



# SHORELINE TIDINGS



JULY & AUGUST, 2009

Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## Whidbey Outing

Sixteen persons participated in the all-day "field trip" to Whidbey Island. We enjoyed various striking views from Deception Pass bridge, even watched an eagle in its perching tree near the bridge, then made our way to Ebey's Landing, where we shared our brownbag picnic lunches. Most of us decided to make the vigorous hike up to and along the bluff overlooking the Strait of Juan de Fuca. We saw farmland and woodland north of the trail, and the sensational views south across the strait toward Port Angeles. Lots of fun, and lots of photos!



*Here are some of the participants gathering at our church for the Whidbey Island adventure.*



## Sharing Table

Those with extra garden produce or "fruits" from their kitchen are invited to bring them to church on any Sunday through the summer. A table is set up in the child care area. Bring what you have, and take what you need. Contributions are voluntary. All monetary contributions will go to our Missions Committee for their priority projects.

## Invite a Friend!

Jan Kriedler has made us more of those fine laminated book markers with the information about our church. We can use them ourselves, or hand them to friends and neighbors who might be interested in coming to our church. They make wonderful Bible page markers!

## More Whidbey Photos



*Cai Xiaokun, Donna Welling, and Myra  
(Cai) must be seeing something interesting!*



*A yummy picnic lunch at Ebey's Landing*

## TRUSTEES

Corporation papers for this year have been filed; window hardware has been repaired in the church office; a contract is about to be completed for new roofing on the parsonage occupied by Talatala Tuirotuma; we may need to have lawnmower repairs.

Sitiveni Berequsa has continued his "labor of love" in the painting of our church building, most recently the blue trim on the north side. Thank you so much, Siti.

Sharon Shope, with Siti Berequsa's help, has planted a Rosemary bush at the side of our wheelchair ramp, which is fragrant as well as edible. To the north of the stairs leading up to the church, Lavender (also edible) was planted, which will fill the air with its sweet scent as well as its beauty. The third plant, lovely Choysia "Aztec Pearl" Mexican Orange, is an evergreen bush that will grow to 6' x 6'. It's at the northeast corner of the front lawn. THANK YOU, SHARON!

## FINANCIAL REPORT

As of this writing the June bank statements have not yet been received. Our income is about even with expenditures. Our faithful counting team is functioning smoothly, and they are able to transmit their weekly reports by email to Stephanie Hansen, our Treasurer. Two new signatories have been added, so along with Stephanie we will have Marika Motokana and Janelle Woolsey authorized to sign checks. Many thanks to our faithful givers.

## OUR GARDEN PARTY

Notice how nice the north church grounds look, thanks to the "Garden Party" organized by Janelle Woolsey for June 18. Our thanks to all who participated!

*Roneel Pillay looks like a man from outer space as he uses  
a "weed-whacker" at the Garden Party.  
(thanks, Andy Proudfoot, for the photo!)*



# Notes from Annual Conference

"Everybody Fed" was the theme for this year's Annual Conference, meeting in the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma from June 18-21. Pastors David Williams, Mahesh Giri, Jale Tuirotuma, and Kristin Ellison-Oslin participated.

This is the annual United Methodist assembly for our region, which is the state of Washington and northern Idaho. It's a combination of spiritual retreat, business meeting, "family reunion," educational event, music festival, and "Pep-rally!"

In the words of Bishop Grant Hagiya: "Everybody fed means that no child or adult should go hungry at night. No one should be not exposed to the salvific power and release of Jesus Christ. No persons should be bereft of emotional health, and no person needing medical care be denied because they can't afford it. As your spiritual head, I implore you to feed everybody: physically, spiritually, emotionally, intellectually, holistically. Everybody feeds everyone."

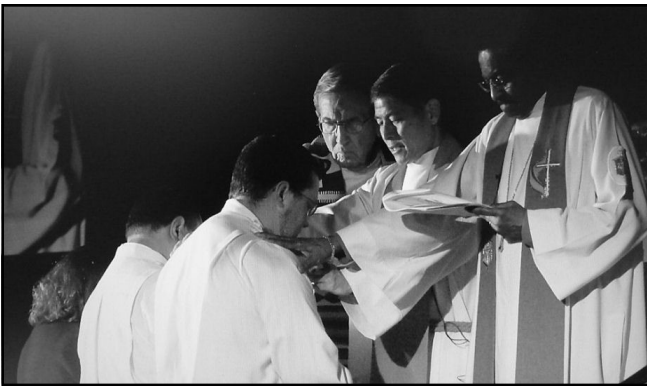
Reports were heard. UM Constitutional amendments were passed. Two ministerial Traveling Elders (fully ordained ministers) retired. Six new ones were ordained. A few churches were closed, but even more new church starts were announced. Pastoral appointments were celebrated. All three of our pastors were reappointed for the conference year July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Churches celebrating anniversaries (50, 100, and even 150 years!) were honored. Ministers celebrating 50 years and more of ministry since ordination were honored. One retired minister in his mid 90's was recognized for his 70 years since ordination, and he still occasionally preaches! One of his sons retired this year, and another is still in active ministry.

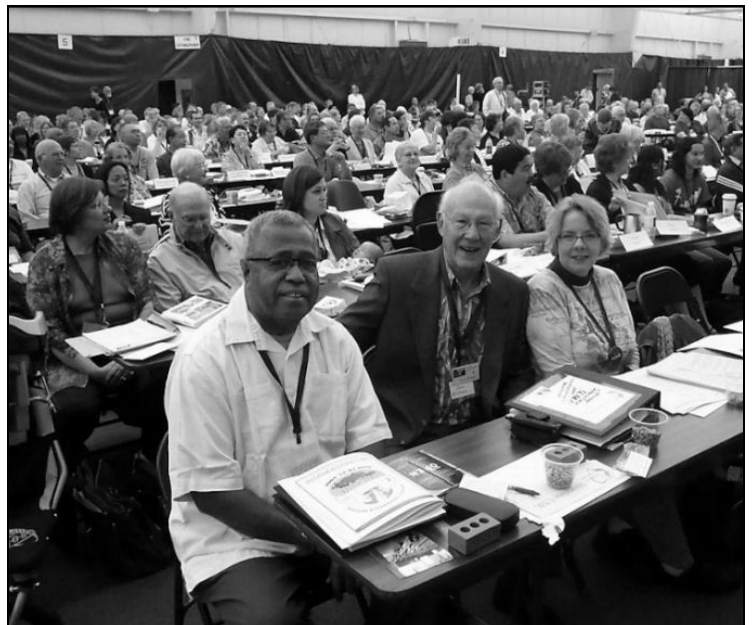
The diversity of the delegates, and the involvement of young adults and youth were especially uplifting.

A ministry fair was held on Friday evening, June 19, showing the many and varied ways in which our church serves.

**WE'RE A PART OF A CHURCH THAT IS VERY MUCH ALIVE!**



*The ordination service at Annual Conference*



*Pastors Jale Tuirotuma, David Williams, and Kristin Ellison-Oslin at Annual Conference*

Pat Simpson  
Seattle District  
Superintendent



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AUGUST MUSICAL ACCOMPANIMENT STILL NEEDED:** Share your talent! Connie Waller will be off during the month of August, so we welcome volunteers to provide accompaniment for those five Sundays. It doesn't have to be piano, and might involve a guitar or other instrument. See the sign-up sheet at the back of our sanctuary.

**OUR ANNUAL MISSION FUNDRAISER:** We will not be having an auction this summer, but we anticipate a "Missions Sunday" in October as a major autumn event. The Missions Committee will be in charge of worship, and we will encourage GENEROUS donations so that we can continue to support the worthy projects selected by our Missions Committee.

**Saturday, September 12: OUR ANNUAL ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK PICNIC,** in the upper parking lot here at the church in the early afternoon. This drew rave reviews last year, so we're planning to do it again! This will be a remarkable eating opportunity (not that we need it!), with wonderful ethnic dishes as well as western picnic food! Music. Traditional dancing. More details will be forthcoming.

## **OUR NEW DIRECTORY**

Be sure to get your copy! We are now realizing that we have made a few errors. **Please tell us if there are mistakes related to your entry, as we'll be preparing a summary of corrections.**

## **DID YOU LIKE YOUR PHOTO?**

Gayle Sackett has kindly agreed to provide enlargements of the photos in the directory which she took, and for which she has the digital files. This will also be a fund-raiser, as half of the proceeds will go to our church. A "package" of two 8 x 10's or one 8 x 10 and two 5 x 7's; or one 8 x 10, one 5 x 7, and four wallet size; are offered for \$35. Individual 8 x 10's or two 5 x 7's are offered for \$20. A form is available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Checks should be made out to Gayle.

## **All-Church Planning meeting**

Do plan to attend this important meeting on Thursday evening, September 17, at 7:00 p.m. This will take the place of the usual second Thursday Administrative Council meeting.

We need your ideas about how we can enrich our life as a church, how we can reach more people, and as we embark on a new church year. We'll review our mission statement, and make plans for autumn, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year!

## **Choir Practice**

Choir will resume on Tuesday evening, September 8, at 7:15. Warm up your voice! **New choir members will be welcomed with open arms!**

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