



SHORELINE TIDINGS



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Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2010 REVISITED

Various Happenings of the Year 2010

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



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!





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.

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.



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.



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!

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!



“BULA VINAKA” from FIJI

“Bula Vinaka” was the message we received from the Methodist Kilkusha Home in Fiji. The letter went on to say: “On behalf of our Dilkusha Home Family, we would like to inform you how grateful we are for the many gifts donated to us by the Shoreline United Methodist Church. The children are really blessed with the nice gifts of shoes, bags, stationeries and toys. Thank you for thinking of the children of Dilkusha Home.

Some of our girls have changed their bags, shoes and because of you they have changed to new ones.

We would like to thank all the members of the church who have donated in there beautiful gifts.

We want to assure you that you are always in our prayers.

Yours sincerely,
Deaconess, Olovía K. Nataniela
Superintendent

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!”

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

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.*

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!





Michele's first Sunday at Shoreline Church.
Kristen stands beside her.

Enters.....

Michele Campton-Stehr

Ordained in 1990, She has served many churches in the Pacific Northwest Conference. She is married to Erich Stehr and they have two daughters, Katy and Emily and a dog named Snow White. We are sharing Michele with Crown Hill UMC.

MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH SATURDAY, JULY 17

The **Shoreline women** from the Fijian and morning service served over 100 people at the Church of **Mary Magdalene** on Saturday, July 17.

The team that did the cooking was more than fifteen; there were eleven who served the meal and all were needed for such an unusually large number.

We had three new helpers for This meal: Taka Usakilakeba, Aurora Clark (niece of Rev Michele), and Michele Campton-Stehr.

This wonderful meal was a blessing to the women who shared the food and the women who served. The next date for serving is scheduled for September 18th..

Sidonia's flowers added a warm touch to the event



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.

Fijian United Methodist Caucus Prayer Breakfast



A Prayer Breakfast was held on September 18 at Shoreline UMC, to plan and raise money for the July 4, 2011

Fijian National Caucus, that will take place at Shoreline UMC.

The proceeds will help pay for the expenses and enable those from out of state, attend the Caucus.

Those churches from out of state are: Floriene UMC in Palo Alto, Ca. San Francisco UMC, and San Rafael UMC in Los Angeles



October 2010
Preparing for Advent
Shoreline Women
gathered on a
Saturday in October
to create
banners for Advent.



All Church Conference

November 18, 2010

Pat Simpson began with prayer. She then gave a reflection on the **Great Commandment and Great Commission.**

During her reflection, we took time to recall how Shoreline is making disciples for Jesus and transforming the world; The South Asian fellowship has Home Groups and Bible Study. The Fijian has Home Groups, a new Youth Group and Bible Study. The English has Bible Studies, and a warm and inviting community. All three share in the Mission Out Reach to the Church of Mary Magdalene, Fijian Orphanage and the Sand Point Traditional Housing Project. We took an offering for the Atlantic Street Center and then transitioned into our business.

Michele gave a brief report and commercial for our theme **"Today's Dream—Tomorrow as a Team"** and gave a report about the Half-day Retreat on January 22, 2011.

The report of the Lay Leadership noted a nomination was made to add Liz Serl to SPR, Class of 2012. and Apisai Cagilaba was nominated to be Trustee, Class of 2012. A motion was made and approved that we accept all the names in the report. Pastoral compensation for all three pastors was approved as listed in the booklet. We voted to approve Meredani and Peni as Lay speakers. Pat said she is really impressed with the number of people received by profession of faith into the Fijian Fellowship this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

There were two **All Church Services and Potluck Dinners in 2010**. One on May 23rd, and the other on Sunday November 21. All three Fellowships participate in the services. Also, there is no preaching, but there is plenty of Praying, Scripture Reading and Singing going on in all the tongues represented. After the service we retreat to the fellowship hall down stairs and feast on a variety of foods from our Fijian, English and South Asian fellowships. We hope to increase the number of All Church Services and Potlucks in 2011, to encourage bonding among our people

ADVENT 2010

Michele organized a Banner Workshop. Several Shoreline UMC women participated and they produced many Banners that hung in the Sanctuary during the Advent Season. Michele spent many hours perfecting the works and each week a new banner appeared on the walls. The following gives an idea on how intense this was. Please enjoy. Of course, the banners were put away for safe keeping for next year!

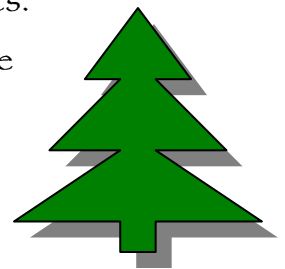




CHRISTMAS 2010

Our **Christmas Eve Service** was attended by 110 people. All three fellowships from Shoreline were there and we were pleased to have many from Crown Hill UMC. After the service we mingled among the crowd and had Christmas treats. **Christmas day**, Mahesh led a worship service and after, all enjoyed the food that was served.

Christmas day, Jale led a service in the late afternoon. He also had a **Watch Night** service that went on all night. Eleven new members were dedicated into the fellowship.



2010 was a difficult year for many...so with that said, the new year promises to be better. Shoreline UMC, however, had a very eventful year. Early in 2010, Bishop Hagiya became aware that many of our churches seemed to not have a sense of identity or a vision for their mission.

The focus for Annual Conference, in June of 2010, was to embrace the **Great Commandment** (Matthew 22:37-40) and the **Great Commission** (Matthew 28:18-20). He challenged the churches to find their purpose and direction of their ministry. With that in mind, Shoreline invited Gail Grossman to conduct a retreat that would aid Shoreline in finding its identity and direction. Having three fellowships adds more of a challenge, but Shoreline is a unique church, and we know that having three fellowships is one of our strengths—we are three fellowships, but we are one in Christ. We can and do reach out in several in several different directions.

“Today’s Dream, Tomorrow as a Team” was chosen as our theme for the retreat, which took place January 22, 2011 and there were several from each fellowship.

When we were all gathered as one group, we were asked to find our missional Identity and general Direction....Who are we?, What grounds and anchors us as a congregation?. What is our mission together? What do we value? The United Methodist Mission is **“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”** And the current UM slogan is **“Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors”**.

We covered a lot of ground but we didn’t finish, rather it will be a process of much heart searching, and stretching our imaginations and efforts. Yes, 2011 will be a good year- Shoreline will grow, all fellowships bonding together and reaching out in their individual missions, but also embracing each other and our differences and similarities. Some goals voiced were; reaching out into the community, having potlucks and inviting the neighbors. More picnics, events at the church that even the un-churched could enjoy, Offering classes at the church. Actually, a Quilting Class began at the church on February 12. We also suggested that making the appearance of the church, inside and out, more inviting- doing some landscaping, adding plants. Please enjoy the pictures and one last thought for you to contemplate- Romans 12:4-5” **“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”**



These pictures depict the summation of the January 22 Retreat. They show ideas and visions of where and what the direction Shoreline wants to focus. These notes are posted in the fellowship room upstairs. If you didn’t get a chance to attend, please consider joining us next time and become involved in Shoreline’s future.



Crown Hill and Shoreline



By the end of the Picnic we decided that it was very enjoyable. It seemed that we had known each other for a very long time. We vowed to do it again and to get together often.

July 31 was unusually cool, some thought too cool for a picnic at Carkeek Park. Carkeek over-looks Puget Sound in Northwest Seattle, not far from Shoreline UMC, nor Crown Hill. It was only 11 am, so many thought it would get better as the morning became afternoon. That was not the case, but we were intent on mingling with each other and getting acquainted with our con-joined congregations. There were approximately 30 souls in attendance. The bounty was plentiful, Chicken,



At last! It is time to eat.
Michele gathers us around for the Blessing.

1949 ~ 2010



SUSHEEL L. DAVID

August 21, 1949—July 21, 2010

Susheel helped Pastor Giri find members for the South Asian Fellowship. He also made the South Asian Fellowship's first Hymn book. Those books are still being used today.

Susheel is survived by his wife, Swaran, daughters, Ritika and Jennifer, mother, Mabel, grandchildren, Nevaeh, Damien and Jaiden, brother, Vinod, sons-in-law, and numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and friends.

The South Asian community lost another member in 2010. Mother, Judith Ronser was born at Sangrur Punjab, India on September 8, 1916 and went to be with the Lord on October 11, 2010. She was surrounded by her loved ones who were holding her, singing Psalms to her, telling her that they love her and will meet her again. She is survived by daughters Roseline and Kamini, sons, Douglas and Noel and their wives Noreen and Pushpa, grandchildren Ravi and wife Ashika, Reeves, Andreeves and wife Jaquiline, Renu and husband Sherman, Naomi, and Ashish and many grandchildren



Siu-Yin Mak with fiancé, Adam Neiman.
They will marry on February 7, 2011
in San Francisco, Ca.



Welcome Siu-Yin!

We are sharing her with Crown Hill,
which will be very advantages for all.

She is a gifted Pianist and we look
forward to her and fiancé,

Adam Neiman,

being a part of the

family of Shoreline UMC.

Adam is also a gifted Pianist and
travels often, performing across the

American continent.

MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH

September 18, 2010



Once again, the women of
Shoreline UMC gathered at
the church to carpool to

Mary Magdalene Church in Seattle to
serve lunch to the women who frequent
Mary Magdalene church. Many of these
women are homeless.

The meals are prepared at the homes of
the volunteers from Shoreline and then
served by them to the grateful women at
Mary Magdalene. Some volunteers, who
cannot go, prepare food. Sidonia always
sends flowers.

The kitchen at the new
facility is bright and beautiful.
Fifty-five women were served.
There was quite a showing of
volunteers carpooling this
time. Two volunteers were
first timers. Pictured above
are: Taka, Meredani, Makereta,
Nellie Ann, Kristin, Salote.
Below are Marcy and Kristin.
Jan Kriedler is not pictured

