



SHORELINE TIDINGS



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Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The ABC's of Pastor Michele

A brief story of my life so far ... by Pastor Michele
Born in Aberdeen, South Dakota, but I have lived mostly in Washington State.

Children are Katy (15 years old going into 10th grade) and Emily

(11 years old going into 6th grade).

Disneyland is a favorite vacation location for our family.

Erich is my husband. He is a software developer.

Favorite food is chocolate (of course)!

Graduated from University of Puget Sound in 1987

(History and Comparative Sociology) and from Boston University

School of Theology in 1990 (Master of Divinity).

Hobbies include: walking, reading, traveling, moves, and quilting when I have time.

I played the violin long ago.

Joan Campton is my mom. She lives near-by.

Katy is learning to drive!

Live in the Maple Leaf neighborhood (since 1995).

My dog's name is Snow White and she is the "Fairest of them all".

Next year I hope to plant a vegetable garden.

Ordained in 1990.

Potlucks at church rank high as a favorite with my family!

Questions that I have for Shoreline UMC include: Who are we as a congregation? What is God calling us to do/be? What brings joy to our congregation?

Road trips also rank high as a favorite with my family – especially when the road trip take us to Disneyland.

Served Custer UMC and Northwest Community Church; Green Lake UMC; Beacon UMC; Crown Hill UMC; and now Shoreline UMC.

Theologians whom I enjoy reading right now include: Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, and John Dominic Crossan.

University of Puget Sound is where I first heard my call to ordained ministry.

Visitations are something that I really enjoy because it helps me to become better acquainted with you.

What are our mission, vision, and values at Shoreline UMC?

X-mas Eve service and Easter morning are two of my favorite worship services during the year.

You might also like to know how glad I am to be your pastor here at Shoreline!

Zip-a-Dee-Doo-Dah! We made it to the end!



SAFE SANCTUARIES

Safe Sanctuaries is an overt expression of a congregation in making a congregation a safe place where children and youth may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith.”

Over the past two years Shoreline UMC has taken two important steps. We developed a policy and anyone can review the copy Sharon Shope keeps at the office. We have elected a trained Community Safety Officer; myself, Rev. Kristin Ellison-Oslin.

Our next step is to develop a team so that our community can respond to situations with measured deliberation. We have been functioning with an as needed team until now, but our Annual Conference requires more. They even have requirements as to who should be on the team. The idea is to equip disciples to literally change the world, where one in four girls and nearly as many boys are molested by the age of 18. Change is exactly what our Lord asks of us.

In the coming year, I plan an article on frequently asked questions in each issue of Tidings. As soon as we have collected a team, I will set up a training using curriculum I bought at Annual Conference. Imagine training in acts of greater love! Please feel free to contact me at home:

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“BULA VINAKA” from FIJI

“Bula Vinaka” was the message we received from the Methodist Kilkusha Home in Fiji. The letter went on to say:

“On behalf of our Diklusha Home Family, we would like to inform you how grateful we are for the many gifts donated to us by the Shoreline United Methodist Church. The children are really blessed with the nice gifts of shoes, bags, stationeries and toys. Thank you for thinking of the children of Dilkusha Home.

Some of our girls have changed their bags, shoes and because of you they have changed to new ones.

We would like to thank all the members of the church who have donated in there beautiful gifts.

We want to assure you that you are always in our prayers.

Yours sincerely,
Deaconess, Olovía K. Nataniela
Superintendent

Some things that are needed for the Home are;

1. Children’s under garments, panties, half-slips, vests-(singlet)
2. Bed sheets and pillow cases
3. Towels
4. Some warm clothes for children



Pastor Michele has requested that we wear our Name Tags as there are new people, including Michele and her family. If you do not have a Name Tag please notify Sharon Shope

Welcome Sui-Yín!

Sui-Yín Mak is our new musician. She comes from Crown Hill UMC. We are sharing her with Crown Hill, which will be very advantages for all.

She is a gifted Pianist and we look forward to her being a part of Shoreline UMC

Crown Hill and Shoreline



Waiting for others to arrive, Crown Hill folks and Shoreline engage in small talk



Many wore jackets to stay warm while getting things set-up



At last! It is time to eat.
Michele gathers us around for the Blessing.

By the end of the Picnic we decided that it was very enjoyable. It seemed that we had known each other for a very long time.

We vowed to do it again and to get together often.

July 31 was unusually cool, some thought too cool for a picnic at Carkeek Park. Carkeek over-looks Puget Sound in Northwest Seattle, not far from Shoreline UMC, nor Crown Hill. It was only 11 am, so many thought it would get better as the morning became afternoon. That was not the case, but we were intent on mingling with each other and getting acquainted with our con-joined congregations. There were approximately 30 souls in attendance. The bounty was plentiful, Chicken, Salads of all sorts, Fruit and Drinks.



MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH



Sindonia always sends flowers for the tables

SATURDAY, JULY 17

The **Shoreline women** from the Fijian and morning service served over 100 people at the Church of **Mary Magdalene** on Saturday, July 17.

The team that did the cooking was more than fifteen; there were eleven who served the meal and all were needed for such an unusually large number.

We had three new helpers for This meal:
Taka Usakilakeba, Aurora Clark
(niece of Rev Michele), and Michele Campton-Stehr.

Marty, the Executive Director, said it was providential That the women from Shoreline had agreed to that date.

This wonderful meal was a blessing to the women who shared the food and the women who served. The next date for serving is scheduled for September 18th..

Sidonia's flowers added a warm touch to the event



Anxious to go



Okay, One Last Picture



The Servers

Susheel L David

1949 ~ 2010



Remember Me

Remember me, but never cry.
Remember me when the doves fly.
Remember me when you
Hear the ocean blue,
For like the sound of waves,
I am forever with you.
Remember me, but do not grieve,
For it's God's will for me to leave.
Remember me, but not in sadness.
Remember me only in gladness.
For all we shared in laughter and fun.
For now my purpose on Earth is done.
So go your way.
Find a new tomorrow.
Never think of me with sorrow.
Make each new day the best.
Before you come
To that heavenly rest.
Remember me.

Susheel David

Biography

Susheel Lenason David was born in Delhi, India on August 21, 1949 to Austin and Leena David. Hours after his birth, his mother passed away. Two years later, Leena's sister, Mabel, married his father to ensure that both Susheel and his older brother, Vinod, were raised in a full and loving home. He was a happy and mischievous child who always kept his parents on their toes. After reaching adulthood, Susheel worked for the Ford Motor Company.

In 1976 Susheel married his beautiful wife, Swaran. Two years later, they were blessed with the birth of their eldest daughter, Ritika. The family lived in Delhi until January 1982, when Susheel moved his 3 year old daughter and pregnant wife, to the United States. Four months later they were blessed again with the birth of their youngest daughter, Jennifer, in Birmingham, Alabama. Susheel received his degree in Electronics from Bessemer Technical College in Birmingham at which time he changed his profession from mechanics to electronics.

The family moved to Seattle in 1994 after being relocated by Spacelabs. After working for Spacelabs for 22 years he was laid off, so he went to work for Boeing.

Susheel was a loving man who took great pride in his work and family. He greatly enjoyed going to church picnics, camping with his family, barbecuing with friends and family, attending church, tending to his gardens, photography, and computers. He immersed himself in his faith.

He helped Pastor Giri find members for the South Asian Fellowship. He also made the South Asian Fellowship's first Hymn book. Those books are still being used today.

Susheel is survived by his wife, Swaran, daughters, Ritika and Jennifer, mother, Mabel, grandchildren, Nevaeh, Damien and Jaiden, brother, Vinod, sons-in-law, and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.

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