CHRISTINE MARY & JOHN SHELBY SPONG LECTURE SERIES



Presents

The Rev. Fred Plumer, President of Progressive Christianity Parish Hall on Saturday, April 14, at 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Registration begins at 9:30 with coffee and light breakfast. Ticket \$20.00 at www.stpetersmorristown.org.

In 1986 Rev. Plumer was called to the Irvine United Congregational Church in Irvine, CA to lead a new start up church. He remained 18 years until he retired in 2004. The church became known throughout the denomination as one of the more exciting and progressive mid-size congregations in the

nation. He served on the Board of Directors of the Southern California Conference of the United Church of Christ for 5 years, and chaired the Commission for Church Development and Evangelism for 3 of those years.

In 2006 Fred was elected President of Progressive Christianity.Org. As a member of the Executive Council for TCPC he wrote "The Study Guide" for the 8 points by which we define: Progressive Christianity.

He has published articles on church development, building faith communities and redefining the purpose of the enlightened Christian Church. His book "Drink from the Well" is an anthology from speeches, articles and numerous publications as the movement evolves to meet new challenges in a rapidly changing world.

Fred and his wife Charron, have 3 adult daughters, 6 grandchildren, 1 cat & 2 horses.

The 8 Points of Progressive Christianity We are Christians who....

- 1. Believe that following the path and teachings of Jesus can lead to an awareness and experience of the Sacred and the Oneness and Unity of all lives;
- 2. Affirm that the teachings of Jesus provide but one of many ways to experience the Sacredness and Oneness of life, that we can draw from diverse source of wisdom in our spiritual journey.
- 3. Seek community that is inclusive of ALL people, including but not limited to: Conventional Christians and

questioning skeptics, Believers and agnostics, Women and Men, Those of all sexual orientations and gender identities, those of all classes and abilities;

- 4. Know that the way we behave towards one another is the fullest expression of what we believe;
- 5. Find grace in the search for understanding and believe there is more value in questioning than in absolutes;
- 6. Strive for peace and justice among all people;
- 7. Strive to protect and restore the integrity of our earth;
- 8. Commit to a path of life-long learning, compassion and selfless love.