

# Da Lay Speak!

November, 2010



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



Ministry of the Laity

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks."*  
—1 Thess. 5:16-18

In case you haven't noticed....only 54 more shopping days until Christmas! We've got some Roster changes....we've got some training updates....we've got....whatever else.....

## DA ROSTER

Mega kudos to Colleen and Mary for leading Laity Sunday (10/24) and Halloween Sunday (10/31) respectively last month, while Padre Pat took a Sunday off and another to work the Kairos weekend at LLCC. Next up is Jerz, followed by Bill. Also "high fives and fist bumps" for Joyce for graduating to Advance Lay Speaker (formerly known as Certified LS) at last month's All Church Conference. Now we six "finest" are all at the same ranking. Way to go, Joyceeee!

## ON DA ROAD

November 21: Mary in Lovelock @ Grace/St. Francis

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

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

## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Delta District (Sacramento Area):

**"Basic Courses"** November 6 & November 13, UMC Conference Center, 1276 Halyard Drive, W. Sacramento, CA, 9-4. Cost \$25. Must attend both days.

Pre-Registration is required for all classes. Some classes require homework prep before attending. Contact Delta District, Attention Cindy Buna, [districtcenter@calnevumc.org](mailto:districtcenter@calnevumc.org). Cost includes materials, books, refreshments and lunch.

**Have you completed at least one class within the past 3-years to retain your certification?**

## BIBLE READING INTROS (CONTINUED)

From "Lessons of the Church Year" by Frederick Houk Borsch

This book was written in the conviction that many individuals want to pay closer attention to readings from the Bible. I (author) also believe that they are quite capable of reflective listening if they are given only a little assistance.

One way of employing the introductions would be to place them in the Sunday bulletins. They can include the opening sentence could be used by itself, or by including the longer statements, as some churches have been doing. Those who read the scriptures aloud might preface the lessons with an opening sentence or more series of words that give a broader overview of the lesson. Bear in mind that longer introductions might likely provide too much verbalization for most congregation settings. Readers may wish to use introductions as guides for prefaces of their own composing, oriented to the needs of a particular congregation. (Continued)

### BY THE WAY (BTW)

Please keep up the practice of reviewing the sign up sheets for Reader, Communion Servers, etc., periodically, and try to fill in as your times permit. We can serve as an excellent example to others in the congregation to follow our lead and keep those blank spaces filled in.

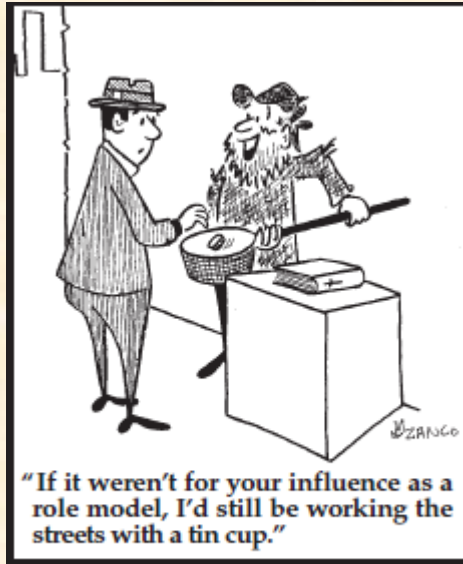
### THE LORD'S LAUGHTER (FROM THE JOYFUL NOISELETTER)

From our "God's kids say the funniest things" department....

Tina, a middle-school teacher, tried to explain Thanksgiving to her four-year-old nephew, who thought it was a boring holiday with no presents or treats. She patiently explained that it was a time for appreciating all we have: a loving family, health, good food, etc.

A bedtime on Thanksgiving evening, Tina overheard the boy saying this prayer: "Dear God: I am thankful for my Mommy and Daddy and my sister—even though she breaks my toys—and my food and my warm house and my toys. I am thankful for my Aunt Tina, but could you tell her that she talks too much! I am only four!"

The First United Methodist Church of Gilford, NH, has a children's storytime shortly before the children leave for Sunday School. One Sunday after Easter, Rev. Victoria Wood Parrish told the children that after Jesus was resurrected, he saw his disciples fishing from the beach, helped them catch a net full of fish, and then shared a breakfast that Jesus had prepared for him. When the pastor asked the children what they thought the disciples ate for breakfast, the youngest child answered: "Sushi!"



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See ya Sunday!  
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