

The Parishscope

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FELICITATIONS



*Say not in grief that she is no more
but say in thankfulness that she was
A death is not the extinguishing of a
light,
but the putting out of the lamp
because the dawn has come.*

-- Rabindranath Tagore

These words by the great Indian poet bring comfort to the sudden deaths of Kay and Chick – but only some. Though my head can celebrate the poetic beauty of their spontaneous passings, there is a massive emptiness that weighs on my heart. The loss is visceral and I know we all feel similar shock and the sorrow.

It would not hurt so much if they had led private lives of quiet desperation, but they practiced instead the teachings of Emile Zola, who wrote: “I will tell you why I came. I came to live my life out loud.” Yes, Kay especially and Chick to a just slightly lesser degree “lived life out loud.” And sometimes the melody was beautiful and sometimes the noise was deafening, and now our spirits reel with terrifying silence.

So what to do?

We will honor Chick’s life in our Sunday morning worship service at 10:00 am on June 29 and we will celebrate Kay’s in a memorial service at 2:00 on Saturday, July 12. We will acknowledge their energetic devotion to the church, to GRIP, to the Read-Aloud Program, to the community, and to God. We will envy their energy while we bemoan our weariness. We will confess our loss.

But that’s the easy part.

The hard part is honoring them in our hearts and in our actions. The hard part is to follow their lead in “living life out loud.” Although Rabindranath Tagore and Emile Zola lived in different countries, spoke different languages, and had different cultural and religious traditions, I think they, Kay, and Chick would agree that if we can “live life out loud,” then the dawn

will come. The human lamp can be extinguished only when the divine light comes to outshine it. In the words of the musical *Hair*, can we “let the sunshine in”? Can we live life out loud?

Of course we can!

In considering their ongoing legacy, we are again reminded of the ancient story of Philemon and Baucis that was included in the original message about Kay and Chick’s passing.

For those who may have missed it, Philemon and Baucis were elderly peasants in the country of Phrygia. One day Zeus grew bored on Mt. Olympus. Hermes was nearby and suggested they venture to earth in disguise to test the hospitality of the people of Phrygia. As poor wandering travelers the two gods knocked at every house, asking for food and a place to rest. Each time they were refused.

At last they came to the poor hut of Philemon and Baucis, located on a remote hill. This old couple cheerfully greeted and entertained them with great kindness. As Philemon poured wine during dinner, he noticed that the jug kept filling by itself and reckoned that their guests were not human. The gods then revealed themselves and led the old couple to the top of the hill. When they looked around, they saw that the town in the valley below had disappeared completely below a new lake. Though their neighbors were unkind, still the old couple wept for them.

Their sadness turned to wonder as their humble hut was transformed into a stately pillared home with a golden roof. Zeus said to them, “I will grant you whatever you wish.” The old couple whispered to one other. Then Philemon replied, “Oh, mighty Zeus, let us be your priests and serve you in this temple. When it comes time for one of us to die, please let us die together.” Zeus agreed as the gods ascended to Mt. Olympus.

The old couple served for a long time in that great temple until one day as they were standing in front of the building. Suddenly each saw the other putting forth leaves. Their skin started to turn into tree bark. They embraced each other and cried, "Farewell!" Baucis was turned into a linden tree and Philemon into an oak, two different but beautiful trees intertwined with one another. In wonder, people came from afar to admire and hang wreaths on the branches in their honor.

We know that true love never dies; it just grows in new forms. We know that hospitality – openness of eyes, arms, head, heart, and hearth – is what God asks of us, for hospitality is the lamp that we offer to each other and to God. Let the sunshine in!

The memorial service for Kay Ligon is scheduled for Saturday, July 12, at 2:00 pm.



SPECIAL JULY 6TH SERVICE

On July 6th our worship service will be at 11:00am at the Youth Hut followed by a potluck barbeque.

(Note that the service is one hour later than our usual worship time.) This will be a joint service with Hope Lutheran Church in El Sobrante. Please let Felicity know if you will be around and able to help coordinate. Also, we will offer a short meditative service at 9:30am at ACC if enough would like that. If you are willing to help with the barbeque, please contact Felicity or call the church office. Thanks.



CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION NEXT STEPS

A group of eight met recently and completed their task of identifying common themes in the data. This information has been sent to Mary Richardson who will work on sorting the data based on these themes.

We still need volunteers to help plan the second congregational conversation. Please let Elena Caruthers or Jill Bryans know of your interest.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT ON SUMMER BIBLE STUDY!

Thanks to the Board of Christian Education, the church now has a 12-week DVD study series called "**Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God,**" created by the same people who did the excellent *Living the Questions* series (which we offered two years ago).

Preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan filmed the series on location in Turkey, tracing the St. Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This program explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and his radical relevance for today. (If you think that St. Paul is a political conservative or an uptight misogynist, then you've got some big surprises coming!)

It's also especially appropriate for us this summer, as our Sunday worship will attempt to meld the ancient truths of St. Paul and modern wisdom of popular songwriters into practical lessons for daily living.

So here's the question: are you interested in joining us for a weekly 1 – 1 ¾ hour study, and – if so – when? As with *Living the Questions*, it is better if you can participate in all get-togethers, but you will still learn a great deal if you have to miss a couple. Please share your thoughts on the following – ranking from 1 (most preferred) to 5 (least preferred):

- _____ I prefer 12 weekly sessions on Wednesday afternoons.
- _____ I prefer 6 weekly sessions on Wednesday afternoons.
- _____ I prefer 12 weekly sessions on Wednesday evenings.
- _____ I prefer 6 weekly sessions on Wednesday evenings.
- _____ I prefer 12 sessions on Sunday mornings before worship.

Let us know your preferences, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

**Mark Your Calendar
The Men's Group annual retreat to Mt. Shasta will be on July 17-20.**



PUBLICITY COORDINATOR NEEDED

Ruth Robinson

During the annual meeting in January, the congregation approved a budget that included a line item for a dedicated Publicity Coordinator. This is a part time, paid position. ACC is looking for:

A person who will support the church in getting information from the church and about the church to internal (congregation) individuals and external (community) individuals.

A sampling of duties will include:

- Articles in local media, both print and web-based
- Fliers, brochures, informational items on programs and activities (think – Peace Child information, or brochures to hand out on Sundays to visitors)
- May write a regular Parishscope article
- Will attend staff meetings at ACC

Requirements include:

- Prior experience with writing brochures, fliers, announcements and news articles.
- Excellent computer skills; some graphics experience required, although this is not a graphic designer position.
- Work hours are flexible. However, occasional evening meetings may be required. Bi-weekly staff meeting is held on site at ACC.

Other notable items:

- This position requires an individual who is able to work with little supervision and who can communicate well and meet deadlines.
- Flexibility is important. Job duties and time required will not be consistent week-to-week.
- Hours will vary, and there are no insurance benefits with this position. Hourly pay is \$25.
- Not anticipated that this position will expand into a regular part time or full time job.

If you or someone you know might be interested, please have them contact Ruth Robinson, who is coordinating the recruitment for this position.

A BIT OF WISDOM

Don't let your worries get the best of you, remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.



SIGN UP NOW FOR PEACE CHILD SUMMER ARTS CAMP.

Shanti, Lisa, and Michael are writing the show. If we know you are coming, we shape the week and production with you in mind.

Spirit and the Arts Summer

3rd Annual Peace Child Summer Arts Camp - August 11-15, 2008

- Dancing, Acting, Art, Music, Singing, Circus Skills, Shadow Puppets, and Much More
- One-Week Musical Theater Production Based on Themes of Peace and Kindness and Community
- The Peace Children Story Continues Monday through Friday -- 9-1 each day with a culminating show at 7 PM on Friday
- Morning snack and lunch included.

Artist Instructors:

- Lisa Klein (Art, Circus Skills, and Shadow Puppets)
- Michael Mansfield (Acting and Dancing)
- Shanti Moorjani (Singing and Music)
- Cost: \$125 For the Week

Suggest it to your friends and give them a flyer. Applications and information available at the Church office.

Flyers about the Program are available in the Church lobby. Please share with friends.

For more information, contact:

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Shanti Moorjani 843-7745 leslieshanti@yahoo.com

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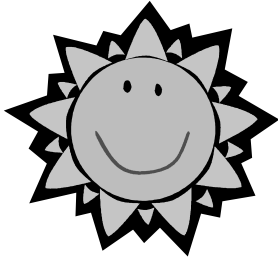
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NON-PERISHABLE FOOD NEEDED



The Missions Board is asking that you bring **canned and boxed food** to alleviate hunger, especially of our young people who do not get school lunches during the summer months.

There are bins in the front narthex; please give generously.



SUMMER WORSHIP

Pat McLaughlin

Beginning July 13, we will worship in the Social Hall as is our custom during the summer months returning to the Sanctuary on September 7th.

The Worship committee has planned an interesting series based on contemporary music along with appropriate letters of Paul.

Today's generations are still expressing a search for spirituality in the music they create, which seems to underscore the message "God is still speaking..." Come and enjoy – beginning with "People!" And if any of the congregation would like to work with the committee on any given piece of music please contact Felicity or Michael. The list is as follows:

People ; You've Got a Friend

Bridge over Troubled Waters ; Let it Be

The Impossible Dream ; If I Had a Hammer

Colors of the Wind ; What a Wonderful World

I Believe.



SUMMER PROGRAM AT GRIP

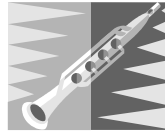
Here at GRIP's Family Housing and Integrated Services Center, known more familiarly to you as the Souper Center, it clearly is SUMMER - all the children are on vacation from school, and many programs, such as PAL, have yet to start their summer schedules. What this means: many children would LOVE to have things to do during the week, daytime, as well as weekends.

So would their parents - both to have their children occupied, so they may pursue needed course work, job search activities, and more, and also, parents need enrichment and enjoyment too!

Should you, or your congregation members, friends, employers, organizations, business, arts and other connections have time and/or items to donate, now is the time!

Contact: Connie Green, 510-233-2141 x 312, for information and to sign -up!

THANK YOU for your help and for contacting others to expand our pool of resources!



A CLARINET CONCERT

Leslie Moorjani

Mara Plotkin will be performing a short musical program on clarinet, Sunday afternoon, July 20 at 2:00pm. The program will be at the church in the social hall. Mara just received her Masters in Performance on clarinet and wanted to share some of her pieces with the church and community. She will be performing the Brahms Sonata for clarinet in F-minor, a Cantilene by Cahuzac, and other pieces. The concert is free.

NCNC SEMINARS

The Northern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ is offering Summer Seminars on Church Finances with Ron Buford. Following are the dates of the seminars:

Saturday, July 19 10 a.m.-Noon

**First Congregational UCC, Oroville
1715 Bird St. Oroville CA**

Saturday, July 26 10 a.m.-Noon

**First Congregational UCC, Santa Rosa
2000 Humboldt St. Santa Rosa CA**

Each seminar will focus on the financial questions raised by those attending; the connections between spiritual health and financial health; generosity as an expression of faith; and the avenues for giving that churches can offer to those who want to give continued expression of their love for their church after they have passed from this life.

eSCRIP PROGRAM



ACC has been actively enrolled in eScrip with Safeway since 1999. Those of us who use it produce about \$600 per year to our general fund Safeway automatically sends ACC 1% of purchases by registered customers. It costs us nothing to use it.

You may not know of this productive program and hence don't use it. And we don't know how many do.

We encourage non-users to sign up. You can register online at their website - escrip.com - or complete a registration form that can be downloaded online. If you don't have a computer Pat McLaughlin can download a form for you. GO eScrip!!!

Lucky has a similar program and we will be getting the details for the next Parishscope. You can use both programs if you like to shop at both.

ACC Calendar July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7:00 AM Prayer Group (Kelleys)	2 5:00 PM *Yoga (SH) 7:30 PM *Folk Dancing	3 9:00 AM Senior Center (SH)	4 Independence Day	5
6 8:45 AM Adult Study(CE) 11:00 AM Worship	7 7:00 PM Deacon's Meet	8 7:00 AM Prayer Group (Kelleys) 7:30 PM Church Council(FR)	9 10:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM *Yoga (SH) 7:30 PM *Folk Dancing	10 9:00 AM Senior Center (SH) 6:30 PM Women's Potluck & Program(SH)	11	12 2:00 PM Kay Ligon Memorial Service
13 8:45 AM Adult Study 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Knitting Ministry	14	15 SOUPER CENTER 7:00 AM Prayer Group (Kelleys)	16 5:00 PM *Yoga (SH) 7:30 PM *Folk Dancing	17 Men's Shasta Retreat 9:00 AM Senior Center (SH)	18 Men's Shasta Retreat	19 Men's Shasta Retreat
20 Men's Shasta Retreat 8:45 AM Adult Study(CE) 10:00 AM Worship 2:00 PM Clarinet Concert	21	22 7:00 AM Prayer Group (Kelleys) 7:00 PM Trustees	23 PARISHSCOPE 5:00 PM *Yoga (SH) 7:30 PM *Folk Dancing	24 9:00 AM Senior Center (SH)	25 6:00 PM Bridge Potluck & Play(SH)	26
27 8:45 AM Adult Study(CE) 10:00 AM Worship 11:30 AM Missions	28	29 7:00 AM Prayer Group (Kelleys)	30 5:00 PM *Yoga (SH) 7:30 PM *Folk Dancing	31 Souper Center 9:00 AM Senior Center (SH)		

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SUNDAY July 6	SUNDAY, July 13	SUNDAY, July 20	SUNDAY, July 27
8:45am - Adult Study 11:00am – Worship Felicity Wright & Deborah Butler Preaching At the Community Center	8:45am - Adult Study 10:00am - Worship Michael Mansfield Preaching	8:45am - Adult Study 10:00am – Worship Margaret Kornfeld Preaching	8:45am - Adult Study 10:00am - Worship Michael Mansfield Preaching

THE NEXT DEADLINE IS JULY 23rd FOR PUBLICATION IN THE JULY 29th ISSUE

[Send *Parishscope* email to: pat@patricia-mclaughlin.net]

SPECIAL EVENTS		
Sunday, July 6th	11:00am	Joint Worship & Barbeque at Community Center
Saturday, July 12	2:00pm	Kay Ligon Memorial Service
Tuesday, July 15	10:00am	Souper Center
Thursday, July 17-20		Men's Retreat
Friday, July 25	6:00pm	Bridge Potluck & Play
Thursday, July 31	10:00am	Souper Center