

# Good News



Morgan Hill United Methodist Church

*Opening Hearts, Opening Minds, and Opening Doors*

## MHUMC GETS A NEW PASTOR!

By John Braslin

As Chair of the Staff Parish Relations Committee, I want to express my great pleasure in announcing the appointment of the Rev Patrick Davis as Pastor to our congregation starting July 1<sup>st</sup> 2010. Rev. Davis has a remarkable background that will be a great fit with the needs of our church: he is an Ordained Minister serving in an appointment beyond the local church as the Executive Director and Founder of the Bay Area Alliance for Youth and Family Services providing care, supervision and support services to teenage girls. He received a BS/Education from Jacksonville State University and his Masters of Divinity at the Chandler School of Theology at Emory University.

Rev, Davis is a warm, empathetic individual who has a strong academic background and significant experience in teaching. He has written a concordance to the Tao te Ching and has a deep understanding of other faith traditions, but is grounded in the framework of Methodism. He is a Certified Administrator, Community Care Licensing, a Certified Minister of Christian Education and a Certified Minister of Youth, and has directed a handbell choir. He is looking forward to working with our choir!

His partial list of skills is impressive, including Biblical/Theological teaching, Preaching, pastoral care, Management/Administration, Fund Raising, Human Resources/Personnel Training and Interfaith Dialog Development. He also demonstrates a good sense of humor.

He is married, and his wife Dawn is also a Methodist Minister, and they are dog lovers, sharing

their home with a Golden Retriever. We are very fortunate to have Rev. Davis as a half-time appointment, and he has plans to operate within our community while staying at an extended stay hotel for 3 days a week here in Morgan Hill. He will continue working with his Foundation for another 3 days a week in Pittsburgh, and take one day off.

Please join me, and the SPR, in welcoming Rev. Davis to our congregation – he goes by “Patrick,” rather than “Pat,” but said that Pastor is what he really wants to be called!

## News from the Youth

By Jeannie Clayton

The youth are preparing for our mission trip this summer. We are working with Center for Student Missions and will be staying in Oakland at the Bay Area Christian Connection. We will be serving children’s programs, homeless shelters and food banks, working 2 programs per day. We will be on our trip from June 20-25, please keep us in your prayers while we are on this journey.

We have been raising funds by flamingo-ing and we had a spaghetti dinner on June 9. It was a great event, we raised \$450. plus had a great time serving up a delicious dinner and enjoying the company of our congregation, friends and family. Thanks to everyone who helped with the dinner and came out to support us!

Latai Puna and Nicolas Hightower graduated from high school and we will honor them with a scholarship gift Sunday, June 13. Congratulations and best wishes in your future.

The fourth of July parade is on Sunday this year. The youth plan to set up our sno-cone machine and sell during the event. Help is needed—see Jeannie!

If you are in Junior or Senior High School please join our group Wednesday nights from 6 to 8 p.m. Contact Jeannie or access our website @ <http://www.mhumc.com> for a current schedule and list of events.

## **Goodnews Interview: Jenny Davis**

Interviewed by William Puna

**Where did you grow up?**  
San Diego.

**What do you like most about MHUMC and why?**  
The friendliness and the people of all ages.

**What is your favorite food?**  
Pizza.

**How long have you lived in Morgan Hill?**  
Four years.

**Which do you like better Easter or Christmas? Why?**  
Christmas because that's when family is sure to be over.

**If you could visit anywhere in the world where would it be? Why?**  
Anywhere that has mountains and lakes. That is one place where you can really appreciate God's creations.

**What is your occupation?**  
A retired teacher.

**What's the best part of your day?**  
All day.

## **Goodnews Interview: Bill Tindall**

Interviewed by Daniel Puna

**Where did you grow up?**  
Greenville, Mississippi

**What do you like most about MHUMC and why?**  
I like it because it is like a family and it is small.

**What is your favorite food?**  
BBQ Pulled Pork

**How long have you lived in Morgan Hill?**  
Since 1987.

**Which do you like better Easter or Christmas? Why?**  
I like both. I like Easter because it's a new beginning and I like Christmas because it's family.

**If you could visit anywhere in the world where would it be? Why?**  
Egypt, to see the pyramids.

**What is your occupation?**  
Interior Design

**What's the best part of your day?**  
The morning.

## **Census Bureau Registers Thanks**

To Morgan Hill UMC:  
On behalf of the U.S. Census Bureau, I want to express my sincere appreciation for allowing us to use Morgan Hill UMC for training Census workers. The San Jose Local Census Office, covering most of Santa Clara County, employed and trained more than 1,000 local residents for this phase of the 2010 Census operation.

In these trying times, I find it personally gratifying to be able to help so many find work. I'm sure that the folks at Morgan Hill UMC feel the same. Your organization is to be commended for helping our local residents.

Thank you so much,  
*Carolyn Hanna*  
*Assistant Manager of Field Operations*  
*US Census Bureau*

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

**June 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>**=Youth Group mission trip to Oakland and San Francisco.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>**=Pastor Jeff's last Sunday with us. To honor him, the Grembans are fixing a "Midwestern Feast" to be served to those staying for it after worship. They could use help with preparation, serving and money to defray costs. If you can help, call them at (408) 779-6712.

**July 4<sup>th</sup>**=Pastor Patrick's first Sunday with us.

**Worship will begin early (9:00AM) that day.**

We are hoping to attract people setting up for the parade. The service will feature patriotic music.

**June 14<sup>th</sup>-July 19<sup>th</sup>**=**During this period, the SJSU Reading program will be using our fellowship hall on Mondays (9-5), Wednesdays (4-9:30PM, and Fridays (8-5). Their last day will be July 19<sup>th</sup>.**

## Mary's Musings...

*(Interesting church marquee sayings collected by Mary Ringo.)*

1. "Forbidden Fruit Creates Many Jams."
2. "Ch.....ch: What's Missing? UR!"
3. "Since Christ died for us, how can we do less than live for Him?"
4. "To win in a relationship, don't keep score."
5. "Our salvation was costly to God, but it is free to us."

## Out of the mouths of babes...

*(Excerpts from religious papers written by young children.)*

1. "The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him."
2. "David was a Hebrew King who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times."
3. "Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines."
4. "When Mary heard she was the mother of Jesus, she sang the Magna Carta."
5. "When the three wise guys arrived from the East Side, they found Jesus in the manager."

## Kudos Korner...

Four people who have been quietly working around the church and grounds over the past few weeks are Ed Church, Tom Seitzler, Mary Ringo and Jan Masuda. If you see them, tell them thanks.

## Membership/Renewal Classes

Pastor Jeff will hold membership/renewal classes following worship on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Come and learn more about what it means to be a United Methodist.

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