

# *Shoreline Tidings*

Shoreline United Methodist Church Newsletter January 2007  
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## Shoreline UMC Caroling at Fircrest



Our annual caroling party at Fircrest was an overwhelming success. While the turn out of residents was down, our merry carolers showed up in record numbers, sang with power and enthusiasm, and were very well received. After our performance members of our troupe visited with residents, then left to celebrate Andy's birthday at the Proudfoot home while the Fircrest residents visited with Jolly old Saint Nick.



**You are Invited to . . .**

**. . .an Epiphany Celebration  
on Saturday January 6, 2007 at 6:30 P.M.**

We will gather to celebrate the  
Twelfth Night of Christmas and the coming of the Magi  
at the home of Pastor Melvin and Candice Woodworth.

Our home is located at:  
1625 105<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E.

Bellevue, Washington

You are welcome to bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Please RSVP 425-467-6238

Take I-90 to Bellevue, Take the Bellevue Way exit.  
One mile north of I-90 turn left (west) on S.E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Go up the hill two blocks and turn left (South) on 105<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.E.

Ours is the fourth house on the right.  
Car pooling is encouraged as parking is limited.

# Changes in Church – we keep moving forward



## Our Parlor

Have you noticed two major changes in the furnishing of our building? A parlor-style space has been added near the fireplace in the back of our sanctuary. Carpet, chairs and a love seat now provide a cozy place to sit and visit for those arriving early or staying late after events. With a Christmas tree it became a friendly, home-way-from-home for all who came and the perfect setting for the Fijian Fellowship gift exchange following our Christmas Eve service.

Rosalee Larsen and Merle Patterson enjoyed a restful few minutes, coffee and the pleasure of one another's company in front of the candle lit fireplace following recent worship services.

The new parlor corner is designed to assist those who have difficulty standing for long periods or who simply want a pleasant atmosphere for visiting.

It is our desire to feel like home for those who attend.



## Our Office

The secretary's office, long a collection of miscellaneous office furniture has been transformed into an attractive, well organized and equipped center for congregational business.

Thanks to Andy Proudfoot and the rest of the Trustees for allowing and making these changes happen.





## Melvin's Musings

*In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.*

*Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."*

*Isaiah 2:2-3a (NRSV)*

Christmas Eve, Shoreline UMC provided a foretaste of the promised Kingdom of God...

Our voices blended in angelic harmonies as we sang in three languages. Our carols and anthems were sung in English, Hindi and Fijian. Scriptures were read in English and Urdu.

I read a story that illustrated God's love for us and how that love can move a single person to do right, and in so doing heal wounds that divide generations. Following the story each person was given a candle to light and place in a massive candelabra that gave light to the darkened room

After a gentle chorus of Silent Night, I read the affirmation from John 1:

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."*

The Fijian Choir then launched into a celebration of the triumph of Christmas by singing the Halleluiahs Chorus.

I give thanks to our lay leaders, choirs, staff and pastors, but especially thanks to each of you who made 2006 a wonderful year and Christmas Eve a holy night.

May the Prince of Peace and Lord of Love share blessings of peace and love to you and the world in 2007.

Melvin

## January at Shoreline

3	7:00 PM	Faith Seminar
4	7:00 PM	Trustees Meeting
6	6:30 PM	Epiphany at Pastor Woodworth's
7	10:30AM	COMMUNION SUNDAY
	1:00 AM	Fijian Worship
	5:00	South Asian Worship
9	7:15 PM	Choir rehearsal
10	7:00 PM	Fijian Bible Study
	7:00 PM?	Faith Seminar
11	7:00 PM	Administrative Council
12	9:00 AM	Young at Heart Breakfast
		Denny's on Aurora
13	10:00 AM	Leadership Training – for all church officers
14	10:30AM	English Worship
	1:00 AM	Fijian Worship
	5:00	South Asian Worship
16	TBA	Clergy Lunch (Mahesh Hosting)
	7:15 PM	Choir rehearsal
17	7:00 PM	Fijian Bible Study
	7:00 PM?	Faith Seminar
20	4:00 PM	Memorial for Lee Ann Steele
21	10:30AM	English Worship
	1:00 AM	Fijian Worship
	5:00	South Asian Worship
23	7:15 PM	Choir rehearsal
24	7:00 PM	Fijian Bible Study
	7:00 PM?	Faith Seminar
28	10:30AM	English Worship
	1:00 AM	Fijian Worship
	5:00	South Asian Worship
30	TBA	Clergy Lunch (Melvin Hosting)
	7:15 PM	Choir rehearsal
31	7:00 PM	Fijian Bible Study
	7:00 PM?	Faith Seminar



## Prayers

Ardis and Howard Steele – On the death of their daughter Lea Ann.

Liz Serl – Three months post-operative good health – Those facing death

Donna – Son's situation & Lisa accepted to program in Auckland

Connie Despain – Friends who lost loved one

## Birthdays

1 – Mahesh Giri

4 – Linda Baxter

17 – Ardis Steele

19 – Temalesi "Tammy" Lutua

## Part-Time Secretary Wanted

Shoreline United Methodist Church is looking for a part-time secretary for office support. Preferred hours would be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays, with additional hours as needed. Skills needed include Word and Excel. \$10 per hour. The church is located at 14511 25<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Shoreline. Contact: Nellie Ann Mills, 206 365-8684.

## Leader Training Scheduled

All elected and volunteer leaders of Shoreline United Methodist Church, from all three worshipping fellowships, are asked to attend a leader training event on Saturday, January 13, 2007 from 10:00 AM until noon.

If you are unsure whether you should attend or not, you should attend.

Pastor Woodworth will share important information about how we work together as a congregation and what is expected of us in the year ahead.

## OUR MISSION CORNER: Human Relations Day



*“How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.”  
Psalm 36:7, NRSV*

“When I tell the kids I grew up on welfare, when I tell them I had a single-parents family, they say, ‘It’s not possible.’ They ask, ‘What made the difference?’ I say, ‘Well, you know, I had a church. I had a community that believed in me. I heard sermons preached. I heard I could be transformed. And I realized I could do that, too.’ One day I looked back and – by God’s grace – I’ve done it. I was the first person in my family to go to college.

“For me, the issue is never to forget where I’ve come from, never to forget the transformation that happened in my life and to look a person in need in the eyes and realize he or she has the same possibilities for tomorrow as I do.”

Now executive director of the Methodist Action Program (MAP) in Wilmington, Del., the Rev. Bernard Keels knows firsthand what it means to find refuge in the church, and he makes it his mission to share God’s love with others.

“Our job is to make sure people in the pews know that their Human Relations Day dollars mean something and that they can become involved actively in ministries of empowerment” like MAP, he says. “It’s a great challenge for the 21st-century church.”

One of MAP’s many ministries is “Sisters,” designed to provide guidance and a caring community for at-risk young women ages 12 to 17. Whether going on field trips to places like the National Liberty Museum or just relaxing together, participants focus on life skills such as improving school performance, finding a job, managing time and money, resolving conflict and setting goals.

Your offering on Human Relations Day, the Sunday before the birthday observance of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., strengthens United Methodist outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth. Please give generously! Your gift makes a world of difference! Thank you!