

# CHAPEL CHIMES



**GRASS VALLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.

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## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The May 7<sup>th</sup> United Methodist Women Unit meeting was a delight. Anna Howard Shaw Circle prepared and served a Cornish Cream Tea. The ladies served scones, finger sandwiches, cookies and tarts with tea. Clotted cream, lemon curd, and strawberry jam were prepared and served to enjoy with the scones. Real teapots with violas arranged in them were the table decorations. This Tea was a practice for the July 24<sup>th</sup> Cornish Cream Tea that UMW will serve for our Cornish cousins when they are here in America to visit.

Our guest speaker, courtesy of Thelma Stade, was Cheryl Patterson. Cheryl is a member of Twin Cities Church and spoke of her second trip to Uganda(Africa) as a part of a missionary team.

June 4<sup>th</sup> will be our last meeting before summer break. (July and August we do not have UMW meetings.) Our June meeting will bring Gloria Tan, Executive Director of the Gum Moon Residence Hall in San Francisco, to our church. She will present a program detailing what Gum Moon is and what it does

Dates to remember:

June 7 is Lisa Stade's graduation

June 14<sup>th</sup> Pastor Barb Smith's last Sunday-Dinner at 5:00pm

June 17-20 Annual Conference

July 5<sup>th</sup>- Tana McDonald-first Sunday as new pastor

July 24<sup>th</sup> UMW Cornish Cream Tea-sittings at 3:30 and 4:30pm



## Friday Afternoon Emmaus

Anyone who has attended the wonderful 72 hour Emmaus weekend is invited to join the Friday Afternoon Emmaus Group. The ladies in this group meet to encourage each other in Christian growth, support one another with life's trials, and pray for those needing Christ's help. Those that meet together are (pictured above) Barbara Johnson, Helen Bowden, Judy Emerson, Margaret Currier, Marilyn Wilson, Susie Ernst and Joan Heinsohn. Missing are Nancy Thompson, Lynn Schorr, Martha Carnahan and Darleen Langguth.

**(This is the first of a series of groups to be featured.)**



## From the Pastor

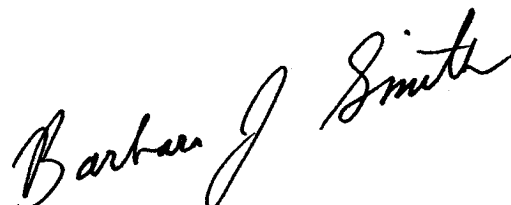
How do you say good-bye after so many years, so many hugs, and so many tears? Today there are no words for all that is in my heart. As I prepare to start in a new place I vividly remember my first days here. All the faces were new, all the ways of doing things were different and everywhere I looked there was something new to take in and understand. On those first days so many people reached out with a kind word and a gracious welcome that I felt the joy and the love that is so integral to GVUMC. That joy and love have been with me all these years.

As I packed my books I came across books we had studied together on God's grace, on following in Jesus footsteps, about allowing Christ to live in us, about baptism and about the Methodist traditions and many more. Here I have been through three levels of DISCIPLE, here I have become a Stephen Minister and leader, here I have become a part of Emmaus and together we learned about A Life that Really Mattered. Just this year we are engaged in becoming a vital church, learning three simple rules and about five fruitful practices. Together we have grown and shared and studied the word of God. Each of us had been seeking to be a more faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

What I have loved the most about this church is each person's willingness to be vulnerable and open to allowing the Holy Spirit to shape and guide them. Over the years we have struggled mightily to know what is the will of God for our lives and each one of us has been shaped and reshaped by the Word made flesh; Jesus Christ. Jesus demands that we put aside the ways of the world and walk in the ways of his Kingdom. God's holy ways are not of human devising but of divine intention. Together we have grown to love being a place of open hearts, minds and doors. Together we have expanded our ministries to embrace and engage with our neighbors in amazing ways. I am so proud of the three meals, Hospitality House, IFM, EAC, the VIM trips we have taken and the other wonderful ministries we share in.

As I prepare to leave I have been noticing how strong and clear the current leaders of this church are. You have a deep devotion to Jesus and a deep desire to continue to be guided by the Holy Spirit. It is with great confidence that I say the best days of this church are ahead of you. If I were shopping for a church to call home this is the kind of church I would be looking for; a church that is open to new faces and new ideas and willing to embrace a fellow pilgrim on the road. GVUMC is a place where Jesus message of peace, love and grace is lived out in everything that you do. The people of GVUMC live sacrificially trusting in God's abundant providence and knowing that it is by grace alone that we are saved. I can't wait to see where your passion for Christ will take each one of you in the coming years. You will be in my heart and prayers forever.

Thank you each for being faithful to God and for sharing a place on the pilgrim road with me.



Barbara J. Smith

## **THOUGHTS ON THE STRAND.**

**Our God provides an ocean of His grace,  
A vast expanse, and deeper than this sea;  
Its shores no limits set that we can know,  
For miracles and serendipity;  
An ocean that we can't explore in ships,  
We must just trust the Bible as our guide.  
We stand and gaze in wonder from our beach,  
And marvel at the blessings on each tide.**

**Immensities of God now overwhelm,  
Beyond all thought that human words express.  
We stand in awe before such sovereign power;  
Such love, such providence, such righteousness.  
In truth, this deep with mercy overflows,  
Upon it wondrous waves of justice roll;  
And all is ours, God means it all for us.  
But I have just a teaspoon for a soul!**

**-Earl Leonard Langguth**

## **Lunch at the Cross Roads**

In April, 145 people were served a free lunch. The meal was prepared by student chefs from The Institute of Technology in Roseville. Those attending the luncheon listened to music provided by Mitchell Gregory. Two Grass Valley council persons attended the luncheon. At this time there are no members of our congregation volunteering for this church sponsored mission.

## **Hospitality House**

Another year has come to a close. The year was supposed to come to a close April 30, but due to all the rain we housed guests until May 4. The Welcome Center will be open during the summer months providing lunch, a place to do laundry, take showers, and receive counseling. Thank you to all of you who helped to make this another year of providing food and shelter to those in our community who are in need.

## **WHEN GOD CALLS**

What do you do when God calls you to mission? Never having had "THE CALL" before, I answered, "Sure, I'll go – how difficult can this be?" And that is how my 21 day odyssey in Cambodia began. "MY CALL" was to travel halfway around the world to teach hand quilting to a group of 7-16 year old girls.

These youngsters had been rescued from the sex slave trade and were recovering in the Agape International Mission in Phnon Penh.

More details will be forthcoming on Mission Sunday, May 31, 2009.

Susan Ernst

## **Vacation Bible School**

This summer's vacation bible school titled "Kingdom of the Son" will be held July 13 thru 16 with a culminating celebration on the evening of July 16.

Children entering Kindergarten thru fifth grade will learn the meaning of the Lord's Prayer through song, games and skits. The program will be held at our church from 9 am until noon each day.

For registration information or to volunteer contact the office or Lindy Beatie at 477-8485.

## PRAYER CHAIN

Prayer is a mighty tool available to all Christians. Matthew tells us that when at least two agree in prayer, it will be done by God. James tells us that the prayer of a righteous man has great effects. We have the opportunity to widen our prayer ministry through the prayer chain.

Every so often our prayer chain needs to redo and now seems to be the time. If you would like to be added to either the telephone list or the email list, please let us know.

Prayer should be a major part of every Christian's work for the Lord. Many people have been and continually are blessed by the prayers resulting from our prayer chain.

Call either Dorothy Peavy - 265-4793 or Dolores Richards - 273-8137

## We'll Miss You!

**On Sunday March 22, Pastor Barb announced that Bishop. Rev. Warner Brown intended to appoint her to serve as pastor to the congregation of Pioneer United Methodist Church in Auburn. This appointment will commence on July 1, 2009.**

**On June 14, Pastor Barb's last day preaching, we will hold a celebration commemorating the years Pastor Barb has been with us, and honoring her work within our community. This dinner and hymn sing will start at 5 pm in Wesley Hall. Anyone needing transportation should contact Susie Ernst 432-8846.**

## PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY JUNE 7<sup>TH</sup>

Half of the offering for this Special Sunday is remitted to the General Board of Church & Society to help fund U.S. and global work in social action, public-policy education and advocacy and half is retained in our Annual Conference to fund local peace with justice programs. On Sunday, June 7th, please visit our Church & Society Informational Table in Wesley Hall between services to read summaries of the CA/NV Annual Conference 2008 Peace with Justice grants. Some of their titles include "The Green Church", "The Breath of Life", "CityLight Fellowship LGBT Bible Study", "I am a Stranger, Will You Welcome Me?", "Jump-Prep" After School Program, etc.

Following second service, at 11:45 AM, there will be a beautiful "planting" and dedication ceremony for our Peace Pole. Please join our Sunday School children on the lawn for the planting, the music, the dedication and the prayers. "Plant "a prayer; send one to Bethlehem We will also serve sandwiches, peace cookies (so tasty you can't help but feel peaceful) and iced tea. "May Peace Prevail on Earth" Call Mary Liebke, 273-3678 for more information.

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of his local newspaper complaining that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I've heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letter to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I can't recall the entire menu for single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I need to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you're DOWN to nothing,  
God is UP to something! Faith sees the  
invisible, believes the incredible and re-  
ceives the impossible! Thank God for our  
physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

( Provided by Robert Putnam )



HAVE A **GREAT** BIRTHDAY!

**HOW TO REACH PASTOR BARB**

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

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

\*Church phone: 272-1946

\*Pastor's cell phone (24/7): 559-5661

\*Pastor's home phone: 273-5660

\*Pastor's e-mail address: 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

06/01	Miller, Dorothy
06/05	Putnam, Robert
06/05	Nelson, George
06/06	Black, Angel
06/07	Dickson, Jordan
06/09	Bell, Norma
06/09	Renner, Clayton
06/12	Lilly, Marilyn
06/15	Heinsohn, Bob
06/19	Gratteau, Lucy
06/19	Smith, Jerry
06/23	Rosewall, Jerry Lee
06/24	Fisher, Emily Ann
06/25	Coams, Lester
06/25	Stanley, Trista
06/26	Rosewall, Olive
06/26	Coams, Vickie
06/27	Venes, Dr. Joan
06/27	Langguth, Darleen
06/28	Kinney, Haley
06/29	Warner, Junior
06/30	Smith, Barbara

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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.