



# The Beacon

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## We Give Thanks

Our Father in Heaven,  
We give thanks for the pleasure  
Of gathering together for this occasion.  
We give thanks for this food  
Prepared by loving hands.  
We give thanks for life,  
The freedom to enjoy it all  
And all other blessings.  
As we partake of this food,  
We pray for health and strength  
To carry on and try to live as You would have us.  
This we ask in the name of Christ,  
Our Heavenly Father.

--Harry Jewell

### Note from the editor:

The next **Lunch Bunch** will be **November 8, 2009** at **Casa Azteca** at **11:45 a.m.**.

**BEACON DEADLINE:** For the **December** issue -**Tuesday** morning,  
**November 17, 2009.**

**SPRC** will meet next on **Tuesday, November 17, 2009** at **7:00 p.m.**.

**November 29** is **Change-over Sunday.**

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## **"We are striving to build a community of faith welcoming to all as we journey together with Christ for the transformation of world."**

Last Saturday I was at the church and there were two events going on the church campus. One, medical workers from Stanford Blood Center were conducting a blood drive in the sanctuary. Two, the Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association was having a food drive in the church parking lot. The food collected would be donated to the Milpitas Food Pantry. I forgot about the food drive, but I donated my blood. I learned that with one pint of blood donated at least three persons can be helped. Also, I learned that it takes about 8 weeks for my body to replenish the blood that I lost and I am allowed to give again. With this new knowledge I decided to donate on a regular basis, like twice a year at least. I felt good knowing that my blood would be used to help someone in need.

Here is something else I learned over this weekend. October 24 was the International Day of Climate Action and "people in 181 countries came together for the most widespread day of environmental action in the planet's history." Also, I learned the following fact while reading an article about the global warming—go to 350.org for the article. Scientists say 350 parts per million is the safe limit for carbon dioxide concentration in the atmosphere. If it reaches beyond this limit and remains so the planet faces both human and natural disasters as result of climate changes. Currently, 387 parts per million is the level of CO<sub>2</sub> concentration. "Everyone from Al Gore to the U.N.'s top climate scientist has now embraced this goal as necessary for stabilizing the planet and preventing complete disaster."

On last Sunday morning we had the worship service. During the service, we shared joys and concerns in our personal lives as well as in our community; and we prayed about them. After the service, we had the regular administrative meeting where we prepared for the church conference scheduled for next Sunday; also we worked on our mission statement that we would adapt at the church conference, namely "We strive to build a community of faith, welcoming to all, as we journey together with Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." And Micah 6:8 is the scripture that goes with the statement: He (the Lord) has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

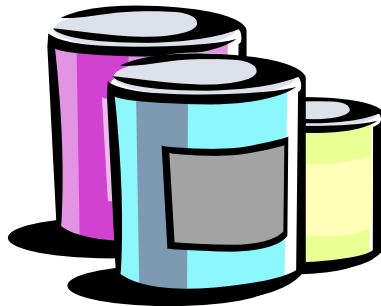
Having a mission statement serves various purposes. One of them I realized over this weekend is to connect together what I do everyday in such a way that I experience life something more meaningful and important as a whole. I donate blood; I know the global warming is a serious problem; I preach; I conduct meeting, for instances. If someone ask me why I do these things? The mission statement is my answer. I say so because I believe in the values expressed in Micah 6:8, namely justice, compassion, and humility before God and all God's creation.

Yours in Christ,

Chansoo Lee



► **SPRC** will have their next meeting, **Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** in the **Church Office**. Committee members, mark your calendars.



### ► **All Church Conference**

SUMC will be holding its Annual Conference **November 1, 2009 at 5:00p.m.** Please mark your calendars and we hope to see everyone there.

Thank you.



### ► ***Choir***

Drop on by any **Thursday at 6:30** and you'll hear the sweet music of your Choir drifting out of the **Sanctuary**. But don't be shy. Come on in and join the fun. Christmas is just around the corner and we can learn some new music together.



### ► ***Change-Over Sunday*** is **November 29, 2009.**

**Thank you for being there when asked to dig even deeper.** We are reminded especially this time of year, exactly how blessed we are. The Milpitas Food Pantry only exists because of friends like you who understand. **Thank you again!**

### ► **"There's Always Room For Jello"**

So far our Jellometer is up to 4 with only 96 more boxes to go. Remember....these are being collected for the **Milpitas Food Pantry** for their **Thanksgiving Feast** and will be collected from now until November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please bring them with you to worship or drop them by the church office. Thanks, Jo Roll

**Happy Birthday Wishes to...**

- 11/02 Juanita Westover
- 11/03 Ann Zeise
- 11/04 Marley Spilman
- 11/06 Rebecca Balarbar
- 11/06 Hien Phan
- 11/10 Pablo Jun Cruz
- 11/12 Rueben Marcos Valderrama
- 11/14 Margaret Scott
- 11/20 Kristel Tanciango
- 11/25 Mitchell Joe Westover



**Happy Anniversary!**

11/16 Eric Larsen and Jennifer Touchton

**Income and Expenses  
September 2009**

<b>INCOME</b>	
	<i>September</i>
Offerings	\$ 3,451.24
Bldg. Use, etc.	\$3,275.30
Special Giving	\$137.65
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,864.19</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
	<i>September</i>
Mission & Outreach	\$ 1,200.27
Operating Expense	\$ 2,394.75
Pastor and Staff	\$ 4,803.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,398.71</b>

**FUND BALANCES**

Cash on hand	\$35,648.82
Designated funds	\$21,909.39







## **SCRIP Reminder**

Let the preparations for Thanksgiving begin.

Assuming you aren't going into the forest to hunt a wild turkey, go to the garden to dig up the spuds, pick the corn and green beans, make the bread to crumble for stuffing... well you get the picture. You may want to shop for the necessities of the feast, and why not use SCRIP. you could use Scrip for each and every part of your meal, because SCRIP is accepted at most grocery stores. And wait, you can use SCRIP for purchasing the Jello for the Milpitas Food Pantry feast. How convenient. Please order your scrip from Daislyn on Sundays or via email at [daislyn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:daislyn@sbcglobal.net). Scrip is the easy fundraiser - you only get things you really need and use, and the church gets a small profit from each transaction.

Don't forget, they make great gifts too! Wouldn't it be great if the church benefited from all that buying power. It's just about the easiest fundraiser ever!

Thanks,

Daislyn



It's the best - music AND dessert. Come celebrate on Friday November 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Ice cream and toppings will be provided.

Bring a dessert to share. And - we are going to sing - your favorite hymns and Christmas carols.



# Calendar

## November

- 1 Worship
- 2 Church Charge Conference
- 2 Centering Prayer
- 5 Choir
- 7 Community Breakfast
- 8 Worship
- 8 Lunch Bunch at Casa Azteca – 11:45 a.m.
- 9 Centering Prayer
- 12 Choir
- 13 Sing-a-long at 7:00 p.m.
- 15 Worship
- 16 Centering Prayer
- 17 BEACON *Deadline*
- 17 SPRC Meeting
- 19 Choir
- 22 Worship
- 23 Centering Prayer
- 26 Thanksgiving – No Choir Practice
- 29 Worship – Change Over Sunday

## December

- 5 Community Breakfast
- 6 Worship
- 7 Centering Prayer
- 10 Choir
- 13 Worship
- 14 Centering Prayer
- 16 BEACON *Deadline*
- 17 Choir
- 20 Worship (Special Offering for the Milpitas Food Pantry and the San Jose Homeless Shelter)
- 21 Centering Prayer
- 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 p.m.
- 25 *Merry Christmas*
- 27 Worship – Change-Over Sunday
- 28 Centering Prayer

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