



# SHORELINE TIDINGS



March-April 2009

Monthly Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



"It's beautiful, BUT . . . "

**Our Outdoor Reader board:** "Rethink Church!" We're pleased to have some new friends giving our worship services "a try." If you'd like a small "invitational" card to give to a friend or neighbor, you'll find some on the table at the back of our sanctuary.

Invite a Friend!

## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH.

For the 2009 Women's History Month project, the United Methodist Commission on the Status and Role of Women honor women who have taken the lead in the environmental or green movement.

"As we rethink how we live, we understand more and more that taking care of the earth and reversing some of the damage our civilization has done to the earth is inextricably connected to our commitment to God. It's more than changing light bulbs, switching from paper and plastic to reusable bags, and recycling. It is recognizing that God has entrusted us with the world's resources with the condition that we use them according to God's directions and to God's glory."



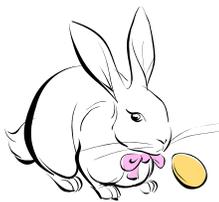
**Please keep them in your prayers**  
**Howard Steele**, as he deals with problems in breathing-  
**John Serl**, who, though he is making progress in his therapy following his stroke, faces continued challenges with circulation in his legs.

# MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions Committee Regular Meeting,  
March 1, 2009

Mele, Melani, Ruthie, Donna, Va, Salote,  
Kristin attending

1. Mele called meeting to order and Kristin opened with prayer
  2. Fiji Flood relief needs additional support from the So Asian and International congregations.
  3. March Coins of Compassion will focus on UMCOR. Pastor David and Talatala Tui are trying to get UMCOR into Fiji. We could designate what we raise if there is an Advance # set up.
  4. Mele is going to draft an article for the Tidings. Kristin will find pictures on the internet and email them to Ruthie and Pastor David.
  5. Proper channels for mission concerns have not been observed. Activity should come through the committee. Donna will represent the concerns to the SPRC.
  6. Donna closed with prayer
- Respectfully submitted, Kristin Ellison-Oslin



*Young People's Time, with Janelle Woolsey. Whether REALLY young, or simply young at heart, we're always helped and inspired by these brief, meaningful messages. Would you like to share one with us? A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board at the back of the Sanctuary.*

## A NEW DIRECTORY

Sharon Shope has been working on a new directory. About time??!! We've had a generous offer from Gayle Sackett, who will help us with photos and to put the work in a Publisher file. Pastors Tuirotuma and Giri are reviewing the addresses for the Fijian Fellowship and the South Asian Fellowship. Question: Do we want to include email addresses? Cell phone numbers? Will these be privacy issues? Let us know what you think. We will respect individual preferences on this.



L to R: Nellie Ann Mills, Salote Osborne, Margareta Tuirotuma, one of our Fijian members, and Meredani Niuetau.

Some of our ladies were taking a break after serving the Men's breakfast on Feb. 22. Under the leadership of Janelle Woolsey and Sidonia Curran, the ladies decided to do something nice for the men! Some interest was expressed in having a breakfast each month, hosted by a different group. What do you think?

## NEWS FROM FIJI IS TROUBLING

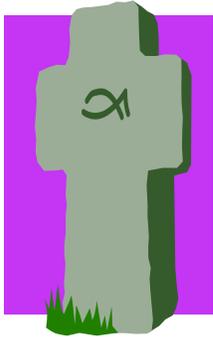
On March 1st we heard from our respected visitors from Fiji, The Rev. Tevita Nawadra, and The Rev. Tomasi Kanilagi, about the devastating floods that have hit the entire archipelago of Fiji during this rainy season. Help is being sought through a variety of channels to alleviate the hardship that this has imposed.

The effects of this natural disaster are exacerbated by the harsh political situation in Fiji under the military government which removed the elected political leaders in December of 2006.

This corroborates reports of our own members who have recently visited Fiji, particularly Mele Kete. Please pray for the people of Fiji.



Visitors from The Methodist Church in Fiji L to R: The Rev. Tevita Nawadra, Assistant General Secretary, and The Rev. Tomasi Kanilagi, Past President, were presented with a check for \$1,700 by Pastor Jale Tuirotuma for their flood relief program. Please note the photos downloaded from the internet by Kristin Ellison-Oslyn.



## A NEW PLAN TO HONOR BIRTHDAYS

In light of our loss of Ardis Steele, who mailed out birthday cards for us, Marci Caskey has agreed to help. Thank you, Marci! Noreen McPherson, Ardis' daughter, has agreed to look for Ardis' list, but in the meantime we'll start building a new one. We may need your help!



## OUR THEMES FOR LENT AND HOLY WEEK

for the English worship services

Sunday March 15: **"Snitching Apples"**

Matthew 4:1-11 (a temptation account)

The biblical wilderness experiences become our model for the Lenten journey.

Sunday, March 22: **"Extravagant Gifts"**

Isaiah 43:16-21; John 12:1-8

It is at this point in Lent that we realize that Easter comes in the context of failure, judgment, and grace.

Sunday, March 29: **"A Spring that Waits to Be"**

John 12:20-33

"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." (John 12:24)

Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday) **From Cheers to Jeers: The Strange Welcome of an Unlikely Hero** Mark 11:1-11

God calls for participants, not spectators

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday Communion Service**

Led by Pastor Jale Tuirotuma and the Fijian Fellowship

Friday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. **Holy Friday "The Seven Last Words" Service**

Led by Pastor Mahesh Giri and the South Asian Fellowship

Sunday, April 12, 7:00 a.m. **Easter Sunrise Service**

Led by Pastor David Williams

Sunday, April 12, 10:30 a.m.: **English Service: "Getting Clear of the Tomb"**

Sunday, April 12, 1:00 p.m. **Fijian Easter Service**

Sunday, April 12, 5:00 p.m. **South Asian Easter Service**

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