



Merry Christmas 2014!

We got a call from Matt on August 25th! He and Cassie were at the Mary Blair exhibit at the Walt Disney Family Museum in San Francisco. He had just asked her to marry him and she said yes. The wedding date is set for May 10, 2015. Matt is now working at Nickelodeon Animation Studios in Burbank on the Nick Jr. show Wallykazam! Cassie has left her illustrator job at Disney California Adventure and is an assistant producer for a new animation studio in Burbank that is developing a show for Nick Jr.

Dale is transitioning to retirement by accompanying Sharon around the country in support of her ministry and on vacations. He has been appointed to the Board of Trustees of University UMC Irvine, where he has worked on expanding the wireless network on campus, mounting a projector from the ceiling in the fellowship hall, and identifying and fixing interference with the projector in the sanctuary. He produced and engineered a CD of piano music by Cindy Hanson. He sang at one of Bob Morley's Barn concerts during the summer. He and Sharon are still singing with the UUMC choir.

Sharon is busier than ever with DisAbility Ministries at both the local and the denominational level! From workshops at conferences to a webinar to writing, she continues to be called to new experiences. This work has taken us to Louisville, Chicago, Dayton, and Portland, Oregon this year. Annual Conference was also a highlight. The Task Force she leads made a well-received, unprecedented hour long presentation. A six-person panel representing people with physical disabilities, autism and mental health challenges spoke of what it means to them to be part of a church family. The video of this presentation is available on-line at www.calpacumc.org/disability and at <http://vimeo.com/110222821> .

In September we traveled on a mission trip to Crisfield, Maryland to help rebuild almost two years after Superstorm Sandy. Crisfield is a very beautiful area but its tourist industry is still adversely impacted by the economic downturn. It is well worth a visit if you like being near or on the water! After we finished our work, we quickly toured Baltimore, enjoying spirit-filled worship at Christ Church for the Deaf! Then we spent several days in Washington, DC, which we enjoyed very much! We will be returning in January, when Sharon will be participating in church business and Dale will visit museums we missed the last time!

This Advent season we were honored to be asked to light the Advent Candle for the Sunday of peace. We have always wanted to do this, but somehow this is the first time we did! Dale's solo during the Christmas concert was another special moment. He sang "A Hallelujah Christmas," with Cloverton's Christmas lyrics to Leonard Cohen's famous "Hallelujah." A touching moment for many of us!

May all your hopes be fulfilled and may you know the love of Christ!

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