



SHORELINE TIDINGS



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Newsletter of SHORELINE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fiji Islands Flood Appeal



Our Missions Committee is collecting money through **Coins of Compassion** and any fundraisers we can for **Fiji's Typhoon relief** for the rest of May thru the end of June.

Look for word of **Fijian Bar-B-Q!**

We are researching the best way to use the funds.

SAND POINT HOUSING



We continue to support the Resource Room at **Sand Point Housing** with donations of specific items. Residents of the transitional housing programs "*shop—at no charge*" at the Resource Room and are able to get necessities for their first homes after living on the streets. The shelves in the Resource Room currently are pretty bare. If you have extra **pots and pans** and **silverware** (that are in good shape) and /or gently used **sheets, towels, and blankets** that you don't use, please consider donating them to Sand Point Housing,. Items can also be purchased

Please lift these friends up in Prayer; Jack Patterson had a small stroke but is doing okay. Neelam Sharma's dad is coming home from the hospital and is in recovery.

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Devi Prasad had eye surgery and is in recovery.
Elizabeth Dean is receiving treatment for her cancer.
Mele's son, Tevita will be going home to Fiji next Sunday.
Continued prayer and phone calls for Howard Steele,
.Guidance for Ron, Zach, and Jason.
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Mary Magdalene



Eleven women from Shoreline served the women at the Mary Magdalene Church on April 21. We were prepared to serve 90; however, the number was closer to 75. The menu included Teriyaki Chicken Thighs and Salmon, Rice and Potatoes, Salad and Brownies. In addition, our church has become

famous for Makereta Tuirotuma's **RoRo** which has consistently been a big hit with the women served. Three women helped with the serving for the first time: LaVinia Bishop, Liz Serl, and Shalu Sharma. As always, many who did not come participated with food or a contribution for parking. This is always a great way to be Go's hands and feet in service to others. We give thanks to God and his servants.



Friends in Christ,

It's spring and I am trying to clean up my garden. My grandparents were successful farmers and they always had a beautiful garden. I am just trying to keep my garden free from weeds so that the trees and perennials will bloom. I was feeling good about my efforts this year and then I went to Virginia for a week. When I came back it rained for the next week. I looked out at my yard and garden and it almost looked like it did before I started weeding this spring.

As I looked at all of the new weeds, I remembered when I was little how I loved to pick the dandelions that had gone to seed and blow the seeds all around. Are all of the weeds today payback for all of the seeds that I sent into the air as a child? It seems like the weeds are never-ending!

Our faith journey is much like our gardens. We must continually engage in our spiritual life through fellowship, prayer, worship, and mission. Like our gardens, we must continually weed out those things in our life that will choke out life of the things we want to grow. Like our gardens, our work is never finished; it is on-going and it changes as our landscape shifts.

Amazingly, it didn't take me very long to pull out weeds where I had already been this season. I still have work to do to get my garden into tip-top shape, but if I keep working on it -- soon it will be a place of beauty and inspiration to others. As we continue to work on our spiritual growth -- God works through each of us so that our life can be a place of beauty and inspiration to others as well!

So -- let's clean up our gardens!

Tidbits

The next Admin. Council meeting will be June 14, as Michele will be in Pasco at Annual Conference on June 21. Annual Conference begins on Thursday, June 21 and ends June 24. It is being held in Pasco again this year.

Mark your calendars for the Work Party in July on Saturday the 14th. Work on the Outside will Be Gardening and Clean-Up Inside.

Articles and other items are welcomed. Deadline: Last week of each month.

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