

# Shoreline Tidings

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## From the Pastor

I have been reading and meditating on Dietrich Bonhoeffer's writing. Bonhoeffer ranks high on any list of Christian leaders in the 20th century. A German Lutheran preacher, he was personally committed to Christ so strongly that it eventually led him to death at the hands of the Nazis. Here is an excerpt from his writing, *No Greater Love: Lenten Meditations*:

*Our Faith Helps us Accept Earthly Life for What It Is*

*The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*

*1 Corinthians 15:26*

*Where one recognizes that the power of death has been broken, where the miracle of the resurrection and of new life shines within the world of death, there one does not demand eternities from life; one accepts from life what it is able to give, not everything or nothing, but good things and bad things, the important and the unimportant, joy and pain. There one does not cling desperately to life, but neither does one throw it away thoughtlessly. There one is satisfied with the time allotted, and does not ascribe eternity to earthly things. One allows death to exercise the limited rights it does, after all, yet have. One expects the new human being and the new world, however, only from what is beyond death, from the power that has overcome death.*

*Thank you, risen Lord, for the gift of eternal life which I enjoy in part now but which I will enjoy to the full hereafter.*

Christ indeed rose again from the dead, and he is our risen Lord.

Shalom, Mahesh

## Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People

March 3 was the first of a series of six sessions for adults on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. The group is using a video resource from our Conference Office called "Spiritual Disciplines for Ordinary People." In the first 25 minutes of class we view a tape by Nancy and John Ortberg who share their spiritual journey and then we have a short discussion/sharing time. Members of the choir then leave for practice and those remaining are free to continue the fellowship. Ten people attended the first session and there is always room for more.

This is the schedule of future classes:

- 3/10 - Helping Ordinary People Grow Spiritually
- 3/17 - Communicating with God Through Prayer
- 3/24 - Washing our Minds with God's Word
- 3/31 - Easter. (No class.)
- 4/7 - The Action Side of Spirituality
- 4/14 - Having a Well-Ordered Heart

## Fiji News

Pastor Saimone Kete came back from Fiji with some good news. The Fiji Government is helping the Church there with monetary grants. The multiracial congregation at Nadi Airport, which our Senior Pastor Mahesh Giri and his wife Lalita Giri visited last year, is building a modern church

with its share of the grants. In response to help from the government, the Christian churches in Fiji accepted the appointment of clergies in the Senate. A similar system is present in England, where there are clergies appointed to the house of Lords. Hopefully this will increase morality and racial harmony.

Also, the Trinity Broadcast Network (TBN) finally established a channel through Fiji Television in February, and it has become a daily religious broadcast in Fiji, apart from normal Sunday church broadcast service.

## Camp Indianola

As you heard last Sunday, Camp Indianola is for sale.

This campsite is owned by Seattle First United Methodist Church, which must sell it to raise money for renovation. The church was severely damaged in last year's earthquake.

The property at Indianola is worth \$2.2 million. All the churches in the conference have been asked to contribute to help purchase this property. A speaker from the conference office will be coming soon to let us know more about it, and we will be sharing more information during worship in the next few months.

## Church of Mary Magdalene

It was a beautiful, bright day on Saturday, March 2 for our first dinner of the year for the women of the Church of Mary Magdalene. We served about 30 women a home cooked meal of soy and garlic baked chicken, rice pilaf, tossed vegetable salad, green beans, bread and butter, orange wedges and fruit punch/milk. We decorated

the tables with ribbon and lace fans, faux pearls and nut and candy cups. Thanks to Janelle, Anita, Donna, Blanche, and Barbara for preparing and serving the meal, and to Nellie Ann and Anna for providing fresh ingredients. As always, I felt like I took away more than I gave after working, worshipping and dining with the women of both churches. We are so blessed as a community of faith!

- Molly Shaw

## Seattle Walking Meditation

On Good Friday morning, March 29th, from 8:45 to 11:30 a.m., there will be a **Seattle Walking Meditation - Praying Stations of the Cross**. It will begin in downtown Seattle at Second and Stewart (St. Joseph's Chapel in the Josephinum) and end at Fifth and Marin (First UMC) with public prayer at points along the way. See last year's event and this year's route posted on the web at [www.soultenders.org](http://www.soultenders.org). Children are welcome. The route of just over one mile is accessible. The event is sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle. For more information, contact Bill Kirlin-Hackett at 425-867-9070 or Lisa Connolley at 206-622-7278, ext. 17.

The following is an excerpt from an article about the walk. The complete article and walk schedule will be posted on the bulletin board at church.

**Our Christian Witness:** We of the Walking Meditation are people who have found that Spirit speaks to spirit and that the soul thus awakened is a profound power for the good that every person wants to do. We are also Christian people for whom Good Friday (actually Old English "God

Friday”) is a day of intense consideration of the crucifixion of Jesus and, therefore, of all those things that work against what is good among us and the things we do.

All are invited to come, walk, witness, meditate, and pray.

*Note: Anita Proudfoot is planning to attend. If anyone would also like to go and would like to carpool please call her at 367-7851 or email her at aaproudfoot@seanet.com.*

## What's Happening

News of Shoreline United Methodist Church

**Laurie Copsey** and her two boys are moving to Hawaii on March 15, 2002. Laurie has taken a new job there.

**Joan Hodgins**, who attends the Monday evening women's small group has become a new board-member for the Church of Mary Magdalene.

There will be an **All Church Work Party** on Saturday March 23, starting at 9 am. Call Andy Proudfoot if you have questions.

**New members** were received this year during the morning service. Welcome Judith Ronser, Sr., Rosaline Ronser, and Kamini Chandra.

## Church Events for March/April

### March

- Sa 3 Mary Magdalene Lunch, Meet 9:30 am
- Tu 5 Choir Practice, 7 pm
- Fr 8 Young-At-Heart Breakfast, 9 am
- Tu 12 Choir Practice, 7 pm
- Th 14 Administrative Council Meeting, 7 pm
- Tu 19 Choir Practice, 7 pm
- Su 24 Palm Sunday, Beginning of Holy Week
- Tu 26 Choir Practice, 7 pm
- Th 28 Maundy Thursday, 7 pm
- Fr 29 Good Friday Fijian/S. Asian Srv 7 pm
- Su 31 Easter Sunday
  - Easter Sunrise Service, 8 am
  - Easter Breakfast, 9 am
  - Worship Service, 10:30 am
  - Fijian Service, 12:15 pm
  - South Asian Egg Hunt, 4 pm
  - South Asian Service, 5 pm

### April

- Tu 2 Choir Practice, 7 pm
- Tu 9 Choir Practice, 7 pm
- Th 11 Administrative Council Meeting, 7 pm
- Fr 12 Young-At-Heart Breakfast 9 am
- Su 14 Native American Awareness Sunday
- Tu 16 Choir Practice, 7 pm
- Sa 20 Potluck and Talent Show, 6 pm
- Tu 23 Choir Practice, 7 pm
- Tu 30 Choir Practice, 7 pm

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