

Foothills'

VIEW



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Foothills' family hard at work



May was a busy month...



On May 1, the people of Foothills IMPACTed our community by (clockwise) baking cookies for Kairos, May Peace Pole with our shelter dogs, building wooden cars for Kempton School, and helping teachers collate their papers. (Left) Just the week before, Foothills and our mission team labored with rummage, grossing over \$12,000 for missions. Thanks to all who gave their time, efforts and talents.

IMPACT Sunday
May 1, 2011
Be the church...

"Impact Sunday was the perfect chance for us to live out our faith in an authentic way."
-Susan Naslund



*From
the pastor's
perspective...*



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Can you be called to ministry?

by John Farley, lead pastor

Are you a called Christian? When pastors talk among themselves about their call, it is the story of how they felt the life-changing pull of the Holy Spirit to be set apart for ordained ministry as a lifestyle and career.

But, what about you? Can you be called to ministry without having to change careers, go to seminary and be ordained? Absolutely! In fact, it is essential to the ministry of the church that everyone hear the call, and find the ministry path to which the Holy Spirit is leading them.

But, “call” is a heavy word. It conjures up images of Moses and the burning bush in the Old Testament and the Apostle Paul’s encounter with the blinding radiance of the risen Christ in the New Testament. I

think it is safe to say that is probably not how your call will come. But it will come.

The call comes when you feel this unspeakable need to be with others who genuinely care about the children and youth in our midst. The call comes when you just can’t stop thinking about ways we could feed more people. The call comes when you hear of another disaster and you decide; “this time, I’m going on that mission team.”

The deeper you delve into the Christian life, the more you will feel this connection between the hurts and hopes of humanity, and the grace and promise of God. As you do, I invite you to open your heart and mind to that special indescribable “pull” or “tug” you feel that keeps turning your thoughts toward investing yourself in others.

That is God calling. That’s my perspective.

Pentecost—the presence of the Holy Spirit

by Susan Naslund, VIEW reporter

The news of the unexpected death of a high school friend recently set me off course. I know what people mean when they say they have had the wind knocked out of their sails. Feelings of numbness and rawness whirled together with emotions of disbelief and sadness, and left me becalmed.

As news of my friend’s death spread throughout the day, others expressed their grief. Each mention of his name kept us from ignoring the reality of our loss. Then, late in the day, someone shared a joke—a silly, adolescent joke that we all remembered our friend telling so many years ago. We smiled a bit at the memory, and felt the first stirring of relief from our sorrow.

On Sunday, June 12, we will celebrate the Pentecost, the day when the Holy

Spirit descended upon the Apostles. The Bible tells us that the descent occurred with the strength of a gale force wind and spread with the intensity of a wildfire. The Holy Spirit arrives to, among other things, give us comfort in a time of need, and to give us the right words to comfort others.

Even though the presence of the Holy Spirit is always powerful, my experience with the Holy Spirit has rarely been as dramatic as on that day when it first appeared. For me, it can be the slightest whisper in a noisy room. Other times, it is a sense of peace and security in a tumultuous sea. Surely, a word that brings a chuckle during a sad day is evidence of the Holy Spirit at work.



As we remember the Pentecost, let us recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, whether it appears with the energy of a sudden gust, or with the gentleness of a breathed word.

A time of transition is at hand

by Steve Hable, lay leader

June is an interesting time of the year because we usually see lots of changes in our daily lives. Our children and teens have completed another school year. Their outlook entails a much different routine than they have had for the last several months. Many will be thinking of camps, amusement parks, surfing and vacations, while others may be approaching this summer with trepidation.

Some will not just be moving from one grade to another, but will be changing schools. Their hours in school change, the books are different; there are new teachers and probably new friends to be made. Those students who have finished their formal training are now establishing their careers in a challenging economic time.

Young people are not the only ones who face change. Many adults are also looking at a time of transition. Many of us have had to adjust to losing a job, changing employers and changing careers. We all know someone in the education field who is being affected by budget issues. We are equally concerned about the potential effects on the quality of education.

During a time of transition, it is comforting to know we are not alone and can depend on support. We find comfort in reading the Bible. Prayers for strength and understanding can result in a soothing calm that reduces the stress in our time of transition. Equally important is the solace we get from each other in this Christian community. Regardless of the magnitude of the transition you or your family may face, all of us will be there with you.

'There's an app for that'

by Linda Miller, VIEW reporter



Haley Moss

Haley Moss can't sit still. The 17-year-old Steele Canyon High School junior doesn't have time to even slow down. She is class president, in show-choir and on the dance team. She is on school ASB and takes advanced classes. She sings in Witness and is "super active" in FUMY. She has taught Sunday school and goes on mission trips. She is one of three young people who will give the sermon at the Youth Service on June 5.

It was the Foothills pre-school that first brought the Moss family to our church. Haley's older brother, Cameron, went there too. But it was the youth mission trip to North Carolina two years ago that really changed Haley's world. The group made ramps for handicapped people who had little or no way to get out of their homes. When one was finished, the resident, Miss Annie, just cried. "We didn't even have words," Haley said. "God was working through us to help those people."

As Haley has gone through school, her belief has changed and strengthened. "My love of God has grown in different ways," she said. "I can see that God loves me unconditionally, even when I make wrong choices." She admits she sometimes wants to sleep in rather than get up for church on Sunday.

But Haley's faith is an integral part of her modern high school life. When her friends "text" her about a problem, she prays for them. Before getting down to ASB business, she and her friends sometimes discuss Bible verses. They can read them on their smart phones.

You see, Haley has downloaded a Bible application, which gives her myriad ways to read the Good Book. She could read it in 365 days or read it chronologically. If she is sad or feeling grateful, she can ask for appropriate verses—in any version including "The Message" or "King James."

"I feel the presence of God in most of the things I do," she said. And she has her Bible with her at all times. There's an app for that.



As
I see it...



Steve Hable

Foothills' VIEW

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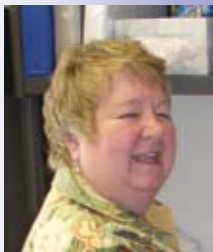
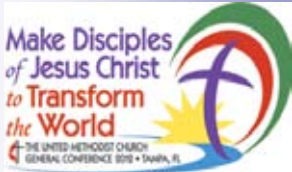
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'Outside the Walls'

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Getting prepared for General Conference

By Mary Lou Standiford, editor
Resource: by Heather Hahn, UMNS,
May 2, 2011, St Simon's Island, GA

In May of 2012, The United Methodist Church will hold its General Conference in Florida. Every four years, The Church meets together globally to set the 'laws' of the church and to officially 'speak' of the position and goals of The Church. There are both clergy and lay delegates elected at our Cal-Pac Annual Conference in Redlands June 16-19 who will attend to discuss and vote.

To lead up to this important conference, many committees and appointed task forces are bringing reports and propositions for discussion and approval. For this column, we hear from one of these groups, the Council of Bishops, the group of all elected bishops in The United Methodist Church, active and retired. Different bishops will preside at the General Conference; a different one for each morning, afternoon and evening session during the ten days.

The Council of Bishops meets twice a year. Recently they met in Georgia. Six months ago, Bishop Larry M. Goodpaster, president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, challenged his fellow bishops to lean into God's future. At this meeting, he amended the invitation, asking them not just to lean into the future, but to "lead into the future; to seize this moment in time to exercise our corporate leadership to make a difference in the world, and in this denomination we care so deeply about."

An invitation from Bishop Mary Ann Swenson

"You are invited to travel with friends in the California-Pacific Conference to Israel, Palestine and more, beginning February 7, 2012. Together we will experience the sights and sounds of amazing places—Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Galilee, Capernaum, the Jordan River, Tiberius, Chorazim, Kursi, Jericho, Megiddo, Caesarea, with options to Petra, Jerash, Qumran and the Dead Sea.

Goodpaster delivered the presidential address at Epworth By The Sea on St. Simons Island, Ga., noting that it is a place where both John and Charles Wesley walked. He also noted the dramatic changes in the world since the Council last met there in November, 2008.

"The global economic collapse has impacted every country, every village, and every person. Not only has the economy challenged our church and our leadership, but we have also witnessed a series of disasters: a devastating earthquake in Haiti; an equally devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan; deadly tornados and floods across the United States; wars and violence in more countries than we care to name; revolution and a cry for basic human rights and freedoms in other countries; and still children die because of the diseases of poverty."

Goodpaster said that during the meeting, bishops would be invited to "think, talk, discern, and perhaps even decide about an alternative design for leading this branch of God's church. Leading into the future will demand that we begin to imagine how some of this might look, with no easy answers and no quick fixes. Leading into the future will demand that we become spiritual, servant, emergent, and missional leaders. At the intersection of those images, we may discover a framework in which we will lead our denomination into a future with hope and toward the transformation of the world, and of the church." Goodpaster concluded by echoing 1 Peter 1:3, The Message, "The future starts now!"

"Through these experiences, the Bible will become three-dimensional and your spirit will be inspired to follow Jesus Christ more closely. We will have the opportunity to visit local ministries and talk with Christians who live in the area. I hope you will be a part of this spiritual adventure as we look, listen and learn together in the land of the Bible.

Looking forward, Mary Ann Swenson"

Have your photo taken, get a Directory

by Patty Trupp, Directory coordinator

Each day brings changes to our lives. There is no better way to observe these changes than by looking at photos. We are currently in the midst of creating our updated pictorial directory. This is and has been a wonderful outreach tool available to our congregation. After speaking with several people from our church community, here is a comprised list of "Ten Reasons Your Foothills Directory Is Important."

☺ It builds a community between our three different Sunday worship services.

☺ It enables you to put a face with the person who has a prayer request or is in need of prayers.

☺ You can learn the name that goes with the face sitting in the pew behind you or is actually sitting in your usual place!

☺ You can discover the newest people who have helped our church grow.

☺ As a new church member, you can familiarize yourself with your "new" family.

☺ You will have access to names, addresses, and phone numbers when participating in an activity.

☺ It is a great way to put a face with the ever-helpful staff person, who answers the phone to help you with your questions.

☺ The Directory serves as Foothills' version of "facebook"! It allows you to enjoy seeing the children of our Foothills' family grow up and watch the rest of us age gracefully!

☺ It is a wonderful way to discover that a Foothills' family member is actually one of your neighbors.

☺ You can put a face with the "new friend" your child is constantly talking about after being at Sunday School, Kids Exploration, or Youth Group.

As you can see, the Foothills' Pictorial Directory provides us with many helpful qualities. HOW WILL YOU USE YOUR DIRECTORY?

'For I was hungry and you gave me food.'

by Lesley Green-Huffaker

One in four kids face hunger every day! That means that out of 36 million Americans who go without food every day, over 13 million of them are children.

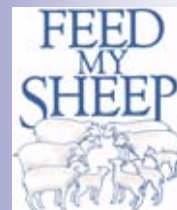
Because of all the produce that's left on the fields of our farms after its been sold to grocery stores, there is still enough left to feed everyone! There is a Gleaning Network that brings growers and agencies together to feed America's hungry!

It's called the Society of St. Andrew (SoSA). Each year over 30,000 volunteers "glean" 15-20 million pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables providing 60 million servings of nourishing food to hungry people! Both youth groups and adults are invited to participate and gather up all the otherwise wasted, but still healthy, potatoes, cabbage, strawberries, oranges, cucumbers, beans,

and other produce. The food is distributed to food agencies in all the lower 48 states! With the opening of the SoSA West Regional Office, it's been possible to increase the quantity of produce delivered out west. Groups are encouraged to deliver the food to agencies in their area.

We can help! For just two cents per serving, the hungry are fed! The only expenses SoSA has are truck maintenance, gasoline, and bags to collect the produce. There are no expensive advertising costs; word of mouth is how their story expands.

We can help right now by giving to the Society of St. Andrew! During the summer, children will be collecting quarters (and anything else you care to give!) for the transporting of this food. They will also be collecting funds during Vacation Bible School for this mission project!



*Look to
serve others...*

June Calendar

- 6/1 Starting Point II
Sarah/Ruth Circle
- 6/5 Youth Sunday
- 6/7 Grief Group
- 6/8 UMW Brunch Health Kits
Foothills Folks
- 6/9 La Vida Real
- 6/10 Confirmation Retreat
Friday Friends
Preschool Last Day
- 6/11 Common Ground Volunteers
Wil-Mat
- 6/12 Pentecost
Confirmation Sunday
Fort Bend Boys Choir
- 6/13 Young Adult Bible Study
- 6/14 Storefront
- 6/16-19 Annual Conference
- 6/16 Tender Loving Care Team
- 6/18 La Roca
- 6/19 Father's Day
- 6/21 District Soak City Trip
- 6/23 DAB-NAB
- 6/24-7/5 Sierra Service Project
- 6/25-7/2 District Mission Trip
- 6/25 Prayer Quilt Ministry
- 6/26 Graduate Recognition
- 6/27-7/1 Vacation Bible School
- 6/28 Bridge Marathon

*Call the Church Office,
670-4009,
or go to www.foothillsumc.org
to get more information
on any of these events.*

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Carol Paton



**Good Reasons
to Sing in the Choir**

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MUSIC provides children with a means of self-expression. Now that there is relative security in the basics of existence, the challenge is to make life meaningful and to reach for a higher stage of development. Everyone needs to be in touch at some time in his life with his core, with what he is and what he feels. Self-esteem is a by-product of this self-expression.



'Celebrate You and Me' in July

by Carol Paton, music ministry

Music Camp, July 11-15, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Great teachers+ great students+ great classes= a wonderful week at Music Camp 2011! A week of building self-esteem through art, drama, guitar and percussion experiences awaits all children who will have completed grades three through six in June, 2011.

Teachers Jan Bright (drama), Mary Longbottom (art), Brandon Jagow and David Bramley (instrumental music) and Carol Paton (vocal music and theory) bring a level of enthusiasm and energy to the camp that promises to promote success in every student participant.



Blake Adler, Kimmi Hurley and Aaron Chizbik are full of drama during Music Camp 2010.



Carter Canedy plays the conga drums in Music Camp 2010.



Austin Ham and Rbett Curry in guitar class at Music Camp 2010.

Team work, respect, good decision making, being a good friend, having a little faith, staying fit and healthy and believing in yourself are the focus areas of the musical "Celebrate You and Me" that will be performed at the end of the week.

The camp is held from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. the week of July 11-15 on the Foothills UMC campus. The cost for the camp is \$50 per child until June 24; \$65 after June 24. Registration closes on July 4. Registration forms are available in the church office or on the website. Go to Upcoming Events and then click on the Music Camp event to find the online registration link. Scholarships are available at carolpaton@foothillsumc.org.

Children's choirs practice for Father's Day

Our Alleluia Singers (grades K – 3) and Sounds of Joy (grades 4 & 5) have had a great year: Music Sunday in October, *Angel's Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies* musical and Christmas Eve in December, county-wide music festival in March, Palm Sunday in April, and Mother's Day in May.

To end our choir season, we are practicing to sing with the Youth Choir for Youth Sunday (June 5) and for Father's Day (June 19).

It is never too late to join the fun on Wednesday afternoons at 4:45 p.m. in the Choir Room for singing, and possibly a game of musical Bingo, an experience with tambou-

rines, shakers, choir chimes, Orff instruments and a snack!



Alleluia Singers and Sounds of Joy sing on Mother's Day.

Called to be an active part of creation

by Pat Hart

(This is the second article in an ongoing series examining the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church, which has a long history of concern for social justice.)

Pat Hart, a new member to Foothills, recently had the opportunity to share his beliefs and practice on what it means to be a steward of God's creation.

"All creation is the Lord's, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God's creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings. God has granted us stewardship of creation," states the UMC Social Principle adopted by our General Conference.

Aldo Leopold, an early 20th Century conservationist, once said, *"When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."*

This quote sums up my views of the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church in general and those specific principles dealing with the natural world. It is about identifying ourselves with something bigger than our immediate self and acting in harmony with it even when the outcome does not directly affect us.

Overall, community sustainability is based upon this view of how you see yourself in the context of the world community and how that influences how you live your life. We as humans fit into a much larger picture than just what surrounds us physically. We are part of an incredible multi-layered community that encompasses all of God's creation. We are called by God to be an active part of that creation for nature is God's creation and we are responsible for its care. This is an awesome responsibility to be the stewards of His creation. Our individual interpretation of this responsibility translates in how we live and act as part of this "creation community"—good or bad.



As a landscape architect, I feel particularly called to water conservation and the natural environment in which we live our lives. Water conservation, especially, will have great implications to our Southern California communities.

Actions in work and family life speak loudly

Internally at work, we have our official "Greening" program. It equates to "walking the talk." We have a number of policies that address our "footprint" on the environment. They range from the elimination of Styrofoam and plastic products in our kitchen, to use of software to reduce the need for printing of documents, to reducing energy consumption to name just a few.

The list of things that you can do is only limited by your imagination. We refer to it as the "Triple Bottom Line"—how does it help our staff flourish, how does it help the environment, and how does it save us money running our business. Many corporations around the world engage in this same business philosophy. What you will find is that in the long run what preserves the environment and helps people flourish can also save you a lot of money over the long haul. You have to look at the entire life cycle; not just one phase of it.

Personally, our family tries to make conscious decisions to do similar things. From the basics of recycling and water conservation, to carpooling and utilizing transit when we can, to energy conservation. Again our focus is the triple bottom line... our family, the environment, and saving money. I have heard this referred to as "responsible consumerism" by others. In the case of our family, it is also about teaching our three children why this is important. The future we are trying to preserve is for them and their children, not us as parents.

(continued in the next column)



As
we grow...

What can the Church (we) do to actively care for our earth?

- 1) There is the need to embrace our Social Principles and live them as a Community of Believers. I am sure most of us have never read these principles. Knowledge is always the first step.
- 2) Second, embrace the ideals of the Triple Bottom Line as it relates to our church—the preservation of our natural resources, the wise stewardship of our monies to do the most good, and the social responsibility to the people of our community.
- 3) Thirdly, do not limit ourselves to just "the way it has always been" thinking. There are a lot of great ideas out there to be harvested for God's work. We have one great resource... our people. The generations of seniors to our youth, when they come together, can do anything and can make a definite impact on our community.

*Of further
interest...*



Foothills' Website Gets A New Look

Coming soon! Please join our excitement as Foothills' website receives a fresh new look with easy-to-navigate pages. New changes include social networking "Like" buttons and a mobile page for accessing our website using an I-phone. We look forward to improving the way we offer ministry. Please visit us regularly at www.foothillsumc.org.

Attention Vons shoppers... giving made simple

By Ken Bryan, finance committee chair

A great and painless way to give to Foothills is by eScrip. eScrip is an automated service which provides a four-to-seven percent rebate of your shopping expense sent directly to the charity of your choice. There is no charge and sign-up is easy. You can enter up to seven credit or debit cards and four frequent buyer club cards such as your Vons card. Each time you swipe your credit card at participating merchants, Foothills gets a check! What could be better than that?

Currently Foothills receives on average approximately \$65 per month from eScrip. I would like to set a goal as a congregation to increase that amount by three-fold by the end of 2011. Please help us reach that and beyond.

To enroll, go to: www.escrip.com/ and follow the six simple steps. First of which is to identify the group to be supported as Foothills United Methodist

Church La Mesa. Foothill's Group ID is 136559241, which you don't need to remember as it is easy to find Foothills on the website.

The Foothills' budget is tracking well so far in 2011, but every little bit helps meet the needs and ministries of our great church. Please take action today to sign up for eScrip, especially if you are a regular Vons shopper. Thanks for your support!

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