



Nicaragua: Saturday, July 27, 7 teenagers and 2 adults from the Mendocino Coast will depart for Nicaragua to work with Seeds of Learning. They will return on August 7th. Eight of these delegates are members of this church and/or its youth group. Along with another 14 delegates from Sonoma County and the East Coast, this team will be building a school room in an educationally underserved

area near the city of Tipitapa. Our church has long supported Seeds of Learning, which was co-founded by one of our members, Patrick Rickon. This group's trip is funded in part by the Mission Committee of this church and by many generous donations from individuals. Thank you for your support! Your prayers for safety and a rich experience are appreciated. The delegation members are: Tavi Hillesland, Libby Claybrook, Justin Daniel, Dylan Folley, Everett Taylor, Jordan Brown, Anabelle Carpenter, Bart Carpenter, and Morgan Daniel. For more information about Seeds of Learning, visit

www.seedsoflearning.org.

Haiti: Also, please continue to be in prayer for John Turnbull as he ministers and works in Haiti.

❖ You are invited by the children of Wendell & Sammie Rickon to join in the celebration of 55 years of friendship & 50 years of marriage on Sunday, July 28th, 4-7 pm, Preston Hall.

❖ **Software, Hardware, nowhere does it have you baffled?** Need to understand something regarding an app? Your operating system? Where's my file? Come, bring your laptop or ipad and ask questions after church on Sunday July 28th in the choir room 11:30-1pm. If possible, **send email to nandres@mcn.org with area of concern or interest prior**. Bring a bag lunch if you want. *NormaLee A*

❖ **Calling all Christian men!** Mendocino Coast Christian Men's Fellowship meets each month at various churches in Mendocino, Fort Bragg and Comptche. The breakfast **Saturday, August 3rd**, is hosted by the men of First Presbyterian Church, 367 South Sanderson Way in Fort Bragg. Guest Speaker **Pastor Charley Elgin**, Director of Children's Hope Orphanage in Jacmel Haiti. You are invited for a time of fellowship, good food and music before hearing Charley's interesting testimony. Breakfast starts promptly at 7:30 a.m. For more info, call John Turnbull 937-3406.

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- ❖ The Deacons' Outreach program is still in need of plastic and paper bags with handles. Some have been donated, which are a big help, but more are needed. If you have bags to **recycle**, please drop them off at the office or give them to one of the deacons.
- ❖ The choir will be on vacation for four Sundays, returning August 18th.

MPC Christian Spirituality Study Begins New Book

Our new reading is The God Who Speaks – Learning the Language of God by Dr. Ben Campbell Johnson, Professor Emeritus of Christian Spirituality at Columbia Theological Seminary outside Atlanta, Georgia. Ben is the founder of the Spiritual Formation Certificate Program at Columbia, Pittsburgh and Austin Theological Seminaries.

How often have you thought or heard others say “Is God Speaking to Me?” Did you know that God communicates with us in different ways?

In exploring these different modes of “GodSpeech”, Johnson will guide us into the practices of “intentional listening”, a way of posing issues to God and discerning His response.

Johnson explores the biblical foundations of divine communications and then gleans important lessons about God's language to us from a wide range of Christian leaders through history.

At a time when many Christians hunger for a more personal, meaningful connection with God, Johnson tells us how to discern divine language and forge a closer, richer relationship with “the God Who Speaks”.

The Christian Spirituality Study meets every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in the Library of Preston Hall across from the Sanctuary.

Copies of The God Who Speaks – Learning the Language of God are available from Rob Scott, study leader. For further information call Rob at 964-7433.

See you at the Garden Door to the Library.

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