

The Friendly Visitor



March 2011

**United Methodist Church of Yucaipa
35177 Beech Ave., Yucaipa, CA
The Rev. Sharon Snapp-Kolas**

**Gathering 8:45 a.m. - Worship Service 9:00 a.m - Sunday school 10:30 a.m.
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Paraments

Throughout the global United Methodist Church, we celebrate six seasons of the divine calendar – Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. Within those seasons we also find the Liturgical (Worshiping) Colors – purple, white, green, and red. These colors, adorning the altar and worn by the clergy, change to symbolize the significant events of each season. The altar adornments are called “paraments” (objects made of richly decorated fabric, especially a ceremonial robe, tapestry, or wall hanging).

The purple parament signifies wealth, power, and royalty. Therefore purple is the color of the seasons of *Advent and Lent*, which celebrate the coming of the King.

In the ancient Church, people were given white tunics as soon as they emerged from the waters of baptism. Therefore, **white** is the color for the seasons of *Easter and Christmas*.

Green is the color of vegetation and represents life and ordinary time. **Green** is the color for the **Season after the Epiphany and the Season after Pentecost**. These two seasons are also called “Ordinary Time” because the Sundays have no names, just ordinal numbers.

Red is the color of blood, and therefore also of martyrdom. Red is the color of any service that commemorates the death of a martyr. It is also an alternative color for the last week of Lent, which is called *Holy Week*. **Red** is the color for **Pentecost Sunday and for ordinations and installations**, because it is the color of fire and therefore also of the Holy Spirit.



From Pastor Sharon



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

You will be hearing the words, “**Natural Church Development**” (NCD) quite a bit in the near future. So I would like to use this space to introduce you to the ideas behind NCD.

What is Natural Church Development? **It is a process for improving the health of a local church.** The process was developed by Charles A. Schwarz, the founder and president of the Institute for Natural Church Development, located in Germany.

“...he directed the most comprehensive research project about the causes of church growth that has ever been conducted in the Christian church...more than 1000 churches on all five continents took part in this study.”

—*The ABC's of Natural Church Development*

Contact Linda in the church office if you would like your own (free!) copy of *The ABC's of Natural Church Development*.

The churches in Schwarz's study were not mega churches. He studied “large and small churches, growing and declining ones, churches that are persecuted by the state and churches that are financially supported by the state, prominent and well-known churches as well as totally unknown ones.”

What Schwarz's research showed is that healthy, growing churches – wherever they are and whatever size they are – have eight quality characteristics. The NCD organization offers a multitude of resources, including a 15-minute survey of 30 church leaders that helps churches to identify which

of the eight quality characteristics is their weakest area.

Churches are then encouraged to focus on improving the weakest characteristic, also known as “the minimum factor,” for one year. Writes Schwartz:

*Imagine that there was an approach to church growth that didn't sport the latest marketing trick, but that was built on a sound **theological foundation** that you could identify with, and that this theological compass permeated even the most practical aspects of church life. Imagine that this approach was not focused on quantity (more people, higher numbers) but that it held **quality** at the center of all considerations.*

*Imagine an approach to church growth that doesn't copy a model church, but is focused on developing a church's **individuality** and releasing its God-given creativity. Imagine that this approach doesn't export features from one specific culture, but strives to create an **inter-cultural** learning experience, in which all cultures give and take.*

*Imagine an approach to church growth that doesn't simply promote the favorite ideas of some successful leader, but is based on comprehensive **research** of thousands of churches around the globe. That communicates truly universal **principles**. That helps you fulfill your own dreams for your church. That is fun to be involved in. Wouldn't you be curious to learn more about it?”*

(Color Your World with NCD)

The upshot for UMC OY is that we can use NCD to focus our energies and to clarify our purpose for the next year. Clarity of purpose is a wonderful thing.

After a year, the idea is that we do the survey again, and then focus for one year on the minimum factor that emerges from that survey. In other words, this is a repeatable process.

Over time, the idea is that each of the eight characteristics becomes stronger and healthier. The result is growth. Says Schwarz, “We have proof today that the secret of growing churches does not consist in pushing or pulling the church in human strength and efforts...but in releasing and developing the potential God himself has laid into the church. Then growth occurs all by itself.”

You may like to know that NCD has been approved by the Cal-Pac Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church as a tool for churches to plan, become healthier and, as a result, grow. So, our Bishop and our denominational leadership have approved this process.

You may be even more interested to know that churches in our Riverside District have used this process, and that it has contributed to health and growth in those churches.

That said, the fact is that no resource is a magic pill for success. Still, I am inclined to give NCD a try. And the leadership of UMCOY is willing to give it a try, too. **There's** a sign of health for you – church leaders who are ready and willing to try something new, for the sake of the church!

Since I arrived here in July as your new pastor, I have experienced a great deal of health and love and goodness in this congregation. There is much that is working well at the Yucaipa church. There is a solid foundation on which we can build.

I commend NCD to you; it comes highly recommended from colleagues in the district and in the conference. Not to mention the 40,000+ churches worldwide who have benefited from NCD.

Please continue to pray for the Yucaipa church, for our health as a congregation, and for our commitment to this process. We will all be asked to change our thinking and our way of being the church together.

I believe we will all grow as a result. We will grow in our personal spiritual walk with the Lord, in our relationships with one another, and in our connections with the community and the world.

This is exciting and scary.

If it were not for God's help, we could not do it. With God's help, all things are possible.

Please feel free to talk with me and with church leaders if you have questions about the NCD process.

“But Jesus looked at them and said, ‘For mortals it is impossible, but for God all things are possible.’ ” Matthew 19:26.



Yours in Christ,
Pastor Sharon

March Lectionary Readings:

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| 6 | Exodus 24:12-18; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9 |
| 13 | Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11 |
| 20 | Genesis 12:1-4a; Romans 4:1-5, 13-17; John 3:1-17 |
| 27 | Exodus 17:1-7; Romans 5:1-11; John 4:5-42 |

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UMCOY Blood Drive a Success!



On February 13, 2011, LifeStream received from our church 30 pints of donated blood. (More people than that offered to donate, but couldn't do so because of a low iron count or other issues.)* The blood collected through LifeStream stays in our community, and the blood we donate is usually used within three days. If you donated, thank you! You're a lifesaver! Your generous act represents the greatest of gifts for a relative, friend, neighbor, co-worker or someone with whom you share hobbies or with whom you worship. Or, most likely, for someone you'll never know but whose life depends on it. Hopefully, UMCOY will be able to hold regular Blood Drives in the future to support this need in our community.

* For future reference, a breakfast of a hot wheat cereal and/or eggs raises that iron count! And students age 15-16 must show a birth certificate and have a signed parent consent form, even if parents are there to confirm the student's age.)



Station 1 in the donation process: Initial paperwork and information

Robert Forte and Kathy Anderson, donors



Emily Hinckley, Cameron Causey, Michelle Kielhold, Julie Kielhold, and Deb Davidson preparing refreshments for blood donors (Not pictured: Breanna Hinckley)

YOUTH CORNER

Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Party!

You are invited to attend this year's fun-filled Mardi Gras Party, to be held in the Fellowship Hall On Tuesday, March 8 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

All children, youth, families, adults, friends and neighbors are very welcome to attend an evening of fun, fellowship, delicious food, crafts, naming



of the King and Queen, plus learning about the history of some of the holiday's customs. Mardi Gras is celebrated on Fat Tuesday, the last night of frivolity before Ash

Wednesday when, historically, you give up fatty foods and various other habits. All are welcome to come and share in this joyous event. Come when you can between 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

Donations for the meal help the Youth's Imagine NO Malaria Project. Don't forget to invite others, too.



Feast of Purim

The Second Sunday of Lent, March 20, happens to fall on the Feast of Purim as found in the Book of Esther in the Old Testament. The youth will host the 4:00 PM Lenten program and dinner based on the traditional Jewish customs. Come and experience this wonderful, full sensory event for the whole family. Please invite your neighbors and friends to come along with you. A free will offering for the meal goes towards EPIC's mission project, Imagine NO Malaria. We hope to see you there.

Parents' Night Out

We had a wonderful time during February's Parents' Night Out.



Thanks to Deb Davidson's news submission to the paper, we had three children come from the community. Our youth and adults helped the evening along with face painting, games, crafts, pizza and a movie. We watched the Veggie Tale *Sweetpea Beauty*. As part of the admission for these evenings, we ask for a box of cereal to be donated to the church's contribution for the food bank. We talk about how the boxes will help

families in need. A prayer to bless those who will receive the cereal is also shared.

We will hold another Parents' Night Out before Easter (date to be determined). It is such a blessing to have such wonderful facilities for the many types of ministry we host here at UMCOY. I'm so thankful that we're able to host this fun children's event.

Thank you to my helpers: Josh and Chris Snapp-Kolas, Emily Hinckley, Erik Hagen, Jerry Pugh and Deb Davidson. A good time was had by all!



Snowboarding!

A snowboarding trip to Snow Summit is scheduled for Thursday, March 24. All those interested, please call or e-mail Amy for details.

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Imagine NO Malaria



The United Methodist Church has taken on a very significant project which has committed to making the world free of malaria by the year 2015. The project planners estimate that every \$10 donation will cure a child, youth, or adult of this disease. One hundred percent of the monies raised go to the project itself, as administrative costs are handled through UMCOR.

The United States has been free of malaria since 1950. Through mosquito nets, education, and medicine, the problem can become a thing of the past in the rest of the world as well.

Understanding about the role of standing water in the life cycle of mosquitoes can help a village to clear out areas that are potential danger zones.

EPIC is working bit by bit to raise funds for this important project. The Youth will be presenting fundraiser meals and will even participate in an actual overnight outside campout under mosquito nets! I ask you to seriously consider giving generously so that someone else might live.

Here's to an adventurous journey.

Amy Bahnsen

February Fellowship Fun



We celebrated Valentine's Day and Boy Scout Sunday by fellowshiping with cupcakes and frosting. Yum!

Thank you, Missy McDannell, Jamie Tyrone, Glenda McDannell, and Kristin Kohler for your special help with the children's valentine-making and cupcake decorating. Thank you, Alan VanTassel, for baking all those cupcakes. And Deb Davidson, thanks for the tubs of frosting.



Discussing important issues over coffee and doughnut holes

(Many thanks to photographer Alan VanTassel for the photos on this page and with the blood drive article, as well as the new Book Nook picture!)



March Birthdays

- 1 Cliff Trafzer
- 2 Richard McNurlan
- 7 Lucy Birnbaum
Alida Stanton
- 9 Rachael Moore
- 10 Betty Ohlinger
David Wahe
- 11 Blanche Weeks
- 14 Joel Fisher
- 17 Pat Blunt
Geri Robertson
- 21 R.J. Lynn
- 22 Jennifer Beilstein
- 23 Monique Fisher
- 27 Clifford Eagles
- 30 Galen Shotts
- 31 Denise Hinckley



- 5 Mitch & Sally
Gibson
- 21 Dave & Lynda
Laycock
- 25 Gene & Sharon Holder

Letters, Letters, Letters!

Dear United Methodist Friends,

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank you for your thoughts and prayers, your beautiful cards with caring words, and your thoughtfulness after my Mom's passing. It is very reassuring to know that we have a loving church family who are praying for us during these very difficult times.

With love and appreciation, Linda Laycock and Family



Dear Church Family,

Your prayers, cards, and visits have meant so much to me. I know my healing was greatly influenced by these expressions of love and concern. The visits from Pastor Sharon and Pastor Ron and Joan were greatly appreciated.

Ah...but the delivery of the prayer quilt was a highlight of that day. I sent it home with Lois for safekeeping but it will be used daily as I tuck myself in for a comfortable evening (or afternoon nap).

Each of you has shown true Christian love to me, Lois and my family.

Thank you,
Floyd Crosby

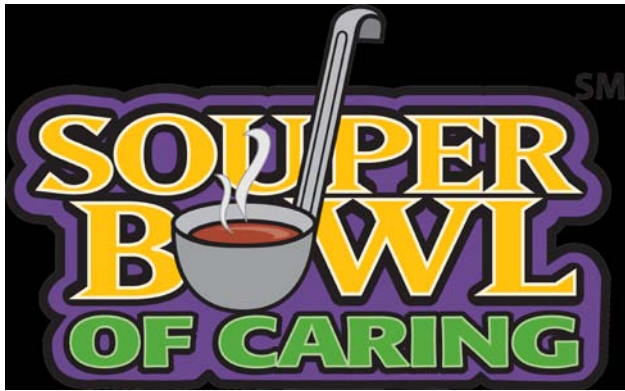
Methodists on the move are *ON THE MOVE* *AGAIN!!*



It is time once again for the American Cancer Society's Yucaipa Relay for Life. This year's 24 hour walk will begin on April 30, 9:00 a.m. and end May 1 at 9:00 a.m. This year's theme is Happy Birthday, because "Happy Birthday" is a victory song for cancer survivors.

UMC of Yucaipa has always been a visible force at the relay, and this year will be no exception. If you are interested in participating or donating, please contact Jean Kielhold. If you are a cancer survivor please let Jean know so the relay event is focused on celebrating you.

Thank you, Jean Kielhold



Many thanks to Donna and Matt Harward for preparing delicious vegetarian chili and potato soup for us on Souper Bowl Sunday!

And thank you to the members of Koinonia for serving the soup, preparing the corn muffins, and cleaning up after the soup was all gone.

The event generated \$357 in donations from our congregation! The money will be given to

The Interfaith Community Center here in Yucaipa to help with serving the needy in our community.

The Souper Bowl tradition began with simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." This prayer, delivered by Brad Smith (then a seminary intern serving at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC) gave birth to an idea. Why not use Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football and fun, to also unify the nation for a higher good: collecting dollars and canned food for the needy? And then, why not send every dollar DIRECTLY to a local charity?

The senior high youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian liked the idea so much they decided to invite other area churches to join the team. Twenty-two Columbia churches participated that first year, reporting their results so a total could be determined, and then sending all \$5,700 they had raised to area non-profits.

That was 1990. Since then, ordinary people have generated an extraordinary \$70 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other charities in communities across the country. In addition, hundreds of thousands of participating youth have experienced for themselves the joy and satisfaction of giving and serving. At UMCOY, the adult Koinonia class has seen to it that we have the same opportunity each year.

United Methodist Men

The March 19 UMM breakfast meeting will feature **Lisa Ewan** as our guest speaker. Lisa is currently employed by Casa Colina Centers for Rehabilitation as a **physical therapy assistant**. Her area of focus is geriatric conditioning to increase patients' strength, endurance and safety. I'm sure Lisa will be able to impart a great deal of advice and help for each one of us as we learn how we can better look after ourselves in our home environments.

Please join us at

Bob's Big Boy in Calimesa, 8:00 a.m.

Ladies, you are most welcome to join us!

See you there,
Ralph Snook

United Methodist Women

Our United Methodist Women will be hosting a district meeting here on

Saturday, March 26th.

Refreshments will be served, and we need extra nut breads and fruit breads. UMCOY is blessed, as we know from our potluck suppers, with wonderful bakers!! Please consider contributing a loaf for this event.

Contact Leah Newport at 909-797-0858 for further information.

Thanks for your help!



Please put these Lenten and Easter activities on your calendar!

Each Sunday during the Lenten Season, we at UMC OY devote extra time to meditation and simple suppers together as we prepare ourselves in recognition and gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection from the dead.

You and your family and friends are invited to set aside time on these Sunday afternoons as members of the Body of Christ to participate in this way of remembering the 40 days that Christ spent in prayer and fasting as he prepared for the sacrifice that he would make for us.

March 9:

Ash Wednesday Service – 7:00 pm.

March 13:

“The Gift” in Fellowship Hall (program includes Bless you Bag donations and assembly) 4:00 pm; **Soup and Bread Supper** provided by the Susannah Wesley Circle, 5:00 pm. (donations go toward apportionments)

March 20:

EPIC Youth Group Program on the theme of Purim 4:00 pm; **Feast of Purim Supper** provided by the UMC OY Youth 5:00 pm. (donations go toward “Imagine No Malaria”)

March 27:

Grace and Hope Lenten Dramas 4:00 pm in the sanctuary; **Supper** provided by the Koinonia class 5:00 pm. (donations go toward scholarships)

April 3:

Worship with Music, Prayer and Testimonies, led by June Fisher and Wes Harty, 4:00 pm in the sanctuary; **Supper** provided by Sally and Mic Gibson 5:00 pm. (donations will go to Frazee outreach.)

April 10:

“In Seven Words” and Puppet theater drama 4:00 pm in the sanctuary; **Lasagna dinner** provided by the Worship Committee 5:00 pm. (donations will go toward apportionments)

April 17, Palm Sunday:

Sunday school children will recite during worship, followed by lunch with the pastor at McDonald's. **Choir Cantata** 4:00 pm in the sanctuary.

April 21, Maundy Thursday:

Communion Service in the Fellowship Hall (also foot washing and hand washing ceremony), 7:00 pm.

April 22, Good Friday:

The Seven Last Words Ecumenical Service at 12:00 noon, tentatively set to meet at First Baptist Church.

April 24, Easter Sunday:

**9:00 am and 11:00 am
Worship Services**

Easter Egg Hunt on the church lawn in between services.

Bring a flower from your garden to decorate the Easter Cross!

No Sunday school this Sunday.

Confirmation Class members will be confirmed during worship.

A continental potluck breakfast will be held between services. Bring a breakfast finger food to share!





It's **NOT** a long, long time from March to **November!**

On Sunday, November 13, 2011 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Methodist Church of Yucaipa! (The official date is 11/11/11.)

A **Centennial Committee** has been assembled under the leadership of Mark and Laurie Pertile: members include Frank and Billie Chapman, Pat Shores, Perry Jones, Floyd and Lois Crosby, Paula Fisher, and a representative from each church committee.

The committee is seeking suggestions for the gala. The following ideas have already been submitted and are under consideration:

- Dedication of a Peace Pole
- Dedication of a Mural
- Publications of the history of the church in local papers
- Creation and dedication of a 100th Anniversary booklet
- Bible reading marathon (In May of 1925 the record was set at 69 hours and 16 minutes for the Old and New Testaments. 150 people participated.)
- Youth Activities
- Relay for Life Booth (American Cancer Society)
- Celebration Sunday invitations to former pastors (include invitations for accommodations at members' homes if needed)
- Time Capsule
- New Church Directory
- Lapel or other pins
- Fall Barbecue held on November 12
- Special Sunday school activities



Please think about what should be done to prepare for and add to the festivities. Submit your ideas to a member of the committee. Let's make this a whopper of a celebration for all!

Confirmation Class for 2011

Confirmation is a young person's public statement of faith. Typically, young people who were baptized before they were old enough to make their own faith decision go through confirmation at around 12 or 13 years of age. Younger or older youth are welcome to participate in confirmation if they so choose.

Confirmation classes will be taught by Pastor Sharon and Amy Bahnson, Youth Director, on Sunday mornings during Lent, 10:30 to 11:30am. Confirmation class will take the place of Sunday School for these students. Students will be confirmed on Easter Sunday during worship. If you have a child who is interested in confirmation, or if you have questions, please contact Amy or Pastor Sharon.

The Book Nook

In *A Love Worth Giving*, Max Lucado explores various aspects of love and how we should apply them in our lives. He uses 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 as his text: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails." (NIV)

Lucado uses each of these attributes of love as a chapter topic. Chapter 5, for example, deals with love's not being easily angered. One of the causes of anger is rejection, as shown in the story of Cain and Abel in Genesis. This is a case of anger's being out of control, which resulted in Cain's killing his brother. The anger was fueled by God's being displeased with Cain's sacrifice while happily accepting Abel's offering.

Although rejection doesn't usually lead to murder, many of us do fall into the trap of fruitless anger. The author relates an episode when he was with his wife and three daughters in an exclusive purse boutique. While the girls were looking at merchandise, Lucado searched for a chair so he could sit down and read. Finding no chair, he sat on



the floor. Along came a saleswoman who looked down at him and said, “Don’t sit on the floor.” He explained that he wanted to sit down. “You aren’t allowed to sit on the floor,” she said. He told her that he couldn’t find a chair. “We don’t have chairs,” she said. He replied that he wanted to sit down. She then announced, in a cold and arrogant tone, “We don’t want people to sit down.” So he left the store, stood against a wall, and fumed. (p. 76)

Reflecting on the incident, Lucado questions the wisdom of his anger. Did it accomplish anything? Of course the saleswoman was rude and boorish. She could even be labeled as a “tacky purse peddler.” (p. 79) But Lucado feels that his anger was a mistake. Because God loves us and accepts

us, the rejection of a salesperson is insignificant. Knowing that God sacrificed his son because of his love puts people’s actions in proper perspective.

This book’s message is that we must take Paul’s definition of love in Corinthians seriously. In order to do that, we ourselves must feel loved. And the love we need comes from God, because love given by people is not usually unconditional, and is certainly not perfect. With people, we always run the risk of disappointment. It is only in God’s perfect love that we can be fulfilled and, in turn, offer “a love worth giving.”

Arden Adams

Who’s in Your Pew?



A person can’t attend services and activities at the United Methodist Church of Yucaipa for very long before hearing the name “Kielhold.” There are six of them at our church, and if you haven’t met one or more of them yet, you’re in for a pleasant encounter. I’ve written about the girls in a previous issue, so I’ll focus on Kathryn, Jean, and Paul this month. You can usually find Kathryn sitting in one of the back pews during worship. Take a moment to greet her, and you’ll soon see her pretty smile and discover how pleasant and kind she is. Ask her for advice and she’ll tell you, “Respect people and have fun! I haven’t met anybody that I do not like, not in all my years.” She follows her own advice, and everyone, especially her family, loves and appreciates her.

Kathryn Eby was born near Madison, Wisconsin in 1930. “Madison is the capital of Wisconsin. The capitol building is really beautiful – nicer, I think, than the nation’s capitol. It is surrounded by six beautifully landscaped acres. They’re protesting there right now – you’ve probably seen that in the



Paul and Jean, Allison, Michelle, and Julie in 2007

news.” Her father served in the U. S. Army Horses and Sabres in Germany and France during World War I. Her mom was a Northwestern University graduate, a teacher. “When Dad got out of the army, Great Aunt Isabella, who was a real estate agent, asked him what he wanted to do. When he replied that he wanted to farm, she

found one for him.” The property included a big three-story house with 16 rooms.

“Dad was a good farmer,” Kathryn states seriously. “We had pedigreed cattle and showed them at county and state fairs.” Her dad also raised draft horses and show horses. “I loved to ride,” she smiles. “Even when I got a job in town later on, I’d get up really early and go riding.”

Her elementary school was a one-room schoolhouse. When I asked her if she ever got into trouble, she remembered only one whipping, and that was at home. She had jumped up and grabbed a gas pipe and was swinging back and forth. One swing went too far, and she broke a window. “Dad whipped me with a leather strap that he used on the horses.” She still winces at the memory. “I made sure that it was the last time he punished me with that whip; I took it upstairs and dropped it

down into the space between the walls. That was the end of it.”

She grew up working the farm and tending the cattle along with the rest of the family members. “We had lots and lots of pets: dogs, cats, baby calves, and chickens, too.” She loved all of the animals, and it was kind of hard when they had to be slaughtered. “It was hard for Dad, too,” she recalls. “One time, for example, he and his brother each raised a Hereford



**High School
Graduation
Portrait**

steer. When it was time, they exchanged their animals so they wouldn't feel so bad.” Kathryn loves animals to this day – if you go to visit her at home you will be greeted first by an adorable and extremely well behaved stuffed dog, and later by a large and rather supercilious cat named Jinks. “I call him my 300 pound cat,” she says. “He was scrawny and filthy when I took him in – he wouldn't clean himself. But I fed him milk and eggs for three weeks and he began to take care of himself.” The rest of the Kielhold family shares a love for animals, also. They currently reside with Lucy the dog, Tiger Lily the cat, Herbert the turkey, and four chickens.

The high school Kathryn attended was owned and operated by the University of Wisconsin, which meant that the students could use the university facilities. She enjoyed high school, although math was not her strong suit. “I thought I wanted to be a veterinarian. Dad would have paid for it, but it was very expensive.” She went to work instead. When she was in her 20's, her dad became ill and needed back surgery. She stepped right in and cared for the cattle and livestock for a year until he recovered. “My brother Bob had a broken leg at the time, but he took care of the fields and the plowing anyway.”

Allan Kielhold was born in 1930, in Manchester, Iowa. He was one of seven children and, like Kathryn, was raised on a farm. The Kielhold farm was situated on the same road as the Eby farm, and Allan worked with the Eby boys selling seed corn. He ran mule teams, then tractors later on.

Allan was an Air Force aircraft mechanic during the Korean War. (He served at Truax Field when Paul Baumann was there, although they did not meet until years later at the United Methodist Church of Yucaipa.) “He was marching in a parade when the war ended, and I was watching,” Kathryn smiles. “Our eyes kinda' met.” And that, as they say, was that. After the couple married, Allan went to the University of Wisconsin on the GI bill. Paul was born in 1956, during Allan's freshman year. Jacquilin came along a year later. Allan graduated in 1960 with a degree in civil engineering and went to work for the Farm Bureau. He soon decided, however, that a monthly salary of \$300 was inadequate, and moved the family to Oroville, California, where he got a job as head engineer with the State Water Project, building the California Aqueduct. You can see an example of Allan's work when you look at those huge pipes that go up the mountains. The family moved along the aqueduct alignment as it progressed, arriving in Yucaipa in 1961. Paul was in first grade. His brother Gary was born here in 1962. A fourth child was born subsequently, but passed away. The aqueduct project finished up in Bakersfield. After that, the family moved down to San Bernardino County, and Allan worked in flood control until he retired.

Paul began attending Sunday school at UMCYOY in 1963. He joined Boy Scout Troop 9 in 1967 and joined the church in 1969. He remembers fondly that a church picnic was held each year on the 4th of July at the Baumanns'. Methodist Youth Fellowship and Junior MYF would also go sledding at the Baumanns' in the winter. I asked Kathryn what Paul was like as a child, expecting that he was probably a handful. To my surprise, she replied: “He was easy! A very sweet little boy and a good student.”

Kathryn loves to be outdoors, and she loves to travel. “When Paul was a Boy Scout, we canoed down the Snake River. I've been to Alaska twice, and I think I'll go again. But this summer I'd like to take a paddlewheel cruise, either down the Mississippi River or the Snake.” Her sense of humor is spontaneous. “I can't see not having one. At one time I used to think I'd like to be a stand-up comedian!” she laughs. Allan had a good sense of humor, also, so there's no wonder that Paul has a happy disposition and loves to laugh.

Allan passed away in 1997. “Pastor Ron came to visit me. It’s because of him that I started coming back to church. My grandfather was a Methodist minister, and we took the kids to church when they were little, but I had stopped going for awhile. I love the architecture of this church,” she comments. Jacqui is gone now, also. “She was a wonderful artist and photographer,” Kathryn says sadly. I miss her.” But Kathryn’s ready sense of humor soon buoys the conversation up again. “I haven’t had a boring life. I’ve been bored, but I haven’t had a boring life. I had a ball babysitting Paul and Jean’s girls; I babysat for them a lot because both parents had to work.”

Jean’s mom was born in Sumner, Iowa and was raised in Holy Cross, Iowa. Jean’s grandfather was a country doctor and had his office in the house. “The doctor’s fees were often paid with chickens or a cut of meat. Someone even gave them a pet dog as payment,” she comments. “It was not that Grandfather demanded to be paid; it was a matter of pride on the patients’ part to make some sort of payment.” Jean’s father was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. “His father owned a gas station, and Grandma dressed up as a man and was called ‘Joe’ to help out, because they couldn’t afford to hire someone.”

The youngest of seven children, Jean was born in 1961 in Steator, Illinois. The family moved to California when she was three months old. Her oldest sister, Meg, lives in Arizona and works for the school district. Her brother Mark lives in Colorado Springs and works with computer technology for defense contracts. Anne lives in Okinawa, Japan and is a speech therapist for the Department of Defense. Mary lives in Highland and works in administration for Patton State Hospital. John lives in Maryland and is, Jean says, a “big mucky-muck” for a health consulting firm. Her brother Paul is a high school geometry teacher in Rosemead.

In high school, Jean played on the tennis team, participated in student council, and edited the school newspaper. Paul Kielhold played high school football and baseball. “I wasn’t good at either, but in football it didn’t matter,” he grins.



**Julie, Allison, and Michelle
when they were kids**

He was a member of CSF, Key Club and the orchestra. (“I played trumpet until they gave me a French horn, which isn’t as loud as a trumpet.”)

After high school graduation, Jean continued to pursue her interest in journalism at Fresno State. “One night I found myself wanting to finish a chapter in my nutrition elective class,” she explains, “and I decided that was much more interesting than journalism. I transferred to UC Davis and got a degree in Dietetics. I did my internship in Dayton Ohio.” After graduation she was visiting her sister in San Bernardino and checked out the “Help Wanted” ads in the newspaper. Thus she found her first job as a dietitian in Hemet.

Paul earned a B.S. in Natural Resources from Humboldt State University, Arcata, California. He majored in wildlife management and double-minored in range management and hydrology.

The two of them met at Oktoberfest in Big Bear, “by arrangement of my sister,” Jean laughs. “She thought the world of him and set us up.” Jean joined the United Methodist Church of Yucaipa “when I started hanging around Paul.” She says that the church is much the same now as it was then, except there were younger people. “Hey,” she laughs, “I was 25 years younger!”

Of her children’s marriages, Kathryn emphasizes, “I liked my future daughters-in-law right away. I promised them that I’d never tell them what to do. And I never did.” Jean and Paul were married on June 12, 1988. When I asked if either of them was nervous before the ceremony, Jean replied, “No. We had been dating for over four years and it was about time. Everyone told us so.” Paul said, “I did most of my nerve wracking ahead of time.” The wedding was held at Pilgrim Pines, where Paul was a caretaker. The Rev. Gene Kuehl presided. (He was the camp director at that time and is a family friend.) Jean’s sister Mary was the matron of honor and Paul’s brother Gary was the best man. A string quartet played under the trees. Kathryn describes the event as “simple, yet classy.”

Jean continued to work. “Before we had kids,” she notes, “Paul and I traveled to Europe twice and

used to backpack in the wilderness.” “It is enlightening to see how others live,” Paul adds. “I spent a little time in the Arctic checking vegetation maps for AIS (ESRI) and mapped the Mojave desert three or four times.” Once the kids came, the family visited many state and national parks.

Of her career, Jean says, “I have been blessed to love my career as a dietitian. My field of expertise is with critical care nutrition. I am not sure if I like the challenge of working with people that have multi-system failure, or if I like the fact that they are unconscious and can’t complain about what I have fed them,” she smiles wryly. “Because I work in a small hospital (San Geronio Memorial Hospital in Banning), I work with patient education and community outreach too. I think my frustration comes with people’s thinking that good health and bad habits can coincide. Good habits, whether diet, exercise, or lifestyle, are a choice, and something that you have to work at. It’s is not always easy, and you cannot just take a pill to fix everything. You have got to put in the effort.” Jean is a quiet person. “I like my privacy,” she says gently. But no moss grows under her feet. She attends UMCOY’s Koinonia Sunday school class regularly. You’ll usually see her working in the kitchen when it’s time to have a church dinner or handle the refreshments during fellowship time after worship. She loves tennis, and generally plays once a week. “I would play more if time allowed.” She also has a group of friends with whom she has played BUNCO for many years. She has been an American Cancer Society Relay for Life-Yucaipa committee member for a number of years.

Paul has worked for the US Bureau of Land Management in Utah and Colorado, the US Forest Service in Northern California, AIS, San Bernardino County, and several consulting firms. His career has been involved in various aspects of environmental work. Paul is now self-employed,

but he is actually busier than many people who work full time. He has
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served on virtually every committee at church, and now serves as our Lay Leader, which means that he attends all church committee meetings and represents us at Annual Conference. He is a past president of Yucaipa Valley Kiwanis Club, served 10 years on the City Planning Commission, and served 10 years on the Board of Directors of the California Society for Ecological Restoration. He is a private consultant regarding ecological issues, and he serves as UMCOY’s representative with the Boy Scouts of America. If you bump into him around town, you’ll usually find him helping someone with some project or other.

At the close of the interview, I asked what serious advice or other thoughts each of the three would give to readers. “Well, I have a lot to learn,” Jean replied, “but I will say that good health is not an accident, and I can tell you from experience that worry does not help.”

Paul replied, “I have learned many things, one of which is that everyone is an expert regarding his or her own life. Also, it does no good to want something for people who don’t want it for themselves. People can be quick to absolve themselves of responsibility. One of my favorite stories is when Moses went up the mountain to speak with God, and Aaron cast the golden bull for the Hebrews. When Moses returned, Aaron told him that he had thrown the gold in the fire and the calf ‘jumped out.’ People are quick to blame others (church, government, spouse, and neighbor) for their own shortcomings.”

“And oh, by the way: Allison, Michelle and Julie have taught me that ‘you aren’t as smart as you think!’”

I closed the interview by asking each of them this question: “What’s your favorite phrase or saying?”

“Let’s go to San Diego!” Kathryn replied quickly.

“I like, ‘Fair is a place where pigs win ribbons,’ although many people find this annoying,” Paul laughed.

Jean just smiled. And so did I! *Laura Adams*

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