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Come Celebrate

African EPIPHANY

**Sunday, January 6, 2013
at 9:00 A.M.**

Enjoy African Spiritual Songs

*Campbell United Methodist Church welcomes
you to this Annual Worship Service*

Celebrate with African food following the service in the Fellowship Hall



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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.

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Pastor's . . . Point of View

"I Love You,"

The Best Christmas Gift!

By Pastor Paul Kim

I once knew a woman whose name was Charlotte. She was a 72-year-old grandmother who died in her sleep at home. She had suffered a massive heart attack while sleeping and died almost immediately. Many people cried at her funeral; they all said that she had had a good life and that she had left without experiencing much pain.

That year's Christmas Eve, my wife Christie found Charlotte's oldest daughter, Margaret, weeping softly, parked in the church lot. It was a cold winter night.

Margaret told Christie that throughout her life she had always had a running quarrel with her mother. They always argued and never could agree about anything. Because Margaret was the oldest child, her mother somehow wanted to make her own dreams come true through her, wanting her to do this and that.

However, Margaret didn't like her mother's values and could never understand what she wanted. She rebelled against her wishes and left home early, to pursue her own life and her own dreams. But deep in her heart, she said she had a soft spot for her mother, who had worked so hard throughout her life to make a good home for her and her siblings.

After she got married and had three of her own children, Margaret found herself even further away from her mother. She was never able to say "I love you." Only her occasional "I hate you" remained between them. Even as they got old, their quarrels did not stop.

Then her mother suddenly died. Without giving her a chance to say "I'm sorry" or "I love you" or "Forgive me." For a whole year, Margaret had a pain in her heart because she wasn't able to tell her mother all these things. Christie tried to console her and tell her that her mother loved her -- and understood her and had forgiven her. But she wouldn't and couldn't believe her.

Both Christie and I were very close to Charlotte. So I know that she would not have wanted her daughter Margaret to live the rest of her life with this sense of pain in her heart, not having been able to make peace with her mother. But because Margaret hadn't been able to express her love and forgiveness even once, she left the church that night only with a heavy burden. I hope Margaret has learned to forgive herself and love herself, as Charlotte really did before she died so suddenly.

For many people, holidays are times of memory, especially for those who may have lost a loved one recently. It can become painful if that memory is a burden of opportunities lost. Why not allow this year's Christmas to put those lost opportunities to rest?

Christmas presents new opportunities to appreciate, to love, and to forgive those loved (and perhaps not so "lovely") ones around us. Why not take the risk to say "I'm sorry" or "I love you" or "I forgive you" this wonderful season? Such words will free you and those around you to live today with energy, hope, trust, and strength.

There can be no greater Christmas gift than that. After all, "Love came down at Christmas..." and "Love shall be our token." Merry Christmas to all.

From Pastor Paul, Christie & Evie



Report from Church & Society for 2012

- Year-long support for Second Harvest, both in collecting food all year and in going to the Second Harvest warehouse and packing food on three occasions.
- Year-long involvement in inter-faith groups with the Pacifica Turkish Muslim community.
- Feeding the children at Rosemary School twice a week for nearly the full year of 2012.
- Providing the active Art and Spirit Jail Ministry at Elmwood Correctional Facility, which has involved well over 100 inmates and more than 35 on-site programs.
- Sponsoring the public high school educational information event in the spring.
- Sponsoring the League of Women Voters presentation prior to the November elections.
- Hosting the inter-faith 9/11 dinner, which has become a signature event for this church, and which was covered live by one of our local television stations this year.
- Working in concert with the New Creation fellowship, we have provided food for InnVision on ten occasions this year.
- Sponsoring the four weeks of Advent giving, which will directly benefit Rosemary School, the jail ministry, the Emergency Housing Consortium, and the Sierra Leone community.
- Sponsoring the December 1st Peace Fair on the Campbell UMC campus.
- Meeting with various Church & Society representatives from a variety of Methodist churches.
- In addition, Church & Society will sponsor the Stop Hunger Now event on January 12, 2013.

Franklin Bondonno ❖

Special Request from Kitchen Committee

Many different groups use the kitchen and we need to be respectful of this. *Please leave the kitchen as you find it.* To help with this, several new signs have been put up giving clear instructions to the users. *Thank you so much for your cooperation.* ❖



SAVE THE DATE!

"Fat Tuesday"

Saturday! On Saturday, February 9th, celebrate Mardi Gras a few days early at Campbell UMC's Crabfest and Silent Auction Fund-raiser. Feast on delicious cracked crab, salad, bread and dessert and bid on wonderful baskets, items, and services while you do so. Details to follow, but for now, *SAVE THE DATE!*

Silent Auction Items: To help increase the success of the fund-raiser, we need your help donating baskets, items or services! If you receive Christmas gifts that aren't quite right, don't return them to the mall. Instead, consider donating them to CUMC for the auction. ❖

Offering Envelopes for 2013

Envelopes for 2013 are ready to be picked up from the Narthex. Please use these envelopes for donation as it makes the counting each week so much easier. It also provides documentation for your donation credit. Thank you for all your support to the church. Any questions, call the office at 408-378-3472. ❖



New Pastors' Office Hours

Pastor Paul Kim, Pastor for Worship and Administration - will be in the office on the following days: Tuesday 9 am - 3 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9 am - noon. Please call the church office to set up an appointment. He can be reached by e-mail at: luke.x.27@gmail.com, and cell at: 1-650-605-5818.

Pastor Karen Paulsen, Pastor for Congregational Care - will be in the office on the following days if not out visiting: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9 am - 1 p.m.. Please call the church office to set up an appointment. She can be reached by e-mail at: pastorkarenp@earthlink.net, and cell at: 1-650-283-7680. ❖

Calling All Social Media & Technology Fans!



The Technical Committee Chair, Leon Johnson and Pastor Paul want to spread the great news of what God is doing in the world through our church and in our lives. So if you would like to help do that, there is a place for you to help with video, website, Facebook, Twitter, Yelp, e-mail, marketing and other social media and technology - in worship, education and outreach. There is immediate need for help running projection/media program during worship services. If interested please contact Leon at leonjnsn@pacbell.net or 408-712-9120, or Pastor Paul at luke.x.27@gmail.com or 650-605-5818. ❖

Check Out Campbell Patch

On August 5th, Campbell UMC member, Evelyn Buck, joined the "Centenarian Club" when she turned 100. We just recently discovered that the Campbell Patch (an online local newspaper) wrote a story about her and her lifelong activities, with (of course!) a mention of Campbell UMC. Check out the article at:

<http://campbell.patch.com/articles/good-genes-and-a-positive-attitude-advice-from-a-campbell-centenarian> ❖

In the COMMUNITY



Art and Spirit Ministry
at Elmwood

Peace in Jail?

During the weeks of Advent, the Elmwood Art & Spirit Ministry provided 3 sessions focused on the universal message of Peace. Over 100 inmates participated in transformational activities, including music, creative gift cards, scripture discussion and written peace prayers. Two UMC team members, Gail Jacobs & Sue Foyle, share the experience of being with those who are incarcerated:

From W2- Women's minimum security
Being in jail is hard. Being in jail

during Christmas is really hard. The hymns, carols and joy of the season that bring so many of us a sense of renewal and happiness can bring those serving time deep sadness and tears. As part of the Art & Spirit Ministry, what type of project can we bring to the women at Elmwood that won't induce even greater sorrow? When I learned the project would be creating Christmas cards, I knew this would be a positive experience. What made the activity even better was that the first card they made would be delivered to the Veterans Hospital. The group of almost 30 had a lot of questions – would the vet be old or young, a man or woman, why were they there? Their age and gender didn't really matter but what seemed to have an impact was that these brave men and women were hurting and in need of support. Creating a work of art for someone else can take you away from your own situation, and the women of Elmwood embraced this project with a sense of seriousness and reverence.

Each card was so beautiful and I thought many of them were much nicer

than anything you could buy at the store. But perhaps even more touching were the sentiments the ladies wrote inside their cards. There were wishes for God's blessings, words of support, and many appreciative thank yous. Several women shared that they have family members who are serving or fathers who served in the military.

Once their cards were complete for the vets, the women were able to create two more cards for whomever they wished. But when it came time to share, they talked about the vets and what it meant to be able to create a card for them. During the project, I overheard one woman say that the vets need to know "we're thinking about them." What this Ministry shows these women is that there are people on the outside who also care about them.

This ministry is rewarding on so many levels. For this particular project,



the Ministry team kept calling one another over to look at the collage cards, amazed at what the women created with colorful scraps of paper; and, of course, we were so moved by the sentiments inside the cards. The appreciation and gratitude the women express each time we're there is deeply touching. They are willing to share their deep spirituality with us and I continue to be thankful for the opportunity to learn and serve. What each of us in this Ministry has often said is that we always seem to get back more than we give, and this session was no exception. The women touch our hearts and souls, and it's an honor and privilege to be part of this team.

Gail Jacobs

From M4: Men's medium security

Sunday afternoons are for relaxing and taking naps, right? Well, not for the Jail Ministry team when we are at Elmwood, as we were a few weeks ago.

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HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

Excerpts from Church History 1888-1988

Written by Eulah Blaine and
Bernice Hubbell-Lee

EXCERPT NO.6

The Reverend J.F. Jenness served as pastor from 1903 to 1905, for \$900 per year. He built a house on North First Street on part of the property presently owned by the Grange. During these years the church sold its original parsonage on Campbell Avenue, and in 1905 it bought the Jenness home to be used by ministers. Membership had increased to 172, with Sunday School attendance at 121.

History note--President Theodore Roosevelt, on his cross country trip in 1903, visited Campbell and planted a redwood tree on the grounds proposed for Campbell High School. His entourage paraded down Campbell Avenue in horse drawn carriages.

In the COMMUNITY

Art and Spirit Ministry at Elmwood

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As tired as I may be going into the jail, I am renewed, refreshed and energized when I come out.



The theme for our most recent Art & Spirit Workshop was PEACE. The scripture we used was from Romans 14:19 - "So then, we must always aim at those things that bring peace and help strengthen one another." One sentence, but it sure says a lot. After reading the scripture, we have a short discussion time with the inmates. One of the questions I posed to them was, "How do you achieve peace for yourself on a daily basis?" There was not a minute delay before most of them shouted out, "Pray!" I also asked them, "How do you encourage and support one another?" I didn't expect many answers to this question. My thought was that it must be hard enough to get through the day without worrying about supporting someone else. But to my surprise, we got many answers. Most of them said they give each other verbal support such as, "You can do it!" Or, they put their arm around someone's shoulder just to let them know they are there for them.

The art project focused on giving. The men made greeting cards for veterans and to send to a loved one. One of the young men at my table who has a boyish grin and twinkling eyes told me that he didn't have anyone to send a card to so he would make a really nice card for a veteran. This 24-year old will be transferred to prison soon. After completing each step of his card, another inmate asked me if he was doing it right.



These men touch my heart on so many levels: some of them are so young I can just imagine what their mothers must be going through; others are older but still so vulnerable. If I ever have any doubt about God's presence, once I walk into the jail that doubt disappears. I can feel God's presence and see God in each and every one of the inmate's faces.

Sue Foyle ❖

Circuit Writer



Praying in all Places

Rev. Larry LaPierre

Yes, I know that Jesus told us to go into our rooms to pray (Matthew 6:5-6). This is a good example of where we can do what Pastor Jim Mishler invited us to do in one of his last sermons: "Take the Bible seriously but not literally!" If we took this teaching by Jesus literally we would be racing back to our homes, or at least waiting until we got home, to offer prayer for people and situations that needed prayer immediately.

When I am out of the house I find many situations where prayer is, if not immediately needed, at least something that I can do to help. On the Monday following the second Sunday of Advent I was at the outpatient clinic to be seen by my geriatrician. On my way to her office, several occasions for prayer presented themselves, and I prayed.

A woman was trying to get into a clinic area with a large stroller with her

son. Opening the door was only the visible part of what I did. I prayed for her son, for her and for their extended family. The child seemed to have developmental disabilities. So, I focused my prayer on the child receiving the care that he needed and the family having the love and other resources that they needed to help this child.

While sitting in the waiting room I noticed an older mother and son across the way. They had just sat down when I noticed that he was discreetly taking her pulse. I thought that perhaps she had a heart problem or a breathing problem. It was an opportunity to pray for his mother, for him and for whoever was treating her for her condition.

Later, as I was still waiting (I had arrived quite early for my appointment) a tall, young man walked by. He was moving along quite well, but I noticed that he walked with a pronounced limp. I also saw that he wore an identification badge. This became an opportunity to pray for him that he would be able to do his job well and that he would heal in whatever ways were possible.

The prayer that I forgot to say was the one for my physician. I was so focused on my prayers for others, as well as my anxiety about what she might say to me about my condition, that I forgot to pray for my physician until later.

Prayer is something that I suggested to people whom I visited as a pastor in nursing homes. Many of them were unable to leave the nursing home. Some could not leave their beds. They often felt that their lives had no purpose. I always acknowledged their frustration, but then I asked them to be part of a prayer ministry. First, I asked them to pray for me, then for their family, the people who took care of them at the nursing home, those they knew in church and others. For those of us who spend a lot of time at home, our ministry to others doesn't have to end. It can continue for the rest of our lives. We can serve God wherever we are in whatever condition we are in. Are we willing?

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖



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United Methodist Women

BOOK REVIEWS BY SUSAN JONES



Ostriches, Dung Beetles, and Other Spiritual Masters

by Janice McLaughlin

Category: *Spiritual Growth 2012*

Pages: 147

Rating: **** stars

Ostriches, Dung Beetles, and Other Spiritual Masters is a wonderful book that connects the wildlife of Africa to ourselves and how their actions affect us. You will read about lessons of self-acceptance and humility and how you can apply the wisdom of wild life to your everyday living.

The African Landscape and its inhabitants become the catalysts in this wonderful Collection of stories for individual or group reflection.

Change the World

Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus by Mike Slaughter

Category: *Leadership 2012*

Pages: 151

Rating: **** stars

When we hear the word "change," our first response is why? Things are going so good right now, "Why rock the boat!" But as you read this book you will see why change is good, and why it is important for us to continue to challenge ourselves to grow in our Christian faith.

Pastor Mike Slaughter challenges us with questions like:

- Will you send the church out into the world?
- Will you focus on building disciples or tallying decisions?
- Will you multiply your impact or expand your facilities?
- Will you step out in courage or comply with the status quo?

The answers to these and other questions determine how our churches will focus its time, its energy, and its budget to work for real change in a hurting world.

This book talks about the church beyond the Sunday morning service. It explains how the church that embraces Jesus' mission to meet the needs of those around them, will be transformed into a vital ministry of the community.

Anyone involved in Christian education should read this. And hey, Mike Slaughter has to be doing something right, his Ginghamburg United Methodist church has an average of five thousands attendees each Sunday (Pg. 109). Who knew there were that many Methodists in Tipp City, Ohio or even in Ohio!

Lord! When you sell a man a book you don't sell just twelve ounces of paper and ink and glue - you sell him a whole new life. Love and friendship and humour and ships at sea by night - there's all heaven and earth in a book, a real book. ~ Christopher Morley

Susan Jones ❖



United Methodist Women Honors Myra Wight

At the December General Meeting of United Methodist Women, the members conducted business, enjoyed refreshments, and welcomed Advent with story and song.

In addition, The STARS IN HER CROWN Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Myra Wight for her many years of dedication and service.

Myra has served as President of W.S.C.S. (Women's Society of Christian Service, the forerunner of UMW), President of UMW, Circle Leader, representative to Church Women United, Mission Coordinator for Christian Global Concerns, Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation, and Publicity and Public Relations. She has held office consecutively every year since 1994. She has been a "spark plug" for countless bazaars, books sales, and special projects. She exemplifies the UMW call to Faith-Hope-Love in Action.

We cannot count all of the "stars in her crown".

Thank You Myra! ❖

ADOPT-A-FAMILY DELIVERY

Many thanks go to Gene and Elaine Hill for delivering \$2,400 worth of packages, food, and gift cards to Justice Empowerment Services (formerly Friends Outside), a part of Catholic Charities.

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the Wishing Tree Gifts this year to share joy with someone else this Christmas.



We now look in the rear view mirror at Advent and Christmas. Did we experience God in this holiday? Where was Jesus in all the festivities and wrapping paper? Did you feel anything new? Maybe some tugs on your heart? Tears of joy? Maybe some nostalgia from days gone by? For many of us, we just don't easily get into the spirit of the season because of painful losses we have experienced, or health concerns we have to face.

I have some experience of this. In my life, Christmas shifted in meaning drastically over my life. I loved Christmas until I was twenty. The morning before Christmas of that year my dad died suddenly of a heart attack.

About ten years later, my marriage ended around Christmas. Then ten years later my mom died Dec. 12th. Each loss brought me to my knees to try to find strength to get through the pain, to find meaning in these losses and to learn to carry on. I bring all this up because I got through the pain, over time. My church, my faith, my friends walked with me through the tough times, I deepened my faith through lots of prayer, and I was comforted with Scripture. I realized how faith is crucial during the painful times of our lives. Church is not only about fellowship, or even good works. It is also about caring for our souls and deepening our understanding of God in our lives for the tough times we experience.

Christmas shows us that no part of life is unimportant to God and that none of it is beyond God's care and concern. I love that fact. In other words, because Jesus came to us, as we are, God's love is not a far-distant, inapproachable object of worship, but one who chose to come into our messy, disconnected world and live in our midst—even in the most ordinary of circumstances.

I have valued sharing this Christmas

with many of you. It has been a privilege to visit a few of you in hospitals and in your homes as well. I have felt God's love in your midst: in recovery, in over-coming grief, in relief of a surgery gone well, in what next steps must be taken in reconciliations. We are people who seek each other and we seek God, who understands our difficult circumstances and failures. We do not have to go through life's trials alone. We have each other, brothers and sisters in Christ, and we have an ever-loving God who goes before us to guide us, behind us to forgive us, above us to protect us and within us to bless and love us.

Please know that I am available to visit, talk by phone with you by appointment. I appreciate you also letting me know of congregants who may want a visit or prayers. Please drop a note for me into the offering plate, or in the office. I am available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, mostly mornings and some afternoons. It is an honor to serve as your Congregational Care Pastor as we enter into 2013.

Blessings, Pastor Karen Paulsen ❖



**In the Words of
Fenwicke (Fen) Holmes
WWII Marine Corps
interviewed by Dave Sargent**

continued from December "Connections"

When Fen got home via Kwajalein, Johnson Island, Hawaii, and San Francisco, he had been overseas for 34 months. After the war, he spent six months as Camp Fire Marshall at Camp Pendleton, then to Headquarters, US Marine Corps for three years, then to the Marine Corps Depot of Supplies at 100 Harrison Street in San Francisco. During his three-year tour in San Francisco, Fen bought a house in San Carlos and commuted to work by train.

After his tour in San Francisco, Fen was assigned to the Army Command and General Staff School in Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, finishing in the top 10% of his class. It is ironic that this tour coincided with the Korean War so that Fen did not participate in that combat.

From there he was assigned to the Marine Corps Supply Schools in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. During that three-year tour, he served as Director of Instruction and, later, Commanding Officer. During that period, he was promoted to full Colonel.

It was then off to Hawaii for two years as Assistant Force Supply Officer, then back to Headquarters, US Marine Corps as Materials Management Officer. During that tour he headed the task group that converted the Marine Corps supply system from punch cards to computers. This was the most difficult assignment because computers at that time had only 20 minutes mean-time-between-failures. Also, the only available card readers could only read 10 cards per minute. Obviously, with some 300,000 line items of inventory stored at seven major locations, with these primitive capabilities, that was a monumental task. It was successful, but there was no Legion of Merit waiting at the end of the trail.

Fen was then assigned to the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa as

Commanding Officer, 3rd Service Battalion. Later, he was appointed as Comptroller of the 3rd Marine Division, the first officer to hold that position in any Marine Corps tactical unit.

After a year on Okinawa, Fen was assigned to the Fleet Marine Force, Pacific, in Hawaii, where he served as Force Supply Officer for two years. Along with the original of his 2nd Lieutenant's Commission (signed by Admiral James Forrestal) he holds a Certificate of Retirement (signed by General James Jones, Commandant of the Marine Corps) stating "Brigadier General Fenwicke W. Holmes, having served faithfully and honorably, was retired from the United States Marine Corps on the first day of August, 1964."

After his retirement from the Marines, Fen moved back to San Francisco to use his skills at Del Monte Corporation. He started as a Systems Analyst and soon was made Director of Information Services with worldwide systems, computers, and telecommunications responsibilities. At one time, this involved 32 computer installations worldwide.

He was heavily involved with the Grocery Manufacturers of America in the development and promulgation of the Universal Product Code, the bar code you see on every grocery product in your store. This was an exciting undertaking and the universal adoption of UPC indicated the success of the effort.

Fen retired from Del Monte in 1983 after 19 years of service.

Fen's wife Bette, from Rochelle, Illinois majored in accounting at UCLA, and was a CPA. Although raised as a Congregationalist, Fen and Bette started attending Campbell United Methodist Church after their son, Brian, and daughter-in-law, Jolynda, had spent time searching for a church with an

outstanding musical program. Fen and Bette joined and Fen spent many years singing in the Choir. ♦

This is the conclusion of the unabridged version which was divided into three issues. To read the article in full, go to the church website at www.campbellunited.org.

If you would like to be interviewed for this series please contact Heather Reynolds at: hreynolds63@gmail.com, or phone 408-971-6343; or, Dave Sargent at: dnsargent@aol.com.

Thanks to Fenwicke Holmes and Dave Sargent for the interview.

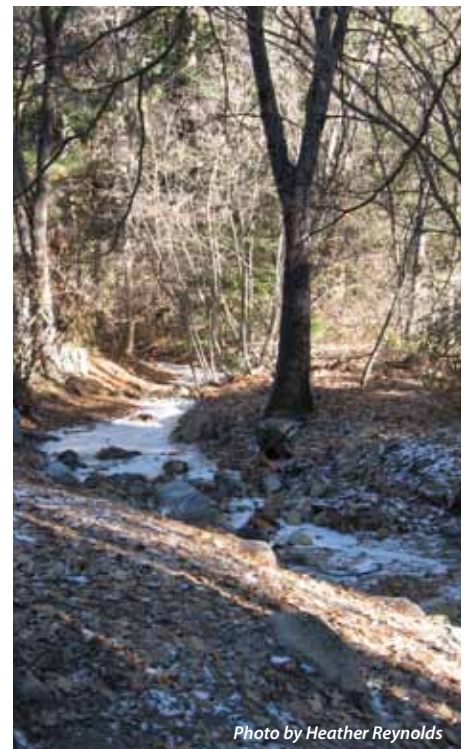


Photo by Heather Reynolds

**CARTOON
CORNER**



"Because they didn't have e-mail then. That's why God sent an angel to proclaim the baby's birth."



STOP HUNGER NOW

Sunday, January 12th

10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Church & Society will sponsor the STOP HUNGER NOW(SHN) on our campus. This is a great event for all ages. The plan is to package 10,000 meals with the help of at least 40 to 50 volunteers. Everything that is needed will be provided that morning. The only thing missing is YOU. **PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US.**

The STOP HUNGER NOW organization is driven by a vision of a world without hunger and a mission to end hunger in our lifetime by providing food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable. SHN's meal-packaging program is a volunteer-based program that coordinates the streamlined packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals composed of rice, soy, vegetables, flavoring, and 21 essential vitamins and minerals. The meals are easily transported to crisis-burdened areas or supplied to school feeding programs around the world. The meals only cost \$0.25 per meal to create.

Since its inception, STOP HUNGER NOW has delivered food and aid disaster relief supplies in the form of food, medicines, medical supplies, medical equipment, clothing and blankets to thousands of disaster victims and other hungry and vulnerable people in 76 countries.

The 10,000 food aid kits produced on this day will be sent to assist our brothers and sisters in Sierra Leone, Africa.

Franklin Bondonno, Church & Society



**Make this Your Holiday Tradition
Support the American Red Cross . . .
and make a Difference!**

American Red Cross

Blood Drive



Campbell Community

Sponsored by: Campbell United Methodist Church

Located at the Fellowship Hall
1675 Winchester Blvd., - Campbell

Friday, December 28, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

To schedule your appointment, please log on to redcrossblood.org,
enter the Sponsor Code: **Campbellcommunity**
or call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767)

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But not today

(Pastor Don Blinn, Jr., of Verona [PA] United Methodist Church passed on this poem, titled "But Not Today," which was read at the 99th birthday celebration of a woman parishioner.)

*I shall grow old, perhaps, but not today.
Not while my hopes are young and my spirit strong, my vision clear, because life has a way of smoothing out the wrinkles with a song.
I shall grow old, perhaps, but not today.
Not while my dreams remain a shining shield, my faith a lance, and 'neath a sky of grey, my colors wave upon the battlefield.
I shall grow old, perhaps, but not today.
Not while this pen can write upon a page, and memories turn winter into May, shall this stout heart be brought to terms by age?
I shall grow old, perhaps, but not today.
And scorning Time who would enlist my tears,
I stand convinced there is a better way of occupying all the coming years.
I shall grow old, perhaps, but not today.
In my own style, and in my own sweet time, no night so dark there does not fall a ray of light along the path that I climb.
Just say of me, when my last hour slips like one bright leaf to softly rest among the others...
"Life was a summer to the heart of one who died believing she was young."
And sang herself to sleep believing she was with God.*

—Grace E. Easley

(from JoyfulNoiseletter.com)

UMYF TALKING “LISTEN UP”

UMYF CALENDAR

Sunday, December 23
 Bagels/Prepare luminarias
 for Christmas Eve Services
 11:45 am

Monday, December 24
 Light & Extinguish luminarias
 at all services

2013

Sunday, January 6
 Lunch & White Elephant Gift
 Exchange - 11:45 to 1:30

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Date to Remember!

Sunday, February 3
 “Souper” Bowl Tailgate Party

2012 is winding down and UMYF has kept busy these past few months.

Towards the end of November we had our ABC dinner. This year you had to bring a dish that begins with the first letter of your middle name. Dinner consisted of everything from steak to marshmallows.

The first weekend in December was a lock-in. There was a lot of fun to be had and little sleep.

Look for more information in January regarding the annual “Souper” Bowl party. As usual there will be food, fun and games before the big football game. Fund-raising this year will be to support youth participating in Sierra Service Project in August 2013.

Melinda Knepp,
 Youth Coordinator ◆



Thanks from Family Ministry

Merry Mayhem was a great success because of all the wonderful volunteers that made this event happen. A big thank you to Carol Griffith, Kim Park, Janice Schlager, Sally Wenzel, Shelby Wenzel, Renee Eilerts, Daelene Groff, Meredith Groff, Robert, Jeannene, and Matthew Michel, and Jenni Martin. There was cookie decorating, candle making, angel ornaments, candy cane reindeer, carol signing and tree trimming. Thank you to Mary Ann Gee for playing the piano for us while we sang carols. Lastly a huge thank you to Eric and Patty Henderson, Amy Peterson, and our fourth and fifth grade youth group for baking cookies, making hot chocolate and apple cider which was a wonderful treat for all.

God Is Great!

Holly Aspiras, Family Ministry ◆





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