

# Da Lay Speak!

## September, 2010



Looks like summer (per the calendar) is winding down.....some are back to school.....and the rest of us.....who knows? Que paso?

### ***Da ROSTER***

Yours truly was happy to be able to sub for Pastor Pat last month, while our Padre and Padrette took a well-deserved 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday off. Only happy to do it, and I hope my "Sisters" message went over well. So far, I haven't received any one-way bus tickets out of town. So far! Mary is scheduled next on Halloween; Colleen right behind. Updated Roster attached.

### ***On Da Road***

September 5: Mary in Lovelock @ Grace/St. Francis  
September 19: Linda & Lenny at The Villas (retirement home)  
Also this month: Joyce & Colleen, Kairos at NNCC/LLCC

**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):

**"Ministry of Caring"** Saturday, September 25, UMC Conference Center, 1276 Halyard Drive, W. Sacramento, CA, 9-4. Cost \$25. Registration deadline is 9/20/10. (Good class and worth the trip!—Diz)

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

Nevada-Sierra District (that's ours):

**Nothin' doin' as yet.**

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

## ***Segue From Storytelling***

This month, I'm going to try to start a series concerning the use of introductions to Scripture Reading. I personally like using them whenever I Read, and I have a ton of resource materials to share with anyone who wants to try to preface their Readings with the "story behind the story". I'll be quoting selected parts from a book entitled "Lessons of the Church Year" by Frederick Houk Borsch. Let's begin:

**Many who attend church do not hear the Bible as it is read to them. Even the casual observer on a Sunday morning notices the wandering eyes and blank expressions. From the pulpit there may pour down hot words of judgment, followed by the comic twists of one of Jesus' parables. Empty faces betray nary a flicker of emotion. (One is, of course, entitled to ask this (author) how well he or she themselves are listening while making these notations. I remind myself of the man who accused the pastor of gazing about the church during general confession.**

There are no magic formulas which will change this situation. Although we will soon make a strong argument for the liturgical reading of the scriptures, people cannot be forced to listen carefully to the stories and prophecies which are in several ways foreign to their experience. Thoughtful hearing of the Bible requires study and reflection, along with personal readiness to involve the will and imagination. Brief introductions will not make up for a lack of imagination, discussion and interpretive preaching. (Continued).

## ***By The Way (BTW)***

**If you haven't already contacted me to give me your cell phone number (and you wish to do so), please let me hear from you ASAP. My goal is to try to contact each of you who want to be contacted for "short notice" situations as soon as possible and get a pulpit filled pronto for that Sunday.**

Another reminder for us who fill in as a Reader, please be sure you notify Mike Clymer beforehand on what Bible version you plan on using, so he or Scotty can prepare the proper version on the AV show. Open the Roster attachment for Mike's phone # and E-mail address.

## ***The Lord's Laughter (from the Joyful Noiseletter)***

Signs posted outside various churches here and there:

"Honk if you love Jesus—Text while driving if you'd like to meet Him!"

"In labors of love, everyday is pay day."

"Are you wrinkled with burdens? Come on into the church for a faithlift."

"1000's of years ago cats were worshipped as gods. Cats will never forget."

"Open wide the doors to Christ." (Directly below, taped to the door, a smaller sign was posted).

"Please help us conserve energy. Use other doors."



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See ya Sunday! Diz