

# Foothills' VIEW



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## Accomplishments for Foothills



*On July 3, the All American Café Auction raised over \$11,000 for the ministries at Foothills UMC. Many had fun and won some great items in silent and live bidding.*



*For the first time, food for the auction was served at 'The Gathering Spot Bistroruck.' The food was good and it was a beautiful evening to eat outdoors.*



*On June 25, thirteen youth and three adults left to work on the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Reservation in Fort Hall, Idaho. They worked as painters and builders of a ramp on a trailer and a shed. They also enjoyed a bit of fun along the way in Zion National Park.*



*Theresa Erb was introduced by Bishop Mary Ann Swenson at Annual Conference in Redlands as one of six Certified Lay Ministers.*



*'Butterfly Garden in a Pot' was an award-winning display at the Del Mar Fair for Roots & Shoots.*

*The Lord bless you  
 and keep you;  
 the Lord make  
 his face to shine  
 upon you,  
 and be gracious  
 to you;  
 the Lord lift up  
 his countenance  
 upon you,  
 and give you peace.*

*-Numbers 6:24-26*



*From  
the pastor's  
perspective...*



*Rev. John Farley*

### **Foothills Church Staff**

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## *What are you passionate about?*

by John Farley, lead pastor

“Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them, ‘It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer; but you are making it a den of robbers!’” -Matthew 21:12-13

I have always loved this story of Jesus cleansing the temple. I think it is partly because it seems to be the only place in scripture where Jesus loses his cool. This is a very human side of Jesus and it makes it easier to relate to him. I also like this story because it tells me he felt passionately about things. It was his passion for God’s house, his passion for justice and truth, and his compassion for the people that drove him to act.

What are you passionate about? Specifically, what are you passionate about in terms of your faith and belief? If I were to announce that I was shutting down the Prayer Quilt Ministry, the Missions Commission, or the music program, would you stand up and cry out? Would you take action to confront such a wrong? I hope so.

If the ministries of Foothills don’t have members who care passionately for them, they will certainly just fade away.

I have always been passionate about ministry with children and youth. As the Lead Pastor of Foothills, I have too many tasks in maintaining the overall ministry of the church to spend as much time with the young people as I would like. But I have not lost my passion, and that passion is driving me to recommit my energy to ministry with children and youth in the coming year.

Our children are a sign of God’s blessing, and our only hope for the future. The precious years of early development and identity formation are gone too soon. We as a church cannot afford to waste a minute of sharing our faith with them and offering God’s transforming grace to them. American journalist Suzanne LaFollette once said, “What it is children become, that will the community become.” If we as a community of faith here at Foothills want to continue to proclaim that we are a ministry of “Community Serving Community for the transformation of the world,” we need to start with our children.

That’s my perspective.

## *‘...Your right hand will hold me fast.’*

by Susan Naslund, VIEW reporter

Have you ever picked up a piece of glass along the ocean shore? Most likely, that shard of glass was once part of a broken bottle or jar that was thrown away many years earlier. After being tumbled in the salt water, sand and rocks, the rough edges have been smoothed and that little piece of rubbish has become a beautiful gem of the sea.

Reflecting on the origins of sea glass reminds me of Psalm 139. A reading of this psalm can be unsettling at first when we consider a God from whom we cannot flee. This eerie perception can be changed if we instead remember that there is no place we can go and not find God there with us, ahead of us, loving us.

Verses 9 and 10 of the psalm say, “If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me; your right hand will hold me fast.” Even during those times when we do not want to face God – those times when we have not been our best – God does not give up on us. Rather, God takes the opportunity to reshape us. Through God’s love shown to us, we emerge from broken times as people with an improved character, and sometimes with a new purpose.

The next time you come across a piece of glass at the beach, be reminded of Psalm 139. Rest assured that God’s hand has been there before you, and is still outreached toward you, showing you a love that can smooth even the most jagged edges.

# Get started to plan for action in the fall!

by Steve Hable, lay leader

I know that on the calendar summer lasts for three months, but the summer “break” is really only about six weeks long. Most elementary and middle schools will be open before the end of the month. Some of the high schools and colleges will also start the new school year. And, of course, that means it will be the beginning of the football season, at least for high schools and colleges!

At Foothills, the end of summer marks the return of new opportunities to learn and serve. Many in the congregation have taken the opportunity to take a class, join a small group or become an active member of one of the many ministry areas. Are you doing all you can do to serve others in ministry? Are you one of those that is sitting on the sidelines and not taking an active role in service to the community?

Worshipping on Sunday is the celebration of a week of service and a wonder-

ful inspiration for the coming week. However, worshipping on Sunday should never be the single act of being a Christian for the week. The apostle James, the brother of Jesus, challenges us all to act as well as believe. His letter to the Christian Jews applies equally to all of us today. In James 1:22, he writes, “But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

As Christians we are called to believe, act and serve. There are numerous ways for all of us to serve our greater community. We cannot deceive ourselves to be Christians by failing to act and serve.

As we begin a “new year,” the challenge for all of us is to find an area of service for which we can say, “Yes, I want to be part of this ministry.” We need to step out of our comfort zone and take action. Gandhi said, “You may never know what results come from your action, but if you do nothing, there will be no result.” Now is a good time to get started.

## ‘Born to the ministry’

by Linda Miller, VIEW reporter



Rev. Martha Kogle

Martha Kogle has ministry in her blood. Her brother grew up to be a minister. They both grew up the children of a minister and she became a diaconal minister in 1981. Later she was ordained as a deacon and went on to serve at La Mesa First, San Carlos and Foothills UMC churches.

As might be expected, Martha feels she was always in ministry, even as a child. There wasn’t one big moment when she felt called. Things just fell into place, she said. “I’ve never heard God speak,” she said, “but he is within me and he gives me strength and nudges. I have felt his guidance. I have to be open with God’s spirit and be open to what people are saying and how I can help.”

Being “of help” is a high priority in Martha’s life. She isn’t sure how many mission trips she has been on, but among those are work visits to Sierra Leone, South Africa, Alaska and Russia.” Although she is mostly retired, Martha agrees to help out at Foothills wherever she is needed. She taught Disciple classes and over time helped create Women at the Well, prayer groups, small groups, Ash Wednesday Lenten breakfast, guest visitation and more. She also sings in the choir.

In her years of ministry, Martha has, at difficult times, found herself wondering what to say. But, invariably, “God spoke through me when I didn’t have the words.” Martha also gathers strength from her husband of 42 years, Gerald. “I wouldn’t be what I am without Gerald,” she said. “He is a great clergy spouse,” she laughed, but then turned serious and said, “and he is the best cook in the kitchen.”



As

see it...



Steve Hable

### Foothills' VIEW

The Foothills' VIEW is published monthly by Foothills United Methodist Church. The due date for articles is the second Monday of the month. You may submit an article on events, fellowship groups, or persons related to the mission of Foothills. Email your article and picture (.jpeg) to the editor.

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### August Calendar

- 8/1 Young Adult Bible Study
- 8/4 Youth Day at the Beach
- 8/7 Blood Drive
- 7/9 Storefront  
Youth to Good Neighbor  
Center
- 8/11 Youth Day/Night at the  
Beach  
La Vida Real
- 8/12 Friday Friends
- 8/18 Tender Loving Care Team  
Discover Foothills
- 8/20 La Roca  
Chancel Choir Dinner
- 8/22 Harmony Ringers start
- 8/23 Grief Class starts
- 8/25 Chancel Choir starts
- 8/27 Prayer Quilt Ministry  
Back-to-School Dance
- 8/28 New Member Sunday
- 8/30 Loss Class starts

Call the Church Office,  
670-4009,

or go to [www.foothillsunc.org](http://www.foothillsunc.org)  
to get more information  
on any of these events.

## Traveling was the life of the 'circuit-rider'

By Mary Lou Standiford, editor

August was traveling time for me growing up with a father who was a school teacher. He worked a second job for the beginning of the summer, and then at the last chance, we took a family trip usually to visit my grandmother in Missouri. Even now with both my husband and myself working in a church, August is the best time to travel; this year to Kansas. Yes, even in August with the hot and humid weather, we will travel.

At the beginning of Methodism in our country, traveling was a norm for preachers. Dr. Robert Simpson, in his article on *The Circuit-Riders in Early American Methodism* writes, "John Wesley's Methodist plan of multiple meeting places called circuits required an itinerant force of preachers. A circuit was made up of two or more local churches in early Methodism. Circuits were sometimes referred to as a 'charge.'

"A pastor would be appointed to the charge by his bishop. During the course of a year, he was expected to visit each church on the charge at least once, and possibly start some new ones. At the end of a year, the pastors met with the bishop at annual conference, where they would often be appointed to new charges.

"The traveling preachers responsible for caring for these local churches became known as circuit-riders. They traveled light, carrying their belongings and books in their saddlebags. Ranging far and wide through villages and wilderness, they preached daily or more often at any site available, be it a log cabin, the local court house, a meeting house, or an outdoor forest setting. Unlike the pastors of settled denominations, these itinerating preachers were constantly on the move. Their assignment was often so large it might take them

five or six weeks to cover the territory.

"Francis Asbury (1745-1816), the founding bishop of American Methodism, set the pace. He traveled 270,000 miles and preached 16,000 sermons as he traveled the circuits. Peter Cartwright (1785-1872) described the life of the circuit-rider. He wrote in his autobiography: "A Methodist preacher, when he felt that God had called him to preach, instead of hunting up a college or Biblical Institute, hunted up a hardy pony, and some traveling apparatus, and with his library always at hand, namely, a Bible, Hymn Book, and Discipline, he started, and with a text that never wore out nor grew stale, he cried, 'Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world.'



"In this way he went through storms of wind, hail, snow, and rain; climbed hills and mountains, traversed valleys, plunged through swamps, swollen streams, lay out all night, wet, weary, and hungry, held his horse by the bridle all night, or tied him to a limb, slept with his saddle blanket for a bed, his saddle-bags for a pillow. Often he slept in dirty cabins, ate roasting ears for bread, drank buttermilk for coffee; took deer or bear meat, or wild turkey, for breakfast, dinner, and supper. This was old-fashioned Methodist preacher fare and fortune."

Ministers today continue to have circuits. In Montana, a woman pastor I know has a four-circuit charge. On one Sunday, she is at one church in the morning, and a second one at noon. The next Sunday, she will be at her other two churches on the same schedule. Another example is a pastor in northern California who preaches at his country church in the morning, travels up the mountain for church at noon, then travels back to have an evening service at the first church.

As you travel this summer, I hope you take time to worship in a church and to share greetings from Foothills United Methodist Church.

# Mississippi work team shared tasks

By Jennifer and John Demaree, 2011 Katrina Rebuild co-leaders

The District Work Team to the Hurricane Katrina damaged Mississippi Gulf Coast returned on July 2 after working for a week in Gulfport and Biloxi. Our team of 13 was split up working on five homes.

Two of our members finished Doris' home in the first two days, just doing the final touches. Then they joined a team of four at Shirley's home. There the team of six installed a ceiling fan, range hood, two challenging doorway thresholds (including one three-inch drop), and Pergo-type flooring on a challenging dining room floor.

On Wednesday, three members remained at Shirley's for the rest of the week and finished the dining room floor and thresholds for that room and installed shelves in a closet by the water heater, two accordion doors, replacement light switches and outlets, baseboards in the dining room, part of the kitchen, and bathroom, and extra baseboard trim in the living room. After caulking all the gaps and a little touch up paint, Shirley's house was done on Friday afternoon... and she was thrilled to have a clean, safe, and secure home after five-and-a-half years of living in a Katrina-damaged home.

These three members then went to Lorvetta's home which was in need of tender loving care after the last team almost finished the drywall in the three rooms that needed work. That team mudded and sanded for the rest of the week. God bless them as it is not fun work.

Our other six members spent the week in Biloxi working on the home of Anne, a recently widowed wife of a missionary. Her home had not been lived in since beaten up by Katrina. Part of this crew tore out the front door and wall around it and installed a new door that came in from a sloping porch, so that took some trial and error. The rest of the crew spent the week scraping old paint off of the exterior of the house and priming and painting it. It looked beautiful, with new house numbers installed and everything by the end of the week.

Our last member, whose presence on the trip this year was a miracle on its own, spent the week working on the camp's "honey-do" list doing chores such as weeding, cleaning ovens, cleaning air conditioner vents, organizing items, etc. and that was very appreciated by the wonderful camp hosts, Stan and Jennie. There are still around 50 homes on the wait list to be worked on before the relief effort has to close their doors next summer due to depleted funds.

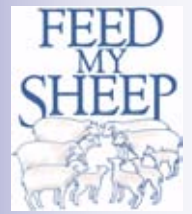
There will be one more opportunity to go to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. There are 30 slots reserved for Jan. 29-Feb. 4. Any

collected money not used for this year's trip is going towards the team in January. Anything left over from that team will go to Camp Love for their use until they close. Thank you so much for supporting the 2011 San Diego District Mis-

issippi Mission Team with your prayers and gifts so that we could successfully heal hearts and homes while we were there.

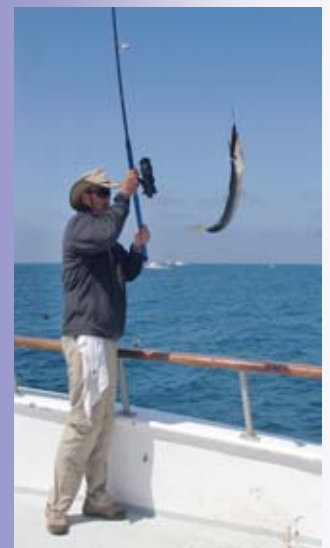


*Of the thirteen team members traveling to Mississippi to work on homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina are (center front) Amanda Grimm and Danica Tsuchida, representing Foothills UMC. (From right front) Team leaders were John and Jennifer Demaree. (Right back) Also going was District Lay Leader Carolyn Ingrahm.*



*Look to serve others...*

## Fine catch at Derby



Jay Moser lands a nice Barracuda just off the Coronado Islands on this year's Foothills Fishing Derby. It was a beautiful day out on the water and the fish were biting! With limits on sand bass, and Barracuda, there were plenty of family fish fries that Saturday night. Most of all, it was a blessing to be out in the beauty of God's creation with friends and family from Foothills United Methodist Church.



*As we  
grow...*



*Theresa Erb*

**Growing Opportunities**

Faith Formation

Sunday School

Kid's Exploration

Vacation Bible School

# Vacation Bible School's big kitchen!

by Theresa Erb, family ministries



*Susan Naslund, her two nieces, Sheridan and Jacqueline, Lesley Green-Huffaker, and Andrew Naslund are standing in the 'Shake It Up Café' where chefs were greeted every morning by Scraps the raccoon and Chef Basil.*

We had extra helpings of kitchen fun with one hundred and thirty kids at this summer's Vacation Bible School (VBS), Shake It Up Café, Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe! The students were "chefs-in-training" for one week as they discovered God's recipe for living.

Each day began with a high-energy opening that included music and fun with our mascot Scraps the raccoon. During the remainder of the morning the chefs heard, re-enacted or watched skits of daily Bible stories that explored times of celebration during Bible times and showed how these celebrations gave God's people the fundamental ingredients for carrying out God's word. They also had the opportunity to expand on what they learned by participating in a variety of activities: making their own art projects, exploring science activities and enjoying games and tasty snacks.

An important ingredient to this year's VBS was our mission project for the Society of Saint Andrew (SoSA), which works to feed families in

the United States that face hunger every day. On the first day of VBS the students were given boxes to collect coins to donate to SoSA. That first day they all pledged to bring their coins each day. We hoped that by the end of the week we would have \$50 to give to SoSA. We had an

overwhelming response and were able to collect \$1000 that was sent directly to the Society of Saint Andrew in the beginning of July. Special thanks go to Lesley Green-Huffaker for coordinating a wonderful project.

Vacation Bible School was a success because of all the people that worked together to make it special. More than 50 people donated their time during the week. We also appreciate the support of members of our congregation and parents of our VBS students who donated items for crafts or snacks as well as made cash donations.



*Kim Vogel and some of her second-grade class are preparing cookie mixes in glass jars as part of their craft activity for the day.*

# Music Camp full of fun and learning



*Nathan Fox, Joseph Selfani and Allan Meyer work on fingering techniques under the watchful eye of Chris McDaniel.*

*Percussion instructor, Dave Bramley, shows Christina Turner proper hand position on the Conga drums.*



## CELEBRATE YOU AND ME

PHOTOS BY ADAM KLARER

### Music Camp 2011



*Sophia Guarnotta discovers the fun of pastels...*



*Camper Riley Cripe, Sophia and Alyssa Fields paint on the canvas flats...*

*Alyssa Cook gets into her costume with help from Stephanie Schmidt.*

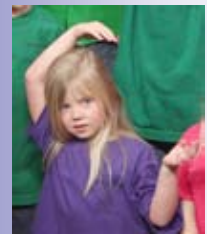


LOOK  
at THIS!

*Nurturing  
communities*



*Carol Paton*



Good Reasons

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Music study enhances teamwork skills and discipline. In order for an orchestra to sound good, all players must work together harmoniously towards a single goal, the performance, and must commit to learning music, attending rehearsals and practicing.



*Of further  
interest...*

**Please consider joining Foothills UMC**

The first step to become a member here at Foothills is to attend a Discover Foothills class, where you can ask questions and learn more about the church. Discover Foothills sessions occur approximately four times a year. A typical session has about 12 people attending and childcare is available with a reservation for children up through four years-of-age.

Our next Discover Foothills class is **August 18 at 6:30 p.m. in King Hall**, followed by New Member Sunday on August 28. New

## *Religious education takes a big step*

On May 16, Claremont School of Theology in California announced a \$50 million gift- including a previous \$10 million donation -from Joan and David Lincoln that will establish the new Claremont Lincoln University.

David Lincoln, a United Methodist layperson, has been a trustee of the school since 2003. Formerly called the "University Project," Claremont Lincoln University is a degree-granting institution at the center of a new consortium of professional graduate schools for religious education. The theological school will continue to offer clerical education in the Christian tradition, and the affiliated schools will offer religious education in other traditions, such as Judaism and Islam. Only the theology school will receive funding from The United Methodist Church.

Imagine a new kind of university...

one designed to meet the needs of religious communities of all kinds. Imagine educating people of many traditions, side by side, providing pragmatic guidance for those in all professions, so they may flourish in a multi-religious world. This is the transformative vision for Claremont Lincoln University, an



*David and Joan Lincoln*

institution right for the times we live in — interdisciplinary, multicultural, multireligious. This unique graduate school makes it possible to do what once seemed impossible: to find the common threads among religious and ethical traditions while honoring the distinctiveness of each, building a world that transcends tolerance with compassion.

Claremont Lincoln University is more than a teaching institution. It's a call to action, inviting all of us — religious professionals, practitioners, and those with no religious orientation — to put ancient and modern wisdom to work on behalf of humankind.



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