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**Rev. Amelia Fulbright, Transitional Pastor**

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*While Pastor Amelia is on leave, she shares this recent article from Religion News Service as part of our church's commitment to reproductive justice.*

## **As states ban abortion, a new spotlight on an old battle over sex education**

Half of the states set to ban abortion have no mandate that schools teach sex education. Only four require curricula to address contraception



A demonstrator holds a sign during an abortion-rights protest in Denton, Texas, June 28, 2022, following the U.S. Supreme Court overturning the landmark abortion case *Roe v. Wade*. July 14, 2022

By *Riley Farrell*

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In front of a room of middle schoolers, a youth minister in rural North Carolina scribbles “hand-holding” and “kissing” on the bottom of a whiteboard. He then writes “intercourse” on the top of the board. Between the gap, he draws a thick line, indicating that sex before marriage — anything more than kissing, actually — crosses a literal line of purity.

It’s a scene the Rev. **Amelia Fulbright**, now the transitional pastor of the Congregational Church of Austin, recalls from her childhood, when she attended a ministry-led sex-ed course. Her sex education in public school was not much better, said **Fulbright**. She remembers the graphic photos of late-stage sexually transmitted infections but does not recall any mention of contraception. These dual initial exposures to sex, **Fulbright** said, shamed and stunted her well into adulthood.

“I had this giant fear of, if I got pregnant, what the consequences of that would be not just for my future, but for the stigma that would carry in the communities I grew up in,” said **Fulbright**.

After the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June, and with it, the constitutional right to abortion, [26 states](#) have or are likely to ban most abortions. Half of those states have no mandate that schools teach sex education, including **Fulbright’s** home state of [Texas](#). Only four of the 26 require curricula to cover

the topic of contraception. And in many of these Bible Belt states, the sex education that is available is centered on not having sex.

As abortion bans fall into place around the country, there is likely to be a renewed focus on teen pregnancies and, with it, fresh battle lines drawn in a decades-old debate over how best to teach young people about sex: an abstinence-only approach or what is often called “comprehensive sex ed.”

For her part, **Fulbright** is an advocate for comprehensive sex education, which covers a range of issues relating to the physical, biological, emotional and social aspects of sexuality, including gender identity, various sexual orientations and contraceptives.

“I don’t think it’s possible to make a sound biblical case against abortion or comprehensive sex ed,” said **Fulbright**. “Bodily autonomy, personal conscience and dignity are a big part of my Christian faith.”

She quickly ties abstinence-focused sex ed to religion for a reason.

Many states have opted against comprehensive sex education due, at least in part, to the successful efforts of some [religious lobbyists](#), who advocated for an abstinence-is-best approach to sex ed, encouraging students to avoid sex before marriage and forgoing education on contraception, consent and the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases. This grassroots concentration on sexual morality by many Christian groups wove [abstinence education snugly into the anti-abortion movement](#).



The Rev. Amelia Fulbright. Congregational Church of Austin

And, encouraged by the [Moral Majority’s reaction to the HIV/AIDS crisis](#), then-President **Ronald Reagan** in 1981 administered hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant funds to abstinence-only sex education programs, via the Adolescent Family Life Act. He did so in opposition to his own surgeon general, **C. Everett Koop**, an anti-abortion Christian, who spoke out against the efficacy of abstinence-only education and implored [schools](#) to teach comprehensive sex education.

In the ensuing years, abstinence-only sex education programs have continued receiving government support — between 1982 and 2017, Congress spent more than [\\$2 billion](#) on abstinence education. From 2000 to 2009 alone, faith-based, pro-abstinence sex education programs received approximately \$200 million annually through the Title V program, the Adolescent Family Life Act and the Community-Based Abstinence Education program.

Advocates argue that education that emphasizes abstinence acknowledges the emotional and relational risks of sex more successfully than comprehensive sex education. **Lori Kuykendall**, CEO of Beacon Health Education Resources in the North Texas suburb of Irving, said she believes abstinence-focused education, sometimes called “optimal health” or “risk-avoidance” curriculum, has a positive, holistic effect on students.

“Abortion is a decision after several other decisions have been made,” said **Kuykendall**, who began her career in the early 1990s at Texas A&M University, conducting mentoring programs for the dormitories within “the emerging field of abstinence education.” **Kuykendall** said she chose to save sex until marriage as a personal commitment for religious and health-related reasons.

[Abstinence education](#), she argues, helps young people make choices far ahead of those they would face with an unintended pregnancy.

“We’re farther upstream in a more proactive approach to help young people not get to that point.”



Brittany Broadduss-Smith. Photo via YouTube

**Brittany Broadduss-Smith**, a Christian sexologist and social worker in Philadelphia, said abstinence-only education doesn't reduce sexual activity at all — it just makes sexual activity riskier. Minors who receive abstinence-only education, she noted, often associate [shame with sex](#) and avoid going to adults to get [birth control](#).

The intersection of noncomprehensive sex education and abortion bans will increase unsafe abortions, said **Broadduss-Smith**. [Students of color](#) who live in this intersection will be disproportionately hurt, she said, based on [existing social determinants of health care](#).

“White evangelicals in power have infused their beliefs into the education system, the public welfare system and our laws,” said **Broadduss-Smith**. “But Jesus would have been the primary social advocate.” **Fulbright** has been advocating for reproductive justice since 2013. Before that she was involved with the Texas Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy. The link between her two past jobs is clear to **Fulbright** — and, she notes, there is research to back her up.

Comprehensive sex education correlates with [lower rates of STDs](#) and [unintended teen pregnancies](#), according to [three decades](#) of research. Comprehensive sex education has also proved to delay [sexual initiation](#) among students and [decreases sexual violence](#), researchers have found.

States with abstinence-emphasized education have the highest rates of teen pregnancies, according to 2011 [research](#) from the Public Library of Science. And, of the [10 states with the highest teen pregnancy rates](#), nine will effectively ban abortion post-Roe.

If lawmakers were truly concerned about lowering abortion rates, they would enact comprehensive sex education, **Fulbright** said.

“It’s not about protecting babies or children,” she said. “It’s about power.”

## September Visitor Deadline August 26, 2022

### Church Leadership

Trustee's Chair	Kevin Dietz
Deacon's Chair	Jen Howicz
Outreach Coordinator	Whit Bodman
Moderator	Joy Penticuff
Treasurer	Pam Tucker
Financial Secretary	Jaime Hadley
Children's Sunday School	Kay Pruett
Youth Sunday School	Jen Howicz
Clerk	Reuel Nash
Historians	Pat & Mel Oakes
Member-at-Large	Bill Beardall
Pastor	Amelia Fulbright
Dir. of Online Ministries	Pending

**Personals**  
by Pat Oakes

**F**ay Dierksen reports, "The Dierksen's are doing very well. We enjoyed the 4th of July weekend by watching a wonderful parade on the 3rd and hanging out at the Fair Haven Beach State Park. **Andy's** mom **Tracy** is visiting us right now and my parents **Jim & Cameon Wefso** arrive tomorrow. **Deek** is keep us very busy and **Astrid** keeps melting our hearts. She just turned 3 months old. We are all enjoying getting to know our new city and working on our house."



7/14/22 Astrid Blair Dierksen is 3 months old!!



7/22 Faye and Andy Dierksen with their growing family--Astrid and Deek--in Oswego, NY



7/22 Dad Andy Dierksen holding on to Astrid while big brother Deek gives her a big hug

Our church violinist **Amy Harris** and **Alex Caplis-Tuttle** (also a violinist and who was singing in our church choir pre-pandemic) are starting a new music school called Aurora Music Studios. This is thanks to the generosity of **Paul Castle**, son of the late **Florence Castle** (pianist at the church for several decades), who kindly donated **Florence's** piano to their new endeavor. **Amy** continues, "The piano was built in 1930, and **Florence's** parents bought it for her in 1933 because she was becoming such a good pianist! She was the only owner of this beautiful 6-foot Mason and Hamlin Model AA grand piano. It is now in our new studio space on Cuernavaca Street in the Westlake area where **Hannah Mindeman Shuman** is the piano teacher. We will be having a piano recital sometime this fall that I would like to live stream, to share our good fortune with everyone who would like to watch!" In addition, the Congregational Church of Austin was host to the Texas Strings Camp for a 2 1/2 week run from June 9 to June 26. The coordinator of the camp was **Pasha Sabouri** and **Amy Harris** was the assistant director. The camp featured two levels - the upper level, or Rising Stars division, featured incredible teachers from Indiana University, Peabody,

## Personals (cont)

by Pat Oakes

as well as touring concert artists. The students stayed in a dorm a block away and took lessons and chamber music coaching's in all the nooks and crannies of the church building, from the sanctuary to the 3rd floor. The lower level, or Young Artist division, gathered kids from age 6 to 15 from the Austin area for the final week of the camp. They had 32 kids squeezed into the fellowship hall for orchestra rehearsals, and had local teachers guiding these young campers to new levels of playing. It was really fun! **Amy** can't wait for next year. **Amy** says, "Thanks to the church for giving us use of the building, looking into all the AC units at the beginning when things started getting a little steamy, and cleaning up all the mold before we arrived so we had a safe and lovely environment for all the kids to learn such great things about string playing!"



5/20/16 Florence Castle's 100th birthday party--she played her Mason and Hamlin grand piano while folks sang happy birthday--Sara and Dave Ross, her nephew Wayne Caskey, and Nodie Murphy

Our hearts go out to **Frances Holliday Alford** and her extended family upon the loss of her sister **Harriet Holliday Stafford** who died after an extended illness. A memorial service was held at the Congregational Church of Austin on June 20. Many of us have met **Frances's** nephew **Peter Stafford** and his wife **Jessica Attie** and their two daughters who live here in Austin. **Harriet's** last days were spent in hospice care with **Peter** and **Jessica** and their girls at their home. In the midst of all of the sadness there is a bright spot. **Frances** and her partner **Mark Hansel** are in the process of moving into their newly redone condo at Cambridge Towers at Lavaca and MLK.

**Liz Nash** writes. "We are very happy that the driveway to our forthcoming house here - about a quarter mile long and through the woods - is now built. Exciting to see the progress. All of our girls have been here together. **Ellie** and kids for 2 weeks. All of us except **Reuel** went last Sunday to the little Mt. Washington, Mass Church of Christ (a very Congregational UCC church dating to the 1700s, despite the name), our local church that meets only for 8 weeks in the summer. About half the people there are my Garrett relatives or relatives by marriage. (We are the largest extended family here). So **Ellie** introduced 6 month old **James (Rodgers)** as the newest **Garrett**. At that point, the pastor took **James** in his arms and offered a beautiful and moving blessing for him, as he did with **Vivi** when she came as a baby. Lots of joy in that. I drove **Ellie** and family, including her mother-in-law, to the border on July 7 to meet her father-in-law to take them back to Montreal - an all day endeavor. We did get together with **Sarah Bentley** on our way up, as we stayed in Allentown, PA overnight. **Sarah** came over for breakfast from her new home at Moravian Village in Bethlehem. We had a really nice visit. She is generally pleased with her move, although some days are bumpy with all the things to do and adjustments - as most of us know about when we make a big move like that. She is working on getting connected in the wider community in Bethlehem. I think folks there will find how fortunate they are to have her with them. And we are so grateful to be out of the heat!"



6/5/22 The Nashes stopped enroute to the Berkshires to have a short visit with Sarah Bentley who recently moved to Bethlehem, PA

## Personals (cont) by Pat Oakes



7/22 Vivi Rodgers, granddaughter of Liz and Reuel Nash, shows her artistic prowess while visiting in the Berkshires



7/22 Gorgeous sunset over the Berkshires from the porch of the Nashes' place

**Stephanie Phillips**, daughter of the late **Bill Phillips** and his widow **Betty**, along with a fellow candidate for the Texas legislature, **Claire Barnett**, last November launched an impressive effort to help educate and encourage Democratic and progressive candidates to run for elected office. Blue Horizon Texas (BHT) has the goal of enabling ordinary people to more effectively run for office in the most Republican areas of Texas. **Stephanie** and **Claire** both ran in adjacent districts for the Texas legislature in 2018 and 2020 and learned that there was a lot

they didn't know about running for office in non-partisan races like school boards or in districts where in the past there were only Republican candidates on the ballot. Stephanie notes that Democratic messaging does not matter in Texas if there is no messenger. They have invited all Democratic/progressive candidates, who have filed with the Secretary of State to be on ballots at the upcoming state and local levels, to use their Web site. Candidates do not pay for the services outlined in BHT. Take a few minutes to check out their site and perhaps consider supporting their efforts. <https://www.bluehorizontexas.org/what-we-do>. Stephanie recently attended the Democratic convention held in Dallas and she is 1 of 34 members of the nominating committee. Please keep Stephanie's partner of 30 years, Kathy Weiner in your prayers as her cancer has returned and metastasized in her liver.

**Don Miles** and members of his family visited Mexico the last week in May, and donated a copy of his book (CINCO de MAYO What's Everybody Celebrating?) to the museum at Fort Loreto, one of the two forts in Puebla where the Cinco de Mayo battle was fought. His son **Richard** and daughter-in-law **Phoebe** accompanied him on the trip, visiting Tlacotalpan and Orizaba as well as Puebla. They also hosted **Don** for a week during June in Washington, DC, where he signed copies of the book at the annual convention of the American Library Association.



5/27/22 Author Don Miles at Ft. Loreto in Mexico

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**Stephen Russell** went to Rome to meet up with the folks involved with the UT summer course that exposes undergraduate students to Italian Approaches to Child Development -- they visit and learn about the **Reggio Emilia** and Montessori philosophies and approaches. **Stephen's** husband **Scott Neeley** opted to stay home as he wasn't keen on Covid travel! **Stephen** stayed for a week to work with **Salvatore Ioverno** (who attended our church for more than a year while studying here at UT), who has started a new faculty position at Roma Tre University, after finishing a postdoctoral fellowship at Ghent University. **Stephen** was in Rome for ten days—and then at a conference in Greece for a week (poor **Stephen**). Note the photo of **Stephen** with friends and colleagues **Hallie** and **Salvatore** at a gay pride parade at the Forum in Rome. **Stephen** notes that it was an amazing event since it was the first time in 3 years that there had been a gay pride parade there because of Covid!



6/11/22 Stephen Russell, Hally Speranza, and Salvatore Ioverno at the amazing gay pride parade at the Roman Forum

**Sarah D.** shares, "Most of you know our family moved to Killeen mid-March. My son **Rikki** and his wife **Debbi** kept their jobs: **Rikki** in mid-Austin and **Debbi** in Pflugerville. **Celenna** was in the fourth grade, now fifth. I know I will be doing ministry in Killeen in a matter of time. It will be a while though as I am establishing my "tent ministry" through massage and healing work. A massage client invited me to a prayer breakfast where over 600 people were present There was a noticeable amount of worship of our governor in addition to lots of

prayers, piety, and a good speaker. I made fabulous military and civilian contacts there for future ministry. I also attended our conferences annual meeting where our newly beloved conference minister was installed. It was a treat to see CCA members and fellow/sister clergy that I share with each Wednesday in the clergy zoom with our conference minister and the once a month zoom with our association pastor. A few months ago, I got the training to be a SACReD presenter-- (Reproductive and sexual and family justice issues with an examination of the history of "pro and anti choice" and human rights.) Personally, I hate seeing how evangelical Christianity has been exploited by political maneuvering post segregation, but that is a sermon in itself. Pastor **Amelia** suggested she and I present this class together-- probably online in the (near?) future. I would be thrilled. I started working at Hand and Stone Massage and Spa in Georgetown at the end of March. I can handle four massages in a room, then I'm pretty exhausted. It's like being in the gym for four hours! I have also lost weight. I stay active with our church by attending online. Each Sunday at 11:30 I start driving from Killeen to go to work in Georgetown. I keep listening to worship and then pull over when I have a chance to speak up during prayer time. I miss not being in church. Though I presently work for someone else, I dream of having my own clients here in Killeen, too. I am getting additional training in August to do lymph drainage and Craniosacral therapy as my massage specialties. These healing modalities will be easier on my hands and back. **Rikki** had a temporary set back on his kidney transplant over a month ago where his blood sugars were super high (over 900) and other body chemistry was out of whack. He recovered pretty well. He has also taken a second part time job as a cook for Red Robin restaurant here in Killeen. I told him this concerned me for his health. He reminded me that since he was 18 he has always worked a job and a half except for 17 months and he rattled off exactly when those months were! He is in his early forties now. After eight weeks of poor and no air conditioning, the landlord put in a four-ton a/c unit to replace the inadequate two-ton unit. The 107 degree temperature was too much for it. **Debbi** said she had a new appreciation for people in poverty and third world

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countries. She said she is amazed what they must live through dealing with high heat and no air conditioning.

**Pat Oakes** had a wonderful phone call from her sister **Nancy** who lives in Cortland, NY, about two weeks before her birthday. She inquired if it would be OK to hand-deliver **Pat's** birthday card. After a stunned silence of several seconds, Pat enthusiastically agreed. Nancy came and stayed for a week. Mostly they stayed home (inside out of the heat) and worked on family history, going through old slides and albums, and putting things in order. **Nancy**, a retired school librarian, put her extensive organizational skills to very good use.

**Carolyn Thompson** flew to Albuquerque, NM, for a week to visit her sister, **Sarah Gail**, who is there escaping the humidity of the Texas coast. She says it was great to enjoy sitting outdoors on the patio in the early morning and evening! It was a relaxed, low-key vacation without a lot of sightseeing. They did go to Old Town in Albuquerque and drove up to Santa Fe one day to wander around the square. It is always a joy to discover an amazing art gallery in the midst of all the souvenir shops! If you have much experience with vacation rentals by owners you may know there can be odd surprises. This place where her sister is staying had been newly renovated. There were top of the line appliances and a Jacuzzi tub, but only four place settings of silverware and no dining table or chairs. It prided itself on providing modern laundry facilities...right in the living room so they did not have to "pause" the movie while they moved clothes to the dryer! A nearby neighborhood showcased many beautifully designed xeriscape yards. The owners use stones in various sizes and colors along with drought resistant plants to create pleasing patterns. It does not rain often but when it does it may be heavy. **Carolyn** found it interesting to see how some people formed an artificial stream bed of larger stones to channel the occasional water from the downspout across the yard to the curb so it would not wash out the smaller gravel ground covering. **Russian sage**, a perennial, appears to be one of the most popular plants. Its gray-green leaves and lavender blossoms are lovely against the tan "adobe" plastered buildings and garden walls. One evening they enjoyed a lovely dinner on the terrace of a hotel just out of town where

they had a gorgeous view of the mountains. During their leisurely meal they watched as the setting sun first lit up the top of the range and then moved down the side. They thought it was gone but then saw it light up all the bright green trees down at the base of the range.



7/10/22 Interesting decor in the airbnb which Carolyn Thompson's sister is renting in Albuquerque



7/7/22 A beautiful xeriscape yard in Albuquerque

**Joy Penticuff** writes of her first "misadventure" on Dante. "Dante, (**Joy's** new horse after her old horse, Armani, retired) arrived in Austin from his former home in Kansas on June 6th, 2022. **Joy's** husband **Michael** calls Dante "Inferno" because the horse reminds him of a giant fire fueled by stacks of one hundred dollar bills. On to my first misadventure: If you ride a horse frequently, there always comes a time when you fall off. . You don't want that to happen, but you must

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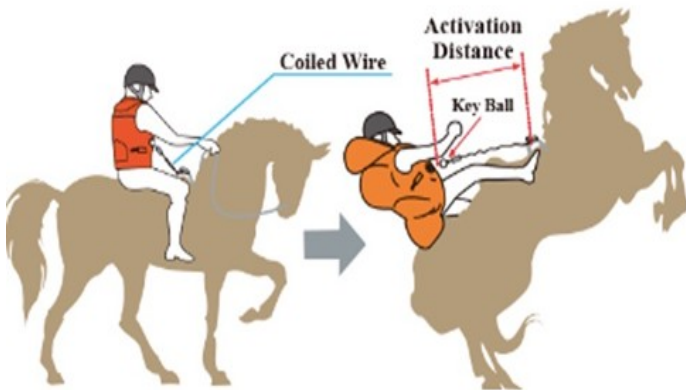
always have that possibility in mind I'm an older person (some might say a bodacious broad), so I want to do everything possible (not including giving up riding and jumping my horse) to stay unharmed in case of a fall. So I've purchased a safety airbag vest and I always wear it when on the horse. Note first picture in this section. As soon as the rider is thrown from the horse, the airbag inflates and protects rider's neck, back, chest, sides and hips. A few Saturdays ago during my riding lesson, Dante shied at a noise and I was thrown backward, but not thrown off. Unfortunately, though, the short "activation distance" of the lanyard from the vest to its attachment to my saddle caused the vest to deploy, causing a sound like a pistol shot, as the vest's CO2 cartridge inflates the vest in a split second. This was an even scarier sound than the one that caused Dante's first startle. His reaction was to leap into the air and buck vigorously, which resulted in my falling. Of course the air vest was already inflated so I wasn't injured. People who witnessed the event said that I somersaulted over Dante's head, fell hard on my back, and BOUNCED. Thank goodness for the vest! So we've had our initiating misadventure—a little sooner in our bonding relationship than I would have wished—but nothing was broken. I'm now putting earplugs in Dante's ears to lessen the scariness of unfamiliar noises. I've also lengthened the lanyard so the next time the vest deploys I'll actually be falling off!"



7/22 Dante and Joy getting acquainted upon his arrival in Texas



7/22 Indomitable Joy leading Dante



7/16/22 Diagram showing how our moderator  
Joy's safety gear works

## History Corner by Pat & Mel Oakes

In years past, we often referred to a group of folks in the church as “the Congregational Construction Company.” Three major efforts were undertaken to stabilize the courtyard in 1976, 1987, and 2007. The CCC did all of the work on the courtyard in the first two projects. As you will see, not only the adults were working, but so were some of our children. The third project was much more ambitious and we hired professionals to do the work.

**From the 1976 annual report** "In the second area we give enthusiastic thanks to the members who donated time and talent to building maintenance! Most recently **Rizer Everett, Mel Oakes, John Camden, Herb Pickett,** and **Garry Cole** saved the church a large expense in their remarkable reconstruction of the sinking concrete courtyard! “



2/76 John Camden and John Towery (pastor of the church from 1959-1989) bringing more sand to Mel to help level the courtyard

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**History Corner by Pat & Mel Oakes, cont.**



2/76 John Camden doing an excellent job of supervising the leveling of the church courtyard



2/76 Giving it their best effort--Cathy Camden, Beth Oakes, Laura Camden, Sarah Oakes, ? with Mardie and Pat Oakes and Rizer Everett at the right

## History Corner by Pat & Mel Oakes, cont.



2/76 John Towery, Mel Oakes, John Camden, and Rizer Everett working on leveling the courtyard which was sinking

Eleven years later more work needed to be done, so the CCC was back in business. **From the 1987 annual report** "Routine maintenance during the year was handled by the many multi-talented members of the Congregational Construction Company. Several workdays were held. One special workday included the use of heavy machinery (and strong backs) to remove concrete slabs and stone playscape material. **Dan Masters** (son-in-law of then pastor **John Towery**) arranged the use of the machinery through his company. **Dan** and his company deserve special thanks also."

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## History Corner by Pat & Mel Oakes, cont.



1987 A relaxed Danny Masters (son-in-law of John Towery) using heavy equipment to break up the courtyard and take down the stone blocks in the playground.

## History Corner by Pat & Mel Oakes, cont.



1987 John Camden watching Danny Masters take down the stone blocks which were a part of the playground.



1987 The work continues--David Ashton on top of the pry bar holding on to Tommy Johnson (also a son-in-law of John Towery), while John Towery and Mel Oakes look on.

## History Corner by Pat & Mel Oakes, cont.

During 2007, we did a major remodel of the courtyard, redoing some of the arches, working on the porch, and making church entrances more accessible. **Don Brown** supervised the project. **From the 2007 Annual Report**, "By January, 2007, after completion of the new kitchen, restroom, nursery, storage area, renovated children's play area and measures to protect against rainwater damage, it was clear that more funding would be needed for the walkways, ramps, drainage improvements, and beautification of the garden area and entrances to the church building. In March 2007, the congregation agreed to invite additional contributions to finish Stage 1. Pledges and donations again poured forth. Consequently, thanks to the fine work and generosity of the congregation, architects, contractor, subcontractors, minister, church staff and friends, Stage 1 was completed in December 2007. The total cost was approximately \$140,000."



4/29/07 Courtyard construction/rebuilding of arches at the church

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**History Corner by Pat & Mel Oakes, cont.**



4/29/07 Courtyard reconstruction and creating a more accessible entrance to the sanctuary

**History Corner by Pat & Mel Oakes, cont.**



5/27/07 Continuing work on the exterior and the courtyard of the church

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**History Corner by Pat & Mel Oakes, cont.**



6/3/07 Jeffrey Lemley changed clothes after a coffee hour celebration of his high school graduation and moved heavy stone blocks to where they belonged

## History Corner by Pat & Mel Oakes, cont.



4/20/08 Victoria Li, Robin Chapman, Sharon Brown, Pam Hedgecock, Bill Beardall, Don Brown (who was the supervisor of the project), Rhys Ulerich, and Tom VandeStadt—the dedication of our new facilities including the courtyard, the new kitchen, accessible restroom, accessible entries to the church campus, etc.