

# CHAPEL CHIMES



GRASS VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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## Thank you Thank you

The quilt, the flowers, the cards, and the party were more than I ever expected. The good-by dinner was wonderful. A special thanks to Bob Briel for all he did to make this transition go smoothly. I know Rev. Tana will be in good hands and that your welcome for her will be as wonderful as your farewell was for me. I will miss you all in oh so many ways. I give thanks for all you have been and will be by God's grace.

Pastor Barb



## Welcome Welcome

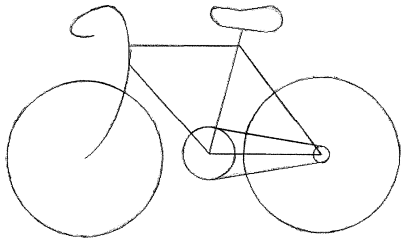
We are about to enter into another era. Pastor Barb will be answering God's call to pastor a new group of people and He has chosen Rev. Tana McDonald to become our spiritual guide.

Two suggestions that will help the transition process:

1. When you talk to Pastor Tana, begin with your name. We are many and she is new.
2. If you have a request, put it in writing and leave it in the pastor's box or give it to Sandy.



We need to remember that this is going to be a big transition for all of us.



## **Pedaling Pastor—**

**I LOVE to ride my bicycle. Do I do it much? Well, no, not as much I would like to. Did Jesus ride a bicycle, no, but the way I see it, he pedaled plenty. He moved up hills and down. He pedaled along the sea and pedaled in the dessert and into the city. Jesus spent a healthy amount of time alone in the wilderness and was intentional about his prayer and solitude to strengthen his relationship with the Living God.**

**The wisdom of Bishop Warner and the cabinet is that Grass Valley UMC and I should be rejoined in ministry and, boy, am I glad! Hopefully many of you are as well. I've learned to aim for the many and be happy with that.**

**Bill Croker asked recently what I intended to do at Grass Valley UMC. Good question—first I need to see what you have been up to for several years while I've been pedaling around the conference doing a wide and wonderful range of active mission and ministry.**

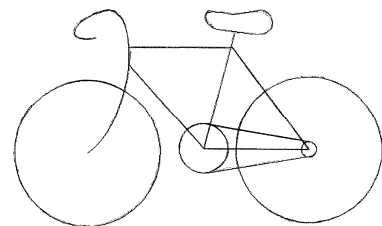
**The plan then is to get reacquainted. While reviewing the last Chapel Chimes I was delighted to see that there are many new people who have come to serve Christ. For the first two or three months I am going to primarily get to know you. The best way for that to occur is in groups of 6-10. If you have some friends and want to put together a group—please do and call my office at church and we can set a time and date.**

**While pedaling, this is often the prayer I reflect on: Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can.**

*John Wesley, founder of Methodism*

***Together in Christ we can create great things, may our time together be richly blessed.***

***Rev. Tana***



## SECRETS

The secrets that are hidden in my heart  
There shape and mold the person I'm to be,  
In spite of all denial, each day's start  
Is keyed to hidden guilt that none must see;  
And in the sleepless times that come at night  
My spectral secrets summon surreal fears  
Is there no way to put my life aright  
Before all happiness quite disappears?

A secret once disclosed must fade and die  
It cannot live when into light it's thrust  
Its demon power to blight quite disappears  
If I reveal it to someone I trust.  
Someone who shares Christ's power to forgive,  
Who listens not to judge, but to set free  
For then, at last, I shall in gladness live  
Rejoicing in my newborn liberty!

But now, Christ counsels, comes a second phase;  
New splendid secrets must I now create,  
Real actions which, if known, would make me proud  
But those I must keep hidden, not relate!  
"You are your secrets" is the truth made plain  
So I would store more mercies in my soul,  
For secret goodness means the spirit's gain,  
And structured secrets settle God's control.

-Earl Leonard Langguth

Many of Rev. Earl's unpublished poems are  
to be found on the internet at the following  
website: [www.poatree.org](http://www.poatree.org)

## LUNCH AT THE CROSS ROADS

Lunch At The Cross Roads served 99 people lunch in May.  
Many of the volunteers are, also, bringing canned food to  
hand out to those in need. The June lunch will be a Sea  
Shell Casserole and entertainment will be provided by  
Interoutlook.

As of this date there are no members of our congregation  
helping with the lunch.

Some of the volunteers are putting together tote bags with  
deodorant, tooth paste, tooth brushes and etc.



## KINGDOM OF THE SON:

### A Prayer Safari

July 13 thru 16,  
Family program – July 16

Sponsored by: Grass Valley  
United Methodist, Peace  
Lutheran & Emmanuel  
Episcopal Churches

Free-will donation of \$10 per  
child; \$25 for 3 or more children  
from the same family.

Scholarships are available

### **NO CHILD WILL BE TURNED AWAY**

Make checks payable to: Grass  
Valley United Methodist Church

**For more information –**  
Call GVUMC at 272-1946

**Registration forms are  
available at GVUMC office.**

## Interfaith Food Ministry

About 25 years ago several local churches began providing supplementary food to people in the community. Several people from our church took it on themselves from time to time to go to a local grocery store or the commissary at Beal and stretch \$20 or \$30 as far as possible. The food was distributed from our pantry, the downstairs furnace room, and few records were kept. It was soon obvious that the same people were visiting each church's pantry and one combined effort would be much more efficient.

Other churches were contacted and a representative from each formed the governing board for Interfaith Food Ministry, IFM. Participating churches, now totaling 16, would contribute volunteers, finances and food. A motel unit on South Auburn became the distribution site but was soon outgrown. The former Pick and Pan neighborhood grocery store on Whiting Street became vacant and with great amounts of prayer and faith, IFM bought the store, still in use today for distribution.

Over 600 families, averaging 4 members each, are now being served weekly and records are carefully kept. Each family can receive perishable food weekly, staples monthly. God continues to bless and provide the growing needs for IFM but they have now outgrown their present location, especially concerning parking.

## Scripture and Sermon

July 5, 2009 -- One service at 10:00 AM

Scripture: Exodus 18:13-23; Ephesians 4:11-16

**Sermon Title:** How Did Jesus Conduct Ministry?

July 12, 2009

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

**Sermon Title:** Shall We Dance?

July 19, 2009

Scripture: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

**Sermon Title:** G-Force

July 26, 2009

Scripture: John 6:1-21

**Sermon Title:** The Bread of Life: What Are You Hungry For?

August 2, 2009

Scripture: John 6:24-35

**Sermon Title:** The Bread of Life (2): The Message is in the Munchies

August 9, 2009

Scripture: John 6:35, 41-51

**Sermon Title:** The Bread of Life (3): Jesus is Good 4U

August 16, 2009

Scripture: Ephesians 5:15-20

**Sermon Title:** Seeking God in Real Time

August 23, 2009

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-20

**Sermon Title:** The Liquid Armor of God

**Please join Judith Pruess-Mellow, Marilyn Wilson and others for a special contemplative time of prayer and quiet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, 4:15 pm, Chapel upstairs, Grass Valley UMC. Questions? Call Judith at 274-3354.**



You are invited to be a part of a Holy Land VIM (Volunteers Mission) pilgrimage.

The group will depart on December 28, 2009 from Sacramento and return January 13, 2010. Rev. Tana McDonald is leading this tour assisted by Rev. Don Lee, and Rosann Mackey.

While in the Holy Land, you will prayerfully participate in strengthening our UMC peace and justice connections. You will live in Bethlehem at the complex of the Basilica of the Nativity, interact and worship daily with Palestinian Christians and Muslims. Our group will visit Deheisha Refugee Camp, Hebron/Christian Peacemakers, Lutheran Christmas Church/numerous mission projects. We will have a suitcase ministry and deliver much needed children's medicines/school supplies to HOPE Secondary School.

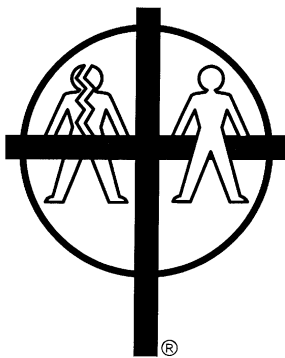
On January 6th you will leave the walls of Bethlehem and move to Jerusalem. In addition to sacred site-seeing we will worship with our Jewish brothers and sisters at the Wailing Wall and meet several Israeli Peace activists and justice partners.

Lastly we move on to Jericho and up to the Jordan River to reaffirm our baptism before heading to the Sea of Galilee, Mt. of the Beatitudes, Capernaum and Nazareth. Our lodging will be on the Sea of Galilee at a lovely, peaceful spiritual retreat center.

Estimated cost (including lodging, 2 meals daily, [except for one dinner at the American Colony Hotel in Jerusalem]) is \$4000. Applications are available now. Get your passport if you think you would like to join us. Orientation and educational meetings will be held at Sierra Pines UMC on Saturdays: September 26th, October 24th, and November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 11:00 AM-3:00 PM. Plan to make at least two of the meeting to be eligible to go.

**Our most important mission work is connectional--meeting Israeli, Palestinian and Muslim peacemakers.**

If you would like more information on this trip, please contact Rev. Tana [revtana@gmail.com](mailto:revtana@gmail.com) Grass Valley UMC 530 272-1946, or Rev. Don Lee at [revdonlee@gmail.com](mailto:revdonlee@gmail.com) Sierra Pines UMC 268-6907, or Rosann Mackey [rosann.VIM2009@gmail.com](mailto:rosann.VIM2009@gmail.com) 272-6566.



## **Stephen Ministry -**

is alive and well at Grass Valley United Methodist Church.

If you need to talk to someone and want someone to visit you once a week for an hour, please call Judy Emerson, 432-5899. All conversations are completely confidential.

Our Stephen Ministers are Nancy Thompson, Carolyn Coffey, Shirley Jonsson, Arlie Thompson, Linda Madden and Judy Emerson.

## **THE CORNISH ARE COMING !!!**

**The 15<sup>th</sup> Gathering of the Cornish-American Heritage Society (Cornish Cousins)** will be held in Grass Valley and Nevada City July 21-26, 2009, with 200+ visitors attending. The theme is "Other Oceans – Other Worlds – the Cornish on the Pacific." There will be guest speakers from Australia, New Zealand and Cornwall and a male voice choir from near Penzance.

Our church will be used for workshops and seminars and on Friday, July 24, for a Cornish cream tea for registrants. Our United Methodist Women is charge of the tea (which, incidentally, will earn us some money), and we want to make an enjoyable experience. To do this, we need help from all UMW members. If you have not already signed up, let Helen Bowden know if you will make scones, tea sandwiches, dainty desserts or help serve. Some of our men have volunteered to help clean up. **Helen Bowden (272-5495)** is in charge of the tea and Dorothy Miller is planning decorations.

**Help us look good !!**

### **LADIES –**

If you are not presently a member of the United Methodist Women, you may join at any time and you are always welcome to visit at any of the meetings.

Call the Church office, 272-1946 for information about their next meeting.

### **METHODIST MEN --**

Join other Methodist men for breakfast at the IHOP restaurant on any Wednesday at 7:00 AM. **No membership required. You will always receive a warm welcome !**

## **FREE MEALS**

**On the second Friday and the last Friday of each month, a free supper is served at 5:30 PM at the Grass Valley United Methodist Church.**

**You are, also, welcome to our free lunch which will be served at 11:45 AM on the third Friday of each month at the Grass Valley United Methodist Church.**

**St. Patrick's Hall at the corner of Church and Chapel Streets serves up free meals to all age groups, kids, Elderly and in-between. Dinner is served from 5 to 6 PM on the second and fourth Mondays of the month.**

## **The Prayer Quilt Ministry of GVUMC**

**Anyone interested in joining the Prayers & Squares to participate in this ministry is urged to call Gerri Griswold (530-273-3442) for more information.**

*HAPPY*

*BIRTHDAY*

07/01 Pettyjohn, Karen  
07/01 Kearney, Rosalie  
07/01 Phelps, Maddie  
07/09 Harrison, John  
07/11 Stade, Tom  
07/13 McCracken, Marilyn  
07/14 Peyton, Charlotte  
07/14 Peavy, Dorothy  
07/14 Coffey, Carolyn  
07/15 Johnson, Barbara L.  
07/16 Baumgart, Ruby  
07/16 Comstock, Marilyn  
07/19 Allgeier, Jeanne  
07/19 Servaes, Dick  
07/19 Pruess-Mellow, Judith  
07/19 Benson, Cindy  
07/19 Kinney, Kathy  
07/21 Croker, Nick  
07/23 McCracken, Ken  
07/24 Barrows, Betty  
07/25 Kinney, Peter  
07/26 Hansen, Virginia  
07/26 Hook, Susan  
07/28 Goodhue, Virginia  
07/28 Halleib, Tanya  
07/29 Mellow, Lee  
07/30 Leavell, Fran

### HOW TO REACH PASTOR TANA

There are several ways to reach Pastor Tana. Through these various contact points she strives to be **available at all times** for our people. Call Pastor Tana for appointments outside office hours.

\*Office Hours: Mon & Wed 10:00-12:00 AM  
Call for appointment.

\*Church phone: 272-1946

\*Emergency (24/7): 274-8370

\*Pastor's home phone: 274-8370

\*Pastor's e-mail address: [pastor@gv-umc.org](mailto:pastor@gv-umc.org)

### WHAT'S GOING ON IN OUR CHURCH ?

#### COMMITTEES

Church Council	3rd Monday	6:30 pm
Church & Society	1st Monday	4:00 pm
Finance	2nd Monday	6:30 pm
Missions	As Scheduled	
SPRC	1st Monday	10:00 am
Trustees	1st Friday	9:00 am
Worship	As Scheduled	

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children	Sundays	8:45 am
Adults	Sundays	9:00 am

#### BIBLE STUDY

Adults	Mondays	1:30 pm
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#### PRAYER

Contemplative Prayer		
2nd & 4th	Wednesday	4:45 pm
Prayer and Share	Sunday	6:00 pm

#### MUSIC

Striking Bells	Wednesday	5:00 pm
Wesley Ringers		
Hand Bells	Wednesday	6:30 pm
Choir Practice	Thursday	7:30 pm

#### WELCOMING ADULT GROUPS

Family Fun Activities	Call	272-1946
Men's Breakfast		
At IHOP	Wednesday	7:30 am
Pasty Bakers		
Call Dorothy Miller		273-7046
Circuit Writers Critique Group		
Call Jan Collins		272-4905

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**OUR MISSION:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ.

**OUR VISION:** An alive growing, "on fire" church where individual lives are transformed by their relationship with Jesus Christ. Members pray and read the Bible daily, faithfully keep the covenants with God through their daily actions and minister to others.