



SHORELINE TIDINGS

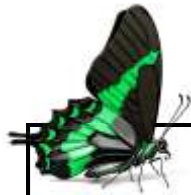


March-April 2010

The Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FAREWELL CONNIE AND DARRELL!

After 13 years of service as our Director of Music, Connie will be leaving that position. We will celebrate the ministry of Connie and Darrell on March 28, their last Sunday with us, with a reception after the service. Plan to join the reception to help show them how much we appreciate them!



HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Thursday: **Maundy Thursday service** at 7:30 PM

led by Talatala Jale Tuirotuma

Friday: **Good Friday service** at 7:30 PM

with Ronald UMC, led by Pastor Mahesh Giri.

The Ronald UMC Choir will present THE LIVING LAST WORDS, a 35 - 40 minute cantata incorporating Jesus' Words from the Cross. The entire service will last one to one and a half hour.

Easter Sunday: English Sunrise Service at 7:30 AM

English Main Service at 10:30 AM

Fijian Service at 1:00 PM

South Asian Service at 5:00 PM

Bring a Lily to church for Easter! Take it home afterwards!



ENERGIZING ELDERHOOD CONFERENCE,

**May 13 and 14, 2010, at the Des Moines
United Methodist Church.**

A "First of its Kind" event is being hosted by our own Bishop Grant Hagiya and will feature Rev. Dr. Richard "Rick" Gentzler, Director of the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries of the General Board of Discipleship, as keynote speaker. There will be a wonderful variety of workshop offerings, as well as opportunities for attendees to share best practices in Older Adult Ministries. There is a maximum registration fee of \$100 per church – no matter how many attend. If you are interested, see Pastor David, who will find the money and make the reservations!

A NEW CURTAIN

Thanks to Liz Serl and her team (John Serl and Dave Williams) we have a new semi-transparent curtain to cover the stained glass window in our sanctuary! This will cut the glare from the Sunday morning sunshine, without blocking the beautiful colored glass.

CHURCH OF MARY MAGDALENE

We have a gracious **thank you letter** from Church of Mary Magdalene for the gifts from SUMC at Christmas time.

The **Spring Benefit Luncheon** will be on **Tuesday, May 4**, from noon to 1 pm, at the Rainier Room at Seattle Center.

Our SUMC women have signed up to provide **noon meals** after Saturday morning worship on **July 17 and September 18**.



MISSIONS

The eleven additional back packs for Fiji and four pair of shoes designated for the girls' orphanage in Fiji have been contributed.

Melvin Woodworth has found 125 chairs of the 150 requested by Ilaisa Oranavosa for Fiji. These will go in a shipping container along with contributions from other individuals and groups.

The shipping costs have not yet been determined

A Spring Hike-Outing!

A hike-outing to Twin Falls is being organized by Janelle Woolsey to commemorate Earth Week, on Saturday, April 24th. We'll meet at the church at 8:30 a.m., and leave at 9:00. Bring a brown bag lunch. We'll stop for lunch on our return at the home of Pastor Dave Williams on Mercer Island.

A REPORT FROM ALICIA

Here is my First Quarter Report for the Staff Parish Relations Committee: We have been focusing on three key things:

First, our share in finding Pastor David's replacement. We created our "wish list" for Pat Simpson which we have turned over to her office. We will be fine tuning it when we meet with Pat in mid-April. At this point no other news on this front.

Second, we have been gathering information and working on updating all church job descriptions. This is still in progress. Some times our wants are not the practical answer to what the Church can support financially. We hope to have the descriptions completed soon but we shifted our focus slightly upon learning that Connie would be leaving after Palm Sunday.

Our third focus became our priority. We began working on updating the Choir Director/ Accompanist job descriptions. We did this in conjunction with developing a plan to hire a musician for the Church. Thanks to Carlene Campbell, a former musician for the Church, we found Laura Frank. Laura is a student at SPU and will be graduating in June. Laura will join us Easter morning for the 10:30 service as our musician. She will be with us at least through the end of June. Please help us welcome Laura to our Church.

Alicia Buterbaugh

FINANCES

Under the leadership of Janelle Woolsey, Coordinator, a review of our financial records is nearly finished. Suggestions are being prepared regarding a more effective placement of balances on hand.

Stephanie Hansen, our treasurer reports that our income in February was \$8,701.87; our expenses in February \$9,741.16.

Income Y-T-D was \$20,622.66; Expenses Y-T-D, \$18,493.12.

We have paid our yearly Fire and Liability Insurance Premium of \$2329.00.

The 2010 Property Tax bills have been received. Our taxes on all church properties will be \$8627.97. This will be paid in two payments in April and October. 2010 Property Taxes are about \$300 less than 2009.

2009 wages were reported to the government and all employees received their w-2 forms.

All donors should have received a summary of their contributions in 2009 for their tax purposes.



A NEW INTERIM MUSICIAN!

Our Staff Parish Relations committee, in consultation with the Worship Committee, has hired Laura Frank, a graduating music major at Seattle Pacific University to be "Musician" for the English fellowship. As reported by Alicia Buterbaugh in her report, Laura's time with us will be from Easter Sunday, April 4, through the month of June, with the possibility of extending through the summer.

TRUSTEES

New flooring has been installed in the rental house to replaced the flooring with water damage. The leaky pipes have been fixed. Cascade Pest Control took care of the rodent problem. The kitchen stove needs some repair. An electrician will be putting a new outlet for the microwave and refrigerator in the kitchen, and will submit a proposal to bring our overall electrical system closer to current standards.

A NEW A.C. DELEGATE

Since Lele Lawanivalu has moved away from our area, JONE MAFI CIKA was elected at our last Ad Council meeting to be our Annual Conference delegate.



EARTH DAY

This year, **Earth Day** is on Thursday, April 22.

We will observe Earth Sunday on April 18, and after church will put up a banner and posters along 145th St. There will be events in Seattle all through that week.

A good source of information is Earth Ministries' beautiful and informative web-site: <http://earthministry.org/>



REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday

Worship – 10:30 A.M.

Fijian Fellowship Prayer and Study – 12:15 P.M.,

Fijian Worship 1 PM

Hindi-Punjabi Service – 5:00 P.M.;

Fijian Fellowship Choir Practice 7 PM

First Sunday of Each Month:

Communion / Combined Service – 10:30 A.M.

COMING

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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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South Asian Fellowship... Home: 206-364-5114

Rev. Jale Tuirotuma, Associate, Fijian Fellowship

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Tax Preparation Assistance

This service is designed for taxpayers with low and moderate incomes and gives special attention to those age 60 and older.

A team of IRS certified volunteer tax counselors will be working Monday evenings at the Lake City Library, 12501 28th Ave. NE, from 3:30 to 7:30 PM to April 12.

They have the ability to prepare basic tax returns and e-file them, all at no cost to the taxpayer.

If you have questions, call Jack Hirschfelder at 425-606-4230

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