

# Shoreline Tidings

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## From the Pastor

*Hidden* is an intriguing word. It conjures up fascinating images and thoughts, like hidden treasure, hidden compartment, hidden passageway, and so forth. That adjective "hidden" usually entices our curiosity. Easter began on a "hidden" note. The body of Jesus had been hidden away in a sepulchre, a cave-like burial place with a boulder to conceal it. When some of his followers came to the tomb that first Easter morning, they found the body no longer hidden in its grave and they supposed it was hidden somewhere else. Mary Magdalene said, "they have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him" (or hidden him). Paul picks up on this hidden word when he tells the Colossian Christians that they are hidden with Christ: "For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3). Christ is alive - a living God. Hallelujah!

Shalom - Mahesh

## News from SUMC!

- *Congratulations to...*

... Maryanne Barnes and Tom Bolt on the birth of a baby boy, Thomas Frederick.

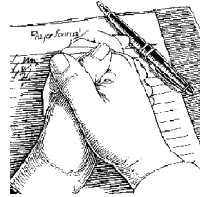
- *Thanks to...*

... our three choirs and their leaders for the Combined Choir Concert. It was a wonderful evening of beautiful music.

... the ever faithful and competent group of ladies who served the luncheon after the

memorial service for Merle Patterson's father.

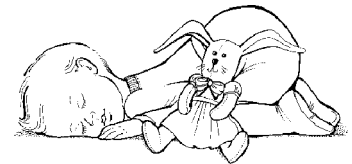
... the volunteers who attended the Work Party on Saturday, April 12 - Sidonia Curran, Mahesh Giri, Ilisoni (Jr. & Sr.), Saimone Kete, Nellie Ann Mills, John Pillay, Andy & Anita Proudfoot, Roseline, Kimini, Judith, and Chandini Ronser, and Janelle Woolsey.



## Remember in Your Prayers:

- Dorothy Showalter at home,
- Anna Barnes for recent back surgery,
- those in the war whose lives are in danger,
- the people in our nations who are working for peace during this difficult time,
- our sympathy to Liz Serl for the death of her brother, and to Merle Patterson for the death of her father.

## Donation Update



Our church sent \$170 to the Church of Mary Magdalene to contribute to their toy shop to help homeless women "shop" for their children and grandchildren. Three thank you notes and letters from them expressing their appreciation for our support, and sharing the joy that our gift was able to provide, are on the back bulletin board at church.

Thank you contributors: Mahesh Giri, Rosalee Larson, Nellie Ann Mills, the Proudfoots.

## Annual Conference Budget Discussions

“Budget Conversations - Discovering What We Care About” is scheduled in various churches to discuss the current financial situation of the Annual Conference, acknowledge it for what it is, and prioritize spending on our mission and ministry for 2004. Members of the Council of Finance and Administration and the Council on Ministries will be present at each gathering. We need to address the reality of the economic recession and its impact and resulting decline in income for mission and ministry in our church. The meetings closest to our church will be:

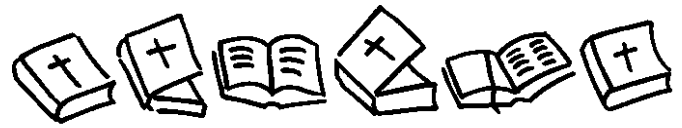
- Thursday, April 24 @ Bothell United Methodist @ 7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 29 @ Kent United Methodist @ 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 18 @ Edmonds United Methodist @ 3:00 p.m.

You may call one of the following numbers for more information: 1-800-755-7710, (206) 728-7462.

## World Missions: Hope for African Orphans

This year's Annual Conference is in partnership with the Southern Congo Annual Conference in ministry with children who have been orphaned by acts of war, illness, or abandonment. There will be a conference-wide collection to support the little girls at the Jamaa Letu Orphanage in Congo. Anita Proudfoot will collect your donations and take them to Annual Conference in June. The Conference has requested we aim for a donation of \$1 per church member per Sunday during April 27 - June 15. (That would be a total of \$8 per person). If you would like to donate \$1 per Sunday, please put it in the can that will be passed around during the

service on these Sundays. The Conference has also provided us with a prayer calendar which will be available at the church for those who would like to pray for the children of the orphanage. Thank you in advance for the generosity of your time and donations!



## Calendar Events and Announcements:

- April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service @ 7 p.m.
- April 18 - Good Friday Service @ 7 p.m.
- April 20 - Easter Sunrise Service @ 7 a.m.,  
followed by breakfast, 10:30 service
- April 20 - South Asian Worship Service and  
Potluck @ 5 p.m.
- April 22 - Choir Practice @ 7 p.m.
- April 29 - Choir Practice @ 7 p.m.
- May 1 - National Day of Prayer
- May 6 - Choir Practice @ 7 p.m.
- May 8 - Ad Council Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- May 9 - Young-at-Heart Breakfast @ 9 a.m.  
(at Coco's in Lake Forest Park)
- May 13 - Choir Practice @ 7 p.m.
- May 17 - Mother-Child Tea @ 1 p.m.

*Candle Lighting* - If you are able, please sign up to light/put out the altar candles. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table. Also, please sign up for a month at a time if you will be available for the entire month.

*Julian Santos Visit* - On Sunday, April 27th, Pastor Julian Santos will be visiting our church. All those who would like to join him for lunch following the service, please plan to do so (place TBD).

*Rummage Sale* - Note that there will be an all-church rummage sale sometime during June. Please collect donations at home until further notice.