



# SHORELINE TIDINGS



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Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## HOLY WEEK at SHORELINE UMC

### MAUNDY THURSDAY



The Seder is a ritual meal which commemorates the events of the Jewish Exodus from Egypt. For us, as Christians, Passover means not only the physical exodus from Egypt, but our spiritual passing over from the bondage of sin. We are asked to remember God's action in the past, to conform to God's will in the present, and renew our hope in the future.



Lead by Pastor Tui and Pastor Kristin, this Maundy Thursday was a very informative and meaningful event. The food served was typical of what Christ and the Disciples would have eaten at the Last Supper.

### GOOD FRIDAY



The Passion of our Lord was played out by 18 readers. As the readings progressed a candle was extinguished, until all 12 were out. In the darkness, we were invited to quietly reflect the on these words. This, too, was a

### EASTER MORNING



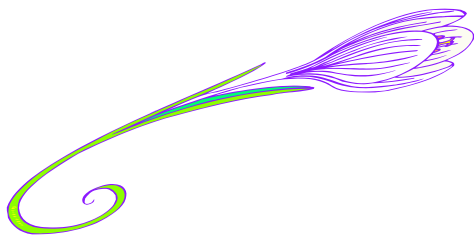
The Hallelujah Chorus from "The Messiah" was skillfully played by Siu-Yin and Adam Neiman.



Flowers were given to everyone and they were invited to place them on the cross



Kristin delivered a children's sermon to several "young at heart" folks



## From the Pastor's Desk

When Jesus died and was placed in a tomb, the disciples were grief-stricken. Before his crucifixion and death, the disciples had a plan; they knew what they were going to be doing. Jesus had called them to be his disciples and they were following him. After his death and crucifixion, they had no one to follow. Many of the disciples did not know what to do initially but they did know that their life with Jesus was over; how can you follow someone who was dead? So they decided to go back to their old livelihoods.

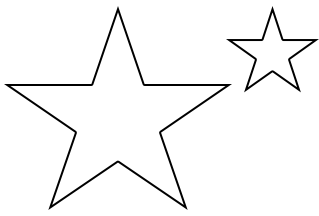
Isn't that what we do, too? When we are uncertain we go back to attitudes and behaviors and lives that we lived before. The familiar makes us feel comfortable. Many of us do not like to live in uncertainty and ambiguity, and yet, in life we often have to live in uncertainty and ambiguity. There is a saying that there are only two certainties in life: death and taxes. Everything else can lead to uncertainty and ambiguity.

The disciples did not like living in uncertainty and so they made a decision to return to what they knew. But then, Jesus did not stay where they put him! He was resurrected and he found the disciples and invited them to continue to follow him. Jesus invited the disciples to continue to live in a world of uncertainty and ambiguity because now they were moving into uncharted territory: now as they followed Jesus they were following a risen Lord!

There is another saying: Life is uncertain, eat dessert first! Jesus did not stay where the disciples put him and he doesn't stay where we put him, either. We crave stability and certainty in our lives and so we create illusions of both. The reality is, life is uncertain and while Jesus does not stay where we put him, he is alive in our world. As his disciples we are invited to follow him into the world with confidence that we do not make this journey alone. I guess we could eat dessert first, but I think that I would alter this saying: Life is uncertain, so always follow Jesus!

We may not know where we are going or what will happen next, but we do know that we follow a risen Savior. Thanks be to God!

Pastor Michele



# Coming Attractions at Shoreline UMC

## NEW DIRECTORIES

New Directories are planned for this year as there has been many changes in our church. Picture taking is planned for the following days, please make note of this. Gayle Sackett, has offered to take photos on Sunday, May 15 after the 11 AM service. The second round of photos will be taken on June 12 after the 11 AM service. This is the **Day of Pentecost** and the day of our **ALL CHURCH WORSHIP AND POTLUCK**. If you have changed your address, phone number, please let us know so we can avoid the numerous errors in the last directories. A list will be available to everyone to check for accuracy, as the last directory had many errors. We want to make sure that all the information is up to date before printing. Your cooperation is appreciated.



The next Quilting class will be on Saturday, May 21st at Shoreline UMC, at 10 AM to Noon. All are welcome. It is never too late to share in this rewarding activity. If you have any questions, please call Joan Campton at 206-473-8068

## DON'T MISS THIS!!

Former Bollywood singer, **Vijay Benedict** with Reuel Benedict & band, will be here at  
**Shoreline UMC, on Saturday, May 7 at 6 PM**

**FREE ADMISSION**  
**Bring you friends and family**

**Inspiring Christian music**

**For more information call: Pastor MAHESH GIRI at  
206-364-5114**







## ALL CHURCH WORSHIP & POTLUCK

Once again we will join all three fellowships to celebrate Pentecost.

On June 12, 2011, beginning at 12 noon.

As usual, there will not be a sermon-rather there will be Scripture Reading, Music, Prayer and a vast variety of food.



### Father's Day

Father's Day is on June 19 this year.

A variety of pies will be served. Bring your father and/or a memory and picture of you father.....oh! and a pie.



### Church of Mary Magdalene

The next visit to Mary Magdalene church will be July 30. The many homeless women who

Frequent Mary's Place, are very appreciative of the ministry we provide. If you haven't contributed to the cause, ask one of our women how you might get involved.



### Lincoln Park Hike

The date of this hike has not been determined yet. However it should be noted that this hike is appropriate to all ages and abilities. We will share a Picnic Lunch. Please join us, it is a wonderful way to exercise you body and friendships. Stay tuned, it will be soon!

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Uma, sister to Lalita Giri, Devi Prasad and Anu Sharma, last week in Melbourne, Australia.  
Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

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