

Tidings

The Newsletter of Woodside Road United Methodist Church
"We Seek God, Welcome All, Love and Serve our Neighbors"

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Warren's Wonderings...

As we near Easter Sunday, I am thinking of Jesus' journey through the cross. The book of John reflects his spiritual walk, anticipation, and expression of hope for his disciples and the world. In John 12: 23 Jesus says, "The hour has come." Certainly, the disciples did not want to hear these words. And while Jesus wanted to make sure his disciples heard of his leaving in this form, he also wanted to prepare them for the time after leaving. I certainly do not equate myself with Jesus, but I do feel that our ministry together has been blessed. I do feel the anticipation of change. And I do feel the desire to remind us of the days after July 1 when our lives will take on a new chapter.

In John 14:1 Jesus says to his disciples those most wonderful words, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God." I am delighted that we have built together a spiritual base upon which we can lean... "Trust in God." We have traveled many roads together. We have responded through troubled times. We have traveled through losses of special people. And we have never given up!

Our church, in the midst of change, has chosen to strategically plan for the next chapters. And like Jesus reminding us "In my Father's house are many mansions," so do the churches of our circuit look and feel differently. We also can anticipate that how our "Father's house" will be decorated will be different. I am so delighted that you are expressing enthusiasm for the coming days.

So, like Jesus modeled for us, I wondered what I might say to you in preparing for the next chapter of our Woodside Road United Methodist Church. I would say how much I have appreciated your faith, your talents, your dedication, and your spirit. No matter how many have been in worship, church meetings, classes, or dinners the special qualities of each of you have been alive while bathed in God's love. I would also say how much I trust that you will continue to share all that you are with the new ministerial partnership that is to come.

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And like Jesus who spoke to the leaders of the new church that will emerge from the difficulties of the changes, crucifixion, and resurrection I would share these thoughts:

- This church is made up of some very solid people spiritually...
- This church is filled with people of incredible talent...
- This church is filled with people who differ theologically and politically and still love and accept each other...
- This church is filled with people who are doers... even while tired
- This church is filled with people who carry their faith out into the world...
- This church is filled with people who create possibilities...

And given this, I pray that the new ministerial partnership will embrace the thoughts, feelings, opinions, and calling of each to help this place and all who come by here be filled with the Holy Spirit in truly special ways.

Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that ... you may have peace. In the world you will have trouble. But take heart."

Peace to all, my friends, blessings to you,

Blessings,
Pastor Warren



Members: Bev Barr, Evelyn Berk, Carole Clarke, Betty Kibbe, Helen Marin, Barbara Fleenor, Helen Lomas, Jean Massing, Mary Marchini, Mary Nelson and Elizabeth Prasad.

Absent: Alice Allen, Geneva Anderson, Doris Bogart, Doris Malone, Doris Rotella and Irene Zinkel.

We met on September 1st at 1pm in Watters Hall. Carole Clarke was our hostess serving a delicious cake and fruit. Helen Marin joined with us since she isn't working full time. Bev announced the pot-luck luncheon meeting for *United Church Women* to be held on September 18th at noon at Hillsdale UMC to discuss the plans for dissolving the organization due to lack of membership.

An Annual Celebration of UMW El Camino District will be held on Saturday, October 18th from 8:45 am till 3:30pm at Almaden Hills United Methodist Church in San Jose. It will feature Dr. Mary McCormick Maaga. She is the author of several books and is pastor at the Mercy Way Rescue Church for the Homeless in Placerville. Reservations are requested for classes: A Beginners Guide to Protestant Prayer Beads, Liturgical Dance, Connecting with UM Missionaries and Global Ministries Resources and Table Talk. Forms are available for sign up by contacting Helen Lomas or on the website for CA-NA Conference UMW. The cost is \$23 including lunch or \$10 for registration, only.

We are invited to attend an Open House at Mary Elizabeth Inn in San Francisco on Thursday, October 2nd. Their function has changed over the years from caring for unwed mothers to serving abused women and the homeless.

The UMW Quarterly Conference will be held in Salt Lake City on April 22 to 24, 2016.

Evelyn presented information about the InnVision/Shelter Network organization who has the contract for sheltering and feeding the homeless in Silicon Valley. She requested that we write letters to newspapers in our area requesting investigation of problems pertaining to their nutrition program for the homeless.

Helen presented material from our program book, "Calling to Build Community" with scripture 2 Timothy 1: 4-7. Women of the UMC have long held the role of providing resources to their communities such as nutrition centers, hospitals, schools and missions. Women who have joined together in a project guided by their faith in God have served communities around the world. Words to live by: Live, Learn, Think, Give, Listen, Act and Pray.

Our next meeting will be on Monday April 6th at 1pm in Watters Hall. Evelyn Berk will be hostess. Bev will take twenty filled bags to the Service League tomorrow. We adjourned at 2:45pm.

By Helen Lomas



Rev Katie M Goetz will be assigned as the ¾ time pastor of Woodside Road United Methodist church, starting July 1, 2015. Staff Parish Relations Committee is very happy with the selection made by the Bishop and District.

Rev Goetz was Pastor at Trinity United Methodist Church, Sunnyvale from 2009 to 2013. She was Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church, Palo Alto from 2005 to 2009. I assisted Katie in running the weekly Communion service there. I found that Katie is a warm, loving Christian, who works well with all age groups. She introduced the youth to the Sierra Service project at both churches that she pastored. She has participated in Vacation Bible School, an adult study program and, and Stephen Ministry,

Katie took a two year family leave prior to the birth of her second child. Katie is married to Daniel Weaver, a software engineer at Facebook, with children Ternan Weaver, age 4 and Evelyn Weaver, almost 2. They own a home in Redwood City and Katie is excited to be placed at a local church, where the family is already part of the community.

We will be working to celebrate the ministry of Rev Warren Dale, on his last Sunday, June 28. Then we will arrange to have gatherings to meet and greet Katie Goetz in July. To help Katie get to know all of us, we would like to start a “family album” with all members providing a picture and a few sentences about who they are in the church, community, and life. If you need help with getting a picture, please contact Janice McOmber.

Janice McOmber, SPRC Chair.



As part of getting Katie to know us, Janice McOmber is trying to make a "family" album. Please answer the following questions and return to Janice at Jmcomber@aol.com, or place in her mailbox,

Name _____

How long have you been a member at Woodside Road United Methodist Church

What is your ministry at Woodside Road?

What do you do in the greater community?

What would you like the new minister to know about you?

What are your dreams for Woodside Road United Methodist Church

Attach a picture of you to this sheet

Turn it in to Janice McOmber at Jmcomber@aol.com, or place in her mailbox, who will be making an album for our new minister.



The Rev. Kristie L. Olah, District Superintendent for the El Camino Real District and Dean of the Cabinet, has announced her intention to retire on September 1. Her retirement will be recognized at this year's Annual Conference Session.

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr. said, "Kristie has given outstanding leadership as a District Superintendent and as Dean of the Cabinet. She has led the development of the El Camino Real District." He added, "Under her leadership, numerous new congregations and new language ministries have been developed."

Olah began serving as a District Superintendent under Bishop Beverly J. Shamana in July of 2008 in the former San Jose District. As the annual conference restructured and new districts were formed, Olah became the first District Superintendent of the El Camino Real District.

Olah says, "I have felt deeply called into the ministry of superintendency."

Olah says there are joys and challenges in supervising the 88 diverse congregations that make up the El Camino Real District. "I am passionate about helping each faith community, in its own unique context, to prayerfully seek out and live God's call to be disciples and invited others into a life of grace and hope through Jesus Christ," she said.

Olah says she has been inspired and honored to serve with an excellent Cabinet team of superintendents and with Bishop Brown. "I love the relationships I have built with them and with leaders and pastors in so many churches. What a blessing to serve among them all. They have called me deep into my own faith," she added.

"As I enter the retired relationship, I look forward to continuing to serve in ministry as a volunteer, especially in the areas of leadership development, discipleship, and consulting with local churches.

Prior to serving as a District Superintendent, Olah pastored St. Andrew's United Methodist Church in Palo Alto, was Minister of Discipleship at Los Altos United Methodist Church, and Senior Pastor of the Good Samaritan United Methodist Church in Cupertino.

Olah, who was born in New Jersey and raised in La Crosse, Wisconsin, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and a Master of Divinity from Pacific School of Religion (PSR) in Berkeley.

She is a lifelong Methodist and was an active layperson for nearly 20 years before answering a call to ordained ministry.

Olah, who resides in Sunnyvale, is married to Robert Olah, a semiconductor design engineer, and they have three adult children and four grandsons.



Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., has named the Rev. Staci Current to be the next District Superintendent for the El Camino Real District. Current, who will assume the post September 1, 2015, will succeed the Rev. Kristie L. Olah who has served in this capacity for 7 years.

Bishop Brown says, "Staci Current is a dynamic and passionate leader. She will be an excellent successor to Kristie Olah. Both of them share a passion and energy for ministry with the multi-ethnic communities of this diverse district."

Current is a native Californian born in Hollywood and reared in the Los Angeles suburb of Cerritos.

"I am very excited to be in ministry with the people of God in The El Camino Real district! I am confident that we will continue the great kingdom work that has already begun as we grow into a bright future together," said Current.

Current earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science and International Relations from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a 1998 graduate of Claremont School of Theology (CST) earning a Master of Divinity Degree. Since 2009, Current has been the pastor of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco and was sworn in as Chaplain for the San Francisco Police Department in 2011. She has also held pastorates in the North Georgia and Pacific Northwest Annual Conferences. Prior to Jones Memorial, she was the pastor of Oakland's Shattuck Avenue United Methodist Church.

Beyond the local church, Current serves on the Faith Advisory Board of the Helen Diller Family Comprehensive Cancer Center at University of California, San Francisco, a mentor for five candidates for ordained ministry, and served as the Chairperson for the California-Nevada Annual Conference Commission on the Status and Role of Women.

Current is passionate about preaching God's word and seeing lives transformed by the healing, empowering Gospel of Jesus Christ. She has preached church revivals, consecration Sundays, and led numerous retreats for the United Methodist Women (UMW) and various other groups across the country.

Current is married to the Rev. John D. Current, Sr., who is the pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in San Francisco and they are the parents of 15-year-old Leon "Leo" Current. She has two bonus children, John Current, Jr., and Faith Anderson, and bonus grandson, David.



Help Needed for Easter Egg Hunt April 5

First, please invite your friends and neighbors to our Egg Hunt on April 5! We will gather parents and children at 10am in room 5 for a brief explanation about Easter and why eggs and bunnies are symbols of it. Then we'll walk to the front lawn and let the younger children go first for a few minutes, before the older ones start.

If you can help that morning, by standing on the sidewalks to ensure the children stay on the grass, that would be great too.



Join us during Holy Week

April 2 Communion 6:30 pm

April 5 Easter Worship: 10:30 am

Community Easter Egg Hunt

for ages 2-10, 10:00 am

Save the date May 20
for a conference.

Aging: What's New
Information and
Resources



Education News Sunday School

In March the children's Sunday School Class began learning about Passover and what happened to Jesus and his disciples during the week from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. Rebecca Frost and Kilo Leaaetooa are helping in this class.

UMYF

The youth group will stuff plastic eggs after worship on Palm Sunday, and will come early on Easter Sunday to hide them on the front lawn. They will also help the smaller children find eggs, as needed.



Egg-stra facts

- Although Easter eggs were once part of pagan spring festivals, they've become Christian symbols of new life. A cracked-open shell also represents Jesus' empty tomb on Easter morning.
- The early Christians of Mesopotamia began staining eggs red in honor of Jesus' blood shed on the cross. Red eggs remain part of Greek Orthodox celebrations today.
- For Lent, some families used to give up eggs and dairy, so they prepared a pancake feast on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. They solved the egg surplus by hard-boiling them in various broths, which led to colored eggs.
- In medieval times, churches held "egg-throwing" festivals. The priest threw a hard-boiled egg toward the choir boys, who tossed it back and forth. When the clock struck 12, whoever was holding the egg got to keep it.
- In some European countries, children go from house to house to collect Easter eggs.
- Each year, the PAAS Dye Co. sells more than 10 million egg-coloring kits, which consumers use to decorate 180 million eggs.
- The tallest chocolate Easter egg ever produced weighed 16,000 pounds – more than an elephant!



APRIL

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| Jean Massing | April 7 |
| Kirmala Dayal | April 8 |
| Rebecca & Kashwan Reddy (A) | April 11 |
| William Petelo | April 13 |
| Kashwan Reddy | April 14 |
| Carole Clarke | April 16 |
| Greg & Nancy Brown (A) | April 17 |
| Anne Hinton | April 18 |
| Joe Palumbo | April 21 |
| Teri Folau | April 26 |
| Elaine Stern | April 28 |

MAY

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| Elijah Folau | May 2 |
| Kristin Nelson | May 2 |
| Rosa Pissani | May 4 |
| Gwen Farey | May 8 |
| Lisette Fletcher | May 8 |
| Vernon Barr | May 17 |
| Jose Mauricio Rendon III | May 17 |
| Nico Guarino | May 18 |
| Galen Leach Taylor | May 24 |
| Peggy Pagen-Quebec & Al Quebec (A) | May 27 |
| Greg Brown | May 28 |
| Roger Stern | May 29 |
| Penisimani (Ben) Folau | May 31 |
| Rachel Petelo | May 31 |

If you do not see your name listed, it's because we don't have your birthday or anniversary information. Please let the church office know your information so that we may correct it.



Woodside Road United Methodist Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on 5/5/2015. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners.



Senior Fellowship Dinner

Monday - April 20 – Dinner, Ham with broccoli roll-ups, green salad, and dessert, served in Watters Hall at 6pm. \$3 donation.

No donation.

Senior Fellowship Lunch

Thursday- April 30 - Lunch at the Redwood City Senior Center, 1455 Madison Ave, be at the center at 11:45 to get your lunch ticket. Lunch is served at 12pm. Reservations are required.

Call Jean Massing 650-368-0561.

Aging: What's New?
A Conference at WRUMC
May 30, 9:30am-1:00pm

Save the date May 30 for this valuable conference,
and tell your friends and neighbors!

This will interest anyone who is thinking about or
dealing with issues related to aging.

Discussion topics will include Healthy Aging,
Simplifying, Planning, Dementia, Supporting Aging
Parents, and Palliative Care. There will be a
distinguished group of discussion leaders, as well as
up to date information and resources.

The discussion leaders are distinguished:

Ruth Gaye, Alzheimer's Association

Anne Hinton, Director, Aging & Adult Services of San
Francisco

Redwing Kessar, Jewish Family Services for Bay Area

Georgi Laberge, Home Economist & Medalist, World
Senior Games

Kate Lorig, Professor, Stanford Medical School

Edward G. Morhauser, Psychiatrist

Lois Tager, Psychotherapist, Geriatric Care
Management and Author

Anne Hinton, Georgi Laberge and Janice McOmber
are organizing this event.