

# The Parishscope

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## FELICITATIONS



As you can probably imagine, I haven't really been thinking too well. I knew that I needed to write an article for the Parishscope, but everything I started seemed flat and went nowhere. There are so many things I want to share with you but the timing isn't right or I just can't get the words to flow in any kind of intelligent way.

Fortunately, grace is real. And just this morning, my niece Sara sent me a copy of an e-mail from her mother. It says everything I wanted to say, and so much better. What you need to know is that Tommy is my father, Jason is my nephew, and Sara is his wife. All three of them were and are remarkable human beings. Dad was revered as a brilliant architect, great joke-teller, and lover of people and life. Right now, Jason and Sara are grieving because – in addition to all the usual things of losing a beloved grandparent – they are stationed with the U.S. Army JAG Corps in Germany and cannot fly back for the memorial service.

Here is the note from Sara's mother. To me, it is a prayer because it captures the essence of what life and love are all about. It reminds us that death ends a life, but not a relationship.

*So, Tommy has left us, after a really great run of life! What a time for tears and laughter all mixed up in a soup of welcome, painful emotions... I know you two grew very close to him over the last few years, and that Jason revered him as not only a grandfather/confessor/partner-in-crime/exemplar (albeit a little shaky on that one!) but also as a really good friend at all times, and that you both saw him as an inspiration of how to grow old well... and now he is gone.*

*Except he isn't. Every time Jason puts on a bow tie, Tommy chortles. Every time you guys agonize over how to arrange your living quarters, Tommy grins. Every time Jason constructs a strong legal argument, Tommy considers weights, balances, mass and the impact of overall design - necessary elements of good construction. Every time you two plan a trip, Tommy remembers ... well, Italy, perhaps? Every time you embrace, Tommy sighs - well, maybe more than just that...*

*So, how can we think that he is gone? No. It is simply that WE haven't yet gone too!*

*Keep the bow tie cleaned and pressed. Keep your wits sharp. Be good to people. Give your kid(s) good names. Have a really good joke ready. He's expecting you.*

*Love, Ma*

I thank you for your prayers and blessings. They are real and they have sustained me.

God bless you, Felicity

## “This I Believe” Lenten Series:



Please call the office or email Felicity if you want a copy of the book *Confessing Our Faith* by Roger Shinn.

The cost is \$11. In addition, there are two other wonderful books we recommend:

- o Alan Laughlin, *Remedial Christianity: What Every Believer Should Know About the Faith, but Probably Doesn't.* (\$20)
- o Borg and Wright, *Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions* (\$16 – but we have a couple of copies in the library)



## Women's Fellowship

Linda Jones

### Next meeting:

**Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30**

Our Women's Fellowship was really glowing when we met in February! After a supper of soup, salad, and dessert, each person lit a candle to place on the table to represent the light within each of us as we discussed our longings for future Women's Fellowship programs. Shirlee Bromley did a reading and led a discussion. Then we all shared our longings for what we want out of women's fellowship, we shared ideas for programs, and set dates until June for our next meetings.

We'll meet again on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30. It will be a potluck. Shirlee will again do a reading and lead a discussion. Then we will continue sharing our ideas for programs.

If you have not come to the Women's Fellowship, could you please share your thoughts about Women's Fellowship with Linda Jones prior to March 9<sup>th</sup>. Do you prefer daytime meetings occasionally? What kind of programs would you like to attend? Do you need a ride? What are your personal thoughts about this important part of our church ministry to each other?? Please call me or email me your thoughts. Each of you matters as we share our spiritual journeys at ACC.



## Grateful Thanks to ACC

Margaret and Dolf May

You have walked with us through this long sorrowful journey with our family. We thank each one of you for your prayers, your many notes and cards and the kind thoughts from your hearts.

The lovely flowers and beautiful framed picture of the LOVE WINDOW continue to remind us of all of you. We particularly appreciated the personal notes within the picture frame.

It was a great joy to have Felicity lead us in the blessing of our new home. About sixteen of our friends gathered here and Felicity's loving words spoke to each of us.

We have found more comfort than we could have ever imagined by your prayers. We have become more aware that prayer brings peace. As we continue our lives' journeys we recall the words of Paul, "Be rejoicing in hope, be patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer".



## Lent and Easter Calendar

- **Every Wednesday, beginning February 8th at 8:00pm** in the Fireside Room: **Choir Rehearsal for Mozart's "Solemn Vespers"** to be performed on Good Friday, April 14.
- **Wednesday, March 1 (Ash Wednesday) at 7:00 pm in the Chapel**, enter from Rincon Road: **Meditation, prayers and imposition of ashes.**
- **Every Sunday in Lent beginning March 5 at 7:00 pm** in the Fireside Room: **Celtic style music and meditation service**, with candlelight, gentle music, short readings, time for prayer, and silence, led by Carolyn Margrete and Felicity Wright.
- **Every Thursday in Lent beginning March 9 at 7:00 pm** in the Christian Education Room: **"This I Believe" series** exploring the belief statements of people from many faiths and various walks of life. Consider the key tenets of classical Christian faith and decide which ones work for you and which ones don't, led by Felicity Wright and Gail Eastwood.
- **Friday, March 10 at 8:00 pm** in the Sanctuary: **Mini-concert** featuring *Pacific Art Trio*. Music by Respighi, Debussy, Saint Saens, performed on harp, cello, and flute.
- **Thursday, April 13 (Maundy Thursday) at 7:00 pm** in the social hall: **Simple meal and service.**
- **Friday, April 14 (Good Friday) at 7:30 pm** in the sanctuary: **Mozart's Solemn Vespers** sung by the choir, with video accompaniment.
- **Sunday, April 16 (Easter) at 6:00 am** by the Youth Hut: **Sunrise service.**
- **Sunday, April 16 (Easter) at 10:00 am** in the sanctuary: **Festival service with brass.**

## Change for a Change



There is a new sound in the air as we take our Sunday morning offering these days. To date we have collected a little over \$100 in coins, a few foreign coins, a mint, and a pill. Keep those coins coming folks, it's music to our ears! It would appear that we should reach the \$500 mark by midyear which is earmarked for the Board of Missions & Social Justice. After that a new as yet undesignated Board will be the happy recipient of the Sunday morning Change for Change collection.



## Music Notes

Shanti Moorjani

The Mini Concerts are as follows:

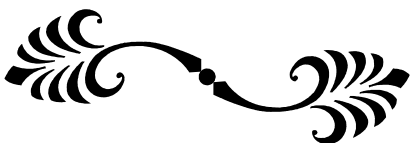
- **March 10 Pacific Arts Trio:** Music by Respighi, Debussy, Saint Saens, performed on Harp, Cello, and flute.
- **April 7 Grizzly Peak String Band:** Toe tapping bluegrass music.
- **April 21 New Age Music** with recorded pianist/composer Carolyn Margrete: From European classical forms and world folk music to Oriental melodies. Meditative.
- **May 12** Unusual evening of piano and humor, **Bobby Ingrams** shares his talents of wit with a touch of piano genius. Come prepared to be surprised.
- **June 2 Women's Antique Vocal Ensemble (WAVE)**, conducted by Cindy Beitmen: Performing medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music. Accompanied by Alto Sonora, a Renaissance wind ensemble. Music by Dufay, Obrecht, Isaac, Taeggio, Gabrieli and more.
- **June 30 Bay Area Classical Harmonies (BACH)**, directed by Andrew Chung—performing Greek and Russian vocal music.

These concerts, featuring many talented musicians, are being offered at an incredibly low subscription fee of **\$50.00** for **six** concerts. At the door, tickets will be \$15.00. It's a good chance to hear some great music. It's still a bargain even if you miss a date and extra tickets can easily be given to friends.

Call Christy at the office (526-9146) between 10am - 3pm Tue. - Fri. to have a series sent to you. Or you may pay at the door on the night of the first concert

A sing along of the Faure Requiem will be held at the church with Bella Musica on April 2 at 4:00pm. It is a fund raiser for their chorus.

**Note: My e-mail server has changed: It is now [leslieshanti@yahoo.com](mailto:leslieshanti@yahoo.com) . No more aol.**



## A story from your Global Ministries –

*"I was thirsty and you gave me drink."*

Matthew: 25:35

### A cup of water to drink

Water is essential to life and access to it is the right of every human being. Global Ministries knows that the introduction of a modest water pump, or access to a clean water source in an African village, can transform life. Clean water can foster the empowerment of rural women who have to walk miles every day to find a well. Clean water can also help to eradicate the waterborne diseases that claim so many children's lives. Salem UCC in Campbelltown, PA has made a significant difference to the children in one school supported by Global Ministries partner, the Evangelical Church in Lesotho. Their Mission Ministry Committee wanted to do something different for a special mission project, so they challenged the congregation to contemplate for one month their use of water, and how clean water is important to their lives and their children's health. At the same time, members were told about the desperate need for clean water in Lesotho's schools. Each church member was given a cup to take home to fill with coins or paper money. The church set a goal of \$1500 to help one school. Each week a bulletin board tracked the amount raised by adding bricks to a well wall. Soon, money was raised to enable a school to build its well. By helping to supply safe drinking water to one school, Salem church is helping those children stay in school and get the kind of education that will enable them to better their lives and the lives of their communities.

*Praise God for joyous, generous givers!*

*You Make the Difference*

The prayers and help you provide through your local congregations make possible the work and witness of GLOBAL MINISTRIES, which is supported by Disciples Mission Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) of the United Church of Christ.



## Board of Missions & Social Justice 2005 Annual Report

Jill Bryans

Members of the Board of Missions and Social Justice in 2005 included Jill Bryans, chair, Linda Young, Jim Young, Ellie Power, John Grosvenor, Carol Graves, Chick Ligon, and Margaret May. In July Board members were saddened to learn that Margaret would no longer be able to serve as she was moving away. Heartfelt thanks were offered to Margaret for her numerous contributions throughout her many years of service. The Board welcomed Janet Messman as a new member in August.

The Board regularly receives numerous requests for monetary support and assistance throughout the year. Margaret May and now Janet Messman sort and review the mail every month and give reports at our monthly meetings enabling the Board to make sound decisions regarding our stewardship.

Special Missions Offerings were collected during the year as follows:

- Tsunami Relief: \$2383
- Church World Service Blanket and Tools Program: \$411
- One Great Hour of Sharing: \$578
- Neighbors in Need: \$840
- GRIP Housing Fund: \$1500
- Pastor's Discretionary Fund: \$2110
- Local Outreach: \$472

In addition to these offerings the following disbursements were made in 2005:

- \$900 collected for The Heifer Project over the holidays (2004).
- \$1200 scholarship awarded to Linda Pirie, a student Missions has sponsored the past 2 years at CCC and is now at UC Davis.
- \$2200 contribution to GRIP.
- \$2296 contribution to GRIP Housing Fund.
- \$200 contribution to PSR.
- \$200 contribution to Seafarers Ministry.
- Monetary support (approx \$600) for Souper Center lunch program.
- \$500 contribution to Neighborhood House to pay for turkeys for North Richmond Christmas Project.
- \$750 in pledges collected for GRIP's Harmony Hunger Walk in October

The Board also organized the following donations:

- Delivered donated clothing to Friends Outside – Margaret May and Carol Graves.
- Delivered donated clothing to Souper Center – Carol Graves and Jill Bryans.
- Delivered donated food to Richmond Emergency Food Pantry – Margaret May, Carol Graves, & Jill Bryans.
- Conducted drive for school supplies for the GRIP Resource Center – Jim Young and Ellie Power.
- Arranged dinner assignments for GRIP Winter Homeless Shelter during 2 weeks in March – Jim Young and John Grosvenor.
- Coordinated collection of food and gifts for 26 LARGE families and 6 seniors for the North Richmond Christmas project – John Grosvenor with help from Linda Young, Jim Young, Ellie Power, Jill Bryans, Ilhami Karaca, and Ken Hall.

Joined American Friends Service Committee, recognizing this organization as an important source of information regarding peace issues.

Proposed to Church Council that ACC membership vote on becoming a Jubilee Congregation at the Annual Meeting in January. Proposal was accepted by Council and subsequently adopted at the Annual Meeting.

Sponsored the following Spectrums:

- April 17 on Lynn Woolsey's SMART Proposal led by Allan Essex.
- May 1 on Jubilee led by Bob Orr of UCC Santa Rosa.
- October 16 on joining Jubilee led by Allan Essex.
- January 8 on joining Jubilee led by Jill Bryans.

Facilitated ACC's participation in SF Gay Pride Parade in June – Jill Bryans.

Supported summer book study group on God's Politics led by Allan Essex.

The Board is fully committed to the support of GRIP and the new Homeless Shelter/Souper Center and Resource Center which is planned to be fully operational in midsummer. We look forward to the grand opening and celebration. Although much of our stewardship is locally driven, we are pleased that the congregation supported our recommendation that ACC become a Jubilee Congregation and thus have the opportunity to be involved with global issues that affect impoverished countries. Perhaps we can make a difference by speaking out about these matters.

**ACC Calendar - March 2006**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 3:30 PM *Children's Choir 5:00 PM *Yoga (SH) 7:00 PM Service/Chapel 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM *Folk Dancing 8:00 PM Mozart Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 9:00 AM Senior Center (SH) 7:00 PM This I Believe	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 8:45 AM Adult Study(CE) 8:45 AM Choir Warm-up 10:00 AM Worship (Sn) 6:00 PM Meditation(FR) 7:00 PM Lenten Service	<b>6</b> 7:45 PM Bell Choir	<b>7</b> 6:00 AM Prayer Group (Kelleys) 3:30 PM *Children's Choir	<b>8</b> PARISHSCOPE 3:30 PM *Children's Choir 5:00 PM *Yoga (SH) 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM *Folk Dancing 8:00 PM Mozart Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 9:00 AM Senior Center (SH) 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 6:30 PM Women's Potluck & Program(SH) 7:00 PM This I Believe	<b>10</b> 8:00 PM Mini Concert - Pacific Arts Trio	<b>11</b>
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SUNDAY, MARCH 12	SUNDAY, MARCH 19	SUNDAY, MARCH 26
8:45am - Adult Study & Discussion 10:00am - Worship & Sunday School  Rev. Felicity Wright preaching	8:45am - Adult Study & Discussion 10:00am - Worship & Sunday School  Rev. Felicity Wright preaching	8:45am - Adult Study & Discussion 10:00am - Worship & Sunday School  Rev. Felicity Wright preaching

**\*\*\*THE NEXT DEADLINE IS MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> FOR PUBLICATION IN THE MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> ISSUE\*\*\***

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### SPECIAL EVENTS

<b>Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Women's Fellowship Potluck &amp; Program</b>
<b>Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:00pm</b>	<b>Mini Concert – Pacific Arts Trio</b>
<b>Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Men's Fellowship Dinner</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Souper Center</b>
<b>Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Bridge Night</b>
<b>Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Souper Center</b>