



# The Chimes

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## BISHOP BROWN APPOINTS NEW PASTOR TO UUMC

The Staff Parish Relations Committee is pleased to announce that Reverend Judy Shook is to be appointed as pastor to the Ukiah United Methodist Church starting July 1, 2011. She comes to us from Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Juneau Alaska where she was to be interim pastor for one year and has remained there for 3 years. She is returning to the California – Nevada Conference where she has in the past served churches in Pt Arena, Aptos and Sonoma. She describes her ministry as “living and leading with compassion and creativity to inspire people to embrace life fully: heart, body and soul.

Judy Shook loves worship that engages the whole person heart, mind, body, and soul. She combines art, poetry, sacred dance, singing, creative ritual, and storytelling to enable people to have new ways of relating with each other and the Divine. She is a graduate of Matthew Fox's Institute of Creation Spirituality and ordained a United Methodist minister since 1987. She studied with Dr. Marcia McFee and enjoys team planning approaches to worship design.

Living the love of God using practices that connect with daily life and following the Way of Jesus are the basic tenets of Judy's ministry. She has long studied other faith traditions and cultures. She considers herself broadly interfaith and progressive.

She enjoys meandering hikes, gardening, reading, writing, hand-building ceramics, snorkeling, swimming and playing with her dog Kilohoku.

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to the journey of faith in today's challenging world

with **Open Minds**  
to the transformation God seeks in the world through us

with **Open Doors**  
to be a spiritual home of unconditional love

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## HISTORICAL ARCHIVES

*By Nancy*

### History of The Parsonage

In 1882 when the MEC South began building their new church on our current site, they also built a small home as a parsonage on the North West corner of Smith and Pine. They had deeded the east half of that block to the Baptists. In 1909 that small home was

moved by G W Poage from that site to his lot on Smith Street which stood behind the social hall of our current church. The address was 416 Smith St. The address plate from the house is at the GW Poage museum (the Historical Society). Then in 1909 our current parsonage was built by the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, designed by architect Samuel Orr, and served as the MEC south parsonage until 1925 when the MEC south and St Johns MEC federated. Over the years there has been remodeling and additions constructed. In 1968, when the education wing was constructed, the small home (the old MEC south parsonage) behind the social hall was torn down and the area was made into a play yard and the current parking lot.



# THE EMERGENCY IN JAPAN

## COUNTING SPARROWS

By Safiyah Fosua

This meditation was originally written in response to the Tsunamis of December 2004. It has been revised for general disaster use.

*“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.” (Matthew 10:29-31, NRSV)*

What prayer can we say when

An unimaginable disaster comes  
To our world,

Wreaking havoc, claiming lives;

And bodies are missing — never to be  
retrieved?

What prayer would make a difference  
To those who remain?

So often we have been taught to pray to  
change things, to make a difference, to stop  
a tragedy.

But when the tragedy has already come,  
how do we pray?

Perhaps conventional wisdom about prayer  
must be laid aside.

When disaster abandons its heinous child  
upon our doorstep,  
we are comforted by the knowledge that  
the same God who knows when  
a sparrow falls to the ground knew and  
loved each of those who died.

Our prayer is one of remembrance:

We remember that those who perished are  
More than numbers,  
More than statistics,  
More valuable than sparrows;  
Each was a person of sacred worth created  
in the image of God.

## PRAYER

Loving God, we pause to remember all  
who perished in tragedy — both those who  
will be named and mourned and those who  
have no one to toll bells in their memory.

They were people who belonged to cities  
and villages, communities and places of  
worship.

With their neighbors and friends, families  
and loved ones, we pause to remember that  
you gave them life and loved them.

In our present helpless state, we are  
comforted to know that you know each  
person by name.

Lord, have mercy upon this earth and all  
who mourn. Amen.

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## LETTER FROM UMCOR

March 21, 2011--Dear Friends,

I join you in lifting up the people of Japan in  
prayer during this time of crisis. We grieve  
with them and stand with them in  
solidarity. Once again, I am struck by the  
extravagant generosity of United  
Methodists who are supporting UMCOR's  
efforts to bring healing and hope to Japan.  
We have received thousands of phone calls,  
emails, Facebook posts, and donations from  
people whose hearts are aching for the  
people of Japan and who are looking for  
meaningful ways to respond. Many  
churches in our connection are collecting  
offerings to raise money for UMCOR. I  
want to share with you how we are  
responding on your behalf to the great  
needs.

UMCOR's Response: On Friday, March  
11, the General Board of Global Ministries  
reached out to missionaries and partners in  
Japan to confirm their safety and ask how  
we can help. The Wesley Center, affiliated  
with United Methodist Women, is offering  
shelter to those who are displaced.

UMCOR set up an Advance account for the  
Pacific Emergency. Once we understood  
better what the scope of the disaster was,  
we changed the name to "[Japan Emergency](#)"  
and updated the description:

"UMCOR is working through relief and  
church partners in Japan to respond and  
provide immediate assistance and long-term  
rehabilitation. With these partners,  
UMCOR is meeting the most basic

humanitarian needs in northern Japan such  
as providing clean drinking water, food,  
cooking and eating supplies, clothing, and  
fuel for heating."

We are honoring the request of the  
Japanese government who has asked that  
outside groups not come to Japan.

UMCOR staff generally does not go into  
disaster areas as first responders and we are  
working through trusted partners who have  
existing networks on the ground in the  
affected areas. We have sent an emergency  
grant to church partner, [United Church of  
Christ in Japan](#). They are using the funds to  
distribute food, clean water, clothing, and  
heating fuel. Local churches are being used  
as distribution sites to provide basic  
necessities to survivors. UMCOR also sent  
an emergency grant to GlobalMedic, a  
trusted partner and first responder, to  
provide relief to affected survivors in the  
form of medical care, and access to clean  
drinking water, supplies, and food.

We anticipate working with our partners to  
direct your gifts to earthquake and tsunami  
survivors in Japan as needs and plans for  
response are identified. All grant requests  
go through a rigorous approval process and  
require a reporting of how the funds are  
used. It is important to us that we are good  
stewards of your gifts. We are always  
accountable for how UMCOR funds are  
used. Two independent charity watch  
groups, Charity Navigator and American  
Institute of Philanthropy, have affirmed  
UMCOR's trustworthiness by recognizing  
us with the highest ratings.

Continued prayers: UMCOR is committed  
to standing with the people of Japan into  
the recovery phase. We will continue  
working through our church and relief  
partners to provide shelter, food, and clean  
water to survivors of this crisis. Regular  
updates can be found in the [UMCOR  
Hotline](#), on our [website](#), and on [Facebook](#).  
Please continue to hold the people of Japan  
in your prayers. I am overwhelmed by the  
outpouring of love into the world by our  
United Methodist Church.

Grace and peace, The Reverend Cynthia  
Fierro Harvey-Deputy General Secretary,  
UMCOR

## A UMNS REPORT

By Linda Bloom\*

1:00 P.M. EST March 15, 2011

A missionary close to the epicenter of Japan's devastating earthquake reports that people there are suffering from a disaster "in three dimensions."

The Rev. Jeffrey Mensendiek, a United Church of Christ missionary who serves as director of youth ministries at the Emmaus Center and the Sendai Student/Youth Center in Sendai, described his concerns about how those living in the earthquake zone, particularly the elderly, are coping. "This disaster has three dimensions," Mensendiek wrote in a March 15 e-mail addressed to United Methodist missionaries in Japan. "First is the earthquake itself. Second is the destruction from the tidal wave. The third is the nuclear dimension, which is hard to put a finger on, but it exists as a deep and present fear."

With a widening nuclear threat sparked by the [March 11 earthquake and tsunami](#), Japan is facing what its prime minister has called the country's worst crisis since World War II. As rescuers search parts of 400 miles of devastated coastline in northeastern Japan, some feared as many as 15,000 people may be dead.

"Sendai is in turmoil," Mensendiek said. "Young people are evacuating. Most people at church are elderly. Without water and electricity, they are experiencing so much trouble in their daily life that for them, the biggest priority is to get through the day with the basic necessities."

The largest city in the Tohoku region of Japan, with a population of 1 million, Sendai is 80 kilometers (about 50 miles) from the nuclear reactors that were damaged by the earthquake. Although 10 deaths in Sendai are reported in the government's official death toll so far, about 200 to 300 bodies were found in the city's Wakabayashi district, according to the New York Times.

"Central Sendai has electricity and water, but we are not certain how long this will last," Mensendiek told Christian colleagues. "Outlying areas do not even have the

pleasures of electricity and water. Food and gasoline are also scarce throughout. Most depressing is the situation along the coast. We are expecting another cold wave, and our hearts go out to those who are still isolated from the necessary lifelines."

About 20 people gathered in the small room at the church he attends with only kerosene stoves to keep out the cold.

The pastor encouraged them to remember that only God could see the whole picture of their situation. "Each member had their own story about their struggles," Mensendiek said. "But when we brought these stories together, it helped us see how fragmented and limited human vision is compared to God's vision."

Nearly all [United Methodist mission work in Japan](#) is in cooperation with ecumenical partners, including the United Church of Christ in Japan, the Korean Christian Church in Japan and the National Christian Council in Japan.

The Emmaus Center is part of the [United Church of Christ in Japan](#). Mensendiek reported that the church moderator was in Sendai with an assessment team to gather information over the next few days.

"Experts are here from Kobe and Niigata — both areas that have experienced tremendous earthquakes," he added. "But this situation this time is different. The tsunami factor and the nuclear factor are new."

*The United Methodist Committee on Relief is collecting donations for [Japanese earthquake relief](#).*

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## REFLECTIONS ON A WINTER STORM

By Leta

It is Monday and the power has been out since early Sunday morning. PG&E estimates that the power will be not be on until sometime on Tuesday.

I live alone but all of my family live on the 14 acres purchased by my husband and I in 1956. Therefore I have all of them to stop in to check on me. I had hurt my back so couldn't put wood in my stove. My son came by to light a fire in my stove, knowing that I could not use my gas furnace.

When different family members stopped by, we commented about how quiet it was, realizing all of us were so used to sound coming from one source or another. We began talking about how dependent all of us are on electricity. We are all so used to going to one store or another to purchase all of our basic needs without thinking about it. Of course that led to what happened in Japan. Besides the terrible loss of life and towns swept away with the tsunami, now the survivors have none of the basics that we all take for granted. The people in the affected area have to depend on their government and on aid from organizations locally and around the world like our own UMCOR and Red Cross etc....

Later on Monday, we found out that two trees had taken down the wires about a mile from us, so it is likely that was the cause of our power outage. PG&E was working on it and they thought that the power would be restored about 7pm. Actually the power came back on Monday afternoon at 4 pm. All of us were grateful. I think that all had much to think about and be thankful for. I am so grateful for the many hours our PG&E crew worked to provide our needs. Their families didn't see many of them for many hours.

## SHELTER MEAL

By Trudy

Our next meal at the Buddy Eller Homeless Shelter will be on Saturday, April 9, 6:45 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the social hall. Everyone is welcome to help by donating part of the meal and/or by serving dinner, then eating with the shelter guests. Call Trudy for more information @ 468-8785

Thanks to all of our helpers on March 12th: Vickie; Patti & Jim, Nancy, Daphne, Holly, Karl, Toni, Nika, Jackie, Kris, Mary, Bobbi & Freddy, Belinda and Mario.



serving the March 12<sup>th</sup> Shelter Meal

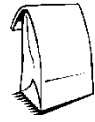
## MANZANITA SERVICES

### HUMAN RACE

Manzanita Services is in need of sponsors for the Human Race. Anyone wishing to sponsor a walker for \$5.00 or more, please contact Mone or leave your pledge with Debbie in the church office. Checks need to be made out to "The Human Race" with a designation for Manzanita Services. All sponsor donations are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for considering this request.

## AL WHITNEY SACK LUNCH

By Maggie



Our dates for Interfaith Sack lunches have been received and they are: Saturday, April 16, and Saturday, June 4. We will make up the lunches at 9:30 on these dates, and we really need help from 6 to 10 people. Also needed are donations of fruit, cookies and snacks, and sandwich fillings. (You can be reimbursed for your expenses.) Please call Maggie or Marilyn for further information and to advise that you are willing to volunteer. Thank you.

## UMW

By Maggie

Our Methodist Womens group will be having their next meeting on Thursday, April 14 @ 10 am in the Choir Room. We will wrap our usual packets for Project Sanctuary; have coffee and a snack, and a Program with a Lenten theme. Please join us for this fellowship with our "small group".

## ST. PATRICK'S LUNCH

Dear UUMC and Greater Ukiah Dining Community,

Thanks for the 6 years of support for our St. Patrick's Day Lunches. Over the years, we've enjoyed good cooking from the likes of Polly and her crew, including Faith, Nancy, & Joyce. And 2 days ago, at this year's event, we enjoyed chefs Bill & Peter, supported by David. Plus all the servers, setup & tear down, dishwashers, and cookie makers. Thanks to all of you!! To all of us!!! We've had a lot of fun putting on these lunches, especially the way we can create a good party by working together, when none of us are up to doing it alone anymore – it's Methodist Synergy in action. Six years is a long time. We've used up 2 sets of chefs, and the director. So no more 317 parties from me. If someone else wants to pick it up, feel free with my blessings. I'll gladly share notes & supplies. You'd think I'd be sad to lose a fun tradition, but I'm not. Instead, let's wait to see what fills that hole. Remember, Nature abhors a vacuum! Thanks & keep in touch, Annie  
PS. We grossed about \$4,500 and earned about \$3,000 over the years – not bad for one day's lunch!



St. Patrick's Day Lunch Chef

# APRIL CALENDAR

## Tuesday, April 05, 2011

10:00 AM Bible Study-CR  
 11:30 AM Widows' Group-LIB  
 5:30 PM Pickle Ball-SH  
 5:30 PM DOC Yth Band -S  
 6:15 PM SP Band Rehearsal-S  
 6:15 PM Confirmation Class

## Wednesday, April 06, 2011

9:30 AM Caring Ministries-LIB  
 6:00 PM Boy Scouts pk64-YR

## Thursday, April 07, 2011

12:00 PM Chancel Choir -CR  
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir-UC

## Friday, April 08, 2011

4:00 PM 2BU - SH

## Saturday, April 09, 2011

9:00 AM Pickle Ball-SH  
 6:00 PM Contra Dance SH  
 6:45 PM B. E. Shelter Meal

## Sunday, April 10, 2011

8:30 AM Book Study CR  
 9:00 AM Adult Sm Grp Study  
 10:00 AM Worship  
 11:30 AM DOC Youth Band S  
 12:00 PM Apostolic Assem-CR  
 12:30 PM SP Band Rehearsal-S  
 7:00 PM Yth Group @Presb

## Tuesday, April 12, 2011

10:00 AM Bible Study-CR  
 5:30 PM Pickle Ball-SH  
 5:30 PM DOC Yth Band Re-S  
 6:15 PM SP Band Rehearsal-S  
 6:15 PM Confirmation Class  
 7:00 PM Trustees-LIB

## Wednesday, April 13, 2011

6:00 PM Boy Scouts pk64-YR  
 7:30 PM SPRC-PO

## Thursday, April 14, 2011

10:00 AM UMW meeting-LIB  
 12:00 PM Chancel Choir -CR  
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir-UC

## Friday, April 15, 2011

4:00 PM 2BU - SH

## Saturday, April 16, 2011

9:00 AM Pickle Ball-SH  
 11:15 AM Sack Lunch KIT

## Sunday, April 17, 2011

12:00 AM Chimes Deadline  
 8:30 AM Book Study CR  
 9:00 AM Adult Sm Gr Study  
 10:00 AM Worship  
 12:00 PM Apostolic Assem-CR  
 7:00 PM Yth Group@Presby

## Tuesday, April 19, 2011

10:00 AM Bible Study-CR

11:30 AM Widows' Group-LIB  
 5:30 PM Pickle Ball-SH  
 5:30 PM DOC Yth Band Re-S  
 6:15 PM SP Band Rehearsal-S  
 6:15 PM Confirmation Class  
 7:00 PM Finance Meeting OF

## Wednesday, April 20, 2011

6:00 PM Boy Scouts pk64-YR

## Thursday, April 21, 2011

6:00 PM Handbell Choir-UC

## Friday, April 22, 2011

4:00 PM 2BU - SH

## Saturday, April 23, 2011

9:00 AM Pickle Ball-SH

## Sunday, April 24, 2011

8:30 AM Book Study CR  
 9:00 AM Adult Sm Grp Study  
 10:00 AM Worship  
 11:30 AM DOC Youth Band S  
 12:00 PM Apostolic Assem-CR  
 12:30 PM SP Band Rehearsal-S  
 7:00 PM Yth Group@Presby

## Tuesday, April 26, 2011

10:00 AM Bible Study-CR  
 5:30 PM Pickle Ball-SH  
 5:30 PM DOC Yth Band Re-S  
 6:15 PM SP Band Rehearsal-S  
 6:15 PM Confirmation Class  
 7:00 PM Council Meeting LIB

## Thursday, April 28, 2011

12:00 PM Chancel Choir -CR  
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir-UC

## Friday, April 29, 2011

9:30 AM Chimes put-together  
 4:00 PM 2BU - SH

## Saturday, April 30, 2011

9:00 AM Pickle Ball-SH

## Sunday, May 01, 2011

8:30 AM Book Study CR  
 9:00 AM Adult Sm Grp Study  
 10:00 AM Worship  
 11:15 AM Potluck-SH  
 12:00 PM Apostolic Assem-CR  
 7:00 PM Yth Group @Presby

## Tuesday, May 03, 2011

10:00 AM Bible Study-CR  
 11:30 AM Widows' Group-LIB  
 5:30 PM DOC Yth Band Re-S  
 6:15 PM SP Band Rehearsal-S  
 6:15 PM Confirmation Class

## Wednesday, May 04, 2011

9:30 AM Caring Ministries-LIB  
 6:00 PM Boy Scouts pk64-YR

## Thursday, May 05, 2011

12:00 PM Chancel Choir Reh-CR  
 6:00 PM Handbell Choir-UC

## Saturday, May 07, 2011

8:30 AM Mendocino Col Class  
 9:00 AM Pickle Ball-SH

## RECURRING EVENTS IN THE BUILDING

### Manzanita Services

10 AM Mon-Fri Manzanita Comm Rm & Fireside

### AA Meeting

12:00 PM Mon-Fri George Smart Room  
 9:30 AM Sat & Sun George Smart Room

### Apostolic Assembly

7:00 PM Fridays Sanctuary  
 1:30 AM Sundays Sanctuary

### Horizons Program

1:30-4:30 PM Tue & Thurs Youth Room

### OA Meeting

5:30 PM Mondays George Smart Room

### Pickle Ball

5:30 PM Tuesdays Social Hall  
 9:00 AM Saturdays Social Hall

### Boy Scouts pk 64

6:00 PM 1st and 3rd Wednesdays Youth Room

## LECTIONARY

*The readings in bold will be the scriptural focus for Sunday's Service*

### April 3, 2011 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23  
 Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-14

### April 10, 2011 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-4, Psalm 130  
 Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

### April 17, 2011 Palm Sunday

#### Tennebrae Service

Matthew 21:1-11  
 Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29  
 Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 31: 9-16  
 Philippians 2:5-11  
 Matthew 26: 14-27: 66(27:11-54)

### April 24, 2011 Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
 Colossians 3:1-4, John 20:1-18



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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

## APRIL 3

When you give to One Great Hour of Sharing, you free up designated program funds for exclusive use in the relief and development field, and particularly in response to catastrophic emergencies, such as the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Because One Great Hour of Sharing covers UMCOR's cost of doing business, guaranteeing that the personnel and administrative support so necessary to our prompt response to crises is firmly in place, UMCOR is able to use 100 percent of your program-specific donations for the end you intend.

Your gift to One Great Hour of Sharing is your way of claiming ownership of a ministry that makes a visible difference in the lives of people in need in more than 80 countries worldwide, and particularly in times of crisis.

Please give to One Great Hour of Sharing on April 3. during our Sunday service with a designated check or envelope addressed to one great hour of sharing or on line [GIVE NOW >>](#) at the UMCOR web site under One Great Hour of Sharing.

