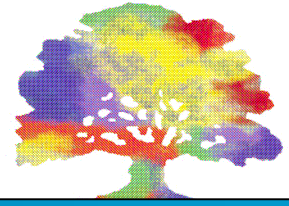


# Campbell



## CONNECTIONS



**AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>**

### **A 100<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Evelyn Buck turns 100 years of age on this Sunday and we're joining the celebration with music, speeches, special gifts, mission support and cake! She's also been a member of Campbell UMC for 71 of those years and we'll have a historical look at them as well.

**AUGUST 12<sup>TH</sup>**

### **CONVERSATIONS WITH THE BIBLE #3**

Pastor Jim will lead the final summer Bible study as we explore "Controversial Scripture Readings and How to Understand Them."

**AUGUST 19<sup>TH</sup>**

### **A SPECIAL EVENT TBA**

Watch for further information coming soon!

**AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>**

### **CROSSROADS IN CONCERT**

Janice Schlager, Jerry Giles and Dave Foyle return in concert, offering a delightful mix of contemporary Christian music

**SEPTEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**


We'll celebrate the end of the summer with an old-fashioned ice cream social and lots of fun for children and adults alike

We've had a great time in youth group, but we are winding down for the summer. Although there are no official events or meetings planned for UMYF until September, check your emails and the Sunday Addendum as we hope to get together for some summer fun!

If you're not on the email list and want to be, please send your email address to [melinda@kneppfamily.com](mailto:melinda@kneppfamily.com)

Have a great summer!

**Mark Your Calendars Now - see you in church this summer!**



Like most clergy, I'm always looking for a good story or quote or line to share with you in my sermons. Shared below are some that I've placed in my sermon folder but never used this year. They make for good summer reflections as some will make you laugh while others might make you think. Enjoy!

*"I like the silent church before the service begins, better than any sermon."*  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

*"You must believe in God – despite what the clergy tell you!"*  
Benjamin Jowett

*"Going to church no more makes you a Christian, than standing in a garage makes you a car"*  
Garrison Keillor

*"I was thinking how people seem to read the Bible more when they get older. Then it dawned on me they're cramming for their final exams."*  
George Carlin

*"Stupidity is also a gift from God, but one mustn't overuse it."*  
Pope John Paul II

*"Most people are bothered by the passages of scripture that they don't understand, but the ones that bother me are those I do understand."*  
Mark Twain

*"God expects that we bear spiritual fruit, not be religious nuts."*  
Unknown

*"Do I have areas of needed growth? I wonder what God might offer me this summer that will renew my commitment to grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and other people?"*  
Amy Johns

I trust that you are enjoying this beautiful summer and have plans to be in church each Sunday!  
~ Pastor Jim



The CUMC Staff Parish Relations Committee announces that the church is currently seeking applications for two, part-time staff positions. The positions are a 25 hr/week **Family Ministries Coordinator** to implement new strategies for families with children at home, and a 20 hr/week **Church Secretary** to work in the front office. The Job Descriptions for these positions can be viewed online at the church website, or picked up from the church office. The deadline for applications is July 31<sup>st</sup>, with a start date in mid-August.

**Vacation Bible School was held June 25-June 29 and it was a huge success!!** There were 45 kids ranging from preschool to kids entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade who learned of God's love and promises through songs, skits, crafts and play.



VBS is planned and run by the youth. This year they chose songs and activities that they remembered from when they attended VBS. From singing "Love Like A Fountain," to making bread for snack, to bouncing in a bounce house and playing on the waterslide they helped to create lasting memories for the kids attending.

It was so exciting to see almost all the kids up front leading the songs and closing on Friday. And one mom told me how her son wanted Vacation Bible School to last all month long. That was

quite the endorsement!

a note from the editor ~ A big "THANK YOU" to Melinda Knepp and her team for organizing a wonderful VBS!

**A heartfelt "Thank You"** to each one of you who sent cards of support and caring - they brought smiles to my face and joy to my heart. It is wonderful being back in church and able to participate in church activities with you.

Thanks dear friends, Darlene Dyer

**I would like to thank all of you** who sent cards, came to visit, made phone calls, and prayed for my recovery. Many thanks to Barbara Faraone for the delicious soup and her visits, and to Jane LaPierre for all the quilts that kept my busy! It is wonderful to be part of a great church family.

Sincerely, Bertie Meehan

**Thank you, thank you, thank you,** for all the cards, prayers, and good thoughts that came my way when I was in the hospital. I still have a way to go in my recovery, but I am making progress and appreciate your support and caring.

With love, Kay Hamp

**Thank You!** During this time of Jack's illness we have received many calls, cards and prayers. Thank you all. These good wishes are greatly appreciated and mean a lot to both of us.

Jack & Joyce Hocker

**Birthday Thank you!** To all who helped me celebrate my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, I say **THANK YOU!** A wonderful way to enjoy an afternoon! To my family, a special "thank you" for a job well done!

Bertie Meehan



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A member of our congregation, Kathy McEnroe, who can't participate because of Alzheimer's, is in the late stages of this disease and has been moved to a care facility. She will have no "patient advocate" as the daughter who cared for her at home has moved to Texas. To ensure she is properly cared for, the Caregivers are requesting that those who know her through Priscilla Circle, Women's Service Club, and Worship Commission (Communion Steward), visit her at the new facility.

We are looking for caring, compassionate church members to do this, and a big "Thank You" to all who can help. Kathy is at Skyline Health Care Center, 2065 Forest Avenue, Room 605 (next to O'Connor Hospital).

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In addition to Evelyn Buck's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 5<sup>th</sup>, the congregation will celebrate another significant birthday on August 18<sup>th</sup>, when *Ray Schrock* turns 98!! A card shower for Ray would be most appreciated! Please send cards to Ray Schrock, Our Lady of Fatima Villa, 20400 Saratoga-Los Gatos Road, Saratoga, 95070.

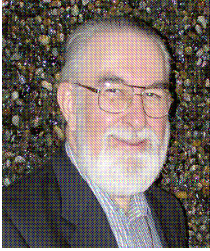
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*Excerpts from the church history, 1888-1988, written by Eulah Blaine and Bernice Hubbell-Lee*

Benjamin and Mary Campbell arrived in California by wagon train in October, 1852, and settled in what would become the town of Campbell. They had been members of the Methodist Church South in Missouri. At that time, the Santa Clara Valley was a grain and cattle region with few inhabitants and fewer churches. Itinerant ministers served the various settlements on circuit type schedules. The home of Benjamin Campbell was a welcome resting and preaching point for these circuit riders.

Gradually, the town grew. In 1887, a gathering place was needed, so ten or twelve families bought shares of stock to build a Town Hall. In the spring of 1888, the Reverend G.W. Beatty of Los Gatos Methodist Church held regular Methodist services in the Town Hall. On July 17, 1888, he formed a "Class of Twelve", which became the Campbell Methodist Church.





## “Forgive Us” Part 2

This question just doesn't go away! We read it at least as far back as when St. Peter asked Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive?” (Matthew 18:21a)<sup>1</sup> On the one hand, we could wander into the swamp of uncertainty about just how often Jesus said that we had to forgive. The translators disagree. It could be 77, or it could be 70 x 7. Not ready to argue that point? Good. Well, how about stumbling deeper into the swamp of uncertainty as we wonder whether it's only Christians that we have to forgive vs. the rest of the world? After all, Peter did refer in his question to Jesus to “another member of the church (who) sins against me”.

On the other hand, we could leave the scholarly details to the scholars. The heart of the matter is whether we are willing to forgive! Of course, as we know from the Lord's Prayer, it's not an academic question! Our willingness to forgive is closely connected with our need to be forgiven. Oh, did I step on someone's favorite belief? Yes, I know that some of us believe that we do not sin. To be clear, I'm as human as anyone and I have sinned – frequently and, at times, seriously. I suspect that we are all that human.

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If, as I noted in the previous article on this subject, forgiveness requires that we who have offended or hurt an individual or a group “turn around” and head in the other direction, then there must be real change (in us). It is the only way to face those we have hurt and begin the process of restoration of our relationship. Why would we do that – other than the reason given in the Lord's Prayer?

Some people think of “karma” as the reason. You know, “what goes around comes around!” I prefer to think in terms of love. Someone recently quoted that line from the 1960s movie (“Love Story”) where the male actor (who else?) says, “Love means never having to say you're sorry.” Really? If we truly do love someone we most assuredly will need to say “I'm sorry” – probably quite a few times in the relationship.

Twice in John's Gospel Jesus is quoted giving us a new commandment that helps to answer our question of how often to forgive: “I give you a new commandment . . . Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.” (John 13:34; 15:12) That is a deceptively easy commandment to acknowledge. What it requires of us is nothing less than sacrificial love – love that will seek forgiveness when wrong and extend it to others.

Loving someone enough to forgive, especially when they have caused real suffering, is a lot to ask. But Jesus indicates that it's a vital part of what it means to live in God's kingdom. How often do we forgive? We forgive as often as Jesus is ready to forgive us!

~ Rev. Larry LaPierre

On Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, Evelyn Buck will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, and Campbell UMC will celebrate it with her (*see front cover*). In lieu of gifts, donations towards Cambodian-language hymnals are welcomed. The hymnals recognize Evelyn’s interest in music, her years of singing in the choir, and her long-standing interest in, and efforts for, mission work. The



Chans are truly excited about the hymnals because there is such a great need for them in the rapidly-growing Cambodian congregations.

You are invited to participate by donating hymnals in honor of Evelyn! Each hymnal is \$5, and will actually be purchased in Cambodia to save shipping costs. We hope that every family in the church can donate two (or more!) hymnals. Please mark your donations “Cambodian-language hymnals,” and mail/bring them to the church office, or place them in the offering plate on Sunday mornings.

Thank you in advance for your generous recognition of a wonderful lady, and see you on August 5<sup>th</sup>! (*Watch the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to see how many hymnals have been donated!*)

~ Nature Tour, Moss Landing, Thursday, August

2<sup>nd</sup>! The 50+ group will tour the fascinating Elkhorn Slough at Moss Landing carpooling from the church at 9:15 a.m. **Highlights:** the boat tour takes a 5-mile loop of the slough, a tidal wetland teeming with wildlife. Enjoy playful sea otters, curious harbor seals, sea lions and hundreds of birds. The cost is \$25 per person. Following the tour, the group will have lunch at Phil’s Fish Market. To sign up, contact Al and Nancy FriebeI at (408) 356-8938, or sign up during Fellowship Hour.



On Friday, September 21 we will do our 11th walk with the San Francisco City Guides. This walk will be Billionaire's Row: Outer Broadway Architecture. We will be exploring the most exclusive corner of Pacific Heights, where, since the late 19th century, San Francisco's wealthiest families have built mansions with spectacular views of the Bay. Find out what society family runs a nursery school from their home and what rehab program had its headquarters in this unlikely setting. Stroll past a Victorian Firehouse turned private residence and visit a humble church that started a new architectural movement. Following the tour, we will have lunch in a nearby restaurant.



Meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. for car pooling. Signups will be between services September 2, 9, & 16. Any questions, call Jack or Joyce Hocker at 268-4646.

The Healthy Snack program at Rosemary School, which started this spring, will start up again when school opens for the fall term in late August. Thanks to the generosity of many members of the congregation, we have enough money in the Rosemary School fund to meet the children's needs for the first three to four weeks.



We need volunteers to go on Tuesdays and Thursdays and distribute the food.

This is a ministry that Church and Society has taken on faith knowing that the congregation will support the program both financially and with volunteer time. If you can help, please contact Sue Foyle. Sue is organizing a schedule for the fall semester.

Church & Society is very grateful to the volunteers who have helped fund, procure and distribute the food to these needy children. As many of you know, this program was initiated after discussions with the principal revealed that between one and two hundred of these grade schoolers come to school without food in the morning.

Thanks again for your help, *The Commission on Church & Society*



Once again, our church will celebrate the triumph of love and compassion over hate and violence by hosting the 9/11 inter-faith dinner on Tuesday evening, September 11, 2012, between 7:00 and 9:30 p.m. As with our past 9/11 events, the evening will focus on a joint inter-faith meal, Muslim, Christian, Jewish and other inter-faith prayers, and a discussion held in the sanctuary. C&S expects that there will be between 185 and 215 attendees this year. Please be sure to tell your friends and anyone that you think might be interested in this event so they can put it on their calendars.

This event is made possible by the many volunteers who help prepare the Fellowship Hall, run the sound systems, cook the meal, set up and clean up after the event, and work on the program.

As in the past, C&S will be offering tickets for this event at a price of \$7.50 per individual or \$15.00 for family groups. The tickets are one of the ways that we defray some of the costs of this event.

Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend. You will find it an extremely worthwhile event. Getting to know people of other faiths and cultures is one of the ways that we can bring good out of the tragedy of 9/11. ~ *The Commission on Church & Society*



~ Don't miss the quarterly **TRUSTEES WORK MORNING** on Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, focusing on the Education Building. Details to follow in The Addendum.



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