

Campbell



CONNECTIONS

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JUNE, 2013



As many of you have heard, our wonderful silver maple tree met its final days. On Wednesday, May 8th, a large branch facing the lawn, broke off suddenly. We are thankful that no one was hurt. The branch, weighing over a ton, revealed that the tree was rotting from the inside and was no longer safe. The township gave emergency permission for the tree to be cut down - which was done Tuesday, May 14th.

As we reflect on this beautiful tree that has been a part of our church family for over 60 years, we are thankful for the wonders it has shared with us - growing with our church, providing hospitality of its shade, its friendly presence.

Now, it has done its duty on earth - and we are thankful. Someone said that the timing was perfect. As we will be celebrating our church's 125th anniversary this year, it would be the right time to plant a new tree to mark a new day in the life of our church.

But for now, wonderful ideas have emerged to celebrate our tree: a special bowl will be made by Jim Lafflin, Rena Gooding will help make small crosses out of the tree. If you have other ideas on celebrating our tree, please let us know.

In Tolkien's "Lord of the Rings," there is a scene in which Frodo puts his hand on an ancient tree trunk, preparing to climb it and he "felt a delight in the wood and the touch of it, neither as forester nor as carpenter; it was the delight of the living tree itself" (page 353 in "The Fellowship of the Ring"). And Tolkien goes on to write of the ancient Fangorn Forest, with trees that walk and talk. In one memorable scene, Gimli, the dwarf, has his axe raised there, and the forest seems to come alive with voices. Legolas, the forest elf, tells him about the trees, "They have feelings, my friend." One of the most intriguing characters in Tolkien is "Treebeard," an Ent, a shepherd of the forest, who loves and cares for the trees. Of the trees that the evil Saruman cut down, Treebeard says, "Many of those trees were my friends."

William Barnes (1801-1881), the great English pastoral poet, wrote many of his poems about favorite trees. One has this refrain:

"Whatever season it mid be, The trees be always company"
(*Trees Be Company*, by William Barnes - 1801-1881)

Thank you God for our tree and its company.
Pastor Paul Kim

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Summer Service

One Worship Service at 10 am
through the summer, July 7 thru
September 1, 2013

See photo history of this momentous
spectacle on pages 9-11

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Pastor's Pen

Getting To Know Your Senior Pastor's Family

Pastor Paul Kim will begin his official appointment as the Senior Pastor of Campbell UMC on July 1, 2013. Before he does, we want you to know him and his wife Christie better (not that they are completely new among us since they've been here from November of 2012).

Why did you move from the East Coast?

Paul: In all our travels, Paris and San Francisco were Christie's favorite places. So we promised each other that before we got too old, we should move to one of those places. After our last church and Christie's public service as an elected official, we felt both of us needed a sabbatical to become renewed and refocused. After prayer and conversations, we decided this would be the right time for our "move" across the country. Hopefully, we'll be able to visit Paris whenever we get a chance. When we got to San Francisco in the fall of 2011, we found it was too "cold" and decided to come down to the warmer South Bay.

What was the community like where you spent most of your career?

Paul: I've grown up all over the place: born in Korea, immigrated at age 10, elementary and junior high school in small towns in western Ohio where my father pastored UCC churches, then high school years at Lincoln High in San Jose where my father founded a church, then college in the Santa Cruz mountains. I then went to New Jersey for my theological training and Ph.D. in systematic theology at Princeton Seminary. So I've spent nearly 30 years in the Metropolitan New York area.

Christie: I came to the U.S. with my family as a teen and grew up in northern Virginia. After studying pre-med at the American University, I found I was more fitted for education and public service. After helping the family business, I came to Teacher's College, Columbia University in New York City and earned my doctorate in education. So I'm a New Yorker at heart. I've probably marched on every street in Manhattan when I worked for New York City government. After Paul and I married, we lived ten years in the city itself, in Queens and Manhattan; then Paul was appointed to churches in New Jersey (NJ) where we served for 17 years. I taught in the universities in the city and NJ.

Do you have hobbies or special interests?

Christie: I love to paint (mostly oils, mixed media also), raise orchids and flowers, collect tea sets, go to afternoon tea, all kinds of music and theater performances, reading epic novels, swimming, walking, traveling and pets.

Paul: I love books – new and old, old bookstores and libraries, cooking, backyard veggie gardening, the night sky, funny movies, walking, traveling and pets.

What do you like best about California?

Christie & Paul: The weather.

How did the two of you meet?

Paul: A mutual friend invited us to a Thanksgiving Party at Columbia University. We happened to be paired up in a party game where the guy had to hop around and chase after the girl. Ever since then, I have been trying to keep up with Christie.

Do you have a favorite food or meal?

Christie: I love almond croissant and dim sum – but they have to be excellent!

Paul: I like whole fish dishes of all kinds - especially sea bass.

Tell us something about your pet Eve?

Christie: Eve came to us when she was 8 weeks old. Born on the 4th of July 2000, she has always had fireworks on her birthday! She is a shih tzu and comes from a

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line of champions in her family. She served nearly 10 years as a therapy dog, visiting nursing homes. She suffered back problems a few years ago that limit her movement a little – something that creeps up on you with age.

Why did you become a Pastor?

Paul: Because my dad was a pastor and there were several other ministers in the family, I really didn't want to be a pastor. I thought I could become a great teacher or a stand-up comic. You can guess the reasons why. But guess what, when I met Christie, she had been praying (as a good Southern Baptist) to meet someone who would work for social justice, the peace movement, and be a minister. And as they say, the rest is history! So I'm more like a Jonah and a Moses – always asking God if s/he is sure about sending me to do the job!

What do you see as the biggest challenge for churches today?

Paul: It's the same challenge it has been for every generation: to keep the first things first. I chose a new email when I was sent to Campbell: luke.x.27@gmail.com. Jesus was asked what is the greatest commandment that would lead to God and life, and he quoted from a classic text from the Bible he knew (the Old Testament): "Love the Lord your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength; and love your neighbor as yourself." And then he continues with the parable of the Good Samaritan to explain his answer.

It is very easy for a church to get distracted from its prime directive. You know by now that I'm a Trekkie; the prime directive in the Star Trek universe is the Starfleet's General Order Number 1, its main guiding principle "there can be no interference with the internal development of alien civilizations". In some sense, our directive is in the same spirit, isn't it: to transform the world and its peoples through love.

If we can remember our prime directive, I believe God will help us to face all the challenges facing our church with confidence, compassion and clarity. Christie believes God is in charge. We just need to do our best today!

What would you like the people of Campbell UMC to do as you begin?

Paul: The most important thing you can do for us is to pray for us every day.

Pastor Paul ❖



Save the Date!

HANDBELL CONCERT

On Sunday, June 2, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., Campbell UMC's 4 Handbell Choirs will bring an afternoon of handbell music to delight people of all ages. Repertoire will span from sacred, classics, secular to more recent tunes.

Here is another opportunity to bring your friends in the community and introduce them to the church.

Admission is free

from the Editor:

Share your story with your faith community; this newsletter is a good place to let that happen.

Following are some tips on how to send to me at: hreynolds63@gmail.com

Please type articles with returns as the only formatting - no need to format yourself, as I have to take it out anyway.

Send in Microsoft Word, or text in e-mail. Do not copy text from the web (retype or take out the html format).

Photographs are best in jpeg's or tiff's at 300 dpi. I can resize down, but not up.

Thank you,

Heather Reynolds ❖

A Few Scenes from the Children's Musical





Calling All Graduates

June 2nd is Graduate Recognition Sunday, when during the worship services we honor those in our



MEET OUR GRADUATES

congregation who are graduating from high school, college, or a trade school.

If you have a graduate in your family, please call the church office at (408) 378-3472 or send an email to barbarawade@earthlink.net. Please tell us the name of the graduate, the school from which he or she is graduating, the degree (if applicable), and any future plans. Deadline for submitting is Wednesday, May 29th, 2013. We will list everyone's names in our bulletin on June 2nd. ❖

Relay For Life

The Campbell Relay for Life, a fund raising event for the American Cancer Society, has been held for the last 12 years. This year Campbell United Methodist Women are organizing a team which is open to all. The Relay is a 24-hour event that will begin on Saturday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m. at the Campbell Community Center track.

Team members are asked to register for the event: cost to register is \$10 - cancer survivors may register for free; to raise contributions from family and friends for the American Cancer Society; and to walk in the Relay for one hour or more. Come join us--the **Cheerful Mighty Ultra Winners**. For more information, contact Susan Sargent, 378-1232. ❖

Sanctuary Flowers

Do you have a special dedication, celebration, or memory that you would like to express with flowers?

The altar flowers that you enjoy each Sunday on the communion table are supplied through donations made by friends and members of Campbell United Methodist Church. You can collect a form from the church office, put your special date on the flower calendar and your dedication will be printed in the blue Addendum the Sunday you request.

Several Flower Stewards do the arrangements each Sunday and make every effort to meet special requests.

If you are interested in being a Flower Steward, or in donating garden flowers, please contact Linda Kropff at 408-257-5292

Linda Kropff, Flower Coordinator ❖

Disciple III Graduation

On Monday evening the Disciple III class graduated with honors from attending this thirty-two week class. Kudos to them for their dedication, devotion and hard work.

The first half of the course consisted of sixteen weeks of in-depth



study of the prophets, looking at them in their historical rather than biblical sequence in the Bible. We read about and discussed the history surrounding these books so we could better understand the message of these prophets. The second half was sixteen weeks of in-depth study of Paul's letters in the sequence in which they were written. Reading these letters can be a challenge because of their complexity and Paul's frequent use of the Hebrew Scriptures.

It was a real blessing and honor

for me to share these ideas with the students as they often asked intriguing questions and offered some good ideas.

Congratulations to Fran Sneed, Susan Jones, Christy Rohrig, and Stan Praisewater. We were grateful to have Pastor Paul Kim attend and participate in our last gathering together. He led our worship and blessed and served Communion.

Gratefully Yours,
Lenora P. Blouin/Disciple Teacher

Why Endowments?

1. Endowments support ministries for generations to come.
2. Psalms 1:2 – "Endowments are like trees by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. They prosper!"
3. Endowments leave a legacy.

Anyone can give an endowment gift. Any size gift may be made to the Endowment Fund. Think about doing this as part of your estate planning.

Get a good thing growing with a gift to the Endowment Fund of Campbell United Methodist Church.

Rowena Hinojosa, Endowment Committee ❖

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch for Details in Addendum

- **MUSIC and WORSHIP ARTS Sunday, June 9th. Come and hear the Joyful Notes, Chancel Choir and Carillon Choir sing and ring their praises to God! It will be glorious!**
- **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**
- **SUMMER Sunday School**

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

United Methodist Women

BOOK REVIEW BY SUSAN JONES



This Will Be Remembered of Her

by Megan Mckenna

Category: Leadership 2013

This book celebrates women of the Bible and present-day women around the world. Megan Mckenna tells us this book is about three closely related realities: memory, women, and resistance. The memory is of the wonderful women of the Bible. I can go on talking about all the wonderful women... but I really would like to briefly tell you about two women's stories that Megan talks about in her book.

The first is Dorothy Day, Founder of the Catholic Worker Movement. The Catholic Worker became a national movement. By 1936 there were thirty-three Catholic Worker houses spread across the country. Due to the Great Depression, there were plenty of people needing them. You can read more about Dorothy Day in *All is Grace*, a biography of Dorothy Day.

The second is Dorothy Strang. When I first started reading about her in Megan's book, the story sounded familiar. It was familiar because Dorothy Strang's book, *The Greatest Gift*, was part of the UMW Reading Program in 2009. Dorothy was a missionary who went to Brazil to protect the poor farmers and their land, from loggers and land-developers. Megan tells Dorothy Strang's story, but you can follow this up by reading *The Greatest Gift*. Her book reminds us that there is still so much injustice in the world. We owe so much to people like Dorothy Day and Dorothy Strang.

These two women are just one example of the wonderful women and their stories told by Megan.

Susan Jones ❖

UMW Layette Collection in June



On the third Sunday, June 16th, bring all your layette items that you have been making and purchasing

There will be a table in Fellowship Hall where United Methodist Women will be receiving your donation.

Thank you for helping with this project.

Jane LaPierre ❖

Care-A-Vaners



Our adventure began immediately after the United Methodist Women's luncheon on Saturday, April 20. Gene and Elaine Hill traveled to Sacramento. The next morning we attended church at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. During coffee hour there were many people to visit with. The UMW were having a fundraiser selling fabric flowers for hats or dresses, so of course I bought two. We also met Shirley, whose daughter Christina owns the only cafe in North San Juan, Nevada county; and we visited with a member of the Conference Volunteers In Mission (VIM) Committee who is getting ready to go to Angola.

We arrived in North San Juan in time for a delicious late lunch at the Ridge Stop Cafe. We then traveled up Flume street to the North San Juan United Methodist Church. Since the refuse transfer station is at the end of the street, and is open on Sundays, we had to hurry off of the street. In this tiny rural community they actually

ticket people for blocking this street. Some of the other workers had already arrived. There are no established RV or car parking spaces so we were able to select any space we wanted. We selected a place under the oaks that backed up to a cliff created by hydraulic mining. Another work team of two men from Los Altos had arrived on Friday bringing their well-equipped tool trailer. They were to work through Tuesday. On Sunday they were busy at work. On Monday our group of twelve Care-A-Vaners worked

Care-A-Vaners

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alongside of them, and the painter who came from Reno on Tuesday to paint the ceiling in the sanctuary.

The North San Juan Congregation was established in 1855, and the building was built in 1856. This is the same building that is being used today. The original church was a part of a circuit, and still is today. The churches in the circuit have changed throughout the years as populations have shifted and some communities actually disappeared. Today there are three churches served by the same minister -- North San Juan, Downieville, and Sierra City. When the congregation found out that we were from Campbell, they were anxious for news of one of their favorite ministers, Rev. Justin Ryu.

Two years ago an urgent plea was sent to the Conference requesting assistance with this disintegrating building.

The Los Altos church responded by first putting in a solid



foundation. The church was built with a rock sill. In recent years there had been some blasting in the area which knocked one corner of the church off of the foundation. On the back side of the church there had been some industrious woodpeckers using the building to hold their acorn collection. The church was beginning to look very lacy. By the time we arrived, the old wood siding had been removed and hauled away, and the new Hardie Board siding had been completed on the lower part of the building. This prevents any more damage by the woodpeckers.

While we were there, we reroofed and painted the pump house; completed the Hardie Board exterior siding; painted the exterior of the church white; scraped the window frames and painted inside and out; replaced one broken window pane; cleaned the interior of the sanctuary, and repaired the ceiling. I picked up

screws and nails and sorted into three piles -- square, trash, and usable. My big disappointment was that I only found 26 cents. The UMVIM policy is that



money found on church property belongs to the church. We had moved pews, swept, and polished. No money was found inside the building.

The days were hot, especially working in the sun. The usual temperature was between 82 and 84 degrees with 19% humidity. Overnight it was in the low 50's, just great for sleeping, and the correct temperature for setting tomatoes. After work we would gather near one of the RVs to have a snack, review the day's work, and tell stories. All was fine until dusk and the hoard of mosquitos arrived. This lasted just long enough to send us all indoors to dinner and an early night. Since there was no TV or internet most of us read ourselves to sleep. One person said that she accidentally went to sleep at 8 p.m., so was up at 6 a.m. ready to clean.

A church member had died and left the church enough to get the refurbishing started. To raise more

money the church is planning to sell crosses made from the old square nails, and to host community rummage sales by selling tarped spaces on their lawn. The Methodists used to have fundraising dinners with the Catholic Church just down the street, but it is closed and now for sale, and the



Methodists have no kitchen.

Following our work at North San Juan, we attended an Oregon-California Trails Conference in Oroville. We had already spent a week in the Gold Country where some people had done hydraulic mining behind the church and others had panned for gold on Flume street in front of the church, so we were acclimated. After that conference we were off to Carson City, Nevada to deliver the birthing kits and other supplies that were dedicated by the Wonder Workers on April 17. We took time to visit with four other Care-A-Vaners while we were there. The trip was well worthwhile. The wild flowers were in bloom, and the weather was pretty good. NO RAIN.

Elaine Hill ❖

HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"

Excerpts from Church History, May 1989

Written by Eulah Blaine and Bernice Hubbell-Lee

EXCERPT NO. 11

At the close of the worship service by Church Youth "Hope for the Future" in May, the youth group planted a six to eight foot "Mayten" tree, a leaf bearing evergreen, in the area between the Fireside Room and the driveway. The Trustees assisted in choosing the site and the type of tree, as well as in the planting, but the youth purchased the \$75 tree with their own funds.

Circuit Writer



Let Go and Let God

Rev. Larry LaPierre

There is a wonderful scene in the movie "Men In Black" that makes the point that "letting go" is sometimes the better choice. A space ship lands in someone's back yard. It also crushes the owner's truck and creates a sizeable crater. A man gets up from dinner, takes his shotgun, walks over to the hole and looks down. From deep inside the crater comes a voice: "Put down your projectile weapon." The man's stereotypical reply? "You can have my gun when you pry it from my cold, dead fingers." From the hole comes the amiable response: "Your offer is accepted." We hear the sound of sucking and slurping just after an alien appendage causes the man to disappear into the crater.

Gruesome? Funny? I found it a little of both, but it made a point that those of us with experience in 12 Step spirituality programs like Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous value. The point is summed up in the slogan, "Let go and let God." No, I am not writing about getting rid of guns. I am writing about letting go of whatever gets in the way of letting God take charge of our lives.

Oh! We thought we had already done that? Bad news, folks. It's a daily task. The reality is that a lot of things that we let go of yesterday as we served God are back the next day. There are a few that never seem to leave some of us—i.e. the ability to hurt someone we love by what we say and the inability to believe that we are truly forgiven.

I have no data to support my suspicions, but I think that men may be worse about this than women if for no other reason than most men never learn the lesson that our mothers and grandmothers learned. The lesson is that we can't control everything no matter how strong, clever or capable we are. Where do women learn that lesson? Well, if listening to the women in our family who have had babies

is any indicator, we men might learn something about "letting go and letting God" (be in charge) if we had to carry a baby to term and give birth to it! I would love to say more about that, but, being a man, what do I know?

What I do know something about is the ways that a lot of us (I admit to being at the head of the list) try to stay in charge of our lives while believing that we worship God. If we truly do worship God, it's difficult to be in God's presence, even for a moment, and believe that God doesn't have a plan that is better than ours.

For example? Well, consider the ways that we plan to distribute our money—assuming that we have enough to distribute anywhere but for food, shelter, medicine and utilities. Perhaps we ask God to make us more generous. So, after we make monthly payments on our mortgages, car loans, smart phones, Internet services, eating out, etc., we ask God how much to give to Church. I wonder. Do we ever ask God how much we should spend on the items that come before Church giving? No? Are we, perhaps, "holding on" to 90+% of our money? What could God do with that money if we let go or at least held on a little less tightly? Do we want to find out? No? Hmm! Well, the problem is not unique to money. Perhaps there are other areas that need attention?

Rev. Larry LaPierre ❖

Congregational Care



The Art of Listening

Some folks have come to me to ask about CareGiving and they wonder what is the most important aspect of visiting others. Years ago a group of Campbell UMC members were trained to care give with Bobbie Corson. I believe it was a part of the Stephen's Ministry curriculum that they studied.

The central point that was learned comes directly from Jesus' ministry.

Jesus continually demonstrated the relationship between caring and listening. Before Jesus healed the daughter of a Canaanite woman, he let her give her testimony of faith (Matt. 15:21-28). Before Jesus healed the blind man, Jesus asked what he wanted and carefully listened to the man's reply. (Mark 10:46-52). Jesus could have spoken without first taking the time to let them speak. Instead, he showed care and concern by first listening and then ministering to their needs.

Certainly Jesus presents a good example of listening for caregivers. Even with his insight into people's problems, indeed because of his insight, Jesus listened to people before acting or responding. It is true for us as well, to listen fully and attentively to others, before responding is the best way to care.

It has been a gift for me to be among you all at Campbell UMC. Those whom I have had the honor to visit, sit and talk with and listen to, I feel blessed to have had this sacred opportunity. I will hold you all in my heart and in my prayers for the future.

The Care Givers group has inspired me each month. These are special people who are called to visit others,

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CARTOON CORNER



Congregational Care

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listen, respond and heal in so many ways: fellowship, transportation, resource sharing, coordinating information with family members, light housekeeping and so many other ways of sharing Jesus' ministry of caring. Thank you all and thank those who have guided the team such as Ginny Johnson, Larry La Pierre and anyone who came before.

My last Sunday will be the 30th of June. I will be in church and would like to honor and lift up the CareGivers group for their work done all year so I hope you all will be present. "It takes a village", the old saying goes, referring to raising a child. Well, I have found that it truly takes a village to live a full and healthy life, period. So many people at Campbell UMC serve as examples of what Jesus demonstrated and step up to share their time with others who need a phone call, support, or a visit, it is a blessing to behold. You are an inspiration.

Blessings on Your Journey,
Pastor Karen ❖

Called, Baptized, and Commissioned

As I worked through the daily prayer process I was reminded that we are each called, baptized and commissioned. If we, as Christians, are recipients of these blessings, we need to reflect on this and what this means in our lives.

Working through the daily prayer process gives us the opportunities for change, growth, maturity, excitement, and hope.

CHANGE in the way we allow Christ to enter our lives and the Holy Spirit to guide us each day.

GROWTH through study and prayer will enrich our lives and provide opportunities for us to be in mission and ministry in our church, community, and around the world.

MATURITY will come to help us decide the best way to use our lives in the service of Christ and the way we use our time, money, and talents. We need to take a step forward in how we spend our time in His service, our money in supporting of His ministry, and our talents in serving others.

EXCITEMENT in the new programs and ways we can serve will provide a peace to each of us.

HOPE in how we have decided to use our lives in his service will make a difference in our church, community, and world. This will bring Christ's will a little closer. This will be an opportunity to bring HOPE to others.

Let us all remember that we are all called. Through baptism we say yes to Christ and his message. At this time let us all remember that we have been commissioned and we need to put our lives in order and find ways to serve Christ in our church, community and in the world.

The question is what are we going to do about it?

Terry Johnson

Welcome to GOD'S BIG BACKYARD Under the Stars

Get ready for an outdoor adventure right here in the backyard of Campbell United Methodist Church. At Vacation Bible School this summer your kids will learn to share love of Jesus by serving their families, friends, neighbors, community and Jesus.

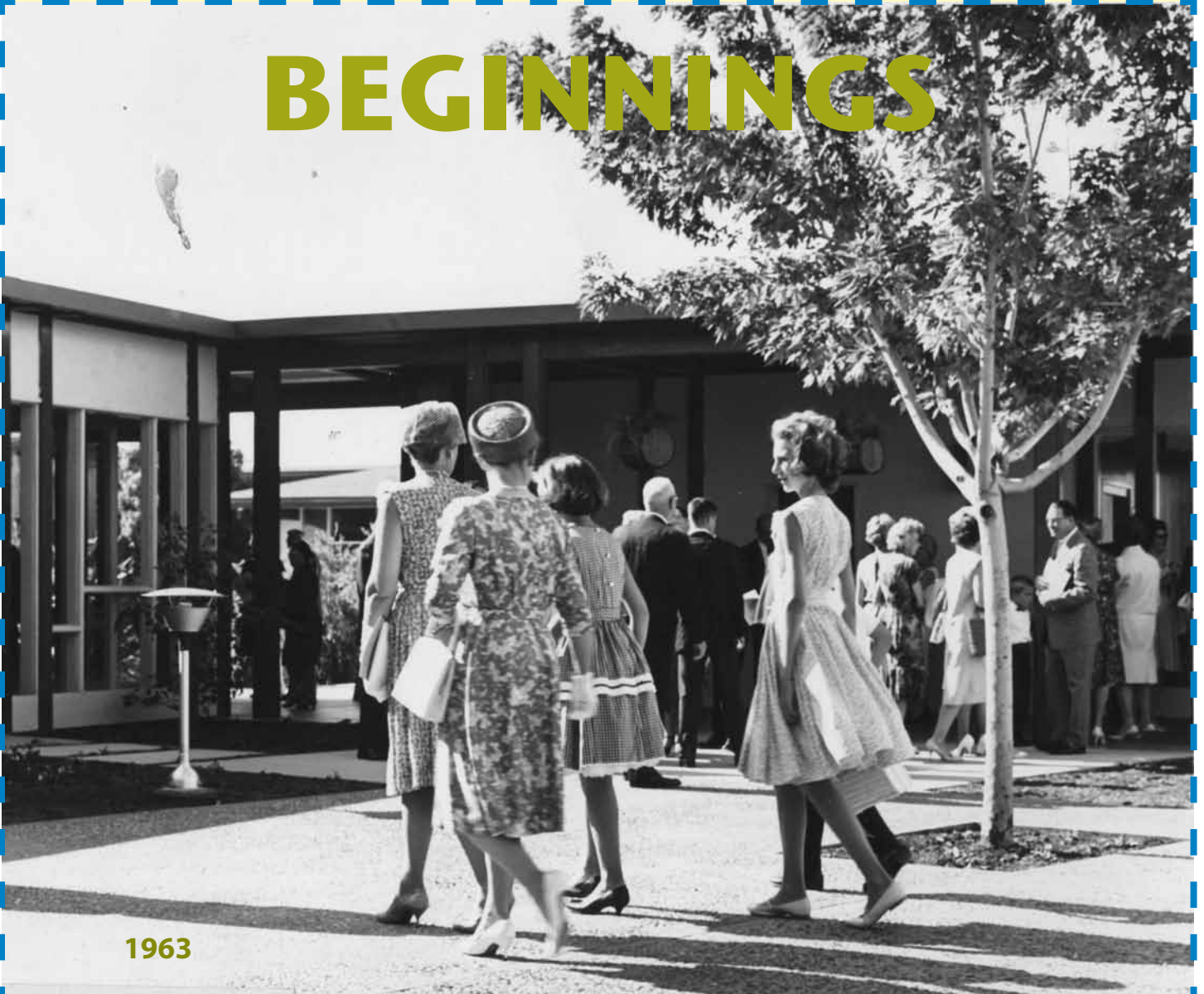
The days will begin and end at Backyard Bash. There will be group music, an introduction to the Bible story and life focus of the day, with more music and sharing at the end of the day. Kids will explore the daily Bible story at Backyard Bible Club, enjoy snacks and games at Backyard Food and Fun, have fun with crafts at Clothesline Creations and learn about serving others at Community Corner.

VBS takes place from 9:00 a.m. to noon Monday, June 24 through Friday, June 28 and is open to all children 3 years old (and potty trained) to entering 6th grade. The registration fee is \$20 per child and \$10 for each additional sibling.

Melinda Knepp, Youth Coordinator ❖



BEGINNINGS



1963



WHO CAN DATE THIS PHOTO?
SOMEWHERE IN THE 70's OR 80's?



2006

ENDINGS







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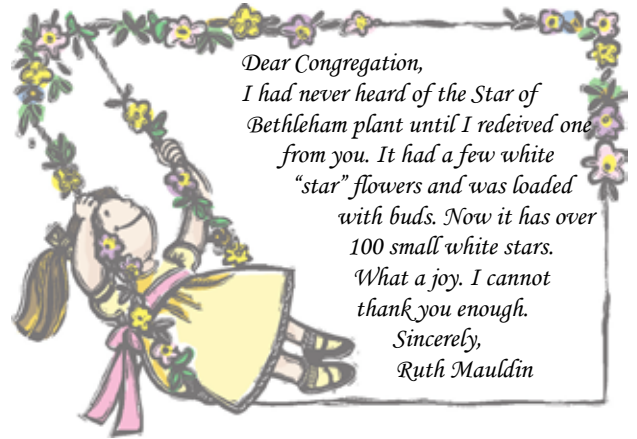
from the Heart

Dear Prayer Chain Members,

Thank you for your prayers on my behalf. I am well beyond anything I could have anticipated. The stitches are out of my broken nose; the staples are out of my scalp and healing is complete.

Gratefully,

Ruth Mauldin




Dear Congregation,

I had never heard of the Star of Bethlehem plant until I received one from you. It had a few white "star" flowers and was loaded with buds. Now it has over 100 small white stars. What a joy. I cannot thank you enough.

Sincerely,

Ruth Mauldin



Heifer International gratefully recognizes Campbell United Methodist Church for our contribution of healthy animals and training in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

April 2013

