

# Da Lay Speak!

January, 2012



All God's People in  
All Places,  
And in  
All Times,  
Are Called to Love  
And to Serve.

Ministry of the Laity

*"Behold, all things are  
become new."*

—2 Cor. 5:17

¡Bienvenidos a otro Año Nuevo! Welcome to another New Year!.....what's happenin'?.....roster updates....new training opportunities....a new District Newsletter!.....and whatever else.....

## DA ROSTER

Padre Pat will take a break to start the New Year. So...Mary is up next on New Year's Day, followed by Joyce and Colleen. See the roster for the updates. There are four more five-Sunday months coming next year, so depending on Padre Pat's plans for a day off at those times.....

## ON DA ROAD AGAIN

So far this month: Linda & Lenny at The Villas (retirement home); Joyce and Colleen at Kairos LLCC.

**Please let your editor know ahead of time when you go "On Da Road" so I can tell others. Gracias!**

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Conference Center (W. Sacramento)

**January 21, 0900-1600, "Tell Stories" led by Pastor David Griggs. \$25 registration includes course materials and lunch. Register contact is Cindy Buna ([cindyb@calnevumc.org](mailto:cindyb@calnevumc.org)) (We may be able to have this class taught in our area later on. I'm working on it—Diz).**

**Coming February 18: "Lead Worship"**

## SUGGESTIONS TO THOSE WHO READ IN PUBLIC

From "Lessons of the Church Year" by Frederick Houk Borsch (Part 9)

## OK. Now which Bible version to use (continued)?

**The New Jerusalem Bible (NJB)** is also a new version (1985) of an older translation, the Jerusalem Bible (JB) 1966. The JB was largely a translation from a French-language Bible. The NJB comes directly from the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek. With its extensive notes, the NJB is intended more as a study Bible than a Bible to be read publicly, but because the translators have a different touchstone than the English versions, many passages in the NJB have a remarkable freshness for English-language ears.

## ET CETERA

I've been in contact with the Lay Speaking Coordinator, Rev. Steve Pudinski, of our sister District, Great Northern (West). Rev. Steve has begun publishing a District Newsletter "Leadership through Education" which may become a monthly or quarterly set of news of training and other opportunities available to those in our Ministry. I am on his distribution list and will pass these on to you as I receive new editions. You'll find the premier edition attached above for your perusal. On page 3 at the top, please note an article titled "Help from Nevada", mentioning the need to find those of us being led to leadership and teaching roles in our end of the GN District (which I affectionately call "this side of the mountains"). I believe you will find this Newsletter interesting as well as informative. You'll also find some info on Online Courses, too!

## THE LORD'S LAUGHTER (FROM THE JOYFUL NOISELETTER)

### Words to start the New Year:

"With hurricanes, tornadoes, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to the other, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?" – Jay Leno

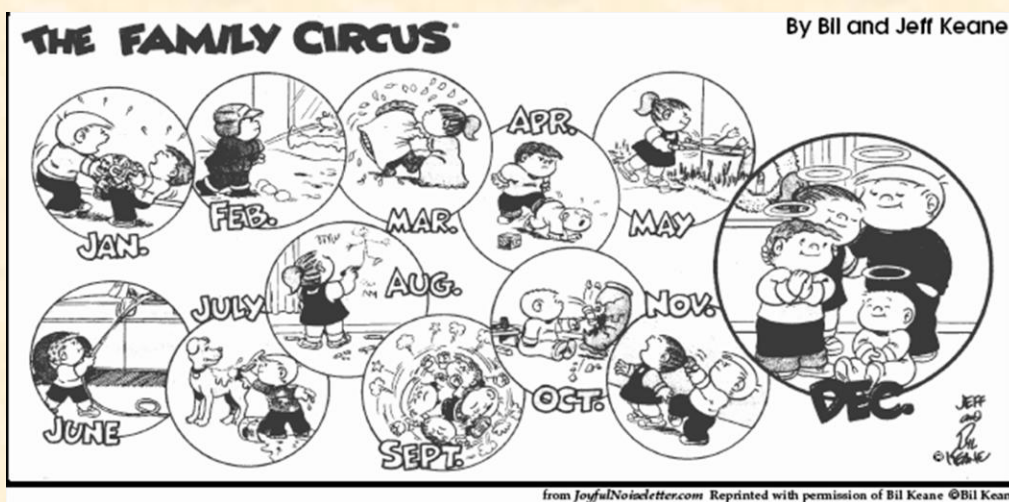
**"I wish for those I love this New Year an opportunity to bring into the lives of those about them some measure of joy, to know the satisfaction of work well done, and to end the year a little wiser, a little kinder, and therefore a little happier."**

–Eleanor Roosevelt

"Why is a car's windshield so large and the rearview mirror so small? Because our *past* is not as important as our *future*. So look ahead and move on." – Peter Dring, Land O Lakes, WI

**"Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax. It's just a bend, not the end." – Author unknown**

"The wise person has learned that today's roses are far more fragrant than yesterday's faded laurels." – William Arthur Ward



See ya Sunday! Diz