



THE SPIRE

October 2013

MIXON MUSES

One of my pet peeves is people not leaving a space the way they found it. It doesn't irritate me enough to lose sleep, still... That can be a problem when you work in a place like FBCPA with a large variety of members, renters and visitors. You want to be a good host and neighbor to everyone who uses the space. Because we only have custodial service a couple of times a week, we try to stress this principle with everyone who spends time here – please leave the space the way you found it, so that others can make use of it and enjoy it after you. It's a good principle to practice in any space in which a community gathers, in any space that's shared among multiple groups and activities. In a large sense we want people to work together to make it a good environment for all of us. It's akin to that old adage that "It takes a village..."

That is, it takes the village to be the village. It takes all of us pulling together to be a community. This is true for everyone who gathers in this space, but it's especially true for those of us who claim to *be* FBCPA. It takes every one of us, young and old, to create this unique and wonderful church community. And it's not just the space and how we maintain it that is the source of our communal spirit. It's how we work together and play together, worship together and care together, learn together and share together across the board that makes this a good place to be.

In particular, we have been graced by some wonderful leadership over the years, both lay and professional. But no one of us or even one small group of us can do it all for the rest of us. I am beyond grateful for those who have led us in the seven years I have been pastor. Some of those folk have held their positions for the entire time I've been here and some even longer. That is dedication, folks! But more than that, I can't help but feel that these leaders love this place and this community with a deep and lasting love. Born of that love, they have

taken on a very special commitment to seeing that we continue and, beyond that, that we thrive.

What I am wondering is if there are some others of us who might consider taking on more of a leadership role with the congregation. Remember, it takes all of us pulling together to be us. I know there are people concerned about what will happen when any one of our leadership group is no longer able to take on their task or just plain needs a break. Through the gift of God's amazing grace so far people have come forward when needed to make sure that all the essentials and many of the extras of our congregational life have been cared for. Is there something more or something different you might contribute to our ongoing life, to enrich and carry forward our life together?

There has been some discussion of doing another "Time and Talent Survey" as part of our stewardship emphasis this Fall. It would be good to know that there are folk willing to take on what is needed to keep us keeping on for the foreseeable future. Elsewhere in this Spire I know that our intern, Naomi, has made a suggestion about cultivating a Worship Team. We would always be grateful for more Worship leaders, readers, choir members and others who would help plan and share in worship. We could use more folk to help with chores and projects around the building. We could use more people involved in our educational offerings for children, youth and adults. We could use some more folk to help with hospitality and décor. We could use more assistance with congregational care. We could use more help managing our finances.

Now don't get me wrong, I am not complaining about or chiding anyone in our congregation. I am well aware that you give generously of your resources – financial, time and talent - for the good of the community and I am truly grateful for all that you give in whatever way. However, as we consider renewal, we are in constant conversation about how we can sustain and build on this wonderful community as we move into God's future. God needs all of us to be FBCPA. So I invite you to consider carefully and prayerfully whether or not there is something more or something different or something new you



might give to our life together. Remember, it takes all of us to keep the space nice and usable, yes – but more importantly *to be us* – a church whose mission is to worship God, to explore faith and commitment to Christ, to serve those in need, to provide a home for heart, soul and mind – together in the name of the One who binds our community in love.

Thanks be to God for each and every one of you and thanks to you for considering this with me.

Pastor Rick



Christian Formation and Family Life

Friends of God,

Musician Bobby McFerrin reportedly offered this reflection on faith in a recent interview: "I couldn't do anything without faith. I couldn't open up my eyes, I couldn't walk. I couldn't speak, I couldn't sing. What I want everyone to experience at the end of my concert is . . . this sense of rejoicing. . . I want them to have this real sense of joy from the depths of their being. Then you open up a place where grace can come in."

I am holding on to this quotation as a helpful reminder of what we're looking to do together here at First Baptist and what I am doing in my own life every day. I'm sure many of us are looking to what it means to have faith and how that faith may serve us and help us to be of service to others. Faith is the theme for our year together in both Youth and Adult gatherings. Faith. The changing times. How we do anything we do. We're opening up the various cans of worms and discovering together what might be at work in the world. "What's next" becomes a rather dangerous statement. It's not a strategy but a prophetic wondering.

If there is an eschaton, an apocalypse, then the church should always be asking itself, "What's next?" If there is a sense of God's ongoing attention and investment in the world, then the church should always be asking itself, "What's next?" Not a clubhouse or a good deeds society, the Church looks to where God is moving and follows. The Church asks the hard questions and sometimes takes the lonely position...just like Jesus.

Christ bids us come and follow. To follow Christ is a dangerous act because he is always and forever asking, "What's next?" Faith helps us answer this question.

Peace and All Good Things,
Pastor Tripp



AN UNCONFERENCE EVENT AT SFTS THIS MONTH

UNCO West 2013

October 21-23

San Francisco Theological Seminary

105 Seminary Road

San Anselmo, CA 94960

(415) 451-2800

UNCO is an unconference for church leaders, pastors, families, and seminarians. It will be three days of worship and open space discussion on the church and its future.

UNCO is short for Unconference. In many fields (particularly tech), there are Unconferences. They are open-space gathering, which acknowledges the fact that most of us really gain more from a conference when we meet someone by the coffee table and begin to talk with one another. So the conference is designed to focus on sidebar conversations with the participants.

With an eye toward intentional diversity and ecumenism, we will be drawing from the wealth of knowledge at the gathering. The leaders, topics, and workshops will be harvested from the participants.

During these discussions, we will share ideas about planting communities, writing liturgy, creating art, innovating technology, or wherever our passions and insights might lead us.

YOU bring the conference. The hosts and many volunteers provide a space and facilitate bringing individuals together for UNCO.

"UNCO is for church leaders because it is visionary, creative, unfailing yeast of the coming Kingdom of God." - Ryan Kemp-Pappan

"Being Church (not doing church)." -MB McCandless

"If church is for families, and UNCO is about doing church in new, different and better ways, then UNCO is for families." -Megan Doshier

For more information, visit: <http://unco.us/>

ADULT FAITH FORMATION - BOOK REVIEW



Pastrix: The Cranky, Beautiful Faith of A Sinner and Saint

Let me simply say this: get the book. It is pure testimony. It is a mind-blowing lead at the open 12-step meeting we so blithely call "church." Wow, but she's articulating the present spirit of the age so clearly. Nadia wrote my heart.

I met Nadia Bolz-Weber many years ago at an event in Evanston, IL. Seabury-Western (my seminary alma mater) was hosting a conference on the Emergent Movement. Phyllis Tickle was the principle teacher, but Nadia was also scheduled to speak about her new project, a church start called House for All Sinners and Saints. I recall Nadia was kind and generous. Since then I've made a point to say hello when I've attended events where she was speaking. Again, always kind and generous. So, maybe I'm biased.

Some things you need to know. If you are like me, you will have heard some of these stories. You will know the one-liners. This book is a collection of stories, homilies, tidbits of spiritual nerd-ery, and confessions of someone in recovery. But even if you know the stories like I do, it's absolutely worth your time to read it. I shed tears. I laughed. I was reminded of things that I had apparently set aside. Good things. Holy things.

Pastrix is a testimony, a personal reflection of the moments God has shown up and worked a miracle in spite of one's best efforts to keep God quiet.



I quoted Nadia in my most recent sermon. Of course. There are too many quotations I could highlight. According to my electronic copy of the book, the one I used in my sermon and that Pastor Rick also shared, is quite popular with readers. I don't care if you have seen

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God. To open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God." — William Temple (1881-1944)

it already. Just pay attention.

"God's grace is not defined as God being forgiving to us even though we sin. Grace is when God is a source of wholeness, which makes up for my failings. My failings hurt me and others and even the planet, and God's grace to me is that my brokenness is not the final word. My selfishness is not the end-all... instead, it's that God makes beautiful things out of even my own shit. Grace isn't about God creating humans as flawed beings and then acting all hurt when we inevitably fail and then stepping in like the hero to grant us peace—like saying, 'Oh, it's OK, I'll be a good guy and forgive you.' It's God saying, 'I love the world too much to let your sin define you and be the final word. I am a God who makes all things new.'" (Pastrix, p. 50)

House for All Sinners and Saints, where Nadia serves as pastor, isn't just for tattooed hipsters in Denver. Like the rooms of AA, people from every walk of life have made HFASS their spiritual home. Rigorously honest, intelligent, funny, and creative, this book gives us a glimpse into what I think many people are looking for in a spiritual home. Nadia is able to articulate the spirit of the age for many of us. Christian triumphalism is taking a back seat to simple honesty.

Get the book. I am jealous that I didn't write it, but I am glad someone is sharing about the kind of spiritual life so many people are actually seeking. And I am especially glad that someone is Nadia.



RT [@FBCPaloAlto](#): Sunday at 11:30am for some spiritual formation. We're spending a little time with [@LillianDaniel](#)... fb.me/2nIRfWmc9



120th ANNIVERSARY OF FBCPA

Many thanks to those who spent many hours accumulating and summarizing the material of our past history, especially Pastor Rick and Marilyn Hunwick. A few were present for the first time and the continuum extended to some who have been in the church for 50 up to 60 years. Tripp introduced the children and youth to some of the early historical landmarks. We welcomed and blessed our two new interns Doug Davidson and Naomi Schulz by laying of hands followed by special music by our guest pianist, Ruth Winter. Afterwards we celebrated with a meal and fellowship as we perused pictures from the past and heard special remembrances from Thelma Parodi and Lynn Hunwick. Also special thanks to the kitchen crew, both cooks and helpers, especially the Satterlees.

Photos and sentiment by Jin and Jane Chin.



THE WORK OF THE CHURCH



The **ADULT BIBLE STUDY** meets every **Tuesday** at **10:30 AM** at the Terraces of Los Altos at Janet Maxwell's apartment. The address is 373 Pine Lane, #2106, Los Altos. Let Pastor Rick know if you need transportation.

MEN'S BREAKFAST, Every first and third Wednesday at 8:00 AM, at Hobe's Restaurant, 4224 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. . All the men from our Church family are welcome. The next **MEN'S BREAKFAST**, will be on **Wednesday, October 2**.



WOMEN'S BRUNCH this month will be on **October 24, Thursday** at **10 AM** at Thelma Parodi's home, 543 South El Monte Ave., Los Altos. Ladies can bring something to share if desired. All women of our church community are invited.



NO CHURCH CHOIR Thursday, October 3. We will resume on **Thursday October 10** at **7:30 PM** in the Parlor. All are welcome to join in song (and fun).

REDWOOD GLEN, 55TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BANQUET, Saturday, October 5, 5:00 – 7:30 PM, Santa Clara First Baptist Church, 3111 Benton Street, featuring Don Ng. Tickets are \$30 (\$15 for children 12 and under.) Reservations at <http://redwoodglen55th.brownpapertickets.com>

BAPTISTS LUNCHING TOGETHER, Wednesday, October 16, Noon – "Panel on Chaplaincy," featuring Esther Hargis (seniors) and Dave Robinson (jail). Grand Lake Gardens in Oakland. Lunch is \$8.00. For reservations contact Joan Thatcher, (510) 350-7008. If you would like a ride let Pastor Rick know.

Mark your calendar for these Friday night events at FBCPA

OCTOBER 25 POTLUCK AND PUMPKIN CARVING


NOVEMBER 22 GRATITUDE POTLUCK








Save the date! **POTLUCK AND PUMPKIN CARVING,**
Friday October 25 at 6:00 PM for folk of all ages in the Fel-
 lowship Hall. "From ghoulies and ghosties and long-
 leggedy beasties and things that go bump in the night,
 Good Lord, deliver us!"

OCTOBER CHURCH MEETINGS:

 **FINANCE COMMITTEE** meeting, **Sunday, October 6, 12:30 PM**
 in the Parlor.

 **CHURCH COUNCIL** meeting, **Thursday, October 17, 5:00 PM**
 in the Parlor.

 **QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING,**
Sunday, October 20, 11:30 PM in the
 Parlor.

 **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TASK TEAM**
 meeting, **Friday, November 8, 2PM** in



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday this month to:

Eleanor Satterlee	October 1
Diane Kirton	October 4
Anita Lee	October 8
Jo Ford	October 9
Pearl Pe	October 10
Jin Chin	October 15
Don Granholm	October 15



WORSHIP

WORSHIP THEMES FOR OCTOBER 2013

October 6	"We've a Story to Tell"	2 Timothy 1:1-14
October 13	"The Welfare of the City"	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
October 20	"New Day, New Covenant"	Jeremiah 31:27-34
October 27	"A Lesson in Humility"	Luke 18:9-14

Worship in the Works – thoughts on Advent planning and Worship Teams.

With Advent and Christmas fast approaching, Pastor Rick, Pastor Tripp, and interns Doug and I are working on an **Advent planning retreat for Sunday, October 27**, beginning with the Adult Spiritual Formation time after worship. Everyone will be invited to come party and plan for the holidays!! It's gonna be fun!

And while we are thinking about Advent, I'd like to pick up the thread of work you've all been doing in exploring new ways of constructing and playing with worship. Last summer I had the wonderful opportunity of interning with Rev. Dr. Marcia McFee's "Worship Design Studio." Marcia is a Methodist pastor and consultant known internationally for her innovative interweaving of visual and verbal arts, drama, music, and digital media to create lush and deeply meaning worship. Whether a worship service is simple with just a few elements, or constructed with multiple complex elements, Marcia's techniques add depth, grace and playfulness to the worship experience.

I'm easy to please when it comes to worship: give me some lovely ancient or modern prayers, the same with music, scripture and a good sermon, and I'm a happy clam. What I appreciate about the approaches of Brad Berglund and Marcia Mcfee, however, is that they give us more tools in our tool box to play with, like ways of integrating the visual arts, and of layering music with both prayer and action. Seasons like Advent and Lent especially lend themselves to trying on something different in worship for a few weeks, and just noticing where it leads us. Some things that we try we might keep, others we let go of because they didn't move us.

I learned recently that the word "worship" comes from the old English words of "weorth," which means "worth," and scipe or ship, which means something like shape or "quality." Inherent in both of these old words is a sense of something meaningful – something with worth and quality that shapes our lives and communities. Marcia McFee offers: "When you consider





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Hand it over to our Refrigerator!
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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH MINIST

October 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		October 1	
		10:30am Bible Study (Los Altos)	8:00am Men's Bre
		7:00pm TNT - Tuesday Tango (FH)	5:00pm i-Sing Silii (FH)
			8:00pm TA - Tang Classes w Gato (FH)
6	7	8	
WORLD COMMUNIOON SUNDAY	9:00am The HAPPY BODY Weekly Workshop (FH)	10:30am Bible Study (Los Altos)	5:00pm i-Sing Silii (FH)
10:00am Intergenerational Worship Service (S)	11:30am Macrobiotic Dinner (FH/K)	7:00pm TNT - Tuesday Tango (FH)	8:00pm TA - Tang Classes w Gato (FH)
11:30am Finance Committee Meeting (P)	6:30pm PPJC Board Meeting (Parlor)	7:00pm Huntington's Support Group (P)	
11:30am Adult Spiritual Formation (P)	7:30pm Bay Choral Guild Rehearsal (S)		
13	14	15	
10:00am Sunday School (Y)	COLUMBAS DAY	10:30am Bible Study (Los Altos)	8:00am Men's Bre (Hobbee's)
10:00am Worship Service (S)	9:00am The HAPPY BODY Weekly Workshop (FH)	7:00pm TNT - Tuesday Tango (FH)	5:00pm i-Sing Silii (FH)
11:30am Adult Spiritual Formation (P)	11:30am Macrobiotic Dinner (FH/K)		8:00pm TA - Tang Classes w Gato (FH)
2:30pm Tentative - Bay Choral Guild Sectional (P)	7:30pm Bay Choral Guild Rehearsal (S)		
4:00pm Alfred Lord Tennyson			
20	21	22	
Quarterly Business Meeting (P)	SPIRE DEADLINE	10:30am Bible Study (Los Altos)	5:00pm i-Sing Silii (FH)
10:00am Sunday School (Y)	9:00am The HAPPY BODY Weekly Workshop (FH)	7:00pm TNT - Tuesday Tango (FH)	8:00pm TA - Tang Classes w Gato (FH)
10:00am Worship Service (S)	11:30am Macrobiotic Dinner (FH/K)		
3:30pm Church of the New Jerusalem (Parlor)	7:30pm Bay Choral Guild Rehearsal (S)		
4:00pm South Bay Sanctuary Covenant event (FH/K)	7:30pm PPJC - Corporations are		
27	28	29	
10:00am Sunday School (Y)	9:00am The HAPPY BODY Weekly Workshop (FH)	10:30am Bible Study (Los Altos)	5:00pm i-Sing Silii (FH)
10:00am Worship Service (S)	11:30am Macrobiotic Dinner (FH/K)	7:00pm TNT - Tuesday Tango (FH)	8:00pm TA - Tang Classes w Gato (FH)
11:30am Adult Spiritual Formation (P)	7:30pm Bay Choral Guild Rehearsal (S)		

CHURCH & FACILITY-BASED EVENTS

October 2013

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41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2013

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45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5
Breakfast (S)	5:00pm i-Sing Silicon Valley Upper Level Choir (S)	ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI 8:00pm Stanford Folklore Dancers (FH)	1:00pm Tent Sierra Club 80th Anniv Luncheon (FH/K)
g Silicon Valley II (FH)	5:00pm i-Sing Silicon Valley Level I (FH)		
Tango			
9	10	11	12
g Silicon Valley II (FH)	5:00pm i-Sing Silicon Valley Upper Level Choir (S)	10:00am Senior Chat (Covenant Presbyterian)	i-Sing Retreat, Practice and Hal i-Sing Retreat, Practice and Hal
Tango	5:00pm i-Sing Silicon Valley Level I (FH)	8:00pm Stanford Folklore Dancers (FH)	10:00am Mindfulness and Meditation Class (Parlor)
Antino Classes Andrea and G	7:30pm Choir Practice		
16	17	18	19
Breakfast (S)	5:00pm i-Sing Silicon Valley Upper Level Choir (S)	8:00pm Stanford Folklore Dancers (FH)	Soli Deo Gloria Rehearsal (S)
g Silicon Valley II (FH)	5:00pm Church Council		10:00am PA Philharmonic Mtg (Church School Room)
Tango	5:00pm i-Sing Silicon Valley		
	7:30pm Choir Practice		
23	24	25	26
g Silicon Valley II (FH)	10:00am Women's Brunch (Thelma Parodi's)	6:00pm FBCPA Potluck & Pumpkin Carving	Bay Choral Guild Workshop (FH)
Tango	5:00pm i-Sing Silicon Valley	7:30pm Wedding Rehearsal	10:00am Mindfulness and Meditation Class
Antino Classes Andrea and G	5:00pm i-Sing Silicon Valley	8:00pm Stanford Folklore Dancers (FH)	2:30pm Helen Chow Wedding (S)
	7:30pm Choir Practice		
30	31		
g Silicon Valley II (FH)	HALLOWEEN		
Tango	5:00pm i-Sing Silicon Valley Upper Level Choir (S)		
Antino Classes Andrea and G	5:00pm i-Sing Silicon Valley		
	7:30pm Choir Practice		



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Hang it on your Refrigerator!



that worship is the portal into the life of your church for visitors and that most of the members of the congregation probably only connect to the church through that one hour of weekly worship, this means that worship has the most impact on the greatest percentage of people.... Meaningful and memorable worship can energize [our] work of discipleship and deepen [our] personal and corporate spiritual journeys. We are all 'called to ministry' through our initiation into the church and being even a small part of the work of worship in your community is an answer to that call!"

A worship team can be one of the most vibrant and vital discipleship groups in the congregation. It includes bible-study, theology, artistry, mission, commitment, spiritual direction along with a healthy dose of small group bonding! It can be multigenerational and include those who consider themselves "creative" as well as those who just want to help carry out the tasks needed to serve the church."

Part of my work with First Baptist Church this year will be to draw on all your creative talents when it comes to planning for the seasons of Advent and Lent, with the hope that it will be so fun and fulfilling that there will be energy and desire to continue, with the pastoral team, working on worship together and building a Worship Team.

Details for the Advent Worship Planning Party are in the works! Advent being my favorite time, I can't wait.... And when it comes, may we all inspire each other to use ancient traditions in fresh ways to proclaim the Good News!

In peace and Passion,

Naomi

OCTOBER ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION TOPICS

October 6 Animate: Faith with Brian McLaren video on God

October 13 Animate: Faith with Nadia Bolz-Weber video on the cross

October 20 Quarterly Business Meeting

October 27 Advent Planning Workshop





OCTOBER SENIOR CHAT

Sometimes we have presenters who inspire us and move us toward new horizons. As we age, new ideas and new contacts and new activities are very important to our mental health.

The Senior Chat meets once a month, on the second Friday in the Fireside Room off the back patio of Covenant Presbyterian Church . Starting at 10:00, we have light exercises and light refreshments. For more information, call Rev. Dona Smith-

Powers 650-494-3093

On October 11

Most of us can only imagine how it would feel to leave our home country to make it possible for our family to survive and thrive. It takes great courage. Maria Marroquin is a dedicated and charismatic woman who is well known as an advocate for the immigrants in our area. She has helped with the Day Worker Center in Mountain View since it's inception and has been the Executive Director since 2005. An amazing statistic: 950 job placements per month . Come and meet this dynamic woman and hear the story of how you might employ a good day worker for your home or business or church.

**SOUTH BAY SANCTUARY COVENANT (SBSC) brings
GRASSROOTS ADVOCACY IN EL SALVADOR**

Hear about our partners coming together to transform
their country and how they are doing it!



**Interactive Panel Discussion with
Roddy Hughes**

Executive Director of Voices on the Border

José Acosta

NEW El Salvador Director of Voices on the Border

Sunday, October 20, 2013 4:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church, 305 N. California, Palo Alto (at Bryant)

Salvadoran Fair Trade Crafts for sale!

Pupusa and Enchilada Dinner!

Suggested Donation \$20 adults, \$5 students

(No one turned away for lack of funds.)

Please RSVP to (650) 494-8340

Mail tax-deductible checks to University Lutheran/SBSC
c/o St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 3290 Middlefield, Palo Alto, 94306

Sponsored by First Baptist Church and South Bay Sanctuary Covenant

SBSC Delegation to El Salvador will be February 15 – 23, 2014

Orientation: Saturday, October 19, 2013 3:30 – 5:00

Our Lady of the Rosary hall, 3233 Cowper St., Palo Alto

Roddy Hughes, José Acosta and Arlene Schaupp

Phone 650-494-8340 for Information and to RSVP



**ORIENTATION
FOR
SOUTH BAY SANCTUARY COVENANT (SBSC)
DELEGATION TO EL SALVADOR, FEB. 15 - 23, 2014**

with
Roddy Hughes,
Executive Director of Voices on the Border
José Acosta
NEW El Salvador Director of Voices on the Border
and
Dale Bracey, Mark Reedy and Arlene Schaupp

Saturday, October 19, 3:30 - 5:00
Our Lady of the Rosary Hall, 3233 Cowper Street, Palo Alto

An ecumenical and interfaith transforming experience
Led by Voices on the Border staff
For those committed to peace with justice
with a preferential option for the oppressed

- Wonderful hospitality—stay with families in our partner community
- Meet with elected leaders in our partner community & other rural leaders
- Dialogue with local and national leaders
- Enjoy solidarity with Salvadorans and those on the delegation
- Grow in understanding Christian faith and liberation theology
- Scholarship help for youth and young adults

NEXT ORIENTATION: Late Nov. or early Dec.
COST: \$825 for lodging, food, transportation, and leaders; plus airfare.
Contact Arlene Schaupp (650) 494-8340 or schaupp@aol.com for info & to RSVP

Also Come & Invite Others to
Grassroots Advocacy in El Salvador: Sunday, October 20, 4:00 pm
See Invitation Below or in Separate Email

MOUNTAIN VIEW DAY-WORKER CENTER

Our church member, Dona Smith-Powers, lets us know that she has been volunteering at the Day Worker Center in Mtn. View and, concerned that they are not getting enough exposure in the community, asks that we publicize the following blurb:

Every day men and women sign in looking for jobs. Almost all have immigrated here , leaving behind family, home, and culture. They are here in part because they dared to dream that a better life was possible. They have made many sacrifices.

How might you support the workers?

- o hire a worker for gardening, housecleaning or other needs;
- o donate gift cards from Target or Safeway;
- o visit the Center at 113 Escuela Ave. (650) 903 4102
- o discuss volunteer options with Executive Director, Maria Marroquin;
- o schedule a presentation for your congregation;
- o plan to take a special offering for the Center.

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And for those looking for occasional, temporary and even permanent helpers, there is also the local ministry of the SOUTH BAY SANCTUARY COMMITTEE JOB HOTLINE:

SALVADORANS WITH AMAZING VARIETY OF SKILLS

For information contact

South Bay Sanctuary Covenant Job Hotline, Schaupp@aol.com
or 650-494-8340

SAVE THE DATE!

TRANSFORMATION: Art from Within



The exhibit will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at the
Santa Clara County Hall of Justice
190 West Hedding, San Jose.
6:00-7:30 p.m.



The Superior Court of California, Santa Clara County
will host the opening of

TRANSFORMATION:
Art from Within

The exhibit displays group art work done by men and women incarcerated at the Elmwood jail.

These creative and meaningful works are presented by the Superior Court, Office of the Sheriff, and CIC Ministries (Correctional Institutions Chaplaincy).



"TRANSFORMATION: Art from Within
Art works done in community by Elmwood inmates



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Council Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2013

Moderator Carolyn Shepard opened the meeting after 5 PM. Pastor Rick read from a piece by Paul Rowntree in, "Government by the People?" exclaiming that every person, from the mightiest to the least is loved by God and is vital to society.

Present: Jane and Jin Chin, Dan Cudworth, Marilyn Hunwick, Pastor Rick Mixon, Eleanor and Hugh Satterlee, and Moderator Carolyn Shepard.

Rick reported that he would not be attending the next Evergreen Region meeting, October 11-12, 2013, in Seattle and asked that others consider attending.

The fragile health of some of the church family was discussed. The interns will assist Congregational Life in visiting homebound church members.

Jin briefly reviewed the Treasurer's report, noting that pledges to date are about \$1,000 below schedule, tenant contributions substantially greater than expected to date, and that expenses to date are well below plan so that the net cash flow to date is positive.

Jane described the extra work needed to bank the flow of checks for the iSing project, but that it is manageable.

The Council then discussed at length the evaluation of the pastor and the program over the year past. Considerable attention was devoted to how our collective performance might be enhanced.

Worship was discussed extensively, how to shorten sermons and services, and how to incorporate useful tradition into the services while maintaining current feel. Interns, Naomi and Doug will assist in some planning, interjecting their current experience along with the contributions of Pastor Tripp.

Organization of volunteers received considerable attention as it is now apparent that the church cannot continue to rely on a single person to do each volunteer job as has been the model for some time. All members of the congregation are invited to participate in a volunteer job as each is able.

Other topics included congregational care and visitation, cultivation of visitors, and visitation of members.

Carolyn reported some ideas about how the ten percent “tithe” from the proceeds of the sale of the Annex might be deployed. This will be reported in more detail at the next Council meeting and reviewed at the October Quarterly business meeting.

Rick has met with the patio contractor and plans to do so again soon to trim all but essential features to get the first stage of the project started. Improvements to the church sound system can be started soon, also, but is somewhat contingent on demand for funds for the patio project. Rick, Chip Clark, and Hugh will meet the contractor in the next two weeks to try to finalize a list of features and equipment. Rick noted that when the bills are paid, the projects might be overrun and asked if the Council might agree to cover the extra costs. Jane indicated that such payments would have to come from the Special Funds Endowment Fund.

The next Council meeting will occur on Thursday, October 17th, at 5:00 PM. The third Quarterly Business meeting is planned for October 20, 2013.

Carolyn closed the meeting with a short prayer giving thanks for guidance on this day, and for the effort of all members of the Council.

Submitted:

Hugh Satterlee, Clerk



OGH DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS TO COLORADO

American Baptist Churches has released \$10,000 in One Great Hour of Sharing disaster relief funds through the Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) to American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains. Causing injuries, fatalities and billions of dollars in property damage, the flooding was a result of heavy rain that fell in the region Sept. 9-15.

DAN BUTTRY, IM PEACE ADVOCATE ON THE ROAD

In November 2012 Dan led a training session in Chiang Mai, Thailand for 24 people from 8 countries in Asia and the Pacific. "That was one of the greatest training experiences I've ever had -- an incredible high-functioning group!" he said.

Nancy and Steve James, missionaries in Haiti, had heard about Dan Buttry's earlier efforts to empower Christian leaders in the Naga Hills, Northeast India to resolve their problems peacefully. They felt his skills could help groups and individuals in Haiti as well. Pastor Emmanuel Pierre invited Dan to the Haiti Pastors' Conference where he led a 3-hour workshop introducing the concept of conflict resolution and how it can be a positive and effective method of resolving problems. They appreciated his interactive style and the new ways of dialogue and listening and they plan for more teaching and training. "We are excited about what God might be doing in Haiti", Nancy James said.

Dan Buttry is back in Kenya for the fourth time in 3 years! This year on September 13 Sharon Buttry joined her husband in a 10-day Intensive Training of Conflict Transformation Trainers with 32 key Christian peacemakers from 7 African countries in Nairobi on how to facilitate training of the principles and skills of conflict transformation using experiential education methodologies. Leaders from Angola, Burundi, Liberia, Uganda, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, and Kenya along with some Central Seminary, Kansas City students were involved in training that they said was "transforming their lives".

Sharon Buttry has been endorsed by International Ministries to become a part-time missionary, as a Global Consultant for Community Transformation, spending 2-3 months/year teaching and doing community work abroad with Dan.

Whether working with 24 peacemakers in Asia or 32 leaders in Africa, or rural pastors in Haiti, or leading IGNITE teams in the Republic of Georgia, the peacemaking work continues. "It is a blessing to be sent by such a loving and committed com-

munity of faith. Blessings on you!" is the word from Dan Buttry.

Your gift to the World Mission Offering helps to send these peacemakers "on the road".

AND ON A MORE PERSONAL NOTE FROM ONE OF OUR DISTANT FRIENDS...

Ramesh Kumar, Principal of Balasore Technical School in India, has asked for prayers after brain tumor surgery on 3 September in Bangalore, South India. This followed a similar operation in 2002 for which FBC PA took a missions offering toward his expenses. The 5-hour operation under local anesthesia was complicated and painful. After recovery with his family at his home in Coimbatore, also in South India, on 18 September Ramesh returned to Bangalore to have the sutures removed. He hopes to be able to resume his work at BTS in October, and is grateful to our congregation for prayer support.

Area Director Ben Chan and Principle Ramesh Kumar



Balasore students in the machine shop.



Where in our world?



World Mission Offering: Embrace the Cause

Goal for October 2013: \$1,000

American Baptist Foreign Mission Society (operating as International Ministries (IM) began its pioneer mission work approximately 200 years ago in Burma and today works in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the Americas. More than 100 full-time missionaries along with short-term missionaries and mission partners serve in more than 70 countries. Its central mission is to help people come to faith in Jesus, grow in their relationship with God and change their worlds through the power of the Spirit.

Today there are 1.3 million Christians in Burma, now called Myanmar, through efforts begun with Ann and Adoniram Judson in 1814. A vivid historical account of the drama of mission in Burma/Myanmar is presented on an eight-video series: Adoniram Judson: The Man and The Mission, told by Chancellor of Judson University which may be borrowed for viewing. The anniversary of the Judsons' departure for Burma will be celebrated in the USA and in Burma/Myanmar throughout 2014. In June the Myanmar Baptist Convention invited IM to return with missionaries after their expulsion 47 years ago in 1966!

IM is supported solely through the generosity of churches and individuals. The primary fundraising vehicle is the annual World Mission Offering, promoted in our church in October. Donations can be given any time during the year and can be given for the support of individuals or projects.

The 2013 ministry focus areas and the number of IM long-term missionaries who work in those areas:

THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION: 27,
EDUCATION: 22,
HEALTH: 14,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: 13,

EVANGELISM: 13,
HUMAN TRAFFICKING: 9,
PEACE & REFUGE: 4.

The total cost of missionary support is \$6.2 million dollars, and IM depends on the WMO funds combined with personalized support of missionaries to meet the cost.

Churches may also give through their budget to a missionary of their choice (Targeted Giving). Since 2008, FBC PA has joined the Missionary Partnership Network of Dan and Sarah Chetti who serve at the Baptist Theological Seminary in Beirut, Lebanon. In 2012, thanks to a donation from Balasore Technical School in India, we added Dan Buttry, Global Consultant for Peace and Justice. The Chettis and Dan Buttry each receive \$750 through our budget.

Donors to the WMO may give to the support of individual missionaries (Directed Giving) and un-designated funds go to those missionaries and ministries which urgently need support. Our goal for the Offering is \$1000. Of this, \$250 each will be directed to the Chettis and to Dan Buttry, and the remainder of the Offering will go to International Ministries to be available for use wherever needed.

We invite you to share generously with gifts to the World Mission Offering, including Dan and Sarah Chetti in Lebanon and Dan Buttry, peace consultant.

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