



SHORELINE TIDINGS



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Monthly Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Ramp Renovation

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See more about this on page 3.

A Full Agenda for Ad Council

PLEASE READ THIS!

Officers and others who might be interested: Please plan to attend our Administrative council meeting on Thursday evening, September 11. We need your input! The following will indicate how much we have to do.

Our interim District Superintendent, Greg Jackson, is requesting that we submit three choices for **our annual Charge Conference**, between the dates of October 1st and December 15th.

This reminds us that within about two months we will be needing to put forward our **nominations for Shoreline UMC leaders for 2009!** Please give this a little thought, and when the Lay Leadership Development Committee is called by Pastor Dave to meet, hopefully we'll have some suggestions and some "willing hearts."

We have also just received the 2009 Apportionment figures, so perhaps we'll be ready soon to develop our **2009 Spending Plan.**

The ecumenical World Day of Prayer service on Sunday, October 5 at the Ronald United Methodist Church at 10:30 a.m. will be discussed, particularly details as to how we will adequately inform our members, announce it to our community, and, if necessary, to provide rides from our church over to Ronald UMC. This will be a very special event, with at least five ethnic fellowships and congregations participating. The worship service will be rich in traditional music and liturgy. A social time afterwards will feature tasty treats from the various traditions.

AUCTION

for

MISSIONS

Saturday, September 13

At 1:00pm

Don't miss this fun event!

Fascinating contributions have come in from individuals and businesses, ranging from Mariners tickets and a Bobble-head doll, a Plate of Cookies once a month for a year, and a complete Car detail, to high-end hand-crafted Jewelry and Gift baskets, and 2 tickets for the Seattle Symphony.

Supervised child care will be provided in the nursery.

Proceeds will go to worthy projects in India, Fiji, and Africa, with special focus on children and youth.

The WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Women's Bible Study, under the leadership of Janelle Woolsey, will resume its schedule this month, the first meeting on Monday evening, September 8.

This faithful group, which in the past has covered a variety of biblical units and themes, will be meeting on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month.



Fijian Choir

Last month's Tidings included an item about our **Fijian choir's** success in San Rafael, California at the **West Coast Fijian Choir Competition** - but we didn't have a photo.

See the array of trophies, here admired by (l to r) Melania Navu, Radini Talatala Tuirotuma, Peni Navu, Melesiana Kete, Ilaisa Ora Navosa, and Leba Muavesi.

Farewell, Koto and Sai

Valevatu (Koto) Rabuka has accepted a "call" to be the pastor of the Fijian Pastor of a United Methodist Church in Los Angeles. He and his wife, Sainimere (Sai), made the move on Friday, August 29th, utilizing their van and a U-Haul truck. Sitiveni Kete and Ilaisa Navosa drove the truck and helped them with the unloading.

The photo shows (l to r) Melania Navu, Alicia Buterbaugh, Sidonia Curran, Ilaisa Ora Navosa, Sainimere (Sai) Rabuku, manuel Unida (in front), Peni Navu, Cai Xiaokun, and Valevatu (Koto) Rabuku at a reception after the English service on August 24th.



Congratulations!

Meet Mr. and Mrs. Gaunavinaka! Mosese and Salote, of our Fijian Fellowship, were recently married. Our heartfelt prayers and best wishes go with them in their life together.

Thank You Volunteers For Renovating our Accessibility Ramp!



John Serl with
his grandsons,
Hunter and
Tait Hansen



*Sitiveni (Siti) Kete
screwing on the deck boards*

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John Serl and his two grandsons, Tait and Hunter; with Sitiveni Kete and Dave Williams did the removal of the deteriorated materials.

Then on Wednesday, August 13, Jack and Merle hauled everything to Shoreline, and the new deck and top handrail were installed, with the help of Siti and Dave.

Three weeks later, Dave and Siti improved the railing to a recognized safety standard.



Jack and Merle Patterson



*Sharon Shope admiring the newly
renovated ramp*

WORKSHOPS AND SEMINARS

Workshops and seminars have been announced by the United Methodist Pacific Northwest Conference. Do any of these interest you? See Pastor Dave for further information.

"A New Heaven and a New Earth," cultural competency training for the Northwest, with Eric H.F. Law. An ecumenical workshop which assists in building skills to effectively communicate with a diversity of people, to initiate and deepen relationships across cultural, ethnic and racial difference.

September 18th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Moscow, ID

November 6th at Salmon Creek UMC, Vancouver, WA

November 8th at Wenatchee 1st UMC, Wenatchee, WA

December 4th at Kennewick 1st Lutheran Church, Kennewick, WA

December 6th at Marysville UMC, Marysville, WA (Dr. Law not present)

"Race to Reach Out," which aims to assist pastors and lay teams to understand the unique and important ministry of hospitality and assimilation of newcomers, to help newcomers experience a life-transforming encounter with Jesus Christ. Practical skills, strategies, and models.

Saturday, October 25, 2008 at Spokane Valley, WA, 9am to 4:15pm

"Extending the Church Family: Ministry in a Small church" (less than 100 average worship attendance). Come explore the dynamics of the small church - also known as a family-sized church - and strategies for increasing satisfaction and growth.

October 23 and 24 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Yakima WA



CHOIR REHEARSALS TO RESUME

Regular Choir Practice will resume on Tuesday, September 9 and meet weekly on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm.

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Articles and other items are invited. Deadline: Last week of each month.