



SHORELINE TIDINGS



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The Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

CONGRATULATIONS, TALATALA TUI!

We give our hearty congratulations to Pastor Jale Tuirotuma on his graduation on May 12 from the Pastoral Leadership Program at Seattle University! This was a challenging journey, an achievement for which he receives graduate level credits, and he passed with flying colors!



May 23rd is **Pentecost Sunday**, when we celebrate the "birthday" of the church, as described by Jesus' followers in the book of Acts, chapter 2.



A FUN SPRING OUTING! About fifteen SUMC adults and youth went hiking at scenic Twin Falls, in the North Bend area, on April 24. On their way home, most were able to stop at Pastor David's home on Mercer Island for a picnic lunch. L to R: Joy Woolsey, John Goodings, Meredani Niuaetau, Alicia Buterbaugh, Janelle Woolsey, Jess Welling, Donna Welling, Yasoda, Shelveen, Priya, and Roneel Pillay. Despite the weather at the falls, the sun did come out for the picnic!

ALL-CHURCH SERVICE AND POTLUCK DINNER ON SUNDAY, MAY 23RD, AT 12 NOON.

Mark your calendar. There will be no worship services at the usual times! After a brief service of music, scripture, and prayer (NO PREACHING!), we'll enjoy a richly diverse potluck dinner with recipes from our various ethnic backgrounds. Please tell other members who may have missed this announcement. Consider inviting a friend to come with you!

Aman Abraham Kumar Prasad is to be Baptised on May 16.

Aman, the son of Anil and Nilu Prasad, grandson of Devi Prasad, will be baptised on Sunday, May 16. It's expected to be a grand celebration, with Mrs. Lalita Giri, Devi's sister, singing a hymn in the Hindi language, "Aman," which means "Peace." A crochet piece presented by Great Grandmother Lily Herman Bechan, and placed under the baptismal bowl, will be presented to Aman as a memorable token of love. May God bless this beautiful child and his family!

Finance update

Your Finance Committee has been busy! Coordinated by Janelle Woolsey, the Committee has reviewed the books and brought forward recommendations, which are in process of implementation.

Our Treasurer, Stephanie Hansen, is efficient and prompt in her payments and reports.

Our funds are being shifted among bank accounts to increase the interest income on our balances.

Computer data is being backed up. Some of the fund designations will be clarified.

At this time our income is approximately equal to our expenses. A complete report is available.

Many thanks to our faithful "givers."



Laura plays the flute! *Our interim musician, Laura Frank, is not only accompanying the English services, but is furnishing us with an interesting variety of special music. Here she's accompanied by her friend, Evelyn Shadrack.*



Taking mother out for dinner! *These were among those joining the entire Fijian Fellowship at the Kona Kitchen for dinner after the English service on Mother's Day, May 9. Left to right: Peni Navu, Melesiana Kete, Makereta Tuirotuma, Duri Tawake Bogiya, Salote Osborne, and Ilaisa Oranovosa.*

A RICH ARRAY OF HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

From Palm Sunday to Easter Day, our three ethnic fellowships observed Holy Week with palms, dramatizations, music, and prayer.

Many of the key events were all-church, and on Holy Friday, our sisters and brothers from Ronald United Methodist Church came to SUMC, and their choir presented a Cantata based on Jesus' last words from the cross. That service was coordinated by Pastor Mahesh Giri.

The Maundy Thursday service, arranged by Pastor Jale Tuirotuma, was a creative, meaningful, experience consisting of elements of Seder meal, "love-feast," and Holy Communion.

We had a joyous sunrise service on Easter morning, led by Kristin Ellison-Oslin, and a well-attended English service.

As usual, services in Fijian and Hindi were held on Easter Sunday afternoon.



Participants in the Maundy Thursday service included, L. to R.: Gayre Jamieson, Makereta Tuirotuma, John and Liz Serl, and Alicia Buterbaugh.

SOME WORDS FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR

I can hardly believe it! My time at SUMC will come to a close on June 27. Our Staff-Parish Relations Committee is working diligently with our District Superintendent to determine who will be your next pastor.

I've told my friends that these two and 1/4 years with you have been the "frosting on my ministry cake!"

My children, when I tell them that I'm retiring again, say, "Yeah, right, Mr. ##@%& (a word that indicates that they doubt my veracity).

This time it IS time, and I really mean it, but I retire with warm, strong feelings of affection and appreciation for you, and can't imagine a more gratifying way to end my active professional ministry than to have served as your pastor.

I say this partly because of you (I really do like you!), and your unique identity and commitment as a congregation. I also say this partly because of the many connections refreshed for me in Asia and the Pacific in serving you. I have actually lived and worked in your places, and actually know some of your relatives!

My body is telling me that this is the time, and this time I want to listen!

Be assured of my continued affection and prayers for your effective ministry.

May you support and cooperate with your next pastor with the same enthusiasm that you've given me!

Loloma, Peace,
Pastor Dave



OPERA FOR THE WALLERS!

Palm Sunday, March 28, was the last day for Connie and Darrell Waller to be with us. Along with warm words of appreciation, Andy Proudfoot and Janelle Woolsey presented these "opera-lovers" with a gift card for the Seattle Opera.



Missions

Our Missions Committee is finalizing its arrangements to send shoes and backpacks to the girl's orphanage at Davui Levu, in Fiji.

Coins of Compassion continue to be received for the Jama Letu Methodist orphanage in the Congo.

Meredani Niuetau is coordinating the gathering of blankets and clothing for the storm victims in Fiji. You may bring your donations to church: clothing, in good condition, especially for babies and children, bedding (sheets and blankets) in good condition, and money to help with the cost of shipping. Or contact Meredani at (206)973-6958.

In the photo are some of the members of our Missions Committee: front: Duri Tawake Bogiya and Melesiana Kete; back: Meredani Niuetau, Salote Osborne, and Kristin Ellison-Oslin

Our Earthday observance

Our "Earthday Sunday" was April 18. Worship was centered on stewardship of God's creation, and after church we placed the Earthday placards, prepared by our youth and others, out on the church lawn along 145th Street.

"I love the recklessness of faith. First you leap, then you grow wings."

William Sloan Coffin

Spring Work Party

Thanks to those who came out for our spring work party, held on Saturday, May 1. Most of the effort was directed to the kitchen, the child care room, and the north stairwell. Special thanks to Janelle Woolsey and Andy Proudfoot.

WORSHIP THEMES for MAY AND JUNE

May 23: Pentecost: All-church service and potluck at 12 noon.

May 30: Trinity Sunday and Memorial Day.
"More Than We Can Bear"
John 16:12-15

June 6: Communion.
"Chocolate-Covered Wafers"
Isaiah 53:7-12; Mark 10:43b-44

June 13 "The Problem of Loving in General"
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

June 20 Hearing God Over the Noise"
1 Kings 19:1-15a

June 27 "Working Up a Good Excuse"
Luke 9:51-62

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