



Prayers for **Alice Rodriguez, Judy Barker, Del Brown, Jayne Saffarian, Phoebe Fulmer, Ella Sponseller, Louis Perry, Howard Kerr, and Kim Ford.**

Phoebe Fulmer's address was incorrect in last week's Carillon. Cards can be sent to Phoebe at her home.

Prayers for **Ann Whitman**, whose sister Barbara is fighting cancer.

Prayers for a smooth transition to all students starting a new academic year.

Jayne Saffarian would like to thank everyone for their care and cards.

Prayers for **Jim Weller** as he relocates to Santa Cruz.

Congratulations to **Jenny Veninga** and **John Roedel** on their marriage. Their wedding took place on **Friday, August 21** in Hayward, Wisconsin. **Pat de Jong** officiated.



Lost and Found

Did you leave anything behind at the mid-summer party at the Keen Farm earlier this month (such as sunglasses or a hat)? If so, check for them in the office.

Pat Continues Sabbatical

After a couple of weeks in town, **Senior Minister Pat de Jong** will continue her sabbatical, returning on **Sunday, September 13.**

THE CARILLON

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The View from Here

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Soon you'll be hearing a lot about a new kind of capital campaign at FCCB — a “human capital” campaign called *A Call to Connection*.

The goal is not to raise money, but rather to elevate our spirits and magnify God's presence in the world by strengthening our connections with each other, with the wider community, and with God.

I'm very excited about the opportunities for involvement that *A Call to Connection* will offer — not because of my role as FCCB moderator and member of the campaign steering committee, but because I really need to heed the call! You see, I'm not a natural “connector.” I was raised in the Japanese-American tradition of stoic self-reliance, eschewing dependence on others. Even when I adopted Christianity in early adulthood, I resisted attending church; I thought I ought to be able to understand and maintain a relationship with God on my own. I couldn't see much value in connecting with a faith community.

In more recent years, thanks to the teachings and practices of the FCCB community, I've come to realize that interdependence is an essential aspect of the divine — that we achieve spiritual fulfillment by sharing our faith with others through word and deed. God means for us to be in community with each other. Jesus promises that the spirit of God will flow into all those who come together seeking God: “Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst.” (Matthew 18:20)

I've experienced the transformative power of connecting with others in worship, in service projects, even in committees! But I know I'm far from being fully connected — connected with others to the point that understanding becomes empathy and unity of spirit is achieved. So, when it's time to answer the Call to Connection, I'll be counting on the beloved community at FCCB to lend me a helping hand. I hope you will join in the campaign and help us all to become more connected!

New Photo Directory

FCCB will be producing a new pictorial directory. Please plan to have your picture taken. More information will be given to you in the next few weeks. The photography dates are **October 27–31, 2009.**