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PASTOR'S MUSINGS

Holy Conferencing

INSPIRING THE WORLD as passionate followers of Jesus Christ so all may experience God's life-giving love.

This is the mission of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, of which St. Andrew's by-the-Sea United Methodist Church is a part. The California-Pacific Conference is a regional body of The United Methodist Church, made up of some 80,000 members in almost 360 local churches throughout Southern California, parts of Central California, Hawaii, the Pacific Islands, Guam and Saipan.

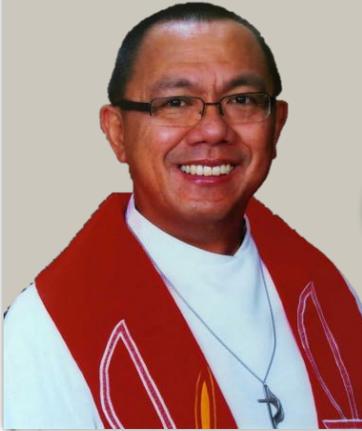
Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño has been the Resident Bishop of The California-Pacific Conference since 2012.

Within the last two months we've witnessed General Conference convene in Portland, Oregon as well as this year's session of the California-Pacific Annual Conference, which met at the University of Redlands.

The General Conference, the primary legislative body of The United Methodist Church, is the only body that speaks officially for the church. Meeting once every four years to determine legislation affecting connectional matters, it is composed of no fewer than 600 and no more than 1,000 delegates.

Each year an equal number of clergy members and lay members attend the California-Pacific Annual Conference session for worship, fellowship, and to conduct the business of the conference. These sessions include reports of past and ongoing work; adoption of future goals, programs and budgets; ordination of clergy members as deacons and elders; and election of delegates to Jurisdictional and General Conferences (every 4 years). The bishop presides over these meetings.

How, you may ask, does a rich and diverse collection of people, perspectives, convictions, theological persuasions, etc. able to conduct business in these gatherings? We as a denominational body have come up with *Eight Principles of Holy Conferencing*.



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“Holy conferencing” is what we call the spirit and principles that guide us to be caring in our conversations—that is what makes them holy. Based on the premise that how we talk to and about each other is as important as the decisions we make together, holy conferencing calls forth deep spiritual maturity from each of us. When we follow the guidelines or principles of holy conferencing, we discover that it is more than just being nice to each other around divisive issues. We find ourselves reaching deep into our souls as we seek to follow the gospel message of loving our neighbors and our enemies, including those who disagree with us with as much passion and conviction in their viewpoint as we have in ours.

These principles are:

1. **Every person is a child of God.**
2. **Listen before speaking.**
3. **Strive to understand from another’s point of view.**
4. **Strive to reflect accurately the views of others.**
5. **Disagree without being disagreeable.**
6. **Speak about issues; do not defame people.**
7. **Pray, in silence or aloud, before decisions.**
8. **Let prayer interrupt your busy-ness**

One popular camp song that many of us grew up singing says, “They’ll know we are Christians by our love.”

At a time when our nation is highly polarized around political, social, religious, and many other issues, how do we as followers of Jesus differentiate ourselves from the often harsh and divisive rhetoric that permeate the social discourse?

Answer: holy conferencing.

May we take to heart all these principles and let everyone know we are Christians by not forgetting how to love each other despite our differences. May we choose to err on the side of love for all remembering Jesus’ words:

¹² This is my commandment: love each other just as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than to give up one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. (John 15:12-14)

(Let me know if you wish to get your hands on a resource, “Eight Principles of Holy Conferencing: A Study Guide for Churches and Groups” by Bishop Sally Dyck for further reading and study.)



In July we continue the lessons we started in June - to learn that the story of Jesus is for everybody! And believing that what Jesus did can change me.

Our hope is that kids discover that no matter where they are in the world, the story of Jesus can change them, too.

This summer, we get to view the story of Jesus through a man whose life was radically changed when he encountered the story of Jesus. He went from a person who did whatever it took to stop the message of Jesus from spreading to one who ended up writing most of the New Testament of the Bible and dying for his faith in Jesus. This man, as you may have already guessed, is Paul. He went all over the known world preaching the Story of Jesus. We'll explore where in the world Paul was and how we fit into his story, too.

Our Memory Verse for July

**"God's grace has saved you because of your faith in Christ.
Your salvation doesn't come from anything you do. It is God's gift."
Ephesians 2:8**

Summer is a busy time for all of us. So if you can help out downstairs for just one week that would be great! The lessons are easy to work with and I guarantee that you will have fun!

Call me - Karen Muscariello, Director of Family Ministries
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A SABTS Ministry
Families of Faith Supper Club

We are trying a new idea out, a supper club for Families of Faith.

This idea came out of a parents night out where a group of people had dinner a couple months ago and had a blast! So, we thought why not meet monthly to fellowship, share a great meal together and just have some old fashion fun!

Our first date was Friday, March 18th, we had a great dinner at Selma's in downtown San Clemente! This is an adult-only dinner, so we will have child care for \$10 per family at the church at 6:30 pm.

This month we meet on July 8th
R.S.V.P. to Ashleigh at youth.sabts@gmail.com or text at 949-310-8739.

We look forward to seeing everyone and have FUN and adult conversation!

Janet Prideaux, teacher, and friend

Sixteen years ago on April 9, 2000, Janet and Don Prideaux joined St. Andrew's-by-the-Sea from their previous church Hillcrest UCC. Janet was active with the music department there by singing in the choir, sometimes doing piano accompaniment for the Sunday School, and of course, playing handbells. Since Janet and Don joined SABTS, Janet has been active in many areas of church service including as a member and Chair of the Care Team, a Vacation Bible School volunteer, Mary's Feast Committee member, and in other places as needed. Ten years ago after the SABTS Bell Choir Director had left Janet stepped in to fill this very important position vacancy. For much of those years, Janet has served as a volunteer in this very time consuming and sometimes physically difficult role. She orders appropriate music, lifts heavy bell cases and sets up the practice room every week with a minimum of help, arranges "polishing parties" to keep the bells beautiful, practices weekly with her team of sometimes emotional ringers, all the while with patience and caring. And you should see her work and teach a brand new recruit so that the love of ringing is passed on. What a talent! She's our leader, our director, our friend and support. Help us honor Janet Prideaux's 10 years of devoted service as she "retires" from this fulfilling role that has always meant so much and continues to inspire her loving ringers.



JULY

July 3rd: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Beach day after church at Calafia State Beach bring a sack lunch. Drop off at Calafia 12:30 pm - 3:00pm.

July 10th: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Beach day after church at Calafia State Beach bring a sack lunch. Drop off at Calafia 12:30 pm - 3:00pm.

July 17th: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. No beach day because of Jr. High Camp.

July 17th - 23rd: Jr. High Camp at Lazy W.

July 24th - 30th: Sr. High Camp at Lazy W.

July 24th: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Beach day after church at Calafia State Beach bring a sack lunch. Drop off at Calafia 12:30 pm - 3:00pm.

July 31st: Services at 9:00 am & 10:30 am
Youth Sunday school 10:30 am. Beach day after church at Calafia State Beach bring a sack lunch. Drop off at Calafia 12:30 pm - 3:00pm.

SENIORS YOGA

Senior Yoga at St. Andrew's by-the-Sea

Dr. May Yacoob (Crean College of Health and Behavioral Sciences; Department of Health Sciences and Kinesiology at Chapman University) shares her gifts with St. Andrew's.

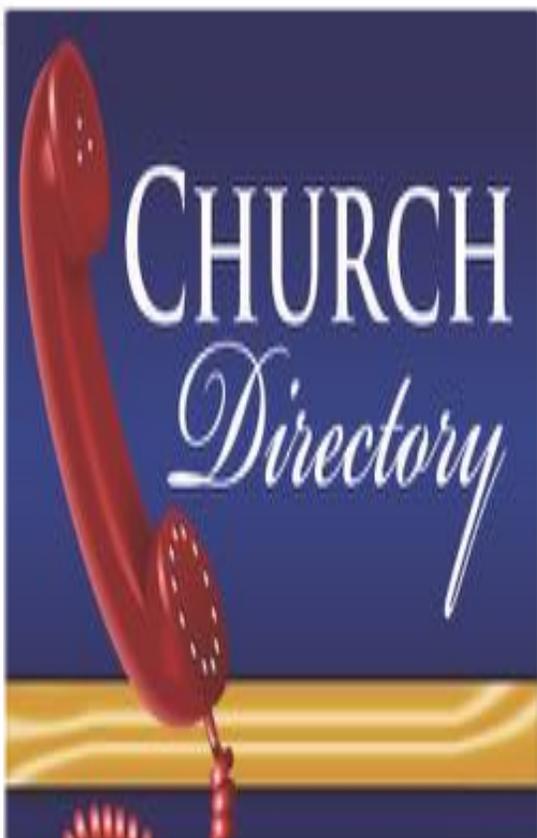
At 9:30am every Tuesday and Friday highly 2-3 dozen people gather in the Fellowship Hall to take a journey of self-discovery, fellowship and personal growth utilizing a 5000 year old regimen of physical instruction. This adventure is entitled Senior Yoga.

Senior Yoga is a 90 minute learning experience where senior women and men stretch their minds and bodies through a series of well conceived steps which take them from warm up breathing exercises to moving every part of their bodies, from head to toe, guide by a caring, expert instructor well versed in leading senior adults to discovering their inner selves. Senior yoga recognizes that seniors have special needs as we age. Skills that younger people often take for granted such as balance, flexibility and self-confidence have often been eroded in the aging process of a senior. Therefore every move, every posture in these yoga classes has a purpose. Some are crystal clear, others more subtle, yet all help build seniors' inner and outer strength.

The key to any successful senior yoga class is the instructor. Each person comes to class with specific abilities/weaknesses. Only an experienced, observant instructor can identify what is present or missing in a class member's approach to the disciplines of yoga. Once identified she/he gently leads the class member to an awareness on the path to physical, emotional and spiritual growth.

Senior yoga is not for everyone yet everyone should at least investigate this opportunity right here in your "own backyard" just in case it is exactly what you need.

Hope to see you there,
May



New Church Directory Coming SOON!!

We are starting work on creating a new church directory, to be distributed in September.

Please send your info to Ashleigh at youth.sabts@gmail.com, or stop by the church office to submit your information.

Please Submit:

A family photo

Name

Address

Phone Number

Email Address

Deadline is August 7th



Thank you to one and all who helped make this year's Everest Vacation Bible School a most majestic year! With 125 children, 35 youth, and at least another 50 adults, 2016 VBS was a cave-tastic success.

Thank you to all those who prayed for us before and throughout the week. God's presence was definitely felt among those of us on campus and we are grateful for the extra support.

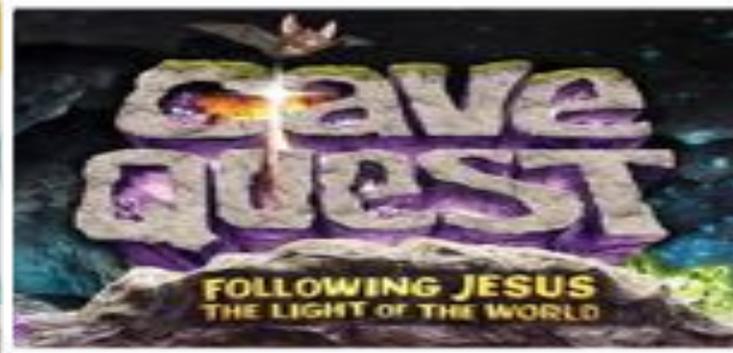
Thank you to those who donated financially. Your support enabled us to have plenty of supplies for VBS and a few last minute purchases to make sure that every child had what was needed. We were also able to provide several scholarships to families in the middle of financial difficulties thanks to your generosity.

Thank you to those who donated or loaned supplies for VBS, supported our Clean Water Relief efforts through UMCOR or supported our FAM Backpack Mission. We had what we needed for VBS and FAM is so appreciative of the outpouring of back to school supplies. We were also able to make a generous donation to UMCOR for earthquake relief.

An enormous thank you to all of these awesome people who were on campus with us for set up, running around with kiddos during the week or participated in returning the campus back to its usual state. This program wouldn't happen if not for you and your tireless participation! Those people include: Nicci Adler; Abby Ambach; Greg Bredthauer; Taylor Breidenthal; Jan & Don Brookes; Dixie Bullock; Heather Calame; Katy Connor; Pauline & Adiel DePano; Casey, Cooper & Krista Depenbrok; Darren DiMarco; Isabella Duzman; Ryan Englhard; Anthony, Jack, Jay, Luke & Rose Evans; Connor Ferringa; Marian Fournier; Kate & Kip Foerster; Kate & Megan Friess; Calvin & Olivia Fu; Tamara Greenbank; Karyn Hamilton; Marie Hill; Stacy Jones; Jennifer & Siena Killinger; Carla Lashmett; Darlene Loven; Christopher, Dave & Shayla Mauerman; Chris McCann; Lori & Foster McCarty; Amy Miska; Jane Moran; Ethan & Karen Muscariello; Joyce Obradovic; Dee Padgett; Amberly & Dave Petty; Janet Prideaux; Ashleigh Roberts; Sierra & William Puff; Annette Sanders; Callie Schreiber; Andrea Shea; Mark & Maria Smith; Marilyn Stark; Julie Stefaniak; Kelly Testerman; Calvin, Duncan, & Finn Torkelson; John Tsatsoulis; Bonnie & Samantha Whitney; Mike Wiechman; and Hunter, Joanne & Ty Zap

It was a great week and we can't wait 'till next year when we begin building the Maker's Workshop!

With grateful hearts,
Emily Bredthauer & Kelley Mauerman (VBS Co-Directors)



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Thank you to all of
 the hard-working,
 energetic people
 who helped make
 VBS reality! We had
 a cave-tastic week
 and it was incredible
 to see the children
 grow in their faith,
 learning about Jesus'
 love for us.



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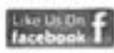
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St. Andrew's by-the-Sea
Core Principles

As fully-committed followers of Jesus Christ:

We have been **transformed** by our encounter with the living God in Jesus Christ.

We practice **spiritual disciplines**, such as prayer, meditation, scripture reading, attending worship, receiving the sacraments, and fasting, which cultivate our daily conscious contact with God.

We seek to **learn** more about God through continual study.

We practice **sacrifice** through tithing and selfless giving of ourselves.

We actively work for **justice and mercy** in the world.

We seek **unity** through working and living in harmony with our community of faith.

We walk our spiritual journey with **honesty and authenticity**.

We live our lives **humbly** knowing the gifts we have received come from God.



FAMILY
ASSISTANCE
MINISTRIES

Family Assistance Ministries needs our help this Spring. Remember to grab a FAM bag; the list of items needed are listed on the outside of the bag! You can bring items **the first Sunday of the month** or drop the bag at the church Monday-Friday, 10am-2pm.