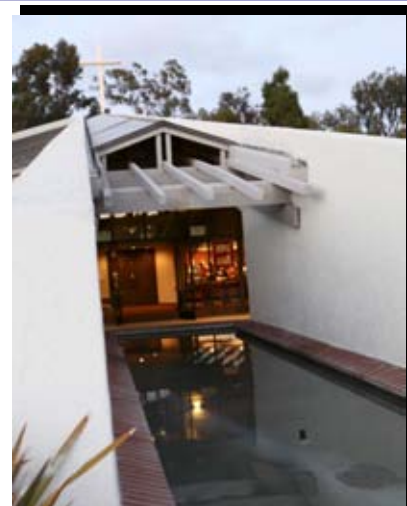


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For your safety

In recent weeks, Foothills UMC and neighboring churches have had cars vandalized and items stolen. We are thankful that since the institution of our Sunday morning orange vest security patrol, there have been no such incidents during worship. Thanks again to Tom and Kennett Spencer for spear-heading this community service.

At other times, please remember a few key crime-stopping tips.

- 1) Always lock your car and take your keys.
- 2) Never leave a purse or item of value in plain view even if the car is locked.

The times we share together



UMW Tea on May 14 gathered women for fellowship and an elegant tea time.



On May 6-8, campers with RVs, tents or cabins spent the weekend time together at Pio Pico Campground.



The famous 'Recycled Paper Fashion Show' was a big hit again at Family Camp time on May 27-30 at Camp Cedar Glen in Julian.



Haley Moss, Stephanie Schmidt and Danica Tsuchida gave the sermon during the Youth Service time with the Youth Choir, 'Sound Faith,' on June 5.



The 2011 Confirmation Class had their retreat time on June 11 and were confirmed on Sunday, June 12.



*From
the pastor's
perspective...*



Rev. John Farley

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God's message needs to be current

by John Farley, lead pastor

"And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and will be spilled, and the skins be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins." Luke 5:37-39

The scripture above is a part of a series of short parables in which Jesus responds to questions about why his disciples act differently than the disciples of John the Baptist and the Pharisees. Jesus is trying to explain that, in him, God is doing a new thing. The message of God's saving love has come in a new form. You can't take something fresh and new and wrap it in the same old wrapper. It is like that famous quote attributed to Albert Einstein in which he stated that the definition of insanity was "Doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."

I think one of the reasons Foothills continues to thrive and even grow is because we are constantly looking for new ways to convey and connect God's offer of transforming love with each other and with our community. IMPACT Sunday has been

an example of this, and even the *VIEW* you are reading right now is an example of doing things in a "NEW" way.

This newsletter is now received by email for most people. It arrives "online," not in the mailbox. If you go to our website at www.foothillssumc.org, you will see two video messages every week. At the beginning of the week, we upload a "Question of Faith" and later in the week, we upload a "Mini Message." Our website has also been renewed with a whole new look and format.

Why? Because the message of God's love that transforms lives needs to be shared in the context of the present day. The message of self-giving love, the message of the importance of living in caring community, the message of bringing God's kingdom on earth is not something of tradition and history. It is something that guides us to a hopeful future.

Change isn't easy, but it is essential if we are to keep our ministry moving forward. Anything else would be "insanity." That's my perspective.

Stepping out in faith to help others

by Susan Naslund, *VIEW* reporter

The Psalmist tells us to praise God with stringed instruments and a flute, but when illness is close, a job is insecure, or life is a bit too stress-filled, we tend to seek comfort in silence.

The Psalmist tells us to praise God with dance, but when the people of this world do not have enough to eat, are in conflict with their neighbors, and are scarred by earthquakes and tornados, our inclination is to retreat from the dance floor.

The kind of praise urged by the Psalmist requires confidence – confidence that God's love will prevail in all things. It takes courage to take that first step toward faith in God's grace. The good news is that

we do not have to dance alone. We have partners on whom we can rely to lead us through the waltz.

In these days following Pentecost, the people of Foothills are stepping out in faith throughout the world and close to home, with offers of help and healing. We rejoice that God's love is present when we come to the aid of others.

A modern poet tells us that life is not about waiting for the storm to pass; it is about learning to dance in the rain. Take comfort in knowing that our church family is here to take you up in their arms in times of need. I am grateful that you guide me to the dance floor, too. With this confidence, we can respond to the music of life and sing our praises to God. May I have this dance with you?

Worship on those 'crazy days of summer'

by Steve Hable, lay leader

In the 50's and 60's, Nat King Cole had a signature song with the lyrics, "Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy, days of summer..." That line may also describe life at Foothills during the month of July. For those with school-aged children, July may be the only month of the year when they are not in school. There is the temptation to pack up and take the traditional vacation. In the past, Foothills would take a summer hiatus and drastically reduce activities.

While it may be vacation time for your family, the activity level at Foothills doesn't slow down. In fact, there is so much going on, you can take that vacation and still participate in many events. July activities include an auction fundraiser, the Fishing Derby, and Music Camp. For the children and youth, there is also the opportunity to attend district camp at Camp

Cedar Glen in Julian. And, no summer would be complete for the youth without the traditional days at the beach.

All of these activities are not only a lot of fun, they are a great way to worship. Too often we think of worship as only the formal services we attend on Sunday. Actually, an act of worship can also be an informal group that gathers together in a manner that is pleasing to God. Whether we are with old or new friends, we are building relationships during these times.

Gathering together and enjoying the gift of life is certainly pleasing to God. Being at the beach, enjoying a day fishing on the ocean, or singing around the campfire at Camp Cedar Glen—all these things bring to us an appreciation of the world God creates for us. Take advantage of these "crazy days of summer" by worshipping with your family and friends.

Volunteering is 'a gift from God'

by Linda Miller, VIEW reporter



Clarice Utt

Clarice and Gary Utt are a couple on the move. With five children between here and Albuquerque, New Mexico, and numerous mission trips, they travel about 50 percent of the time. They have gone on mission trips to South Africa, Alaska, Vladivostok, and Shipwreck, New Mexico. They have been so involved in relationships and repairs in Vladivostok that they went five times.

Many Foothills people are familiar with Vladivostok mission trips. Nineteen teams have gone to that Russian city since the first trip in 1998 when the Utts went with Martha and Gerald Kogel on an exploratory visit to see what needed to be done. "In Russia, they did not understand volunteerism," Clarice said. "There was nothing like that there. The government had provided."

The South African mission trip (see page 7) gave Clarice a real eye-opening

experience. It was 1996, two years after the first free multi-racial elections were held. The Utts and a team of Foothills folks went to a black community in Port Elizabeth to build a parsonage. While there was some initial difficulty getting the black parishioners to work alongside the Americans, it was the white residents that really surprised the mission team. As the black South Africans and the Americans worked together, white farmers would park on the roadside and watch.

When she is in town, Clarice works on the Moses Project (see page 7), which makes low-cost baby beds for needy newborns and Volunteers in Medicine, an El Cajon medical clinic that provides services to low-income working people. She would like Foothills people to know that this clinic needs donations.

Clarice is emphatic that she doesn't want credit for her good works. "I don't like to get credit. I assume it is a gift from God," she said recently. "This mission work – you get so much more than you ever give."



As
see it...



Steve Hable

Foothills' VIEW

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Nurturing communities



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July Calendar

- 7/3 American Café Auction
- 7/4 Young Adult Bible Study
- 7/5 Grief Class
- 7/5&6 Christian Believer
- 7/7 Youth Day at the Beach
- 7/8 Friday Friends
- 7/9 Fishing Derby
- 7/10-16 Senior High Camp
- 7/11-15 Music Camp
- 7/12 Storefront
- 7/14 La Vida Real
- 7/16 La Roca
- 7/17-23 Junior High Camp
- 7/19 Grief Class Dinner
- 7/20 Men's Coronado Lunch
- 7/21 Tender Loving Care Team
- 7/23 Prayer Quilt Ministry
- 7/24-30 Elementary Camp
- 7/30 Farley Wedding Celebration

Call the Church Office,
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to get more information
on any of these events.

Wesley's 'connexion' central to Methodism

By Mary Lou Standiford, editor
Resource: *United Methodism 101*
UMCOM.org Training: *United Methodism 101*

Going to Annual Conference reminds me of the great connection that makes The United Methodist Church what it is today. From hearing about the wonderful mission outreach projects in our conference and around the world to witnessing the beginning of clergy professions to the retiring of ministers after a full career to the memory of their lives as they served the church, I am reminded of our connection to a great and growing movement of faith.

Recently I read the 'Background' introduction to *United Methodism 101*, an online introduction to The United Methodist Church. I share it here for you.

"United Methodists often joke about the many organizational layers of church life, but, as members of other denominations have been heard to say; 'If you want something done, get the Methodists to do it.' Followers of the Wesleys are indeed "methodical" about the ways they approach mission and ministry.

"One reason United Methodists are able to accomplish great things is the church's emphasis on 'connectionalism.' It is common to hear United Methodist leaders speak of the denomination as 'the connection.' This concept has been central to Methodism for its beginning.

"The United Methodist Church, which began as a movement and a loose

network of local societies with a mission has grown into one of the most carefully organized and largest denominations in the world. The United Methodist structure and organization began as a means of accomplishing the mission of spreading Scriptural Holiness over the land. John Wesley recognized the need for an organized system of communication and accountability and developed what he called the 'connexion,' which was an interlocking system of classes, societies, and annual conferences. (*UM Member's Handbook*)



"No local church is the total body of Christ. Therefore, local United Methodist churches are bound together by a common mission and common governance that accomplish reaching out into the world. United Methodist churches and organizations join in mission with each other and with other denominations.

"Connectionalism shows through the clergy appointment system, through the developing of mission and ministry that United Methodists do together, and through giving.

"An example of connectionalism: mission work around the world, whether it be a new university in Africa or bicycles for Cuban pastors, is the work of 'the connection,' as opposed to the work of a single congregation."

Joe Ann Long chosen as Quiet Disciple 2011



Joe Ann Long

The United Methodist Women of Foothills has chosen Joe Ann Long as their 'Quiet Disciple.' She is involved in many things in both the church and the community. She is on many committees in the church: the Prayer Group, the Bereave-

ment Committee, a board member of Women at the Well, and was past coordinator for Storefront. She is also a past president and current volunteer at Grossmont Hospital.

Joe Ann is wonderful at decorating and many groups have asked her to help decorate their tables for meals. She is always available to help in whatever way is needed. We are so happy to honor her and glad she is a member of Foothills.

Outdoor family movie series in Otay Ranch

by Val Sachs, Foundry ministry support

It's summertime... the kids are out of school... the days are long and the evenings are mild. There couldn't be a more perfect time for Foundry to sponsor *Family Movie Nights Under the Stars* in Otay Ranch. On June 24, new friends, young and old alike, gathered to watch the animated Dreamworks film *How To Train Your Dragon* at Salt Creek Recreation Center. The smell of popcorn and the sound of children's laughter filled the night air as families enjoyed time together on beach chairs and picnic blankets.

Summer movie nights in previous years had been well attended in Otay Ranch. However, recent budget cuts have limited evening and weekend programs like these. Thanks in part to a grant from Foothills' Planned Giving Committee; Foundry

Understanding the journey of grief, mourning

by Carol Paton, music director

Being prepared for the journey of grief is usually not something that we know too much about until we are personally faced with the loss of someone very close to us. We also may not realize that throughout our lives we have encounters with other forms of grief.

Learning about grief and the process of mourning is a hopeful way to move closer to healing and reconciliation. Having others to 'companion' with during this time of learning and processing may be one of the greatest gifts God has provided for us. In II Corinthians 1:3-5, Paul shares a truth about God's love and healing grace for us in that 'He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.' (*The Message*)

In response to that encouragement, Foothills will be offering grief support

has re-launched the popular activity at two recreation centers in its home community.

All are invited to join Foundry on July 29 at 7:30 p.m. at Salt Creek Recreation Center when we show another family-friendly film. Copyright laws don't allow us to name the movie, but it's the recently-released sequel to a blockbuster that is sure to appeal to automobile lovers of all ages!

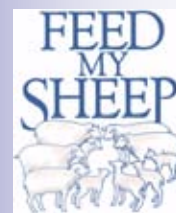
On August 26, Foundry will host its final summer movie – this time at Monteville Recreation Center at 7:30 p.m. This Disney classic tells the adventures of a young woman whose VERY long hair causes some VERY interesting situations!

All movies are offered free of charge, which is Foundry's gift to the families of Otay Ranch. Foundry pastor, Rev. Christian DeMent, called this a great way to meet people in Otay Ranch. "We get to watch fun movies, under the stars, with new friends. What could be better?"

groups and informative classes starting in the fall. The Grief Support Group will be designed to meet the needs of those grieving the loss of a loved one, whether recently or years ago. It will be a six-week session meeting every other Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m. The other will be an informative class experience for those who would like to name a loss (other than death) that has caused them grief and pain; such as loss of a job, a major move, divorce/separation, empty nest, etc. This class will be a three-session experience meeting every other Tuesday evening from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Please make a space on your calendars for Tuesdays starting in late August and early September. Caring for oneself is not a selfish thing to do, but is a healthy step to take. Do something good for yourself and you will be able to do all things good for others.

Contact Carol Paton, 670-4009, or email carolpaton@foothillsumc.org for more information on these two healing opportunities.



*Look to
serve others...*

Snores and S'mores



Monteville Recreation Center in Eastlake was transformed on June 18 to a community campground thanks to the hard work of the recreation center staff and a team of Foundry volunteers.

Almost 400 campers pitched tents and watched Toy Story 3. Campers were treated to hot dogs and s'mores for dinner, as well as a flashlight treasure hunt later at the softball field.

Newborns to grandparents attended the campout and were invited to enjoy crafts, board games, jump houses, basketball and family togetherness.

In the morning, Foundry volunteers assisted with breakfast and helped campers take down their tents. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet some of Chula Vista's families and invite them to the first Foundry Family Movie Night Under the Stars the following Friday, June 24.



*As we
grow...*



AJ sang fun songs that got the kids dancing.

Preschool year comes to an end!

by Ruth Phillips, Preschool director

One of the events we look forward to each year is our End-of-the-Year Family Picnic. On Saturday, May 21, we celebrated with a 50's Sock Hop Picnic. Highlights of this year's picnic included 'AJ & The Flipflops' who did a concert with children-friendly songs such as "Please & Thank You," plus some fun rock & roll songs which the children were dancing to on the patio.

We also had a giant Sesame Street jumper, a huge water slide and face painting by Toby the Clown. Individual pizzas, drinks, and apples were munched on for lunch.

Parents were able to bid on 50 auction baskets in the Narthex. Each preschool

classroom put together an auction basket and we were able to get some very generous donations from local businesses. We were pleased to raise \$3,128 from our bas-

kets which will go towards new toys and equipment for the children.

Preschool is now over for this school year. On July 5, we will have a five-week Summer Camp which is always very fun. Classes are filling for the upcoming fall semester, but we still have some good openings available.

We would like to thank the United

Methodist Men for recently rotor-tilling the sand in the playground and staining a new picnic bench!



'Striving for God's Kingdom' - Disciple II

by Ellen Bertelsen, Disciple II facilitator

September 20, 2010, was our first official class date for the Disciple II class. After being persuaded and encouraged by our Disciple I class, Becky Gillespie and I agreed to be the facilitators of this year-long commitment.

As we reflected on our commitment at our last official class date on June 6, 2011, the entire class realized that the commitment had turned into a journey, one that we were going to miss. Monday evenings had provided us with a dedicated time to discuss God's Word, process how His Word relates to us today, and finally, how we put His Word into action.

In addition, we grew to know each other, our joys, our concerns, and our struggles. Our level of compassion for one another increased and our prayers for one another became specific and a part of our personal prayer time outside of class.



I am grateful to those who gently pushed me to be a part of this class. Being intimately emerged into the Word of God with such a diverse and compassionate group of people has strengthened my faith walk and has made me much closer and involved with the Foothills' family. Most important, this has provided me with tools and courage to bring God's word to places outside of our church walls.

"Strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well." - Luke 12:31

Many thanks to our Disciple II class, for your love and your commitment:

- Gretchen Morrison
- Kathy Morrison
- Anne Von der Mehden
- Kathy Hayes
- Vicki Owsley
- Deana Blake
- Sue Demetrian
- George Demetrian
- Diane Douthitt
- Susan Bertelsen
- Christie Grimm
- Amanda Grimm
- Bruce Inniss

Return to Moreson after fifteen years

by Clarice Utt

Fifteen years ago, after working two years to raise \$20,000, thirty people from Foothills went to Port Elizabeth, South Africa,



Clarice and Gary visit with Richardo, Toby's son, at the church.

conscious congregation we were. He hoped we would come to South Africa to bridge the gap between the white and colored communities by building a parsonage at a church in Moreson, a colored community outside of Port Elizabeth.

After staying with the members of that church for a few days, we moved closer to Moreson and stayed with white farmers and at a guest house for two weeks. During that time we worked with the community people to construct a parsonage.

This February we returned to Port Elizabeth to stay with John and Joyce Fielding, who were our original hosts and have visited the US since. We asked about Rev. Jennings and learned he had retired, but they thought he was still somewhere in the area. But, they had not been able to find him.

They took us to Addo Elephant Park to see the animals, which is on the way to Moreson. On the way they got lost and decided to go back to a fuel station to ask for directions. We waited in the car while Joyce went in to ask directions. She asked and was told where the turn off was. Then she asked if the attendant had any knowl-

edge of a Rev. Brian Jennings. A voice for behind said, "I am Brian Jennings." Needless to say, we had a wonderful reunion and invited him to visit when he is in the US. We called this a God-moment because there were so many variables and one minute would have made a difference.

After a wonderful visit to the park, we went to Moreson. We were all a little nervous not knowing what we might find. As the church came into view, we saw the yard filled with young people. As we got out of the car, we were greeted by Richardo, Toby's son. Toby was the project manager and has since passed away. Then another young man stepped forward. His name was Hilton. He must have been three when we were there. He was so excited and took us to visit his two grandmothers who did remember us. We were very happy to see each other. We did not see the pastor as he was in the hospital.

We learned from Ricardo that the young people were planning a Valentine party in the church for that evening. They had built a kitchen building beside the church which housed a soup kitchen that was still working to feed the poor in the community. They had also added on to the parsonage. The church was recently painted and they had replaced the benches with white plastic chairs.

It was so uplifting to see God's work and that he had used our hands for good.



The people of St. Johns UMC who greeted us as we visited there.

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at THIS!

Nurturing
communities

Moses Bed Story

This mom is a young married mother of four. Her husband of five years was deported a few years ago, so they are only able to visit as a family when he's off work on tweekends. Working full-time, he makes less than \$100 a week in Mexico; most of this he sends to his wife and kids. She lives with family, sharing a rent-free bedroom with her children (all under ten years-of-age) and now an infant.

This had been an unplanned pregnancy as the mom had been on birth control when she became pregnant. She is now very excited about her new baby's birth. The baby came a few weeks early so not only was mom largely unprepared with supplies, but she also didn't have time to try to get assistance from family either.

The family has had little money coming in, no hope of getting more, and has almost exhausted the generosity of her extended family for the last two years. At the hospital, the nurse was able to provide her with some diapers and baby clothes, a car seat, WIC paperwork, and a Moses Bed.

The mom loved the colorful design on the bed and said that without this bed, the baby would have been sleeping in the same bed as her and her other children (a dangerous possibility). She commented on the blanket and book included as well! She is now more excited, less anxious and speaks with pride about taking the baby home with her.

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.

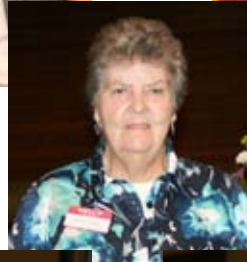
Our next Discover Foothills class is August 18 at 6:30 p.m. in King Hall, followed by New Member Sunday on August 28. New members are then encouraged to attend our introductory Starting Point classes held on Wednesdays, September 1 and 8.

Foothills welcomes new members in May



(Pictured above) Pat and Betty Hart with their children Daniel, Leah and Alison.

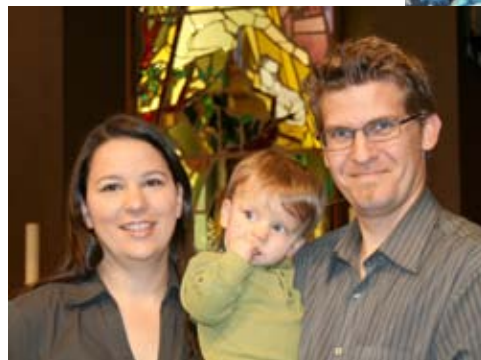
(Pictured below) Deanna and Brandon Jagow with son, Philip



(Pictured above) Mary and Bob Moreau

(Pictured left) Joanne Roberts

(Pictured below) Fred and Lisa Stewart



New members not pictured are Sally Osborne and Gaby and Terry Yarnick.



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