

The Sea Breeze

FEBRUARY 2012

A Pastoral Note

I have been reflecting recently on the story of Jonah. You might remember that Jonah was asked by God to go to Nineveh and warn the Assyrians (the Ninevites) that unless they changed their behavior, they were headed for worse and worse times: devastation and possibly even death. Jonah was no fan of the Ninevites and so he hops aboard a ship headed as far away as possible. Eventually, as we know, he jumps overboard, ends up in the belly of a big fish and is burped onto the shore. "Let's try this again" God invites. So despite his still intense dislike of the Ninevites, Jonah goes as instructed and warns them to repent. Sure enough, the Assyrians choose life and Jonah, upset by their redemption, goes outside the city to sit and pout. Boy oh boy he is sure going to show God a thing or two. "Watch this God. You're going to feel really bad while I sit out here in the hot burning desert sands and wilt away in the heat and from lack of water." With infinite grace and patience, God gifts Jonah with a shade tree. It grows up behind him and offers him comfort and coolness, a measure of peace and relief in the midst of his pouting and tantrum throwing. In a relatively short amount of time Jonah grows

quite attached to the tree and then the tree wilts away and Jonah is left again wallowing in his self-righteousness and indignation. "Jonah," a gentle compassionate God says, "look how much you loved that *tree*, a *tree*, Jonah, a tree. Imagine how much I love the Ninevites. How much I love all of creation and want the very best for each and every one, each and everything. Just imagine that Jonah."

How I often I have found myself in the desert of my own self-righteousness and indignation. How often God has reminded me that I (and we) are called to the identity of life-giving abundance and grace. The written story of Jonah ends with the conversation between God and Jonah after the tree has wilted away. I like to imagine that the "end" of the story gets played out in the life Jonah chooses to live: the ongoing journey of faithful living, of growing into the person God calls him to be, in learning to love those hardest and most difficult to love, learning to embody the grace that God showered endlessly on him. I like to imagine the story unfolding this way because I know this God: the God that continues to call me to faithful-

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WINDOWS ON THE PAST

Doris Nitsch,
historian

1952 - 60 YEARS AGO

“During the week of February 2-10...there will be preaching services every night during the week, except Saturday, culminating with a great Mass meeting of Methodists in the City Auditorium in Eureka, Sunday, February 10 at 3:30.” The week was a spiritual awakening for many; 36 new members were added to our roll. And, many youngsters were enrolled in the membership training class as preparatory members. *-The Church Bell*

1962 - 50 YEARS AGO

Family Night February 26
The Methodist Students of Humboldt College with Dr. and Mrs. Miles Esget and Rev. Roberts will serve a spaghetti dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. Adults \$1; Children 50¢ with a \$3.00 limit for one family. There will be candle light, violin music, entertainment and a slave auction. You may bid for the labor of the strongest looking students and have them do work of various kinds. Slave money goes to a mission project. *-The Sea Breeze*

1982 - 30 YEARS AGO

“Serious cholera epidemic in Zaire.”
Our missionaries, Ken and Carolyn Hammer of Arcata, were in Zaire.

-The Sea Breeze

1987 - 25 YEARS AGO

Northern Humboldt United Methodist Fellowship, an Evangelism outreach of the Arcata United Methodist Church under the leadership of Don and Fran Chappel organizes.

-The Sea Breeze

1992 - 20 YEARS AGO

UMM, United Methodist Men
“accomplishments include delivery of 25 loads of wood, amounting to 12½ cords of wood.”

-The Sea Breeze

Report from the Church Council Meeting of January 16, 2012

The Church Council met on January 16, 2012, to discuss the 2012 budget. We looked at a proposal for a full-time pastor for January through June and less-than-full-time pastor for July through December. The Council voted to adopt only the January through June portion of the budget for 2012, with a full-time pastor. The budget for the second half of the year will be voted on when the Staff/Parish Relations Committee reports its recommendation to the Church Council. This is anticipated to be at the meeting on February 20th. All who are interested are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Judy Longshore, Lay Leader

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<h1>FEBRUARY 2012</h1> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin: 10px auto; width: fit-content;"> NPA weekdays 7:30am to 4pm </div>			1 4pm Kidco (FS/SH) 5pm Centering Prayer (PO) 5:45pm Bells (S) 6pm 12 Stones (Longshores') 7:30pm Chancel Choir (S) 7:30pm AA (FS)	Groundhog Day 2 9am Tiny Tots (SH) 4pm Kidco (FS/SH) 5pm Centering Prayer (PO) 5:30pm Bones@4 (7) 6pm NPA Meeting (S/SH) 7:30pm Al-Anon (7)	3 5pm Centering Prayer (PO) 6:30pm Depression Support Group (7) 7 pm NA (FS)	4 3pm Souper Bowl soup pick-up (k)	
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WORSHIP HELPERS

9am Worship Team: Elaine DuBois,
Colman Fockens, Doug Hendricks, Jackie
Robertson, Justin Ross, Rev. Cindy Storrs,
Mary Waters

11am Worship Team: Meadow Bell, Justin
Ross, Mary Rice, April Sousa, Sandy
Strayer, Patsy Svarvari

11am Service:

Greeters

05 Pam & Eric Loudenslager
12 Ella Melendrez
19 Don & Trudi Walker
26 Jeanne Harris

Ushers

05 Claudia Goodman, Doug & Doris Nitsch
12 Ali Ware, Eric & Pam Loudenslager
19 Joyce Harmon, Neal & Sharon Sligh
26 Patsy Svarvari, John & Maralee Davis

Liturgists

05 Martha Bolt
12 Susan Marshall
19 Barbara Ratzlaff
26 Mary Waters

*We are looking for volunteers to help with
worship during 2012. If you feel called to
serve in any capacity, please contact:*

Accolytes: Ali Ware 822-5897

Communion Assistants:

Carole Randall 822-4587

Greeters: Mary Rice 822-6471

Lay Readers: Sandy Strayer 497-6652

Ushers: Doris Nitsch 822-3386

UPCOMING EVENTS

9AM WORSHIP PLANNING
every Tuesday at 7pm in the Pastor's Office

TRUSTEES

Monday, February 6 at 6:30pm, Pastor's Office

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS (SPRC)

Tuesday, February 7 at 7pm, Pastor's Office

CHURCH COUNCIL

Monday, February 20 at 7pm, Fireside Room

11AM WORSHIP PLANNING

Monday, February 27 at 4pm, Pastor's Office

12 STONES

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

meets every **Wednesday** at **6pm**. We welcome
all those of college age who are interested in
exploring what it means to be on the spiritual
journey. Contact **Judy or John Longshore**
(822-1874).

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS...

2nd: Stuart Davis
8th: Elaine DuBois
16th: Irene Brown
21st: Edith Hokman
22nd: Gail Paselk
23rd: Martha Longshore
24th: Sue Bradbury, Roy Sundstrom
25th: Gene Joyce

AND ANNIVERSARIES...

1st: John & Beverlye DeBoice
2nd: Roy & Dot Sundstrom
19th: Ron & Annette Sligh

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ness, who continues to meet me on the shore when I have been burped from the belly of darkness, darkness, often of my own manufacturing; the God who meets me in my pouting, my whining, my less than faithful living; the God who reminds me that loving my neighbor and myself is not optional; the God who never quits on me, even when I am tempted to quit on this life of love that God calls all of us to.

Your Pastor, Cindy

No need to return it immediately, but if you are the person who has Pastor Cindy's copy of the *Living the Questions* binder and DVD, please let her know.

Thanks to...

...**Beverly Fonatine** for leading worship during Pastor Cindy's vacation;

...**Kinetic Koffee** for donating an automatic letter folder to the church office.



Souper Bowl Sunday February 5, 2012

Sponsored by the Missions and Social Concerns Committee

Whether you're entertaining a crowd or just relaxing on "Souper" Bowl Sunday, enjoy hearty hot chowder or chili with cornbread and cookies and help those in need! **Menu: Soup, Corn Bread & Cookies; Soup Options: Corn Chowder (vegetarian or vegan); Chili with Beef; Clam Chowder**

Cornbread and cookies are included with every order; not vegan, sorry!

Pre-order by Thursday, February 2, then bring your own containers to the church on Saturday, February 4 between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. or on Sunday, February 5, between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to get your soup, bring it home, heat and eat! *Bringing your own containers for the soup is ecologically sound and saves money so a greater percentage of your donation helps those in need.* **The Cost:** Free Will Donation to help the needy of Arcata. **You must pre-order by Thursday, February 2, 2012 - no exceptions!!!** Simply call the church office (822-1963) and leave a message. To donate, write a check to Arcata UMC with "Souper Bowl Sunday" in the memo and mail your check in to the Church office 1761 11th Street, Arcata 95521. You may also pay at the door (be aware, we will not have change, but we will accept large bills.) Questions? Call Barbara Ratzlaff, Missions Chair, 677-9006

IN OUR PRAYERS...

Martha Bolt & Kelly Porter, both home after time in the hospital; **Stephen Dias**, recovering from surgery; **Dave Samelson**, who has been appointed to serve as the new District Superintendent of the Great Northern District; **pastors, churches and the Cabinet** in the appointment process; the **family of Marian Manka**; **Pat Hartwell**, recovering at home and feeling much better; **Doug Hendricks**, recovering from a minor brain bleed; **Beverly Fontaine**, recovering from shoulder surgery; **Marie, Peggy Kinzer's** daughter, serving in Afghanistan; **David Traut**, undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer; **Marlan & Helen Stover**; **Ken Celli**; **Dot & Roy Sundstrom**, moving to Sacramento; **John & Judy Longshore**; **Irene Brown, Ruth White, Bertha Conlin, and Marge Fitzpatrick**, at home or in a care facility; **Ali Ware's** sister **Deborah**; **family members, relatives and friends serving in the Armed Forces**; **all who are facing economic hardships.**

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Mission Statement of the Arcata United Methodist Church

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the
transformation of the world.

Bishop: Rev. Warner H. Brown, Jr.

District Superintendent: Rev. Jerry Smith

Pastor: Rev. Cindy Storrs

Accompanist: Justin Ross

Bell Choir Director: April Sousa

Chancel Choir Director: Meadow Bell

Childcare: Jackie Robertson

Custodian: Paige Langle

Office Manager: Lauraine Leblanc

JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sunday 9am

with fellowship/coffee ours at 10am

Sunday 11am

with fellowship/coffee ours at 12noon

SERVICES & PROGRAMS

Centering Prayer Weekdays 5pm

Bible Study Sundays 6:30pm

Tiny Tots Playgroup Thursdays 9 -11am

TINY TOTS PLAYGROUP

A FREE fun time for kids aged 0-5

and their moms and dads too!

Thursday mornings from 9am to 11am

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