Service, go to www.church-worldservice.org. And for more information on South Bay and Peninsula CROP Hunger Walk, go to www.crophungerwalks.org/sbp. ❄

Remember Second Harvest Food Bank

As this economic downturn drags on, many families that previously were getting by, increasingly are exhausting their savings and are having to turn to food banks for help in feeding their family. Within Santa Clara County we have the Second Harvest Food Bank that is a well organized and well run non-profit system delivering effective help to prevent families and especially children from going hungry. To minimize the time and travel of people using their service, Second Harvest has set up a large number of regional distribution sites in all areas of the county. Some of those are in community centers, some in churches and at other co-operating organizations. (Campbell UMC on Wednesday afternoons fills that role for the Campbell area.)

Many of us think well of the work being done by Second Harvest, but few of us are remembering to bring food to contribute to the system. The cans and packages brought in and left in our "market basket" get consolidated into the collection barrels in the Fellowship Hall and those are regularly picked up by a truck from Second Harvest. The non-perishable food contributed is

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sorted at the main warehouse and then goes out daily along with fresh fruits and produce to the distribution programs such as the one held here weekly. For those who remember to bring in food, be assured it is going to good use.

Our Wednesday Wonder Workers (WWW) group sends a group once a month to help at the Second Harvest warehouse. In addition, the Church and Society Committee will send a group to help on Saturday, March 19th. Mark that date on your calendar and watch in February for your chance to sign-up for the limited number (15) of volunteer spaces.

Another way to help Second Harvest is to bring in cans and packaged food for our market basket. For those who say "I just forgot," try this: On the Second Sunday of the month – think Second Harvest!! Whether you put some cans or packaged food in a sack near your door or stash you sack in your car, on the second Sunday – bring it in for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Bob Herring, Church and Society Committee

The Story Tellers

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between the web and the newsletter we increase the impact and reach of each story. Outreach is working to coordinate the story telling that is sent into the world.

Telling the story of CUMC means that we must spend time gathering the stories around us in words, pictures, video and works of art. The Outreach Committee is working to develop a group of writers, photographers, videographers, artists and editors that will attend events and gather the rich harvest of stories in our community and from our connection to the larger church. These stories then will be formatted

and presented in as many media as possible. For example stories in the newsletter may also appear on the web site along with additional written materials and extras such as videos or links to outside sources.

This is something of a change in direction for the newsletter in particular by moving it from a place to make announcements of upcoming events to a place where we report on past events, discuss our faith and hear about the many good things church members are doing in our world.

The Outreach Committee is looking forward to hearing and telling many good stories of our faith and lives.

Andrew Reynolds, Outreach

Pastor's Point of View



2011 is already several weeks old and I feel as though I am struggling to catch up!

As 2011 begins we have a new format for our church newsletter that comes with a new name and a new editor. Welcome to Heather Reynolds to this ministry. Thank you Heather! Those of us who know Heather know that she brings energy and creativity to all that she does. The ChurchWorks is now the Campbell Connection... a reminder that communications are always in transition.

Also, any day now, there will be a new version of our church website which has been in creation for several months. Check it out at campbellunited.org. Thanks to Andrew Reynolds and Leon Johnson for making this happen. The process has been slowed by "issues" related to our computer system and internet access in the office, but I am confident that by the time you read this, a new day will have dawned! For

those of you who haven't already discovered it, everyone can now also access the church calendar from a link on the church web site at: www.campbellunited.org.

Very soon you will also be able to access our worship services, at least in part, through the internet. Thanks to Mark Shepherd who is providing skilled leadership for us in this area.

The Outreach Committee is working to build a strong on-line presence for our congregation. Already the web site is making significant connections both within the congregation and beyond. Our web presence is rapidly becoming our primary means of communication. I appeal for patient support from those of us who are still befuddled when we sit in front of a computer screen!

The internet generally, and especially social networking sites, are becoming primary means of communication, and a primary focus of community, for many people. Very soon, separate devices for television, telephone and computer will become obsolete... Our patterns and styles of communication are going through radical change, and many of us feel uncertain as to how the church embraces these new ways of being. We are so accustomed to face-to-face communication as the primary setting for the church.

We need a lot of faith and maybe several training sessions as we move with courage into the present and the future of changing communications.

I want to say a big "Thank you" to the many individuals who are helping our church move forward with our communications, and invite everyone to become part of the new electronic "presence" of Campbell UMC.

Pastor Alan

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

UM Women

San Jose District - UMW

Pastor Debbie Weatherspoon (Minister of Discipleship at Los Altos UMC) and Pastor Sun Hee Kim (pastor of Ministry and Leadership Development for St. Paul UMC) will co-lead the spiritual retreat, "Speaking Our Truth in Love," at Mission Springs, on **March 18-20**. These wonderful pastors will share women's ways of communicating across cultures and the gifts United Methodist Women give, to facilitate this communication through global missions and local units in this diverse district. For more information, go to: www.gbmg-umc.org/sjdumw/index.html

CUMC support of Chan Ministry

We have raised \$2500 in support of our Cambodian Missionaries, Joseph and Marilyn Chan. This is not enough to meet our covenantal support of two missionaries, as we have done in past years. Since the work of both Joseph and Marilyn is vitally important to spreading the Gospel throughout Cambodia, we will divide our support between them. This will allow us to continue to support Joseph's work on evangelization, church growth and empowering Cambodian Methodists to overcome spiritual oppression and poverty. And equally, to continue support Marilyn's work in music ministry and her efforts to improve the health, physical, emotional and spiritual growth of Cambodian women

If you would like to add to the amount of \$2500, please make your donation out to CUMC and note that it is for "Missionary Support" or "the Chans."

Alternative Gift Faire 2010

A Big Success - Thank You!

Thanks to all of you who supported our Alternative Gift Faire with your time and your financial donations. We raised an amazing \$6,824 for the following worthy causes:

- \$229, Church World Service
- \$2,520, Heifer Project
- \$50, Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley
- \$565, San Jose Family Shelter
- \$1,475, Habitat for Humanity
- \$40, EMQ Families

- \$75, Bright Days Scholarship
- \$50, UMYF Camperships
- \$145, Heart of the Valley
- \$525, Second Harvest Food Bank
- \$500, Cambodian Missionaries, Joseph and Marilyn Chan
- \$320, Haiti
- \$260, Other (UMCOR West Depot)

In these difficult economic times, this is a wonderful display of EX-TRAVAGANT GENEROSITY.

Chans in Cambodia

Three of the 10 GBGM missionaries serving in Cambodia are members of the California-Nevada Annual Conference: the Rev. Joseph Chan, Marilyn Chan, and Katherine Parker. Rev. Chan works in church planting, Marilyn Chan in women's empowerment, and Katherine Parker in community health and agricultural development.

UMVIM Team from Grace UMC in San Ramon, heads to Cambodia for a 10-Day Mission in February, 2011. The VIM project focus is to train and work together with O Kroch Methodist Church members to build a fence for their church in a rural Kuy community north of Phnom Penh, in Kampong Thom Province.

Keep the churches and missionaries on the ground there in your prayers. For more information: www.cnumc.org/news/detail/2433



from *The Integrated Circuit*

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing!"

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, March 13th, for a very special Sunday worship service, planned by our "Integrated Circuit" of UM churches. Members from seven local United Methodist Churches who form our Circuit, will come together to express our unity and connectivity as Christians and United Methodists. Plan to join others from Almaden Hills, Cambrian Park, Campbell, Evergreen Valley, Good Samaritan, Los Gatos and Willow Glen UMC. Bishop Brown will be the speaker at what promises to be an inspiring event. Save the date!

Reflections from a Retired Pastor



**What Do We
Expect of God?**

Rev. Larry LaPiere

Much of the time spent in preaching by people like me seems to focus on what God expects from us. We hear it in the Biblical stories of God calling people. We believe God calls people as well known as Mother Theresa and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. On the list of those called but not well known are a friend who runs a soup kitchen in Maine and a friend who has been an administrator of aid programs in places like Afghanistan and The Sudan. We learn more about God's expectations in the 10 Commandments, the Two Great Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount. The list goes on.

However, with all that God expects of us, it is fair to ask, "What do we expect of God?" We don't usually think in terms of having expectations of God. After all, who are we, the created, to expect anything of God, the Creator?

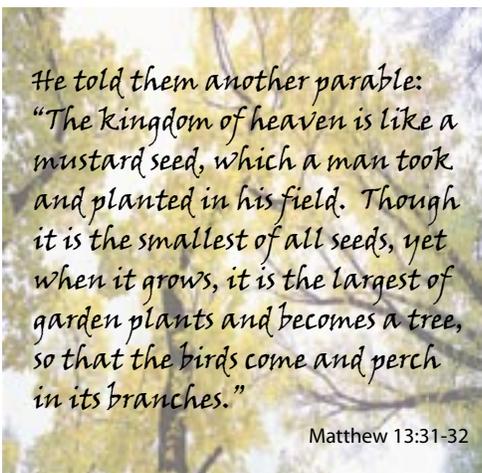
But we do have expectations of God, and one place where I hear those expressed most clearly is in our prayers. You know how we pray. If we're pastors like me, we ask God publicly to solve the problems of the world in general (wars, floods, famines, etc.) and of our parishioners in particular every Sunday (a job, safe travel, healing). We do this because our people expect that we have "a direct line to God." That's probably why so many people used to speak to me just before I started worship about what they wanted me to ask God to remedy. Still, there are the other six days of the week when our individual prayers get offered to God by those of us who are not pastors.

What can we say when we're alone

with God? Books have been written to answer that question. When I was discussing prayer with our older son recently, knowing that he has a high stress job (he's a drug/alcohol addictions counselor), I suggested a prayer attributed to Richard Hooker (12th century). His prayer is as simple as it is profound: "O dear Lord, three things we pray: to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly, to follow thee more nearly." You may remember it from "Godspell."

I say that prayer every day. What am I expecting of God when I pray it? One way to express what I expect, or at least dare to hope for, is to say that I am asking God to draw me closer to God and to the work of God's kingdom.

It is not enough to ask God to fix all the things that are broken in our lives—even when the most broken thing is us or someone we love. I pray Richard Hooker's prayer and make it my own because I want to know God, to love God and to serve God. What good does it do to ask God for a list of "repairs" if we overlook the need to grow closer and more in love with God? I hesitate to say that I "expect" God to do this for me. Yet, I choose to believe that God does do this for me as rapidly as I am ready to accept it. I pray so that I won't forget that God wants to do this for me and for all of God's people. ✘



*He told them another parable:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a
mustard seed, which a man took
and planted in his field. Though
it is the smallest of all seeds, yet
when it grows, it is the largest of
garden plants and becomes a tree,
so that the birds come and perch
in its branches."*

Matthew 13:31-32

GOOD READS Recommendations from the Book Group

On January 24th the Book Group discussed "The Year of Fog" by Michelle Richmond, the book chosen as the Silicon Valley Reads book for 2011.

The Silicon Valley Reads program is sponsored by the Santa Clara County libraries, the San Jose Public Library Association and the County Office of Education to promote literacy and build community. Each year a local author (Michelle Richmond is from San Francisco) is chosen and is invited to speak at a series of events around the Santa Clara Valley. You can find information and a calendar of events at www.siliconvalleyreads.org.

The church book group usually selects the Silicon Valley Reads book as one of its choices and many members of the group go to hear the author at their local libraries or community centers. It is inspiring to hear the authors speak about their books and their lives and how they became authors.

February's meeting is on February 28th from 4-5:30 pm in the Fireside Room. The book chosen is "Seldom Disappointed" by the journalist Tony Hillerman. Everyone is invited to the meetings. ✘

UMYF TALKING “LISTEN UP”

UMYF CALENDAR

sunday, jan 23, 1-4 pm
broom ball or ice skating

sunday, jan 30, 11:45-1:30 pm
regular meeting

sunday, feb 6, 11:45-2 pm
souper bowl potluck

sunday, feb 13, 11:45-1:30 pm
regular meeting

sunday, feb 20
no meeting

sunday, feb 27, 5-8:30 pm
pizza & movie

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY

It's that time of year again. The Super Bowl is right around the corner and the youth are planning their annual tailgate party. Ok, it's actually a BBQ and potluck.

The fun begins at 11:45 a.m. on February 6 in the Fellowship Hall. BBQ burgers will be provided (\$1 donation to help offset the cost of the burgers would be appreciated). All we ask is that you bring your own table service and a side dish or desert to share with 10-12 people.

Why do we call it "Souper Bowl Sunday?"

It's a chance to give to the larger community. At the potluck, we will collect cans of soup (or any other non-perishables) to give to Second Harvest Food Bank. Church and Society still has a collection in the Fellowship Hall and Narthex, so you can drop your cans off on your way to the potluck!

This year CUMC a small, but mighty group of youth going to work on a Native American Reservation in Northern California through Sierra Service Project. You will find youth standing outside of each worship service ready to collect donations that will go towards SSP. They will be collecting donations in a giant soup pot.

So join us for a great lunch and some big fun before you settle down to watch the big game!

time to think about summer!

Did you know that there is a Methodist Family Camp for a week in the summer? Our family has felt as though we have found a well hidden secret. The camp lasts a week and is located just outside of Sonora. All ages are welcomed from babies to wise elders. There are activities from sun-up, to late-in-the-night with campfires; classes for all ages; games, swimming, waterslide, tennis, rest, dancing, crafts, water rockets, volleyball, tie-dye, sewing and so much more. Lodging is lodge rooms and cabins. No cooking for a week, and discovering friendship in a loving and caring community. What more could you ask for? You too can be a part of this Christian environment of faith growth, fun and relaxation.

Check out this website for pictures and info concerning this Camp at: www.familycamp.org/. They haven't yet updated the info for this year, but I am sure they will soon. Camp is usually the third week of June with registration coming soon. If you have any questions feel free to ask Patty or Eric Henderson. Hope that we will see some of our Campbell friends there this year. ✕



**Watch Out !
Information on
Camp Dates for Kids
- will be in the March
Newsletter.**

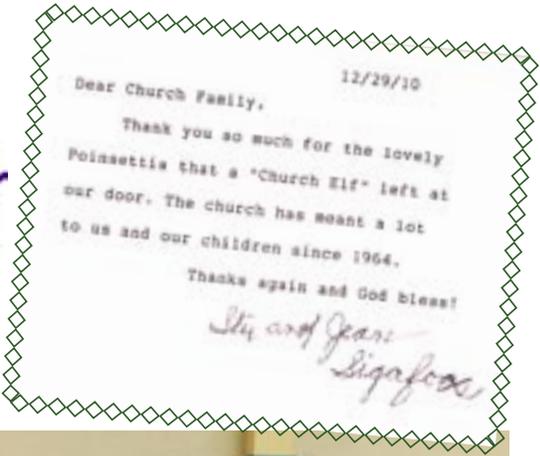
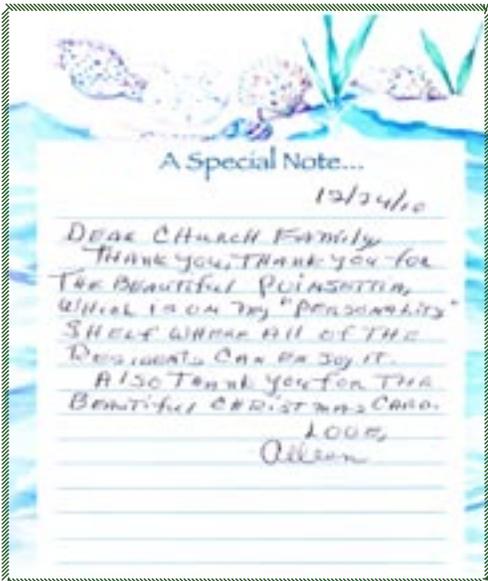


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 - for Christ and the world.



Dear Friends at UMC,
 It was lovely to be remembered at Christmas with a cheery plant. I regret not being home when it was delivered by Sue Edson to thank her personally. Thank you one and all!
 An "ole" "old" friend,
 Eiko Shimizo



*To all my Campbell Friends,
 Thank you for the cards, food, visits and caretaking during my convalescence. I especially appreciate the prayer blanket, which is warm and cozy! I am doing well, although my recovery is taking longer than anticipated, and your prayers and concern are a big help.
 Dorothy Faul*

A BIG "Welcome" to our new members, who joined CUMC on December 19, 2010.
 Back row-L to R: Jean Cline, Fody Lebbie, Elizabeth Harrell, Jeff Harrell, Gail Jacobs, Nancy Vierhaus
 Front row-L to R: Anita Baughman, Helen Reggio, Roz Wallace