

THE SUMC NEWSLETTER

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YOUR PLACE FOR ALL THINGS SUMC

THE GREAT SUMC NEIGHBORHOOD GIVE AWAY



DO YOU HAVE EXCESS STUFF? MOST PEOPLE DO. WE ARE PLANNING AN EVENT "THE GREAT SUMC NEIGHBORHOOD GIVE AWAY" ON SATURDAY MAY 20TH. IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HELPING WITH THIS PROJECT PLEASE CONTACT JANELLE, KITTY OR SANDRE.

BULLETIN BOARDS IN BASEMENT HALL

Have you noticed the pictures on the stars located on one of the hallway bulletin boards downstairs? Check it out. One of the stars may have your picture on it. The stars come from the story in Genesis where God promises Abraham, descendants as numerous as the stars in Heaven. The pictures are of the youth and other disciples at Shoreline UMC for awe are all children of God. With Advent the stars became part of the story of the journey to Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus, Immanuel, God with us. A thank you for helping with the journey goes to Gayle for making the letters for the bulletin board and Ilisoni for participating with the Fijian young people and Donna for helping the nursery kids make angels.

2017 For 2017 the bulletin board will include 4 simple sentences; **Be Safe. Be Responsible. Be Respectful. Be Kind.** Worthy goals for kids of all ages who follow Jesus—all around the world. Please help make this interactive with postings of examples when the church people get it right. Write a note or place up a picture of the Christ example you have witnessed in kids or adults in or outside of the church.



Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will meet Monday
January 23rd and then every other Monday through
May. All are welcome!



Missions News

Do you feel called to make a positive difference in the world around you? Well, then the Missions Team may be just the place for you! The Missions Team is led by Nellie Ann Mills and Kristin Ellison-Oslin and meets every 4th Sunday after worship in the sanctuary, and everyone that is interested is welcome to attend! Last year The Missions Team did some amazing work. Read on to find out exactly what they accomplished.

In 2016 Missions provided 3 meals for the Church of Mary Magdalene plus participated in the Mary's Place Giving Tree. In the Fall, socks were collected to support Operation Nightwatch's Sock-it-to-the-Homeless. 86 pairs of socks were collected in all! Missions also "adopted" Briarcrest Elementary School. Back-to-school supplies, Thanksgiving/Christmas Food and gift certificates were provided, as well as educational coupons. The efforts made a significant difference in the lives of the families there. Also, throughout the year, the church gifted leftover coins to the Coins of Compassion project. In total, \$120.07 were collected and given to Fiji, India, The Church of Mary Magdalene, World Communion Sunday, United Methodist Student Day and to aid in the Fiji Flood Relief.

The first meeting of the year will be Sunday the 22nd. There will be a discussion about the goals for this year. Some items up for discussion are; continuing to provide 3 meals for Church of Mary Magdalene and continued participation in the Sock-it-to-the Homeless program, whether engagement in the Mary's Tree Giving Tree will continue or be replaced with more local focus in Shoreline and possibly adjusting some designations for the Coins of Compassion project. Please join the meeting!