



# SHORELINE TIDINGS



January-February 2010

Monthly Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## GREAT NEWS FROM THE FIJIAN FELLOWSHIP!

The past three months have been remarkable for the Fijian Fellowship, with greatly increased attendance, participation of new families, and a vibrant group of younger adults. The young adults have been holding meetings centered on music. On Sunday, January 17, 20 new members were brought into our church on profession of faith.

The new members: Peni Vura, Luke Erenavula, Takayawa Usakilakeba, Jone Cika, Salote Lutu Mua, Apisai Cagilaba, Taniela Tokailagi, Tokasa Tokailagi, Semisi Tokailagi, Adi Mulo, Toga Ratuniyauravu, Seini Uluilakeba, Josua Voliti, Joe Kulavere, Adoni Tokalau, Wasa M. Korolevu, Sekove Korolevu, Katarina Tokailagi, John Mafi Cika Bale, and Harrison Reiher Cika.



*L to R: Meredani, Semisi, Apisai, Takayawa, Taniela, Joe, Sekove, and Pastor Tui*



*Merle Patterson joins the food line at our sumptuous potluck dinner in November.*

## OUR NEXT ALL-CHURCH SERVICE AND POTLUCK

Mark your calendar! Based on the enthusiasm over our event in November, our next all-church service and potluck will be on Pentecost, which is May 23. We'll worship at 12:00 noon, with a shortened service consisting mainly of music, scripture, and prayer, with **NO PREACHING!!** The potluck dinner will follow. Each group is encouraged to bring ethnic dishes to share.

## A THANK YOU FROM CHURCH OF MARY MAGDALENE

"Dearest friends at Shoreline United Methodist Church! WOW! Thank you for filling our Christmas season with love, grace, warmth, and acceptance. Your gifts of toys and mom's presents were deeply valued and sorely needed. I wish we could have packaged the tears of joy, squeals of delight and sighs of relief as children, mom's and grannies selected gifts!"

## UMCOR EXECUTIVES DIE IN HAITI

The Rev. Dr. Sam Dixon, head of the humanitarian relief agency of The United Methodist Church, died before he could be rescued from the rubble of a hotel destroyed by the earthquake that hit Haiti on January 12.

He was part of a group of mission and relief specialists trapped by the collapse of the Hotel Montana. Other persons in the group of five, including two more from the General Board of Global Ministries, were rescued and were back in the US by the morning of January 16. The group was pinned down for more than 55 hours.

A second executive, The Rev. Clinton Rabb, 61, a leader in The United Methodist Church's extensive mission volunteer program, died on January 17 in a Florida hospital of injuries caused when he was trapped for 55 hours in the ruins of a hotel destroyed by the January 12 earthquake in Haiti.

**SEND YOUR GIFTS FOR THE EMERGENCY IN HAITI THROUGH THE UNITED METHODIST COMMITTEE ON RELIEF. WE WILL BE RECEIVING MONETARY GIFTS EVERY SUNDAY, AND THESE WILL BE FORWARDED IMMEDIATELY.**

**CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE OUT TO SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AND MARKED: "HAITI"**

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

There will be two 2010 Seattle and Tacoma District joint leadership training events soon.

One on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup> will be training for local church elected leaders: Trustees, Finance and Stewardship Committees, Treasurers, Lay Leaders, Church Council Chairs, Staff-Parish Relations Committees, and Designated Safety Officers.

Then on Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, an event will focus on strategies for reaching your community and making disciples, both inside and outside your church's open doors. A broad range of church people would benefit from this – those involved in service, evangelism, hospitality, education, etc.

*(see next column)*

## News from Fiji

Conditions continue to be extremely difficult in Fiji. We have the following information from the New York Times online, dated January 12:

SUVA, Fiji (AP) -- Fiji's military-led government banned the country's powerful Methodist Church on Wednesday from holding their annual conference until 2014, accusing church ministers of spying on the nation's military for the government ousted in a 2006 coup.

Wednesday's move follows a ban last May on the 2009 conference and the arrest of eight senior Methodist leaders after the regime accused them of pursuing a political agenda to destabilize the government.

The military regime, led by Commodore Frank Bainimarama, took power in this Pacific island nation in a bloodless coup in December 2006, ousting a democratically elected government. It tightened its grip on power last April, imposing a state of emergency, overturning the constitution, firing the judiciary and placing censors in newsrooms.

Dozens of opponents have been arrested, questioned and eventually released with warnings to stop their criticism of the regime, which plans to hold democratic elections only in 2014 despite international calls for a swift return to civilian rule.

There was no immediate response from the Methodist Church of Fiji, whose more than 200,000 members account for a quarter of the volatile South Pacific country's population, and which strongly opposes Bainimarama's regime.

Also Wednesday, the regime said pension payments to former Fiji civil servants who do not support the government will be stopped from this week.

"We will stop pension payments to all those who speak against the government or all citizens seen to halt government's work on moving the country forward," said the permanent secretary for information, Lt. Col.

How to register; costs; and locations to soon follow. Contacts: Jeannie Kamihara, Seattle District, [seadist@pnwumc.org](mailto:seadist@pnwumc.org) or Rosalee Mohney, Tacoma District, [rmohney@pnwumc.org](mailto:rmohney@pnwumc.org).  
OR SEE PASTOR DAVE!



L to R: Mahesh, Anu, Darrell, Lalita, Shanta, Devi, Lok



Va Uluiviti lights her candle

## Scenes from Christmas Eve

### WE'LL MISS YOU!

**Cai Xiaokun and his wife, Myra**, are in process of moving to Pullman, Washington, where Xiaokun will be taking a research position, and Myra will be taking courses. An email from Myra reads:

*"I am now in Pullman already. I have been accepted by WSU to take some prerequisite courses for Master Degree Program Those registration and course selection things were so complicated that I was totally occupied with these stuff and was not able to say goodbye to you earlier. My workload for this semester is very heavy. I selected five accounting program core courses. But I'll spend as much time as possible to study the Bible. There surely will be much less confusion and depression in my life if I can follow the God's guidance more closely through my Bible study.*

#### **UMC PASTORS MET AT OUR CHURCH**

Our pastors hosted the monthly North Seattle Cluster meeting of UMC pastors on Tuesday, January 12. The ministry focus was on our ethnic ministries. Many of our UM churches have become quite diverse, especially in the Shoreline area, and we're learning from each other.

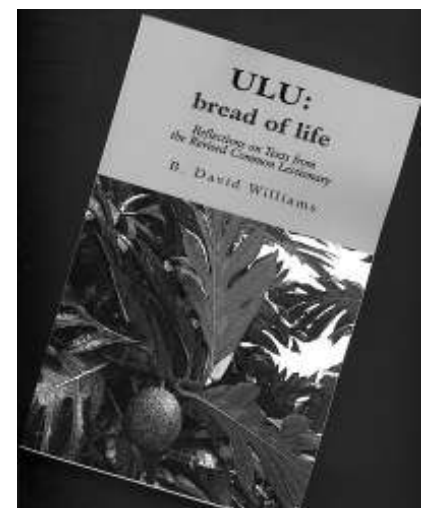


L to R: Rani, Romila, Lalita, Swaran, Elenor, Jenifer, Edna, Asif, Narendra, and Pastor Mahesh.

### PASTOR DAVE'S BOOK

*After Pastor Dave quoted himself from one of his books, some of our members expressed interest in buying a copy.*

*ULU, Bread of Life, is now available for \$15. A sample copy will be on the table at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.*



## SPECIAL DATES IN THE COMING MONTHS

### A TRUSTEES' REPORT

It has been a busy time for our Chairperson, Andy Proudfoot!

After supervising the installation of new roofing on the parsonage occupied by Pastor Tui, one of the sewer lines serving the same house collapsed, causing a back up resulting in considerable water damage to floors and walls!

Then our upper restroom toilet started leaking, with dripping on the north stairs. Andy arranged for those repairs, and we're dry again.

As if that were not enough, rodents chewed on a copper pipe in our rental house north of the church, and caused a nasty leak into the crawl space. The leak has been repaired, but rodent control and better access into the crawl space are still in progress.

### A WORD FROM STEPHANIE, OUR TREASURER:

"We ended 2009 in the black with our year-to-date revenues of \$132,962.90 and our year-to-date expenses of \$131,917.71.

"We paid all our apportionments for the year.

"In the first quarter of 2010 the large expenses we can expect will be our yearly insurance premium and the first half property taxes due in April. Those costs are not known at this date."

February is Black History Month

**Ash Wednesday** is February 17, with

An all-church service at 7:30p.m.

March is Women's History Month

World Day of Prayer: March 5

Saint Patrick's Day: March 17

The First Day of Spring is March 20

**Palm Sunday** is March 28

**Maundy Thursday** is April 1, with

An all-church service led by the Fijian Fellowship at 7:30 p.m..

**Holy Friday** is on April 2, with

An all-church service jointly with Ronald UMC at our church at 7:30 p.m. led by our South Asian Fellowship.

**Easter Sunday:** April 4

Details of the various services will be announced.

**Mother's Day** is May 9

**Pentecost** is May 23.

We will have another **all-church service at 12 noon, followed by a potluck.**

**Memorial Day** is May 30

**Father's Day** is June 20.

### PRAYERS, PLEASE:

*For Devi Prasad, as she continues her sensitive rehab procedures after the installation of a stent. We thank God that she is at home and is more comfortable now.*

*For Jack Patterson, who will undergo major surgery on January 27.*

*For Connie and Darrell Waller, as they assist Connie's mom in her transitions and in the loss of her sister, and as they deal with their own health issues.*

*For Kristin Ellison-Oslin's mother, whose health is failing, and who faces difficult major decisions, and for Kristin, her main family care-giver.*

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