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Happy 125th Birthday Campbell United Methodist Church

◆ Celebration Barbecue ◆ Sunday, July 7th

After the first summer worship at 10:00 am there will be a church-wide tri-tip steak barbecue.

Members are invited to bring summer salads or side dishes.

There will be two cakes - one for welcoming Pastor Paul and Christie to our church, and the other for celebrating our church's Quasiquicentennial (125th) Anniversary. It will be a QQC BBQ! Those wanting to help with the barbecue can contact Ken Starr or Jack Norris. So mark your calendars for the QQC BBQ!

*Happy Birthday, Campbell!
Welcome, Pastor Paul and Christie!*



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Pastor's Pen

Pastor's Thoughts

Every day in the corner of a library in Japan, an old monk was to be found sitting in peaceful meditation.

"I never see you read the sutras," said the librarian.

"I never learned to read," replied the monk.

"That's a disgrace. A monk like you ought to be able to read. Shall I teach you?"

"Yes. Tell me," said the monk. Pointing to himself, he asked, "What is the meaning of this character?"

(from Taking Flight by Anthony de Mello, SJ; sutra is a Buddhist scripture).

At the end of the year and at the beginning of summer, many publications recommend a list of books to read. So I want to follow suit. But which books? There are hundreds to choose from. What books can help us to deepen ourselves, even find ourselves? At the end of summer, I hope some of our members will share a short review of books they read over the summer in the Connections. For today, I'll list three classics that have taught me new things as I re-read them, awakening my sleeping soul, reminding me of the meaning and joy of life.

"Walden" by Henry David Thoreau (1854). On the 70th Fourth of July, at age 28, Thoreau entered the woods at Walden to begin his experiment – to find a new way of living. His report of living two years and two months at Walden has inspired generations of people – to look at the world and the self in a new way. He says, "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived. I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear; nor did I wish to practise resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life, to cut a broad swath and shave close, to drive life into a corner, and reduce it to its lowest terms."

"Man's Search for Meaning" by Viktor E. Frankl (1946) was written by Frankl after being freed by the Allied Troops at the end of World War II. He suffered three years in Auschwitz and Dachau concentrations camps for being a Jew. I first got a copy of the book in high school – and have always found Frankl's statement that "Those who have a 'why' to live, can bear with almost any 'how'" to ring true. "Ultimately, a human being should not ask what the meaning of his life is, but rather must recognize that it is he who is asked. In a word, each person is questioned by life; and she can only answer to life by answering for her own life; to life she can only respond by being responsible." And "Freedom, however, is not the last word. Freedom is only part of the story and half of the truth. Freedom is but the negative aspect of the whole phenomenon whose positive aspect is responsibility. In fact, freedom is in danger of degenerating into mere arbitrariness unless it is lived in terms of responsibility. That is why I recommend that the Statue of Liberty on the East Coast be supplemented by a Statue of Responsibility on the West Coast."

"Call to Commitment" by Elizabeth O'Connor (1975) is the story of the Church of the Saviour in downtown Washington DC, a Christian commune, that tries to live by the principles and example of the early church. Is it possible to live like Jesus in the 21st century? I came across this book when I was in deep despair over the direction of the church in my 20s. It showed me – and countless others – that Christ still calls us to come and follow – and make a real difference in the world. "While it is a crucial mistake to assume that churches can be on an outward journey without being on an inward one, it is equally disastrous to assume that one can make the journey inward without taking the journey outward."

Happy Summer! Happy Reading!

Pastor Paul ❖



SUMMER WORSHIP



On **SUNDAY, JULY 7**, Campbell United Methodist Church will begin its summer season. There will be one joint worship service at 10:00 am. Sunday school will be held after children's time. There will be a hymn sing-along time starting at 9:45 am. Come early and sing your favorite hymns and songs!

The Quiet Communion on Tuesdays will also be on summer recess.

If you'd like to teach children during the summer, there are a few Sundays available. If you'd like to share a gift of music during summer, please speak with our organist Mary Ann Gee.

We will return to regular worship time at 9 am and 10:45 am on Sunday, September 8th. ❖

Quasquicentennial (QQC) 125th Anniversary of the Church

By the time you read this, a QQC Committee will be in place to lead us in celebrating our 125 years of ministry in Campbell. The celebration will start off with a large Birthday Barbecue Party on July 7th. QQC banners will be hung in the sanctuary, and eight special panels showing how our church has changed through the years will be installed on the church walls. These will show that the history of our church has been a history of changes – not only in terms of buildings and facilities but also of our missions directed towards the

world – inspired by the living Spirit. Thanks to Heather Reynolds and Lou Woodburycattcott for the banners and the panels.

Many ideas have been suggested for celebrating our Quasquicentennial. There will be a Homecoming Sunday, various reunions of youth groups, children's musical alumni reunions and special community outreach and service projects. The Communications Team is working on a logo and a tag line. Your suggestions are welcome. You can call the office at 408-378-3472.

As our QQC Celebration begins, following the unexpected cutting down of the Silver Maple in the courtyard, it will give us an opportunity to improve our campus. The Trustees will be receiving input and ideas on how to develop the courtyard. There is also a proposal to expand the sound and visual system in the sanctuary to enhance our worship experience. Signage in and around the campus will also be improved.

Most of all, the year-long celebration of 125 years of ministry in Campbell will provide an important opportunity for our church to rethink church and missions for our time and context. What is God asking of our church in this time and in this place now? The first 125 years changed us in many ways - for example, from Methodist Episcopal Church to First Methodist Church to United Methodist Church, worshiping in three different sanctuaries. The world around us has changed dramatically as well. So it is in our DNA to respond creatively and passionately to the missional challenges and changes around us. Let us be ready to rejoice at the wonders and surprises God will show us in the days ahead. ❖

Endowment Message

Have you thought about your legacy? What will you leave behind?

Endowment gifts are planned gifts from our hearts to the mission and ministries of our church. They have enduring impact because endowment funds are permanent; their principal will never be spent. Only the income from such funds will be spent each year for ministry. Your gift can make a difference to the future of our church.

There are many ways that you can make a legacy gift to the church you love. Endowment gifts are often made as part of a will or estate plan. You might specify a percentage, specific dollar amount, or the remainder of your estate as a gift to the church.

Other types of planned gifts are given during a person's lifetime. These may be designed to take advantage of allowable income and estate tax incentives, as well as provide income for you or a loved one.

To make the gift that is right for you and our church, it is important to understand your choices. Tax consequences can be significant and very favorable. They will vary according to the type of gift and the specifics of your circumstances. We are available to help you understand your giving options. We also encourage you to consult your own tax advisor.

Endowment gifts are unique acts of love and faith. They connect us to the legacy of those who have come before us, and help us to leave our own legacy for the future.

You can make your gift – and leave your mark on the future – at any time.

Contact the church office for further information. A meeting can be arranged with the pastor to explore how a gift to this permanent fund can fit into your overall stewardship and estate planning. We also encourage you to consult your own advisor on estate and tax matters.

The Endowment Committee ❖



Reimagining Congregational Care

from Pastor Paul

Some members have expressed concerns that with Pastor Karen's retirement on June 30, there will be no one to do "congregational care" especially of our senior members. Others suggested that we need to hire a lay care coordinator ASAP so there would be no break in congregational care. This is an unfounded fear.

Pastor Paul told the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) at the June 12th meeting that he plans to visit each of our senior members during the summer months – in order to know our senior members better - as well as to gauge what needs are primary. He will work with the current Caregivers Team to strengthen their ministry. As he visits, he will be better able to evaluate what the Coordinator or Coordinating Team for Congregational Care for Seniors will need to do.

It takes a village to care for members and participants. A part-time staff – either clergy or lay – cannot do it alone. We will need to examine how we are providing care-giving in the following four areas and enhance care-giving in each area. Most people think of congregational care as in Areas 3 and 4 (illness and death), but we need to specifically develop Area 2 to build our church into communities of mutual caring - which is how John Wesley envisioned the people called Methodists.

Area 1: Physical Care. Our church may need to provide support for physical needs of members (financial, food, health, accessibility and transportation). We will try to connect our members with resources and programs out in the community, such as the Heart of the Valley and parish nursing.

Area 2: Ongoing Communities of Care. Our church needs to effectively and quickly connect all members (including seniors) with others who can provide a community of basic caring and prayer. This may mean organizing new small groups, bringing people together in a phone tree or developing existing groups into holistic small groups with a prayer/spiritual formation/caring component.

Area 3: Emergency Care. Our church needs to establish various systems of communication to make sure that persons in emergency situations receive appropriate and timely care (illness, natural disasters or fire/flood, domestic violence, juvenile delinquency, substance abuse). Currently, our Team of 12 caregivers is caring for the homebound and those with special needs. We will provide training for more members to serve in this capacity as caregivers.

Area 4: Transitional Care. Our church needs to provide intensive (short-term) communities of caring for persons walking through significant transitions in their lives (pregnancy/birth, marriage, death, divorce, retirement). In the past when the church hosted more weddings, we had teams that helped with wedding coordination. Likewise, we will have teams in place to help families through these transitions of life.

Matthew 11:28-30 (New International Version) reads: If you are tired from carrying heavy burdens, come to me and I will give you rest. Take the yoke I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me. I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. This yoke is easy to bear, and this burden is light.

Jesus came as our Brother to be our Caregiver. And he invites each of us to care for each other. Let it be said of us, "Look, how they love each other!" Please call the church office at 408-3748-3472 if you have any pastoral concerns or needs. ❖



Methodist Connection

United Methodist Women

PASS THE BATON for RELAY FOR LIFE

This year, United Methodist Women (UMW) has decided to support a Relay for Life team. For those of you who don't know what Relay for Life is, let me explain. Relay for Life is an event sponsored by the American Cancer Society to bring awareness to all forms of cancer and raise funds to help eradicate it. The event asks for teams of people to walk for a 24-hour period ... not all at one time (Thank goodness as I know there is no way I can walk for an entire 24 hours!!!). Team members usually walk in 15 minutes, 30 minutes or 60 minute blocks during this 24-hour time span. It is important to have someone from our team walking during the entire 24 hours, hence the relay aspect of the event.

We will be participating in the **Campbell Relay for Life on July 13th – 14th, from 10 am Saturday morning to 10 am Sunday morning at the Campbell Community Center track.** Currently we have about 11 members on our team, **The Cheerful Ultra Mighty Winners** (that's CUMW for short), and could use a few more walkers. It only costs \$10 to register, unless you are a cancer survivor then it's free. And if you can raise \$100 in donations, you will receive the official Relay for Life tee-shirt (what a deal!).

Anyone interested in signing up can contact Lou Woodburycatcott at 408-246-5087 or Louewoodburycatcott@gmail.com, or you can go directly to the website, <http://bit.ly/14DgccY>, and sign up.

There will also be an afternoon of sharing, bonding, team building and just general fun for both those on the team and those who want to support the team in spirit and/or financially. The "Fund and Games" event will be held on Saturday, June 29th, starting at 1 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. We will be playing Bunco to get to know each other better, decorate paper sacks for luminarias (for a suggested donation of \$10), embellish our team sashes/scarves, and accept any donations you may want to make (all donations are fully tax deductible). Of course, there will be wonderful snacks to enjoy.

Every one of us has been touched by this awful disease in one way or another.

Come support our effort to help stamp out cancer!



Thank You's from Moore House and Reading Partners

The Women in Construction sent thanks for the gift of \$276 to help provide tools for new trainees.

Reading Partners were appreciative of the gift of \$150 and the opportunity to speak to the United Methodist Women at the General Meeting in May. ❖



BOOK REVIEW BY SUSAN JONES

Violet

by Tania Duprey Stehlik

Category: Children

Pages: 23

Rating: ***stars**

Violet has moved and is starting a new school. She is afraid of going to the new school so she tells her mother she is sick. Her mother tells her "Nice try, Missy! But you're going to school!" As Violet gets to the front door of the school, she sees kids that are red, yellow and blue...

This is a wonderful book about the many nationalities and how we blend together. Violet's father is blue and her mother is red. Together the blue and red made Violet!

Enjoy the wonderful story of Violet.

Susan Jones ❖

In the COMMUNITY

We've Got an App for That!

"Apple," that is...

What would we be packing this morning? Would it be kiwis? I see some oranges over there... The corn looks like it won't be mushy! A team of ten smiling volunteers from the Campbell United Methodist Church would soon find out as we gathered at Second Harvest Food Bank's recently donated, impressive building on N. First Street. Eager to get started and help out, we were shown to an area that had apples -- lots and lots of apples! And lots and lots of empty boxes!!



Our group got right to work. Some assembled boxes, others weighed the filled boxes to make sure they were approximately 25 pounds, and most spent the morning leaning into the large bins sorting and boxing the apples. The activity provided ample opportunities to converse with others and we celebrated with a round of applause each time a large cardboard bin was emptied. What a welcome sight the bottom of a bin becomes!



When our time was up, 10 pallets were piled high with boxes of apples. Each pallet held 50 boxes and each box contained approximately 25 pounds of apples. This equates to our apple team packing 500 boxes of apples, or

12,500 pounds of fruit -- all within just a few hours! Over the next few days, the apples were on their way to homeless shelters, food pantries, and other locations. Second Harvest Food Bank works with more than 300 agencies to provide nutritious food items to those in need.

There are an estimated quarter million people who are in need and apply for assistance



just within Santa Clara County. Second Harvest Food Bank relies heavily on volunteers to ensure the food is received and distributed smoothly and efficiently. In 2012, Second Harvest benefited from an amazing 300,000 hours of volunteers' time! This extraordinary number of volunteers helped the organization free up \$6 million dollars, which provides Second Harvest with tremendous buying power. Purchasing up to 44,000 pounds of food per year allows them to buy seasonal produce as low as 4 cent per pound.

Volunteering at Second Harvest is a rewarding and fun experience. Many of the Saturday volunteers help out whenever their schedules allow, and those new to volunteering are always welcome. It's heartwarming to see so many enthusiastic volunteers ready to work and to know that the fresh produce being packed that day will be in the hands (and tummies) of those who need it most within just a few days.

If you are curious about their operations or are looking for a few hours of volunteer work for a very worthy cause, consider helping out at Second Harvest Food Bank. At the end of the morning, you will leave with a deep sense of fulfillment, knowing that your effort will truly make a difference in helping satisfy people's most basic of needs -- nourishment. Watch for notices of our next outing; you won't regret it!



Thank you to the volunteers who helped at Second Harvest! (l-r) Sue Edson, Alice McManus, Patty Henderson, Gail Jacobs, Sue and Dave Takacs, Carla and Audrey Twilleager (not pictured: April McManus, Steve Stubbs)

And one last thing -- if you aren't able to volunteer, donating a can is just as helpful. Barrels are located on the church campus!

Gail Jacobs
Church & Society

In case you didn't get to see the fantastic cakes that Mary Ann Gee shared for Pentecost Sunday!

Thanks Mary Ann



Circuit Writer



Is There Anybody Else Up There?

Rev. Larry LaPierre

There's a joke that we pastors like to tell every so often. It involves a man who falls over a cliff. As he is falling he reaches out and grabs a tree root jutting out from the cliff. It stops his fall, but he soon gets tired. He calls out, "Help! Help!" At first there is no answer. So, he calls out even louder this time, "HELP! HELP!" Finally, a voice from above answers. "This is God. What do you need?" The man responds, "I need help." So God responds, "OK. First, let go of the tree root." Silence. Finally, the man replies, "Is there anybody else up there?"

That's a problem for a lot of us, isn't it? We cry out to God for help. However, God doesn't always answer in the way we want. What do we do then? One of the lessons of the Old Testament is that we have a choice. We can ask God for the grace to accept God's answer, or we can look elsewhere. One of the better known examples of looking elsewhere is described in Exodus 32. It is the story of how Israel turned away from The Lord to worship a golden calf while Moses was up on the mountain with God.

Maybe we can't relate to that story. After all, we don't worship gold. Our financial advisors tell us that we should have no more than 5% of our portfolio. Surely, 5% isn't "worshipping" gold? Does God have an "opinion" on how we invest or otherwise use our money? Many of us focus on accumulating enough money to live "comfortably" both now and after we retire. When our pursuit of money leads us to or even over the edge of the cliff, as happened during the "Great Recession," what god do we turn to then?

Well, there is always the god of numbness. That's the one whose answer to our calls for help is to encourage us to get drunk, high or otherwise avoid reality. In this process of deceiving us the god of numbness makes it difficult to focus on love of God, self and neighbor. To maintain our

numbness we pour more money into our veins, nose and stomach in one day than many of us used to earn in a week.

Then, of course, there is the god to whom many of us bowed down in the name of patriotism. It used to be known in ancient times as the god of war. Now it goes by names such as preventive war, war to spread democracy and war to support our national interests. This god is not satisfied with the money we provide through our taxes. It wants lives—ours, our neighbor's and our family's. Worse yet, it offers a temporary illusion of dominance as it subverts our souls.

There are other gods that we can serve, but the question is always the same. Why do we trust modern versions of the idols of ancient Israel instead of God who has shown God's love for us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus?

Yes, I know that I've mixed Christian faith with political issues in this article. I agree that they don't always mix well, and there is good reason. Political parties and their views seek a higher place in our hearts than God. Are we going to let them have it?

Rev. Larry LaPierre ♦

from Communications Team

It's newsletter time again. In the Reynolds' household that means Heather will be disappearing into the office for a couple of days to read e-mail, edit articles, layout, retype, check and perfect the Campbell Connections. When her work is done the text is e-mailed to our expert copy editor Dave Foyle who checks the spelling, grammar and the placement of every comma. Gail Jacobs sometimes steps in for Dave. After a final correction, Connections is sent to the church office where the staff prints and folds it and the Wonder Workers do the final job of sending it to you - mailing labels, sealing, etc.

It's a real team effort that begins long before Heather opens her e-mail. The newsletter begins with each person who creates a story of good works by going into the world - whether it be in the jail ministries, Care-A-Vaners, Wonder Workers, Family ministries, youth group, music or any of a host good things this church community does.

This newsletter exists to celebrate all these good things that are helping to build God's Kingdom here in this place. The communications teams needs your help in shining a light on all of these. We need to hear from you. We're always in need of a few good stories of faith in action.



If you have a story to tell, please share it so that others can know. We're always accepting submissions. Your submission should be about 250 to 750 words, typed in plain text (no formatting) and include how this story has affected your faith.

Peace,
Andrew Reynolds, Chair

CARTOON CORNER



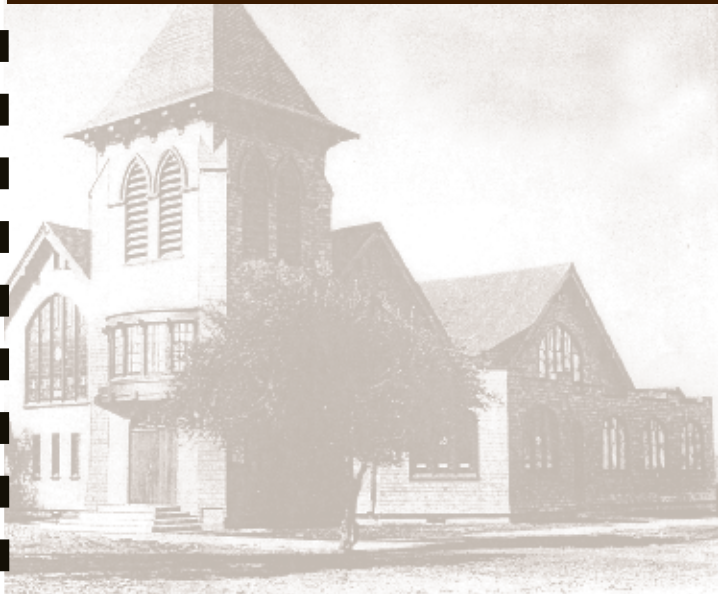
HISTORY HELPERS

"snippets from our past"



Thanks to Sandy Snider for identifying Cindy and Louise Snider; to Susan Sargent for Clarice Briggs (from 1969 directory). The year is approx. 1971.

Can anyone name the gentleman in glasses?



Challenge for July . . .

Can you date the group photo?

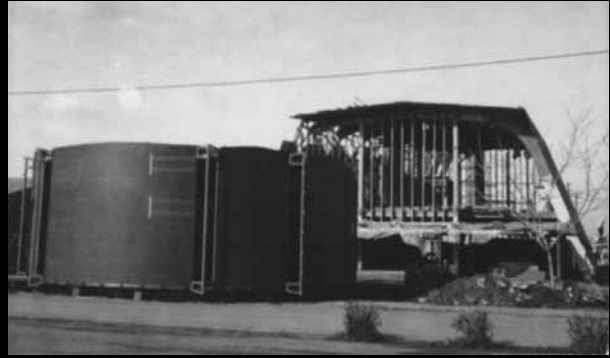
Who are the people?

Send information to: Susan Sargent, Church Historian at: hrhiker@aol.com

Goal for Our Quasiquicentennial (QQC) Year

To compile the Campbell United Methodist Church history for the past 25 years (there is already one for the first 100 years) - written and pictorial. There will be more about this in future newsletters during this 125th Anniversary year of celebration.

Construction photos -1963 - new Sanctuary and Chapel





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from
the **Heart**



"Ice Cream Sundae" Sunday

A big "THANK YOU" to all who scooped, dipped, brought ice cream and toppings, cleaned up, and ATE ICE CREAM!! We netted \$315 from this fundraiser, so thank you to all who made it possible, whether serving, supplying, or eating! The church thanks you, even if your waistline does not.