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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEKEND

NEW YEAR'S EVE
PRAYER SERVICE WITH COMMUNION
December 31, 2011

6pm – 7pm in the sanctuary
An ideal way to spend say “goodbye” to 2011

NEW YEAR'S DAY
FAMILY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION
January 1, 2012

11am in the sanctuary
A very special service is planned
on this first day of 2012.



Pastor's Perspective

By Pastor Jeff Kunkel



Thanks to all of you who sent me cards and gifts for Christmas. Your generous Christmas giving also contributed to giveaways of food boxes, warm coats, and toys to the families of Call Primrose, World Service Benevolences, and a home-cooked dinner for AIDS patients. There is a real spirit of service in our congregation. A visitor at a recent Friday night meal came up to me and said, "So many churches talk about serving people at the margins of society, but this church does it." Since this was my first Christmas with you, I'll tell you more about what I saw and heard and felt.

I saw hard-working, dedicated staff going well beyond the call of duty to make sure that our congregation was ready for the extra events of the holidays. Ursula was preparing a fleet of fliers, worship bulletins and brochures. JoJo and Gina were preparing rooms and refreshments for dozens of groups and seeing to broken water heaters and furnaces. Thierry and Kevin were hosting extra rehearsals and recruiting extra musicians. Maryah began to include the Samoans into our youth group with a Christmas party. I was preparing extra sermons and worship services and making extra visits.

And volunteers were hard at work too: the finance team was pulling in extra people to come up with a recommended budget for 2012. And our money counters, mailing crew, candle-lighters, ushers, greeters, cookie-bakers, decorators, childcare workers, and Friday night cooks were busy as elves.

Our two Christmas Eve services drew a total of 275 people, a larger crowd than most can remember. Hailey Morgenstern and Jeanne Lindberg, the director of our Pre-School, produced a wonderful children's pageant for the 7pm service, and our later service - which was moved from 11pm to 9pm, drew more people at the earlier hour, and we were able include special music from both the Mandarin and Samoan folks.

Christmas Day was on a Sunday, so we just had the 11am worship service. Everyone looked tired, but we were all enlivened by the two English Baby Doll sheep which were guarded by shepherds on our front lawn. Barry Woodruff was so involved in finding us those sheep that he forgot about band rehearsal one night.

I do love Christmas, and I loved my first Christmas with all of you. But I also love the quiet after Christmas. Take a deep breath. Rest a bit. And prepare for all that God has in store for us in 2012.

Pastor Jeff

Evenings at the River To “Go Dark” in January

In order to prepare For

10th Anniversary on February 3, 2012

On Friday, **February 3**, we will celebrate the **10th Anniversary of Evenings at the River**, our unique, Friday ministry of a free meal followed by band-led worship. Evenings at the River now includes church folk, non-church folk, and homeless folk. It is an inspiring and unique ministry of Burlingame United Methodist Church, built by dozens of leaders and volunteers over the last decade.

In recent months, our attendance at **Evenings at the River** has grown, and we've had growing pains. We've formed a Friday Night Team and begun to assess how we need to change in order to remain a safe, healthy, and inspiring ministry. Our motto: **“making a good thing better.”**

In order to “make a good thing better,” we are cancelling Evenings at the River for the month of January. **We will “Go Dark” for Fridays in January** in order to develop a new vision for Evenings at the River. We will pay particular attention to sanitation and health, safety, volunteer training, and worship. A group of BUMC leaders and regular volunteers will be invited to meet each Friday during January for this purpose.

We ask for your prayers and trust as we respond to the growth and change in one of our most unique ministries, **Evenings at the River**, and we hope you will join us for our 10th Anniversary Celebration on February 3, when we will begin Evenings at the River anew.

~ Pastor Jeff

Ongoing Bible Study

Devotional Discussion

Each Sunday after 9:30am worship Ruth Kavanagh leads a devotional discussion from 10:45am-11:15am in our church library. **No class on New Year's Day.** Come and get to know others in the course of sharing & reading a Bible. selection and Upper Room devotional.

JANUARY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Led by Pastor Jeff

Men are invited to participate in a Men's Bible Study following the Humanitarian Breakfast on the last Saturday of the month. Come and enjoy a free Breakfast at 7:30am. If you want to help cook and serve breakfast, arrive at 6:30am. **Bible Study will take place from 8:30am -9:30am.** Jeff will be collecting Bible passages and stories of which you love, hate and purposely ignore.



January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNES.	THURS.	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 11am: New Year's Day Service in the Sanctuary	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 7:00pm Toastmasters, #108 7:30pm Church Council Meeting, library	4 10-1pm UMW Board mtg., Program and luncheon, Library, Milnes, SH 3:30 - 8:30pm PGC special rehearsal, Milnes Room	5 7:30pm Mandarin-language Bible Study, Milnes Rm.	6	7 10am - 4:30 pm: PGC Concert Sanctuary, Milnes, Social hall
8 8am Missions Team mtg. Library 12:15 Education Team Meeting, room #108 3-6pm Planning Meeting, Social hall	9 11am Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm.	10 7:00pm Toastmasters, #108	11	12 7:30pm Mandarin-language Bible Study, Milnes Rm.	13	14 10-12:30: PGC rehearsal, Milnes room
15 8am: (9:30) worship team meeting, library 12:30pm: Staff/Parish Relations team mtg., Lib.	16 11am Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm.	17 7:00pm Toastmasters, #108	18	19 7:30pm Mandarin-language Bible Study, Milnes Rm.	20	21 9-4pm Leo's E-Waste Recycling next to Donut shop at Train station
22 2:30pm Deliver Maple Street dinner. To be delivered at 3pm	23 11am Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm. 7:00pm Board of Trustees meeting, Library	24 6-7pm PGC Parent Meeting, Social hall 7:00pm Toastmasters, #108 7pm - Finance team mtg., Library	25	26 7:30pm Mandarin-language Bible Study, Milnes Rm.	27	28 7:30am Humanitarian Breakfast, Social Hall 8:30 - 9:30am Pastor Jeff's (for Men only) Bible Study, Social hall
29 7:30pm Bluegrass Concert, Woodside Rd. UMC	30 11am Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm.	31 7:00pm Toastmasters, #108				

EVERY SUNDAY:

9:30am Contemporary Worship, Social Hall -- Godly Play, room #219 -- Keystone Class, Milnes room -- 10:45am Devotional Discussion, Library - 11am Traditional Worship, Sanctuary -- 11am Mandarin- Language Service, Milnes room with lunch at 12:15pm in the social hall, followed by Bible Study in the Milnes Room -- 12:30pm Samoan-language Service in room #209 with lunch from 2pm - 5pm in the social hall -- 2pm-3:30pm Youth Group in the Atkinson lounge upstairs.



ROOM-USE: When using rooms in the church please always return the room back to the way it was. Wipe down tables and clean dirty dishes. Thank you

MEMORIAL GIFTS

DONOR

Stan Johnson
United Methodist Women
Phyllis Shrank
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IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

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In Honor of Elizabeth and Bob Yapp
In Honor of John and Wendy Shrank
In Honor of Ann and Dave Hooton
In Honor of Mary Ellen and Doug Pense

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Garner Scholarship
Life Scholarship
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Church World Service



January Birthdays

Ginny Barrett 1/20

Iris Bentley 1/2

Shirley Carpenter 1/20

Christian D'Ambrosio 1/30

Gina Esguerra 1/21

Victoria Li 1/5

Ursula Morgenstern 1/21

Ben Poulos 1/25

Shelby Ritch 1/2

*If we missed your birthday,
please let us know and we'll include it next year.*

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

January 4, 2012

10 am Board Meeting

11 am: Program

**Installation of new board members
&**

"Mason City, Iowa- Points of Interest"

Jean will talk about and show pictures of the Park Inn, a 100 year old inn designed by Frank Lloyd Wright; the home of Meredith Wilson, who wrote the Music Man; and other points of interest. Please join us for this interesting program.

12 noon- lunch

hosted by Susan Lindstrom and Kennon States. Still only \$7. Please call Shirley Carpenter at 343-4433 for reservations.

February 1

Program will be a presentation on China by Susan Lindstrom.

For questions about UMW programs and membership, please contact Susan at 345-2850.

FINANCES ~ NOVEMBER



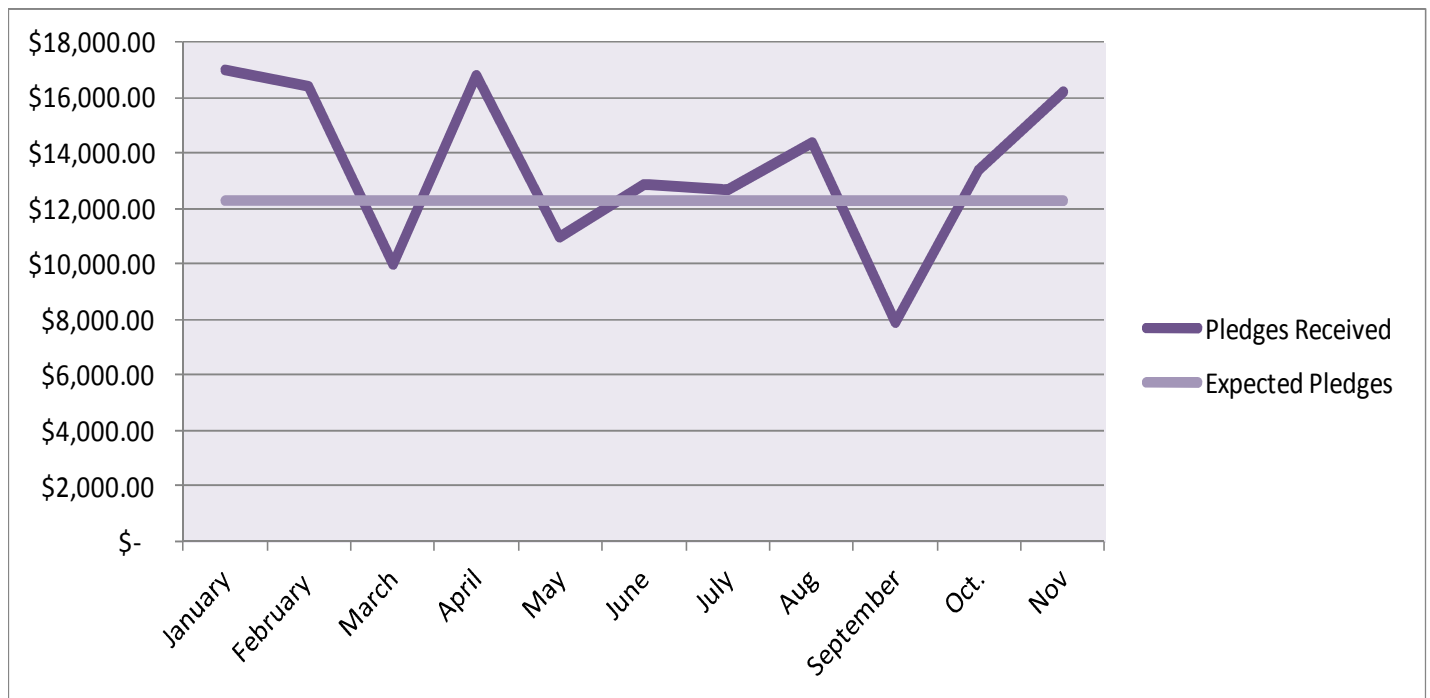
INCOME

Pledges Received	\$ 16,178.84
Other revenue	\$ 13,822.29
Endowment	<u>\$ 11,667.00</u>
Total Income	\$ 41,668.13

EXPENSES

Operations & Programs	\$ 31,337.27
Apportionments	<u>\$ 6,325.92</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 37,663.19

Excess Income/Expenses = 4,004.94



APPORTIONMENT (a Portion meant for others)

**For the month of January, the featured Apportionment Fund is
The Ethnic Minority Congregations Fund**

This Fund strengthens ethnic minority churches within our Annual Conference through leadership, development, and training programs and the development of new programs. The Ethnic Minority Congregations Fund assists local churches in expanding their existing ministries. Individual congregations apply for grants from this Fund for special projects and ministries.

You may turn in your donation at the time of offering this weekend or drop in the mail. Mark your check "January apportionment." Thank you in advance for your tax deductible contribution.

KEYSTONE CLASS

9:30 to 10:30 am each Sunday
Morning in the Milnes Room

January Programs:

January 8

Bonnie Bertolet
"Human Trafficking"

January 15

Diane Johnson
"Martin Luther King Jr. "

January 22

Shirley Carpenter
"Thelma Castle's Poetry"

January 29

TBA

HEALING PRAYER



OFFERED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Healing is about wholeness, feeling connected within our own body, mind, heart and soul, and connected to God. Praying for healing renews and deepens our relationship with God. On Communion weekend (first weekend of the month) the healing prayer team will be stationed nearby, ready to pray with you. The team is available even during the week. Please contact the church office 650.344.6321 if you'd like a member of the healing prayer team to contact you.

WEEKLY WORSHIP AT BUMC

Friday Night Worship Experience:

"Goin' dark" through January
Returning bigger and better on our
10th Anniversary ~ February 3, 2012

Sunday Morning Worship Celebrations:

*9:30am Family Friendly Contemporary
Service, In the social hall

*11:00am Traditional Service with organ
and choir In the sanctuary

11:00am Mandarin Language Ministry,
Milnes room

12:30pm Samoan Language Ministry,
Rm. #209

*Professional childcare is offered for little
ones in our nursery

Godly Play: 9:30am - 10:30am for 4-10
year olds in room #219 (upstairs)

Youth Group: 2pm - 3:30pm in the
Atkinson Lounge (upstairs)

Burlingame UMC'S Vision:

Building an open and authentic
community of Christ for the 21st century

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You Are Invited
To the
Peninsula Girls Chorus
Winter Concert
January 7, 2012 ~ 4pm ~ in the Sanctuary

This Alumnae performers are college and post-college age singers in the Bay Area.

The concert is free but donations are greatly accepted
and will be used to support the Alumnae choir

MAPLE STREET SHELTER DINNER

Sunday, January 22, 2012

Please sign-up (in the social hall) or call the church office (650 .344 .6321) if you wish to
provide a portion of the meal to the Maple Street Shelter in Redwood City

**THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING FAMILIES WHO
PURCHASED POINSETTIAS FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES**



NAME

Fe Hernandez
Norman Moore and Zandra Hertzmann
Prentice and Espanola Sanders
Nancy Bates and Family
Jonathan Goodier
Carlos Cervantes
Carlos Cervantes
Don Stanaway
Shirley Carpenter
Gail Phillips

Ralph Behling
Deanna Penn
Janet Mack
Kennon States, Louisa Hilbert, Steve Mortensen
Jeffrey, Harris, Todd and Travis

Kennon States
Diane Johnson

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF:

Blas Hernandez and Gorgonia Hernandez
A.C. and Ruth Moore
Macana Sanders and Odessa Wiley
Herb Bates
Margaret Ellen Goodier, Patt Goodier and Jack Goodier
In honor of Eduardo Alonso, Sr.
In Memory of Josefa Alonso
In memory of Carol Jeanett Stanaway
In memory of Thelma and Al Castle
In memory of John Lewis (father) and
Faith Drabing (grandmother)

Rita Behling and Howard and Grace Behling
In honor of David Penn
George and Roise Dzuria and Frank and Verna Mack

In Loving memory of Louis and Geri States

In honor of Mary Lou Baldra and in memory of Fred Baldra
In memory of Harriet Zimmerman and Darcie Johnson
In celebration of Katie Winter Smollin

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BURLINGAME UMC STAFF

Rev. Jeff Kunkel, Pastor
Director of Contemporary Music Ministries/Worship Leader - Kevin Morgenstern
Organist/ Choir Director - Thierry Spelle
Office Administrator - Ursula Morgenstern
Nursery Care Providers - Angela Santillan & Di Wu
Janitorial Maintenance/Security Custodians - JoJo Bernardo & Gina Esguerra
Godly Play Instructors - Steve and Sue Milwee
Godly Play Children's Choir director - Kara Ireland D'Ambrosio
Youth Worker, Maryah Tucker
Memorial Service Coordinator - Barbara Best
Director UMC Coop Nursery School - Jeanne Lindberg
Peninsula Girls Chorus Director - Karyn Silva
CALL Primrose Exec. Director - Mary Watt

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS: Friday @ 7:15 Evenings at the River
Sundays @ 9:30am - Contemporary, Social Hall
11am (English) Traditional, Sanctuary
11am (Mandarin) Traditional, Milnes Room

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