



Chimes Changes

At its June meeting, the church Council discussed the workload required to produce and mail the *Chimes* twice a month, and decided to make the *Chimes* a monthly publication and to encourage readers to receive it electronically if they wish.

This means that, starting in August, the *Chimes* will be published at the beginning of each month. If you have information to get in, please be sure to provide it several days previously – for the August issue, by no later than July 25 – to the church office or to klarson26@cox.net.

As for delivery, if your email address appears in the church directory then the *Chimes* will be sent to that address. If you prefer to receive a paper copy, please let Donna know at info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com or 619-284-1129. If the church doesn't have your email address, you will continue to receive the *Chimes* on paper unless you ask Donna for the electronic version. We will also keep printed copies in the church office.

Council hopes these changes will make the *Chimes* a more efficient and useful newsletter for the whole church. ♦

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Fun In The Sun

Outdoor Worship, Picnic

Sunday, July 27, is a day to mark with a star on your calendar! Worship will be offered at the church as usual at 8:30 a.m. But then get ready for a treat!

The second service will be offered outdoors starting at 10:30 a.m. instead of the usual 10:00. And, instead of at KCC, we will worship in the great outdoors at Admiral Baker Field in the Grantville area of Mission Valley.

Following worship, we'll enjoy a potluck picnic lunch together. Bring picnic food for yourself and to share, plus your own plate and tableware. The church will offer water and soft drinks.

The park facilities include a playground and a shady covered area with benches and tables; everything is handicapped accessible. If you wish, bring board games or cards, or plan on just enjoying the fellowship of your church community.

With the high price of gasoline plus a dollar per car charge to enter Admiral Baker Field, we want to encourage lots of ride-sharing. So there are two sign-up sheets on the table in the hall outside the office: one for people who are willing to offer transportation, and one for people who want a ride. Please sign up, and then please come!

Special thanks to Dorothy Holder and Mary Gutierrez for arranging KCC's access to this private facility. It should be a memorable occasion, and great fun! ♦



Pastor's Ponderings

After all the excitement surrounding my step-daughter Karen's wedding, Katherine and I needed a few days to rest. We took ourselves to Morro Bay on California's central coast for what we hoped would be a peaceful time. Happily, we found reasonable lodging right by the water, a perfect place to take in the bay.

I hadn't been there long before I overflowed with questions about what was going on in front of me. So off we trudged to the museum at Morro Bay State Park, which was a wonderful place to learn about the ecology of the bay. The first thing I learned was that Morro Bay is an estuary. I had heard the word "estuary" before, but I had never had the opportunity to reflect on what an amazing place an estuary is.

As an intersection where fresh water and salt water mingle, an estuary is home to an eye-popping variety of organisms. An estuary teems with life. It's such a lively place because there's so much going on. Several fresh water streams feed nutrients and microorganism into the bay, and the ocean tides constantly ebb and flow. This regular flux transfers a huge diversity of life back and forth, and the results are thrilling indeed.

At Morro Bay, no fewer than sixteen habitats provide niches for hundreds of mammals, birds, amphibians, fish, invertebrates, and plants. They all find a place, or provide a place, for each other in a dynamic, lively way. Something is always going on in the Morro Bay estuary. All I had to do was sit and watch!

"What was that over there?" I asked Katherine, pointing. "Looks like a chain of kelp brought in by the tide." Just then, what I was pointing at disappeared.

"Couldn't be kelp," she replied. "Kelp doesn't move *that* quickly!" We decided it was probably a seal or sea otter – and, in fact, soon we saw both seals and sea otters clearly, swimming and eating and, to all appearances, thoroughly enjoying life. And we saw shore birds and land birds, freshwater fish and their seagoing kin, animals that ate clams from the ocean and sweetwater clams with equal gusto.

As I learned more about the ecology of Morro Bay, I came to see it as a potent metaphor for Christian spirituality. An estuary is lively because of the

interaction between fresh water and salt water – both waters, but very different water. So too with us. The more we interact at the intersection of our differences – our fresh water and our salt water, if you will – the more we, too, cultivate a faith that is rich and lively.

Interacting with differences can take many forms. We may do it by singing a hymn from a non-Western culture. We may do it by hearing "trespasses" while we say "debts" as the congregation prays the Lord's Prayer together. We may do it by listening to someone very different from ourselves share a memory or an insight or a pain. We may do it when we befriend someone from another culture. We may even do it when we learn something new about someone we had always assumed we knew well. When we interact at the intersection of our differences, we enrich our faith.

Without the salty tidal flow, the marshes of Morro Bay would be pretty stagnant; without interacting at the intersection of our own differences, we too can easily stagnate. But when we interact at our differences, we become enriched and energized. Together, we nurture a faith that is more vibrant than any one of our faiths would be alone.

Living at the intersection of our differences is not easy. We human beings much prefer to stay within the familiar confines of what we know, to hunker down with those who seem just like us. But when we live at the intersection of our differences, we enter a life of faith in a deeper way. We begin to see what we can set aside, and so nurture what is truly important.

Because this is difficult, we need each other. Just like all those creatures in and around Morro Bay which depend upon each other for their life, so we depend upon each other to live as the body of Christ. In and through our differences, each of us can contribute our share to make our life together vibrant and amazing – not because of us, but because of the one who calls us to follow him, Jesus Christ, the one who lived at the intersection of his differences so that we might live.

Grace and peace,
Bruce ♦

Congratulations!

...to all who participated in the Memorial Day pancake breakfast and barbecue. Combined, these events earned almost \$1,000 for KCC's youth programs! ♦

More Congratulations!

...to Oliver Cundari O'Donnell, son of Christopher Cundari and James O'Donnell, who was baptized on June 29 and welcomed into the household of God. ♦

From The UCC: "Why I Love My Church"

1. I love my church because it's sort of like the Wizard of Oz – it's about having a heart and a brain. And courage!
7. What I love most about my church is that it's a place where we feel free to think out loud together.
12. I love my church because the sermons make me think about things I would probably never normally think about.
15. Why do I love the UCC? Because it's not just about believing in Christ, it's about following Jesus!

More reasons are at www.ucc.org. ♦

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Sunday worship at 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.
All are welcome!

Confirmation Class Scheduled

Confirmation, sometimes called "Faith Formation," is an opportunity for young people to explore their faith, including the asking of hard questions. It's a rite of passage, a journey, and a way to make being a Christian and member of the church more meaningful.

This fall, a confirmation class will begin at KCC. Led by Rev. Bruce Larson and including guest speakers and hands-on activities, this is a wonderful opportunity for young people from grades 7 to 12 to journey further into their faith.

Please contact Rev. Alexis Solomon, Chair of the Religious Education Committee (619-995-4192 or alexis.solomon@cox.net), or Bruce (619-284-1129 or bruce@kcc.sdcoxmail.com) if you are interested, know someone who might be interested, or have questions. ♦

Vacation Plans

Pastor Bruce Larson plans to take two of his four weeks of annual vacation from July 29 to August 14. He will be in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, visiting family and enjoying the woods.

If you need pastoral care during Bruce's absence, please call Rev. Alexis Solomon (619-995-4192). Rev. Mark Weber will lead worship on August 3, and Rev. Donna Eubanks will preach on August 10. ♦

Lectionary Readings

Here are the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary for upcoming services. Bruce will pick two from this list each Sunday.

- July 13: Genesis 25:19-34 **or** Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 119:105-112 **or** 65:(1-8), 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23.
- July 20: Genesis 28:10-19a **or** Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 **or** 86:11-17 **or** Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-33.
- July 27: Genesis 29:15-28 **or** 1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b **or** 128 **or** 119:129-136; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52.
- August 3: Genesis 32:22-31 **or** Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 17:1-7, 15 **or** 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21. ♦

Prayer List

Please remember these people in your prayers:

David Adams
Kathleen Andrews
Utahna Atwell
Nancy Brest
Carolyn Devine
David Duran
Bob Guerra
Sofia Jadloc
Zosimo Jadloc
Alden Nalachowski
Penny Novak



Those who are unemployed
The family and friends of Florence Hallinan,
Charlene Moore, and Charlie Schroder

To get a name added to this list, please contact the church office (info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com or 619-284-1129) or the *Chimes* (klarson26@cox.net or 619-501-1187). Also, please let us know when it's time for the name to be removed from the list. ♦

All-Church Breakfast

Come join the fun on Sunday, August 3, between the two services, as 8:30 and 10:00 worshippers mingle for food and fellowship. ♦

Partnership Picnic Coming! Sunday, August 17

The annual Partnership Picnic is a great gathering for members and friends of the five UCC churches that comprise the San Diego Partnership. Starting right after worship services on Sunday, August 17, this event is not to be missed.

The setting is ideal – a level, grassy hilltop that catches cooling breezes on even the hottest day, easily accessible for all. The company is delightful, as we enjoy old friends and make new ones. There is food and fun for all ages, including musical entertainment.

With gas prices the way they are, car pooling makes more sense than ever. If you are willing to drive, or if you'd like to be part of a driving group, please let Donna know (info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com or 619-284-1129). ♦

Men's Breakfast

Those who attended the men's breakfast in July know what a great place our new patio is for a summer gathering. Join us there for our monthly men's get-together on Saturday, August 2, at 8:00 a.m. ♦

Choir Notes

July 20 marks Choir Appreciation Sunday, when at the 10:00 a.m. service we will show our appreciation to the Chancel Choir for its wonderful music and special presentations throughout the past year.

After worship, the choir, the members of the Music Committee, and their families are invited to a PFP (Potluck Party on Flo's Patio) at the house of Florence Clark, 4209 Middlesex Drive. Contact Flo (619-284-4575) if you wonder what to bring.

During August, the choir will enjoy its well-earned rest, with special music provided during worship by section leaders and volunteers. The full choir will return on Rally Sunday, September 7.

Thanks, John Tarbox and Nina Deering and the whole choir, for all you do! ♦

July Birthdays

- 4 A.J. Loomis
- 6 Bonnie McCarthy, Susan Meckstroth
- 7 Cecilia Mason, Kris Winter
- 9 Joel Baumbaugh, Kit Crane
- 10 Helen Witton
- 11 Sara Phipps
- 13 Irene Naismith
- 14 Jodee Christensen
- 16 Laura Jenks
- 17 Dean Hansen, Brendan
McCarthy, James Naismith
- 18 Brett Dupree
- 20 Lillian Baehr
- 23 John Tarbox
- 25 Marsha Dodds, Alice Marcoux
- 30 Donna Hanson
- 31 Ilah Jo Ely, Teresa Higgins, Eddie Warner



If your name, or the name of someone you love, should be added to this list, please let Donna know at 619-284-1129 or info@kcc.sdcoxmail.com. ♦

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Dodds
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The Boyle Family
Brammer, Joyce
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Broselle, Carl and Susie
Broselle, Dennis and Judy
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Damon Schamu
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Davis, Carolyn and Stephen
Day, Amy Lightner
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Diener, Mary
DiMille's Italian Restaurant
The Dixon Family
Downing, Margaret and Rex
Ehlers, Bill and Sue
Eilers, Barbara and Bill
Elkins, Arlene
Elkins, Julia
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Frontis, Bill and Carol
In Memory of Irv and Mary Frontis
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Auxiliary
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Auxiliary's Officers
KCC's Senior High Youth
KCC's Young Adult Group
Kelsen, Sylvia
Keller, Milt and Nancy
Kennedy, Betty
Kieta, Gladys
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Loop, Earline
Lowe, Robert
Marcoux, Alice
Mason, Ben and Edith
McCarthy, Bonnie and Brendan
McClain, Cindi and Mick
McClure, Lucretia
McKenney, Carl and Rebecca
Medigovich, Milica
Miller, Joan
Morrison, Joann
Naismith, Sheila
Neal, Jay and Jayne
Nelson, Marian
The Nicolls Family
Nielsen, Margaret and Paul
Odle, Joe and Mallie
Parkinson, Bob and Mary
Patch, Beverly
Payne, Gary and Zoraida
Payne, Patricia and Robert
Payne, Sharon
Perrigo, Robert and Wendy
In Memory of the Perrigo family
Peterson, Judie and Shelton
The Playman Family
Prisby, Don and Marie
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Sapier, Jacques and Susanne
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Sibley, Stephanie
Slocomb, Eleanor
Sly, Elisa and Jonathan
Stephenson, Cathy and Dude
Swann, Mary Jane
Thomas, William
Thompson, Margie and Steven
Trempe, Gayle and Mike
Trempe-Thomas, Jennifer and
Patrick
Trischman, Jackie and Jay
Unger, Patricia
In Memory of Amy Utz
Valenzuela, Walter
Vancott, Nancy
Vavra, Kay
Vik, Mary
Vreeland, Helen
Walker, Andrew
Walker, Elizabeth
Ward, Jim and Penny
Wayman, Dick and Joan
Wayman, Rich
Wells, Leslie and Tom Wheeler
Wender, Jacqueline and Paul
The Williams Family
Winn, Amy and Kevin
Winter, Zoia
Winters, Jum and June
Young, Sharon
There's still room for your name! ♦

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PLACE: KCC CONFERENCE ROOM

WHEN: TUESDAYS, 10:00 TO 11:30 A.M.

LEARN: LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY

PLACE: KCC CONFERENCE ROOM

WHEN: TUESDAYS, NOON TO 1:00 P.M.

WORSHIP AND GRATITUDE: CHOIR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

PLACE: KCC

WHEN: SUNDAY, JULY 20, 10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP AND FUN: OUTDOOR SERVICE AND POTLUCK PICNIC

PLACE: ADMIRAL BAKER FIELD

**WHEN: SUNDAY, JULY 27, 10:30 A.M.
(SIGN UP TO CAR-POOL!)**

MEN: MEN'S BREAKFAST

PLACE: KCC

WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 8:00 A.M.

BREAKFAST: ALL-CHURCH BREAKFAST

PLACE: KCC PATIO

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 9:15 A.M.

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