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### We Have a Mission.

Why does the church exist? According to Matthew's Gospel, the risen Christ made it clear: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you" (28:19-20).

Based on this "Great Commission," our United Methodist Church has stated its purpose: "The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Local churches provide the most significant arena through which disciple-making occurs" (From The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church—2004, p. 87. Copyright © 2000 by The United Methodist Publishing House.).

So the mission of our congregation is to make disciples. This is a four-fold task. We could abbreviate our mission as one of welcoming-worshiping-nurturing-sending. (See The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church—2004, p. 88, and Guidelines for Leading Your Congregation, 2005-2008.

### We reach out to people and welcome them into the church.

We have a direct responsibility for people of the "world" around our church, the community in which we and others study, work, shop, play, and so forth. In this world are people with many hurts, doubts, and questions. There are some who are new in the community and feel a little lost, some who are proudly self-sufficient, and others who are in desperate circumstances. Our mission is to reach out to them, listen to them, accept them, share the gospel in word and deed, invite them into the family of faith, and joyfully receive all who will respond.

### We relate people to God and help them deepen their relationship with God.

The second task in making disciples is to offer people opportunities for growing closer to God. Whether they are visitors or old-time members, just beginning the journey of faith or well along the road—all are in need of God's love in Christ. Through worship, prayer, study, and honest sharing, we help one another discover that the Holy Spirit is not far off but present with us, wanting an open and loving friendship with each of us—not only friendship but commitment as well. Through our congregation's various ministries we encourage one another to give our selves to Christ, to ground our lives in the living God.

**We nurture people in Christian living.** Third, our congregation's mission is to nurture people of all ages in the Christian faith and to help them practice the disciplines of discipleship. The church exists not to serve itself but to serve the world. We come to church not only for our own personal enrichment but also to prepare ourselves to do the work of love and to get ready to be Christ's disciples in the community. Through worship, baptism, Communion, Bible study, prayer, and other means of grace, we're strengthened for ministry.

### FUMCHUB Mission

#### Statement:

*We believe God is calling us to introduce Christ to those we encounter and to nourish them and ourselves in faith through His Word.*

**Dear Friends in Christ**

by SonHye Kim

The career of missionary E. Stanley Jones, who died in 1973, was nearly cut short by chronic worry. When he had first arrived in India, Jones wore himself out, working and worrying. "I was suffering so severely from brain fatigue and nervous exhaustion," he later wrote, "that I collapsed, not once but several times."

While praying one night, groping in emotional darkness, Jones seemed to hear a Voice ask him, "Are you yourself ready for this work to which I have called you?" "No, Lord," replied Jones. "I am done for. I have reached the end of my resources." "If you will turn that over to Me. And not worry about it," the voice seemed to say, "I will take care of it." Jones answered, "Lord, I close the bargain right here." A great sense of peace closed in over Stanley Jones, a rush of abundant life that seemed to sweep him off his feet. His energy returned, his enthusiasm bubbled over, and he plunged back into his work with a vitality he had never before known. Jones went to spend a lifetime of ministry in India, writing numerous books, and ministering to multitudes around the world.

He later wrote, "This one thing I know: my life was completely transformed and uplifted that night...when at the depth of my weakness and depression, a voice said to me: 'If you will turn that over to Me and not worry about it, I will take care of it,' and I replied, 'Lord, I close the bargain right here.'"

"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall." (Psalm 55:22) "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 4:8) (*Nelson's Complete Book of Stories, Illustrations, & Quotes, p. 807, Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, 2000*)

Friends, I have been worrying many days. Our church secretary resigned and we haven't found replacement. A beloved church member passed away. I had to grade ordination papers and was making the Lent Devotional. Writing articles for the newsletter and Lent Devotional, preparing sermon for Sunday, making reports to the district office and conference office, buying office supplies, attending seminars, and



giving pastoral care... I was just overwhelmed by the workload and was worried that I might not be able to get everything done. One night I had a big headache and couldn't breathe because of anxiety. Out of desperation I prayed to God and asked for help. God spoke to my heart, "Will you trust me? Will you turn it over to me?" And I said, "Yes."

Turning things over to God doesn't mean that I don't do anything because God will take care of everything. He enabled me to do things without worries, frustration and anxieties. He really empowered me and gave me strength and wisdom in all I had to do. He also sent many helpers. Some people volunteered to fill in the office once a week. One of the parishioners of my previous church in Hawaii, Leilani Zukemura, who came here for eye surgery helped a lot by being a "secretary-for-a-day" and a day and a day... There are many other church members who helped.

Friends, some of you might nod your head and say, "I exactly understand how you felt and what you went through." Life is hectic and filled with unexpected things that need our extra time and energy. We worry and get frustrated and anxious. Trust God and turn them over to Him. You'll discover your priorities and boundaries so that you will do important things to the right extent. Worry doesn't do any good. Stop worrying and pray.

In His Love,  
Your Pastor & Friend

**In February****Celebrating Birthday**

1<sup>st</sup> Greg Smith      8<sup>th</sup> Betty Gran, Don Trim  
14<sup>th</sup> Marguerite Collier  
17<sup>th</sup> Mildred Strausbaugh  
22<sup>nd</sup> Lu Trim      26<sup>th</sup> Quay Terry

**Celebrating Anniversaries**

10<sup>th</sup> John & Barbara Leonard

*Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. - 1 Corinthians 13:6*

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### Older body - youthful mind?

To all of us with older bodies but very youthful minds, you may have missed this delightful performance by Julie Andrews to commemorate her 69<sup>th</sup> birthday. Julie Andrews made this special appearance at Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall for the benefit of the AARP. One of the musical numbers she performed was "My Favorite Things" from the legendary movie "Sound Of Music" in which she modified the lyrics to the following. Remember to mentally sing the music as you read.

Maalox and nose drops and needles for  
knitting,  
Walkers and handrails and new dental  
fittings,  
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,  
These are a few of my favorite things.  
Cadillac's and cataracts and hearing aids and  
glasses,  
Polident and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,  
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,  
These are a few of my favorite things.  
When the pipes leak,  
When the bones creak,  
When the knees don't bend,  
I simply remember my favorite things,  
And then I don't feel so bad.  
Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions,  
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,  
Bathrobes and heating pads and hot meals they bring,  
These are a few of my favorite things.  
Back pains, confused brains, and no fear of sinnin',  
Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',  
And we won't mention our short shrunken frames,  
When we remember our favorite things.  
When the joints ache,  
When the hips break,  
When the eyes grow dim,  
Then I remember the great life I've had,  
And then I don't feel so bad.

Ms. Andrews received a standing ovation from the crowd that lasted over four minutes and repeated encores.



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**We support people in their ministry.** As members of the congregation, we're sent into the community to serve those in need and to make our community more loving and just. We believe that the Holy Spirit empowers and guides us in these ministries and that wherever there's need and suffering, we meet Christ, already at work. But still, we cannot be effective in ministry on our own. So the congregation exists, in part, to surround and support each member in his or her ministry. We do not always succeed in our efforts to be faithful disciples in the world. But with the loving support of the community of faith, we can continue to grow. Excerpt from *The United Methodist Member's Handbook* by George Koehler (Discipleship Resources, Rev. 2006), p. 10-11.

**Methodists in Mission** The United

Methodist faith is deeply rooted in the Scripture and in the basic beliefs of all Christians. Out of that theology and the faith have grown some specific actions that mark United Methodists as Christians engaged in ministry to the world. The early members of the groups that eventually became The United Methodist Church ...

took strong stands on issues such as slavery, smuggling, and humane treatment of prisoners; established institutions for higher learning; started hospitals and shelters for children and the elderly; founded Goodwill Industries in 1902; became actively involved in efforts for world peace; adopted a Social Creed and Social Principles to guide them as they relate to God's world and God's people; participated with other religious groups in ecumenical efforts to be in mission.

Excerpt from *What Every Teacher Needs to Know About The United Methodist Church*, p.20-23, Discipleship Resources © 2002.

**We Are All Called to Minister.** To be a member of The United Methodist Church is to be in servant ministry with and to others.

In our culture, many people use the word minister to mean clergyperson, a pastor or other

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**The Familiar: Sarah Melton** Edited by John Leonard

I was born in the Holton Family on 11 April 1928 in Winston-Salem, NC, joining an older sister nineteen months my senior. She and her family still reside in Winston-Salem. A quick bit of history: Winston-Salem became a twin city in 1923: Winston with all its tobacco factories and Salem with its religious settlement of Moravians from Pennsylvania, originally from Czechoslovakia and Germany. Our family belonged to the Christ Moravian Church, where my maternal grandparents, Sam and Mary Ann Pfaff, were among the Charter members in 1896.



I was christened as a baby and one of my first, and favorite childhood church memories concerned a Sunday school teacher in the Primary Department. She loved teaching this age group, always with a smile, and made each child feel special. She communicated her love for Jesus to the children.

I had a friend in grade school whose father was pastor of the neighborhood Baptist Church. Sometimes I went to the Sunbeams with her. As I participated in the Evangelism Explosion in 1984, a memory came back to me – a memory of going with my parents one night to a revival service at the Baptist Church. I was sitting with a group of youngsters and the front row when the preacher gave an altar call. I went to the altar with some of the others. Walking home with my parents, my daddy asked me if I understood what I had done and I quickly said, "Yes". I firmly believe I responded to the altar call, and since that night, I have continued to grow with understanding. As a twelve year old I attended catechism class, and joined the Church at a Palm Sunday Service. As a teenager, I was active in Christian Endeavor on Sunday evenings, attended summer Church camp several years and grew in faith.

In September 1947, I left Winston-Salem to go 500 miles by Greyhound bus to Nashville, Tennessee, by myself to attend Vanderbilt University school of Nursing. Paul Melton, a native of Nashville, home from the Navy, started in VU School of Engineering at the same time. Our paths didn't cross until spring of 1949. We graduated from Vandy and were married in June of 1951.

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We lived in Winston-Salem six months and then started the first of our moves to Endicott, in the Southern Tier of New York State, for IBM schooling; to a job in Greensboro, NC where our first daughter, Ruthie, was born and I retired from Nursing to become a 'stay-at-home-mom'. Paul's next job was with Union Carbide in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Martha and David were both born there. In 1965, we moved to Huntsville, Alabama, for a three-year job with Boeing that led to a position with TRW in Texas for seven years. Six months after moving to Texas Martha died on March 25, 1965, after a short illness at the age of 13. Needless to say, this was a sad experience. We finished the 'southern trek' when Paul was transferred to Southern California in 1975 where he worked until his retirement in 1988.

Paul had an aunt and uncle who, with their daughter Laura, lived in Anaheim. That was such a blessing for each of us to have family close by when we first came to Huntington Beach. We attended services at the Downey Moravian Church at first but decided what we needed a church close by so we could participate more. We let our fingers do the walking and found FUMCHUB. We started attending FUMCHUB regularly in August of 1976 and joined the church in November. The people were so friendly and we enjoyed the Merry Methodist Class which led to membership on the Mission Committee, the UMW and the UMM.

I am especially grateful for the spiritual teachings and experiences David had in this church: Sunday school, MYF, and Evangelism Explosion. In July 1983, David participated on a mission trip to Tonga along with Tylene Brinker. David met Susanne and they were married in this church. My favorite picture is of them standing in front of the stained glass window.

After staying out of nursing for twenty-six years, I was hired at Convalescent Hospital in 1979. Ruth Yoshihira worked there in Costa Mesa at that time. I loved working there for the next seventeen years.

When Paul died in January 2003, people were very loving and supportive. We had celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in June of 2001 with all seven of our family together on a beautiful Alaskan Cruise. Our daughter Ruthie lives in San Diego while David, Susanne and their three precious daughters, 10, 7,

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