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Calvin Church to Close



After fifty-four years in San Jose, spinning off from First Presbyterian Church of San Jose, the Calvin Presbyterian Church congregation will turn out the lights at the end of their after-worship luncheon on June 24 and cease to be a church.

This is an understandably sad occasion for the small congregation. Yet, the group has prepared itself and the Presbytery to go out "in style" with several special events in June. (See below for details.)



The Calvin congregation Easter, 2007.

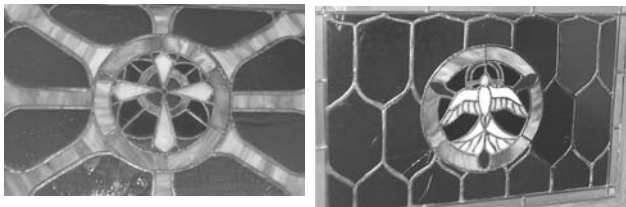
CALVIN CELEBRATIONS:

June 9 — Presbytery to meet at Calvin Church , 9 a.m. — 1 p.m., lunch provided

890 Meridian Avenue, San José, CA 95126-3856

June 24 — Closing Sunday Worship / Celebratory Luncheon

Sunday, June 24, worship at 10 a.m., luncheon follows



Stained glass windows in Calvin's Sanctuary doors

Presbyterian Ministry To Continue at Calvin Site

The Church Health and Growth Task Force along with the Financial Affairs Committee of the Presbytery of San José, are proposing at the June 9 Presbytery meeting, that our new church development, Onnuri Church of San José, continue its ministry at the site we currently know as Calvin Presbyterian Church.

In early 2005 conversations began with the Onnuri congregation and the Church Health and Growth task force. The congregation expressed desire to join the Presbyterian Church USA and our presbytery. Thus began our journey together. In September of that year the pastor, Rev. Young-Rhyon Kim, was received as a minister member of our presbytery. In June of 2006, Rev. Andy Yoo, a recent McCormick Seminary graduate, was called as the Associate Pastor for Youth and received by our presbytery.

Onnuri (Oh-noo-rhee) in Korean means "all nations or all peoples". There is a very well known Presbyterian Church in Seoul, Korea, and other churches in the US with similar names. The Onnuri Church of San José recently celebrated their 11th Anniversary. This congregation of over 400 adults, youth and children are an exciting addition to our Presbyterian family.

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Recently, Onnuri celebrated their 11th birthday as a congregation. Pictured here are the Rev. Young-Rhyon Kim and Presbytery Associate Executive the Rev. Joey Lee addressing the congregation.

Presbytery Calendar

Our Next Presbytery Meeting:
Sat., June 9 at Calvin Presbyterian Church,
890 Meridian Avenue, San Jose , lunch provided

Next Monarch Messenger deadline: August 15

Our next Presbytery Meeting and Mission Fair
Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, 728 W. Fremont Ave., Sunnyvale 94087;
9 am—2 p.m.

Oct. 5 & 6 Reggie MacNeal event, Sunnyvale Church

Oct. 27: How To Make The World A Better Place, 8:30 am — 5:30 p.m., Sunnyvale Church



More News



From Interim Executive Presbyter Jane Odell

Some of you asked that I include in my column the learnings from the conference I attended in Albuquerque—The Dialogue on the Future of Middle Governing Bodies—that I shared at the March Presbytery meeting. So here they are...

1. Deep change; real change is messy. Tidiness is the enemy of change.
2. Anxiety should be nurtured. Don't expect to resolve anxiety. Expect to direct it.
3. Survival is not the goal of a congregation. The goal is ministry.
4. Polity provides checks and balances — it does not provide opportunities. The primary function of a standing committee is to say, "no." (Jane's note: "Let's change that!")
5. Congregations that are already innovative don't want to talk to the presbytery because the presbytery will talk about policies, regulations, and expectations.
6. One presbytery set aside their by-laws for three years (and intends to do it for five) until they figure out what kind of by-laws they need – or if they need them.



7. How do you get key leaders in your congregation or presbytery to lie awake nights worrying because they are learning new things?

8. In order to create change, a leader must keep one foot outside the system at all times, exceed their level of authority, and be willing to break the rules. (Jane's note: "This does not mean any violation of the constitution. Instead, it means asking; does this make sense for the health, stability and future for ministry of this congregation or this situation? Should we think and act outside of the usual way we do things?")

I hope the above will keep you awake nights thinking creative thoughts.

Blessings, *Jane*



WE CAN HELP!

Presbyterian Women support mission projects through two special offerings received each year: the Birthday Offering (Spring) and the Thank Offering (Fall).

Both offerings fund grants for mission efforts such as child care, community organization, criminal justice, elder care, employment training, homelessness, and women's concerns. The **BIRTHDAY OFFERING** funds grants for five projects that are not included in on-going General Assembly support. The **THANK OFFERING** uses at least 40% of its funds to

support grants for health ministries throughout the world, with the remaining 60% funding grants for new, creative ministries.

Two projects in the Presbytery of San Jose have received grants from the Thank Offering in the past: Emmaus House in Hollister, and a Carpentry Skills program for incarcerated women at Elmwood in Milpitas.

If you know of an agency or program in the Presbytery that would benefit as a recipient of a grant from one of these offerings, please contact Cindy Goodman at cgoodman@ctr.pcusa.org for more information. A complete list of criteria plus application forms can be accessed from: www.pcusa.org/pw/birthday/index.htm or www.pcusa.org/pw/thank/index.htm.

Claudia Hamm, Moderator,
Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of San Jose (PW)

Interfaith Network for Community Help: A Car and Clothing Ministry



This agency, known locally as "INCH" accepts donations of cars in working order (giving the allowable tax-deduction for donation based on the car's Blue Book value) and gives the cars to local people in need (helps people get to work). If you know of people with cars they'd like to donate, or people who need cars, contact Stewart Wobber, Director of INCH at (650) 941-1360. This agency also collects baby clothes and supplies and donate them to mothers in need.

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church and The Presbytery of San Jose Church Health and Growth Task Force invite you to join them to ponder...

Shifting into Missional: Changing Gears to Get In On What God's Doing

Come hear what the future holds...and the THREE SHIFTS essential for Missional Church DNA

Nationally-known author and speaker

Reggie McNeal

Friday, October 5, 2007 (for pastors) & **Saturday, October 6** (for anyone) at **Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church**, 728 W. Fremont Avenue, Sunnyvale 94087



McNeal currently serves as the Missional Leadership Specialist for Leadership Network of Dallas, TX. He has spoken all over the country in the last few years challenging church leaders to change their old perceptions about how to do church and spread the Gospel in the 21st Century, replacing church growth with a wider vision of kingdom growth, developing disciples instead of church members, and focusing on spiritual formation. He urges churches to reject a "club" mentality, only focusing on the needs of the congregation, and in its place adopt a more missional focus outward into the community. All church leaders, including pastors, staff leaders and lay leaders are encouraged to attend this important and free workshop. McNeal's book, *The Present Future*, will be available for purchase at cost. Call Pam Marino for more info.: 408 865-0733.

Q & A With Two of Our Newest Pastors:



The Rev. Daryl Bush, First Presbyterian Church of Salinas

The Rev. Daryl Bush, the new Executive Pastor (Associate) at the First Presbyterian Church of Salinas, answered questions from the Monarch Messenger recently to introduce himself to our Presbytery.

Below are the questions and Rev. Bush's responses.

What drew you to this church? There were many attributes about First Presbyterian Salinas that drew me. It is a dynamic vibrant growing church. There is a sense of joy and expectation in the congregation. There is a committed team spirit amongst the staff placing values on covenantal relationship, creativity, laughter, purpose and competency. Mike, the Senior Pastor, is a good leader, preacher and visionary and I think we will get along well together. Working with and complimenting the Senior Pastor is very important as an Executive Pastor and my gifts, personality and experiences are a good match.

How does it fit with your "call"? I come to FPC Salinas with a diverse set of past experiences and callings. I have a business management and financial background. I have been an Associate Pastor, Sr. Pastor and have worked in large church staffs and in a moderate size staff. I have led traditional and modern services and am familiar with the Presbyterians seeking purpose ministry model. I have felt that an Executive Pastor position was a good match for my personality, gifts and experiences and thought down the road I would seek that type of position. This past year, though, I went to a church leadership conference and was challenged there to find a niche that compliments strengths. Through that I have felt God's call into that specific area of ministry as an Executive Pastor sooner than later.

Does the community look good to you? The community of people is friendly and openly welcoming. It's good to see a healthy church that is very diverse ethnically and economically. The FPC team is a great one. And, I'm told the area and county is one of the prettiest areas of the country and I am looking forward to exploring it.

Wife? Kids? I have been married for 16 years to my beautiful wife Ann who was born in CA and has family roots here. I have three children, two girls and a boy. Their names and ages are Kathryn, 13 yrs old; Caleb, 10 yrs old; and Kirsten, 7 years old.

What are you most looking forward to? I am looking forward to work and challenges that focus my spiritual gifts in a way that joins and compliments the exciting work God is doing at FPC Salinas! I am also looking forward to getting to know the church members and staff better.

Onnuri Church (continued from page 1)

The presbytery continues to work with the congregation, moving toward being fully constituted and organized as a church of the Presbytery of San José.

As we celebrate the past ministry of Calvin Presbyterian Church, we look forward to continued ministry and a Presbyterian presence at this location, trusting that God who called us in the past, continues to call us into the future.

The Rev. Karin Hejmanowski, Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church



Does the community look good to you?

The community is great. The people of Sunnyvale Pres, both staff and congregation, have been amazingly warmly welcoming. It was fun to arrive just in time for the 50th anniversary of the church to get a sense of the history and learn some of what makes this community so healthy.

Personals (husband, cat, etc., as you wish)?

Ken and I have been married for about five years. Ken is working on his MBA in Sustainable Management and is passionate about helping businesses to operate in such a way as to help preserve the earth's resources while increasing profitability. We share a passion for issues of the environment and justice. In our free time we enjoy hanging out with friends, going for walks, and dreaming of travel!

What are you most looking forward to?

I am most looking forward to simply partnering with staff and lay people and becoming part of the Sunnyvale Presbyterian community. Out of that I'm sure opportunities for ministry will grow that I can't now imagine.

Hobbies?

I enjoy simple cooking and baking and also reading. I like trying new things, whether that's hang gliding or candle-making or quilting. I'm sort of a jack of all hobbies, master of none.

Help Our SDOP Do Its Work!

Committee members are needed on the Tri-Presbytery Self Development of People Committee to help it decide how to fund groups working their way up from poverty.

SDOP funding, as grants, goes to grassroots organizations helping the poor and operated mostly by the people being helped. The Self-Development of People (SDOP) committee, made up of two (or more) representatives from San Jose, San Francisco, and Redwoods Presbyteries, makes that decision.

Our Presbytery is looking to fill one of our positions on that committee. The requirements are: a passion for helping the poor, the ability to evaluate applications based on our criteria (go to www.sanjosepby.org/SDOP06.htm), and being able to attend quarterly meetings on Saturdays, held in Berkeley, CA.

The SDOP program comes from PC USA's "One Great Hour of Sharing" monies.

Contact Rev. Joey Lee at the Presbytery Office to volunteer: (408) 279-0220 or email him at: joey@sanjosepby.org.

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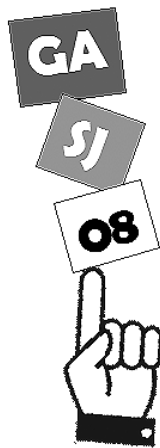
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The deadline for submission of articles for the **NEXT** issue (**Sept, 07**) of the Presbytery Newsletter is **August 15, 2007**.



Our Mission

We call upon God's grace and help for the fulfillment of this vision.



Update on COLA Plans for General Assembly 2008

By Bob Bowles, COLA Moderator

The planning toward the 218th General Assembly to be held here in San Jose, June 21-28, 2008, goes forward.

This month, we will be hiring an Executive Coordinator for the COLA (Committee on Local Arrangements) who will begin a one-year, full-time position on August 1. John Lococo has arranged for a COLA office rental at 888 N. 1st St., beginning at that time.

We have contracted with James Kachler of Parrot Ranch Pottery in Carmel Valley to produce 400 Communion chalices in six different glazes for the opening worship at the SJSU Event Center on Sunday, June 21, 2008. Subsequent to that worship involving approximately 6,000 Presbyterians, the chalices will be sold for \$40 each. If you want to preview these lovely works of art, the prototypes are on display at the Presbytery office. Stay tuned, and plan to be involved.



Documentary Filmed in Presbytery



White Noise Productions, a documentary film company from Seattle, Washington, was in our Presbytery in mid-May to film much of the documentary on "How To Make The World A Better Place" that is part of the big event by the same name being planned by Presbytery Hunger Action Advocate Pat Plant and others, for Saturday, Oct. 27. White Noise film makers (Ann Hadreen and Rus Thompson) have won many awards on their documentary films with social justice themes (www.whitenoiseproductions.com). Among their many films, are four films before this one on Presbyterian-related stories.

Pictured: White Noise film makers Rus Thompson and Ann Hadreen film Peacemaking Task Force member Jack Hasling at Sunnyvale Pres. discussing the importance of legislative advocacy for making change in the world.



Good News on Isaiah



Pastor Isaiah Jones installs Rev. Marge Palmer as Moderator for the rest of 2007 at the March Presbytery meeting.

The Presbytery was saddened in March to hear that the Rev. Isaiah Jones had been diagnosed with leukemia. Shortly after his diagnosis, he left for prolonged cancer treatment at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, TX.

On May 15, Isaiah called to report that results from a bone marrow biopsy the first week of May showed no trace of leukemia and doctors say Rev. Isaiah is in "full remission."

Isaiah has retired from his position as Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto, and is staying with his daughter in Houston to receive light chemotherapy treatment to help maintain the good progress. Pastor Isaiah sends his gratitude for the powerful prayers lifted on his behalf and asks for continued prayer for him and Covenant Church as they make plans for an Interim pastor and continue on.

Called by God as a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Presbytery of San José exists to serve and be a resource for the health and growth of the Presbyterian congregations within our four counties.

Our Vision is:

- To support our congregations in reaching out to all people in the name of Jesus Christ
- To challenge a diverse community to hold fast to the foundations of our faith
- To build a diverse community unified by the unique gifts of the Holy Spirit for the great work of the church.