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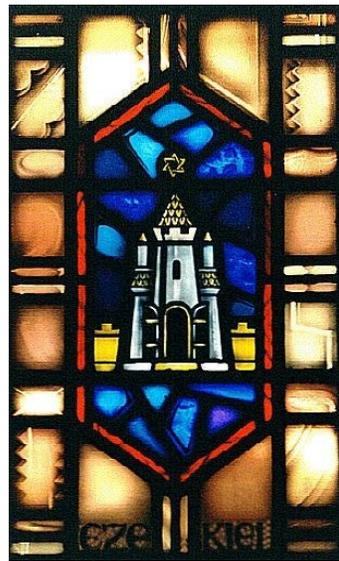
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## Gathering Place Art Exhibit: Windows to the Soul

by Kathy Daigle

The Art Committee is excited to bring to life many of our stained-glass windows in CPC's Chapel and Sanctuary. This show features the photography of **Phil Mishler**, plus the history of these windows, thanks to research by **Jimmi Mishler**.

This art show displays 18 of over 38 stained-glass windows,



The "Ezekiel" window is featured in the current art show.

mostly representing those from the Old Testament in the Sanctuary. There is wonderful detail about the Sanctuary's "Rose" window, along with the recently re-designed Sanctuary entry door "Thanksgiving & Praise" stained-glass windows Our Chapel's Old and New Testament stained-  
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## A Bit of Centennial History

by Karen Orlando

What is a church if not a place to worship God, a place to grow and experience God's grace, and a place to celebrate the milestones of our lives.

As it was with Carmi-



Glenn Hughes and Evelyn Clark in 1927, the first couple to be married at Carmichael Community Church.

chael Community Church with a newly dedicated sanctuary in 1927. On December 26, 1927, Evelyn Clark and Glenn Hughes were married. This was the first wedding in the little

church. Even in California, flowers are not easy to find at Christmas, but Mrs. George Baldwin found enough rose petals in various yards, so Evelyn Clark walked down the aisle on the bride's traditional flower strewn path. The Clark family arrived in Carmichael in 1920 from South Dakota. They eventually settled on a parcel with  
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orange trees that the current Milagro Center occupies.

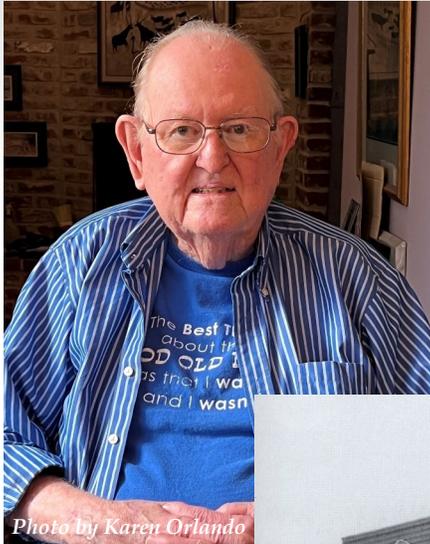
Glenn came to Sacramento in 1923 also

from South Dakota where he was a friend of the family. Glenn told the story of standing with Bill, Evelyn's father, when the Clark family home was under construction.

It was there he asked Bill for Evelyn's hand in marriage. Glenn said that his father-in-law

was so stunned he nearly fell into the open basement. A few months later, Carmichael Community Church had its first wedding.

Meet **Red Hughes**, the 93-year-old son of Evelyn and Glenn. I had the opportunity to sit down with Red in his Carmichael home on a hot August day to talk about his life, family, and recollections of Carmichael Community Church. Red and his sister grew up on California Ave. His father, Glenn, operated the Sunnydale Garage at Califor-



*Photo by Karen Orlando*

*Red Hughes (above) recalls growing up in Carmichael, including his father operating the Sunnydale Garage (right) and his time at Carmichael Community Church.*

nia Ave and Fair Oaks. His mother worked at Hales Department Store on 9<sup>th</sup> and K St. His family were charter members of the church.

Red drove the church bus "Ermintrude" when it was time for Christmas Caroling in the later 40's while his grandfather dressed as Santa. When the chapel



*Photo courtesy of Red Hughes*

was built, he hauled in the dirt, while Drew and Jim Dickson were the masons and Drew did all the wood carving.

Red and his wife Marilyn were married in 1951. He joked that his was a three-denomination wedding. At the time he was working as a Methodist choir director, he was married by a Presbyterian minister, James Comfort Smith, at a Baptist church because the chapel at Carmichael Community Church was too small. They moved into a

small apartment on the Pe-fley's property on Palm. Red was in the Navy and eventually became the band director at El Camino High School, having a long career in the San Juan Unified School District. A moment of pride was taking his El Camino Band to the 1960 Olympics at Squaw Valley. The school borrowed enough warm boots so that all the band members would have dry feet for the snowy

event. Red met Walt Disney who orchestrated the opening ceremonies, and a few of his band students made it on the cover of *Life* magazine. While Red and his wife joined the Unitarian Church upon the return from the Navy, he's stayed

connected to CPC through his deep roots in the community.

Sitting in Red's kitchen, listening to the many stories of his life, I'm reminded what church is: life! It's Red's life embedded in the history of Carmichael Community Church when his parents became the first couple to be married on Marconi Ave. It's all our lives. God's hand shaping our lives and intertwining our history as we worship together and serve together at Carmichael Presbyterian Church.