

## **Ministry reports for August 2012 council meeting**

### **HR**

### **Donna Kuester**

I participated in an exit Interview with Rick Westwick for Pastor Randy. The report will go to the Executive Committee by the end of next week.

### **CARING MINISTRY/ EVANGELISM**

### **Joanne Stensaas**

seeks to build awareness and ownership of our Lord's command to love one another as I have loved you " and to nurture a climate that will enable our actions toward others to bear fruits of love."

Submitted by Joanne Stensaas on July 6, 2012

### **ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY – Patricia**

We are still in need of people to deliver flowers after the 10:30 am service on Sundays. There is always a thankful and gracious response from those receiving the flowers.

### **HOSPITALITY/WELCOME - Patricia**

We are still looking into the possibility of a new type of gift for visitors. Suggestions welcomed. Is there a budget for such items?

### **SUNSHINE TEAM – Patricia**

A CARING STATION has been set up but only about one card has been used every Sunday. We will work on more congregational awareness and continue the program for the time being. The addresses of all members is provided at the Caring Station. Is this known by all?

### **VISITOR FOLLOW-UP - Patricia**

THE CARING STATION was developed in order to identify and contact those not in recent attendace at worship.

### **STEPHEN MINISTRY – Pastor Ken**

Temple talk was held at both services on June 24<sup>th</sup>. The sermon also revolved around "caring ministries" of which we are all responsible. The next Caring Sunday will be October 7<sup>th</sup>. What about a blessing of the animals? (this was done once at Bethel)

### **EVANGELSIM – Joanne Stensaas**

Will attend the planning session for the fall FUN WITH FAITH series to discuss a class on HOW TO BE A MORE WELCOMING CHURCH. Focus will be on visitors but also address being more open in getting to know existing members. The Gaffney's have indicated interest in presenting or mentoring if health and time constraints permit.

### **Congregational Life**

### **Sharon Parady**

Our July 4th barbeque was well attended, and Patricia led the chili cook off with 8+ entrants. Since I participated, I was not counting! It was enjoyed by all. A big hit and hopefully to be repeated next year.

### **July 2012 Youth Ministry Report**

### **Marianne Nadell**

July was filled with excitement, new adventures and old favorites for our High School Youth. Here is a short synopsis.

**National Youth Gathering:** Just a few stats:

Attendees:

- 12 youth
- 6 adults
- 3 DAYLE participants (of the above folks listed)

Participation in...

- Nightly “final 15” with great discussion
- Opening Dome Event LipDub
- Communing of 33,000
- Front row seats to Switchfoot
- Exploration of the Interactive Center with special recognition to favorites of the Prayer Seminar and The Wall exhibit
- Synod worship with over 500 from the Sierra Pacific Synod including Bishop Mark
- Service Day at Arthur Ash Charter School
- Great food at Mulates, The Olde Coffee Pot, Mother’s and Parasols
- Adventure with 3 other churches (over 100 folks in total) in Bayou airboat rides
- 6 late nights and 6 very early days
- 7 life-changing days

In addition to the National Youth Gathering our high school youth have enjoyed:

- Annual River Float along the American River
- Being mentors and helping to lead VBS
- Annual trip to the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk

Jr High will change and only meet on Sunday mornings beginning in September  
Youth Kick Off Night is September 12<sup>th</sup>

**Men of Monday**

**Tom Cole**

**June:**

- 1 Troubleshooting sanctuary chandelier electrical problems. Must order more ballasts and lamps.
- 2 Replaced a few ceiling lights around Sanctuary bldg.
- 3 Repaired and remounted (2nd time) collapsed folding doors in hallway closet near pastor's office.

Hopefully the reinforced modification will withstand onslaughts of bodily collision.

- 4 Remodeled Torvend classroom closest to Tom Hoegel's hallway. Installed cupboards, countertops,  
and wall shelves as requested by Marion Abney.
- 5 Vacuumed cloth screen behind choir loft (cold air return for Sanctuary fans), now looks brown instead of gray.
- 6 Scraped gum deposits from sidewalks around campus.
- 7 Brought 2 wagons of folding chairs to Zoar playground area for parents of Summer Camp kids.
- 8 Repaired a paper shredder for quilter.      Peace M.O.M.

## **Men of Monday, July:**

- 1 Relocated and installed (Torvend) 3 tall shelf cupboards into hallway exit to playground.
  - 2 Removed and remounted large chalkboard to another Torvend classroom.
  - 3 Relocated and installed a poster board and a magnetic letter board on wall of Preschool.
  - 4 Relocated a poster board in room 3A(Torvend).
  - 5 Removed dangling broken branch from Birch tree hanging over Zoar walkway (safety issue).
  - 6 Cleared sand plugged drains from Preschool sinks at Rm.3F and Rm.4F restrooms. Can anyone talk to the kids?
  - 7 Cleaned filter and repaired loose faceplate on air conditioner(Preschool bldg near Torvend).
  - 8 Screwed down a loose deck board at Preschool play yard(safety issue).
  - 9 Adjusted door closer speed to stop slamming (Zoar Rm.22).
  - 10 Repaired loose wall outlet fixture (Zoar Rm.24).
  - 11 Installed wood reinforcement to fan base to prevent sheetmetal from bending.
  - 12 Emergency Exit signs(with lights) at Fireside room and Music room checked for function.

Worked o.k. after battery was charged.
  - 13 Set up and took down tables for Quilters while Ed Fox was on vacation.
  - 14 Replaced ballast and bulbs in chandelier in Sanctuary(near Fireside room).
  - 15 Helped Ed Fox dismount a large bulletin board in Narthex near water fountain.
  - 16 Started lopping off large branches hanging over Torvend patio(Cedars of Lebanon tree).
  - 17 Things to do:
    - 1 Remove large branch that has fallen onto Torvend roof(Cedars of Lebanon tree).
    - 2 Torvend patio pavers are again being raised up causing trip hazard(Cedars of Lebanon).
    - 3 Decorative wall blocks at Torvend patio breaking apart. Fix or replace.
    - 4 Severe deterioration on two exit doors from Torvend onto patio.
    - 5 Clear Torvend roof and downspouts of debris(Cedars of Lebanon tree).
    - 6 Pre-school rain gutters need clearing out before rainy weather.
    - 7 Many ceiling lights burned out at Sanctuary ceiling.
    - 8 Inspect all Pre-school air conditioner filters.

# Mission Outreach Ministry Report

Lois Brouillette

## Service Worship Sunday

We celebrated our 4<sup>th</sup> Service Worship Sunday on July 22<sup>nd</sup> with an array of projects. Rick Westwick led a team to clean up Calabazas Park, at the corner of Rainbow and Blaney, while Hella Bluhm-Stieber took volunteers across the street to Cupertino High School to clean up after the Relay for Life fundraiser. Dale Jones and his group worked at West Valley Community Services, cleaning up the food pantry and vans. Pastor Ken Bancroft escorted his group to Sunny View Retirement Community for a memorable visit with Bethel members living there. I had several volunteers picking up groceries from our

Bethel neighbors for West Valley Community Services. Despite handing out 300 flyers, we collected only a small volume of food.

On campus, we had a wonderful turnout for the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center projects, managed by Joanne Stensaas. The Fireside Room was busy with volunteers who decorated and filled 37 activity bags for the pediatric unit, and collected preemie clothes for low-income families. Doreen Baldwin guided her knitting group and produced beautiful preemie hats for Valley Med as well. Donations for the backpack drive for Help One Child were sorted by Susan Leavitt, Robyn Winegardner, and Laurie Bryson. We are continuing to collect backpacks and supplies for HOC.

**The City of Cupertino has asked if Bethel would like to adopt Calabazas Park,** which involves approximately 4 cleanups per year. This should fit in nicely with our Service Worship Sundays. We would appreciate council's approval on this so we can get back to our city contact with an answer.

Our next service worship will be held on **Sunday October 7th**.

**New Life Band**

The New Life Band from Arusha, Tanzania will visit Bethel on **Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>**. We are currently looking for volunteers to house the band on Saturday night 10/20/12. If anyone on council is interested, please contact me. Tentative plans are that the band will play a concert at Bethel on Saturday evening, and will be available to participate in worship on Sunday morning. Mission Outreach would like to have a congregational potluck lunch for them on Sunday after second service.

**Our next Mission Outreach Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the church library. We welcome you to join us!**