

Hilltalk

July 2010

News & Inspiration
for Members & Friends

Vacation Bible School—July 26-30

Ahoy matey!! More than 50 small stow-aways have already crept aboard our Summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) ship. They're ready for this expedition and have begun singing the songs! Are you ready?

Last year we had 97 children aged 3-11 attend our VBS week and this year we're planning for 110. It's no joke when we shout, "All hands on deck!" What gifts has God given you that you might share at our VBS this year? Have the gift of creativity? Maybe your gifts are in your energy? Or your flair for the dramatic? Perhaps your gift is for details or shopping for things? Not to worry—there is a place for you to use your gifts at our VBS!

The week of VBS at St. Andrew's one of the main highlights of our summer. The goal of our VBS is to teach children about the awesome love of God through daily Bible Points, songs, crafts, games, drama, video

and super yummy snacks.

Everything we do during the week at VBS will relate back to our daily Bible Points. This year, all of our Bible Points are all about God's Word. We'll learn that God's word is:

True
Comforting
Surprising
Life-Changing
For Everyone!

It's true that God's word is for everyone! You and I might know that, but there are children who will

attend our VBS who do not know God or that powerful love. VBS is an awesome opportunity to be involved in our church and demonstrate God's love throughout the week. It's also a great opportunity to remind yourself of God's life-changing love for you!

Contact Co-Directors, Kelley Mauerman or Emily Bredthauer (emily@sabts.org) for more information or to join in the fun.



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A full listing of staff, including email addresses, may be found on our website, www.sabts.org

Deadline for next Hilltalk is **noon on July 15, 2010**. Please submit articles via email attachment whenever possible. All submissions subject to editing.

Pastor Paula's Peace

Of Interest . . .

An excerpt from the new book Radical: Taking Back Your Faith from the American Dream by David Platt (Multnomah, 2010)

“Today more than a billion people in the world live and die in desperate poverty. They attempt to survive on less than a dollar per day. Close to two billion others live on less than two dollars per day . . . Anyone wanting to proclaim the glory of Christ to the ends of the earth must consider not only how to declare the gospel verbally but also how to demonstrate the gospel visibly in a world where so many are urgently hungry.

“What is the difference between someone who willfully indulges in [sexual immorality] while ignoring the Bible on moral purity and someone who willfully indulges in the selfish pursuit of more and more material possessions while ignoring the Bible on caring for the poor? The difference is that one involves a social taboo in the church and the other involves the social norm in the church.

“We look back on slave-owning churchgoers of 150 years ago and ask, ‘How could they have treated their fellow human beings that way?’ I wonder if followers of Christ 150 years from now will look back at Christians in America today and ask, ‘How could they live in such big houses? How could they drive such nice cars and wear such nice clothes? How could they live in such affluence while thousands of children were dying because they didn’t have food or water? How could they go on with their lives as though the billions of poor didn’t even exist?’

“Is materialism a blind spot in *your* Christianity today?”

Sounds like a pretty provocative book, doesn't it? What do you think? Send your thoughts to: revpaf@sabts.org and maybe we'll publish them in our next issue!

Pastor Paula

New & Noteworthy

books and other resources for your spiritual journey

The Rest of God: Restoring Your Soul by Restoring Sabbath by Mark Buchanan. Moving away from legalism to a life-giving practice of rest and play.

The Biblical Vision of Sabbath Economics by Ched Myers. In just 70 pages, Myers dives into Old Testament, Jesus and Sabbath linking them to social justice.

Sunday: A History of the First Day from Babylonia to the Super Bowl by Craig Harline. For history buffs, the title tells all.

Read a good book lately that will help others on their spiritual path? Or seen a movie? Or heard some music? Attended an event? Send us a few lines (revpaf@sabts.org) and we'll share.

Current Sermon Series

12 Step Living for Everyday People

July 4

*Peace with Ourselves Steps 6 & 7
How can God Transform My Life?*

July 11

*Peace with Others: Steps 8 & 9
Can I really have a “clean heart”?*

July 18

*Peace with Others: Step 10
Every problem belongs to God. How do I turn it over?*

July 25

*Keeping the Peace: Steps 11 & 12
How do I keep God's peace in my life every single day?*

Mission Update

A third box is on its way to Gorodnya Orphanage in Chernigov, Ukraine. St. Andrew's sent 29 pair of shoes, lots of wonderful craft supplies (for the Constant Christian Presence Room) and 15 pounds of toothbrushes and toothpaste. The dental supplies were collected and donated by Jennifer Freimund's Physician Assistant class (Jennifer is Conrad and Paula Peterson's daughter). We receive monthly notes from Bogdan Mazur. Excerpts are posted on the bulletin board in the Sanctuary along with numerous pictures of the kids they serve. Take a look! You may recognize a pair of shoes!

Most of what we sent cannot be found in Ukraine – the craft items, for example. The quality shoes that we send, if they can be found in Ukraine, would cost 3 times what they do in the US. The kids at Gorodnya know that these are special gifts. The toothpaste readily available in Ukraine comes from Turkey and it is different. The fluoridated AIM toothpaste donated by the PA

class will be a special treat. We sent these supplies to help a Christian program get established and take root. Providing good shoes and having quality activities attracts the kids to the program, so that rapport can be built. A grateful orphanage administrator is a big bonus, too. St. Andrew's has helped a very thankful Constant Christian Presence team accomplish a major step.

Finally, a note about Anya, Kimberly Poth's penpal at the orphanage. An American group is sponsoring some children from various orphanages, to the United States this summer. While some may be eligible for adoption, for most of them, it is a unique chance to spend time in a Christian / family setting. Anya is one of these children selected to come. We are trying to find out who her American host family is and we hope they live near here. It would be wonderful for the girls to meet in person this summer.

Senior Trips

Get your calendar out and note these dates for upcoming Senior's Trips! Sign-ups are ongoing! If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call or email Becky Mays with any questions. She can be reached via email: becky_mays1111@yahoo.com or 949-492-9491.

Day at the Bay, San Diego Harbor

Friday September 10, 2010

Lunch on the ship; Depart at 10:00 a.m.

Lawrence Welk, It's a Wonderful Life

Tuesday December 21, 2010

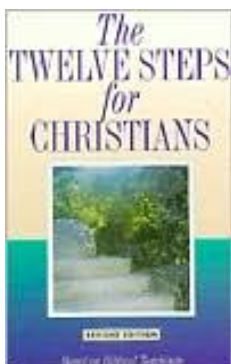
Brunch; Depart at 10:00 a.m.

The cost depends on how many sign up to attend. The more folks who get on the bus, the lower the cost for everyone. So invite your friends and receive a free box of candy from Del Mar.

Detailed hand outs on each event are available in the church office starting May 1, 2010 or at the Senior's Trip Table after worship services on Sunday.

Join in!

12 Steps For Christians



Pastor Paula is in the middle of a sermon series, *12 Step Living for Everyday People*, and has been using *The Twelve Steps for Christians* by Friends in Recovery. If you would like your own copy of this book, the Library Committee is selling them at a cost of \$10. See their table on the patio after worship services or contact Carol Evans, (#949-366-5212) chair of the Library committee to order or for more information.

Youth News

It's summer and we're swamped with vacations, BBQ'S and seasonal craziness, but there are some stellar things that you should be aware of: First, you have a new Youth Director! YAY! Her name is Shaunna Heule and you better get ready for what's coming your way!

Second, for the summer, junior and senior high youth groups will be combined on **Sunday nights from 5:30-7 pm** while we discuss some of the big issues that we face today, as well as other questions that we struggle with when it comes to our faith. How do we know

God exists? Why do bad things happen to good people? Does God really hear me, or am I praying the wrong way? There are no dumb questions!

Special Dates to note:

Sunday, July 4 - No Youth Group (Sunday School is still ON.)

~ Happy Independence day!

Sunday, July 18 - Beach Day 5-8pm (Junior and Senior high)
~ Grab your friends, a beach towel, some sports equipment, and get ready for some FUN!

Sunday, August 1st - Knott's Berry Farm Extravaganza from 9am-7pm

~ Who doesn't want to dominate Knott's?! Bring your peeps ... Shaunna has e never been there and she needs some guides to bring her to the best roller coasters!

More detailed information regarding youth events will be available at Sunday School or Youth Group soon, or you may contact Shaunna Heule at youth@sabts.org with any further questions.

Don't miss out!

Pennies for Poland

We recently received an update from Jim Fournier, Vice President of the Christian Radosc Foundation. Radosc is the organization in Poland that St. Andrew's has supported the past two years through our "Pennies for Poland" mission giving. This spring we were able to raise and pass along \$500 which sent 5 children to camp this spring.

Like many service agencies here and abroad, they have recently seen a significant rise in the number of families on the list to receive food deliveries and access their other services. But they were pleased to be able to offer camp (complete with food, shelter and love) because of our efforts here to five needy children in Poland.

2010 Graduates—We're so proud of you!

Kristen Moore Ritzau, D.D.S., UCLA Dental School

Matthew Donoghue, B.A., Cal-Poly Pomona

Marshall Graeber, B.S., USC

Amberly Petty, B.A., Cal State Fullerton

Vail Miller, B.A., UCLA

Bonnie Whitney, B.A.

Peyton Benoit, High School

Katherine Elizabeth Cox, High School

Andrew Aubrey, High School

Perry Rohr, Middle School

Kieran Bridenthal, Elementary School

Vision Sunday—Thank You!

On Sunday June 6th about 120 of us gathered on the lawn to celebrate the good food, fun and fellowship of Vision Sunday. It was joyful to watch the kids run and play and Pastor Paula apologizes again for enforcing the age and weight limit on the bounce house! Bad to the Bone provided a delicious dinner and the line was around the block to taste all the Blue Ribbon Bake Off items offered for dessert.

Congratulations to the 2010 Blue Ribbon Bake Off Winner...

Heather Smith, who's carrot cake is now the stuff of legends! The culmination of our annual pledge drive celebration continued in the sanctuary with an amazing array of music, videos and personal

testimonies representative of the many "Yea God!" moments in the life of our church; VBS, Welcome Inn, SCMFO, Faith in Action and recognition of service for many of our leaders moving on to new endeavors.

John Carretti's incredible tenure as Lay Leader was recognized as well. The day ended with the dedication of our pledges and thanks to God for our many gifts and blessings.

Such an event takes many hands to help make it a success.

Thank you to everyone who made it happen!

Bill Branch, Emily Bredthauer, Jan Brookes, Don Brookes, John Browne, John Carretti, Patricia Castellini, John Castel-

lini, Willa Coe, Deb Donoghue, Jack Evans, Luke Evans, Rose Evans, Gary Findlay, Donna Gutierrez, Liz Houston, Jenny Killinger, Carla Lashmett, Clark Lashmett, Dave Mauerman, Christopher Mauerman, Amy Mays, Becky Mays, Chris McCann, Keith McCann, Bob Meese, Dee Padgett, David Petty, Jacquie Rasmussen, Bob Reynolds, John Scholfield, John Stafford-Lewis, Julie Stefaniak, Fred Vote, Judi Vote, Light Reigns Band and Our Fabulous Choir.

Edited to add: And an enormous thank you to Karen Muscariello for organizing and overseeing the entire event!

Super Seniors News—Lifelong Learning

June brought the Super Seniors a presentation by Jim Albright, "A Lesson in Indian Lore" and all bets are on his return for as many encores as he is willing to share. Jim produces and brings with him, authentic handmade examples of different tribes clothing, including hand beaded moccasins, utensils for cooking and hunting, methods of transportation, furnishings for a tepee, and even a small kit he uses to illustrate the amazing efficiency of this kind of housing.

There was so much interest in Jim's collection that the questions just kept coming and coming.... and Jim answered

them all. How very fortunate the Super Seniors are to be presented one quality program after another. A hearty thank you to Jim for sharing his passion and his knowledge with us.

July will bring us more information about earthquake and disaster planning from Scott McKee, an emergency manager for the city of San Clemente. This topic is definitely important because Mother Nature may decide to 'shake us up' a bit when we least expect it. (Did you feel that 5.7 last month?)

Pizza and apple pie with ice cream for lunch, how's that for a

crowd pleaser? Put July 14th. on your calendar now. Same time 10:30 in Fellowship Hall. Come, learn more, and then get prepared.

For more information or questions contact Judy Ferguson (#949-498-0605) or Judi Vote (#949-366-0151).



What are Apportionments?

Many of you have asked about our “Apportionments” - what are they, how much are they, and why are we expected to pay them each year?

Methodism’s founder, John Wesley, said, “I look upon all the world as my parish.” Wesley reminded us that we are called to step out of our little corner of the world to spread the good news, transform hopelessness into hope and help God’s children wherever they are. While it would be wonderful if we could reach out personally to everyone who needs our help, we also know that this isn’t possible.

The gifts and pledges we make to the church not only benefit St. Andrew’s, but also have regional, national and international impact through our “connectional” giving in the United Methodist Church. We share the cost of these ministries, with each local church being

responsible for contributing a fair portion, or “apportionment.” Each year our local church is “assessed” our share of the total contribution for our Annual Conference.

One hundred percent giving to United Methodism’s seven apportioned funds translates to supporting outreach through our church’s general agencies, paving the way for African students to pursue higher education, enriching 22 historically Black colleges, nurturing our bishops in their ministry, providing the financial backbone for General Conference, cooperating with people of other faiths and strengthening seminarians in their spiritual journey. When we give collectively through the United Methodist Church, our gifts do wonderful, life-changing things in the name of Jesus Christ both here and in the world around us.

It takes a (Visitation) Team

Many of you serve on one or more committees. You are already busy and involved. But this article is about a TEAM with a self explanatory name, “Visitation”. As a team, our purpose is to help the staff and church family at large, maintain an awareness of our members and friends who may be ill, suffering the loss of a loved one, or have significant stress in their lives that a phone call, a note of encouragement, or a short visit

might be a source of inspiration and spiritual uplifting. We are a small team, looking for a few more members who would enjoy sharing a moment of encouragement to others. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month at 10:00am in Fellowship Hall. As so often is the case, we find that we are the ones receiving the gifts when we reach out to others. For more information, contact Janet Prideaux (949-369-0356).

Financial Update

A message from St. Andrew’s Finance Committee

Effective year-to-date through May 31, 2010:

YTD Income: \$213,023

YTD Expense: \$201,344

Surplus/(Deficit): \$11,679

Save the Date

You are invited! The St. Andrew’s Foundation dinner will be held on Saturday, **September 25**, at the Bella Collina Towne & Golf Club, in San Clemente. There will be a silent auction to benefit Gilchrist House, a local transitional living center (& part of Family Assistance Ministries). More information to come!

Please continue to be in prayer for:

Arliss & Betty Berenger
Rosaline Campbell
Cecil Cowder
Bob & Ruth Creighton
Rolando de la Cruz
Gary Findlay
Jeanette Hill
Fred Muster
Dorothy Osborne
Bruce & Patty Walden
Peyton Woll

Ministry Opportunities

Where is the Lord calling you to be in ministry at St. Andrew's?

Children's Ministry Welcome Team Members

Do others think of you as a friendly person who is wants to make every one feel welcome no matter where you are? Have a warm smile and a heart for families with children? Perhaps you're great with names and a few important details? If you think this ministry sounds like something God is calling you to jump into, contact Chris McCann at chris@sabts.org. All training and support for this volunteer position are provided.


Sound and Light Technician

Do you enjoy a great worship service? Think the quality of our sound and lighting makes a big difference in making an OK worship service a great one? Interested in learning how our sound and light systems work? Willing to give one Sunday a month (or one month a year) to serving Christ by serving His people in this way? If this sounds like the ministry for you, email Dave Petty, Tech Supervisor at davidmpetty@gmail.com. All training will be provided for this volunteer position.

Video Technician

Do you enjoy the way media can enhance worship and really connect to our hearts? Do you find yourself thinking about beautiful, moving images that would enhance our worship service? Like to get creative with Powerpoint? Interested in learning how our media technology helps our worship? Willing to give one Sunday a month (or one month a year) to serving Christ's people by helping our worship service be the best it can be? If this sounds like the ministry for you, email Dave Petty at davidmpetty@gmail.com. All training will be provided for this volunteer position.

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St. Andrew's by-the-Sea United Methodist Church Calendar

EVERY SUNDAY	EVERY MONDAY	EVERY TUESDAY	EVERY WEDNESDAY	EVERY THURSDAY	EVERY FRIDAY	EVERY SATURDAY
8:45 am Seekers, RIO Center 9 am Band-led Worship 10:30 am Choir-led Worship 10:30 am Youth Sunday School, YC 5:30 Jr. & Sr. High Youth, YC		9 am Andrew's Kids, CC 9:30 am Holy Rollers 6:30 pm Boy Scouts, YC 7:00 pm Light Reigns Band, Sanctuary	7:30 am Fishermen at Carrow's Restaurant 9:30 am Mom to Mom, CC	9:30 am Holy Rollers 5:45 pm Bell Choir, CR 7:00 p.m. Choir, S	Office Closed 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Lib.	9:30 am Holy Rollers

July 2010

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<u>Key for Rooms</u> CC: Children's Ctr FL: Fireside Lounge SPO: Pastor's Ofc. CR: Choir Room Lib: Library SS1: Sun. School #1 FH: Fellowship Hall S: Sanctuary YC: Youth Center				1	2	3	
4	5 7:00 p.m. Trustees, FL 7:30 p.m. SPRC, SS1	6	7 7:30 pm New Beginnings, SS1 7:30 pm Serenity Prayer, offsite	8 9:30 am Sarah Circle, offsite 10:00 am Welcome Inn, k	9	10 10 am VBS Decoration Creation, FH	
11		12 7:30 pm Worship Logistics, CR 7:30 pm Foundation, SS1	13 7:30 pm Finance, Lib	14 9:00 am Stewardship, Lib 10:30 am Super Seniors Lunch, FH 12:30 pm Senior's Bd, SS1 7:00 pm Missions & Outreach, FL 7:30 pm New Beginnings, SS1 7:30 pm Serenity Prayer, offsite	15— Hilltalk Deadline 12:00 pm Welcome Inn, FL	16	17 10 am VBS Decoration Creation, FH
18	19 7:00 pm VBS Leader Mtg., FL 7:30 pm Invitation, Lib.	20 5:00 pm SCMFO, SS1	21 10:00 am Hannah Circle, offsite 7:30 pm Serenity Prayer, offsite	22 10:00 pm Visitation Group, Lib	23	24	
25— VBS Week! 12:00 pm VBS Set Up	26 7:30 pm Beyond Words, offsite	27	28 9:00am Hilltalk Mailing, Lib	29	30	31 9 am Church Council, FH	



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**St. Andrew's by-the-Sea
Core Principles**

As fully-committed followers of Jesus Christ:

*We have been **transformed** by our encounter with the living God in Jesus Christ.*

*We practice **spiritual disciplines**, such as prayer, meditation, scripture reading, attending worship, receiving the sacraments, and fasting, which cultivate our daily conscious contact with God.*

*We seek to **learn** more about God through continual study.*

*We practice **sacrifice** through tithing and selfless giving of ourselves.*

*We actively work for **justice and mercy** in the world.*

*We seek **unity** through working and living in harmony with our community of faith.*

*We walk our spiritual journey with **honesty and authenticity**.*

*We live our lives **humbly** knowing the gifts we have received come from God.*

Vacation Bible School

July 26-30

9 am—12 pm

Forms are online at:

www.sabts.org/children

\$50 per child

**Jump aboard for an
awesome week
together!**

