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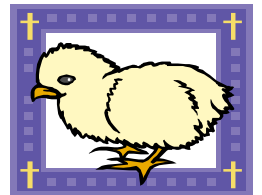
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Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.
Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.
He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.
Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.
Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.
So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!

*By Joanna Fuchs
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Notes from the editor:



The next **Community Breakfast**, featuring the **San Jose State, Department of Meteorology** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.**

The next **WRAP meeting** will be **Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.**

The next **Lunch Bunch** will be **Sunday, April 11, 2010 at Casa Azteca.**

BEACON DEADLINE: For the **May** issue –**Tuesday** morning, **April 20, 2010**

April 25th is **Change-over Sunday.**

Dear Friends,

The planning commission met last night at the Milpitas City Hall. It was a long meeting; which started at 7 p.m. and went on well past midnight. It was an interesting experience; I not only sat through the entire meeting, but I also spoke to the commission representing our congregation's view on the Walmart expansion plan which was on the agenda. Walmart wants to turn its existing store into a 24 hour Super Store by adding grocery to its general merchandise section. Earlier this year our congregation voted to oppose the expansion plan.

I was speaking to the conscience of commissioners, letting them know the values that ought to inform their decision were compassion, justice, and truth. And I pointed out that though the commission was reviewing the environmental impact report of the expansion plan, the heart of the matter can be expressed in terms of: The interest of a corporation vs. that of local businesses, dividends vs. wages, greed vs. common good, luxury vs. subsistence. To be honest with you, I was a bit nervous and ended up not covering all that I had prepared. But one of the commissioners got the message though he disagreed. In his concluding remark, commissioner Tierman explained that value of freedom (of choice) was more important to him than compassion, justice, and truth; and he voted for the expansion plan.

Though my speech was short, now that I look back, it was a preaching in fact. I appeared before the commission wearing my collar representing a faith community who believes in God who is compassionate, just, and truthful. I introduced myself as the pastor serving a Methodist church founded by the auto workers fifty years ago in the City of Milpitas. I felt the conviction and I made known what I believed and whom I was representing.

I can explain why I spoke with such conviction. I was facing a concrete reality created by a powerful corporation; I was not speaking in a situation created in imagination. Rather it was a situation that would affect the welfare of the workers who may lose their jobs as the result of the expansion. And these commissioners were in the position of power and how they would vote had a direct impact on these workers of the existing groceries.

After my speech, an attorney walked up to me and introduced himself. He was a legal counsel for a local union. He thought it was quite interesting that our congregation voted to oppose the expansion plan. In fact, we were the only church and a religious organization from Milpitas that appeared before the commission.

Three other church members were at the meeting. Daislyn Pease and Guy Haas spoke also as citizens of Milpitas to reject the plan; Erik Larsen was on the commission as an alternate. Despite our efforts and other concerned citizens and workers, the commission approved the plan last night by recommending the environmental impact study of the plan. But I felt a sense of unity as we were engaged in a ministry with a common purpose. And, I felt we were engaged in a spiritual struggle. What we were facing was invisible and yet real and powerful. Our struggle was over values and gaining the heart of these commissioners. More than ever, I am convinced that advocating the interests of workers and protecting the welfare of our community is an important component of our ministry. And it is concrete way of remaining faithful to our tradition and history as a local congregation and our faith.

Happy Easter!

Chansoo Lee





► **Choir**

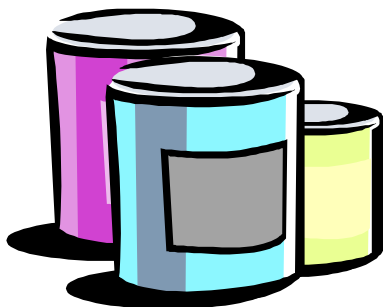
Easter is just around the corner and as the Choir gathers for practice, come on down, join in the fun and add to the great sound. **Thursdays at 6:30** in the **Sanctuary** is a great time to let your voices ring out.



► **WRAP** will have their next meeting, **Saturday, April 10, 2010**, in the **Church Office** at **9:30 a.m.**. All are welcome. We hope to see you there.

► **Be An Artist Day -- May 15, 2010**

Check out the insert and mark your calendar. You don't want to miss this!!



► **Change-Over Sunday** is **April 25, 2010**.

Your generosity is so appreciated. Lives are changed because of folks like you. "How to love and how to give", are two of His teachings demonstrated here. Thank you again!!

► **Lunch Bunch**

Come one, Come all and join the Lunch Bunch at **Casa Azteca** on **Sunday, April 11, 2010** at **11:45**. Yuumm!! Hope to see ya there!!



► **Trustees**

The next Trustees' meeting will be **Saturday, May 22, 2010** at **9:30 a.m.** in the **church office**

Happy Birthday Wishes to...

04/10 Janyce Singleton
04/15 Marilyn Ray
04/19 Jennifer Touchton
04/22 Marcia Crawford
04/27 John Marcus
04/27 Leola Saterwhite



Income and Expenses February 2010

INCOME

| | <i>February</i> |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Offerings | \$2,780.12 |
| Bldg. Use, etc. | \$4,668.32 |
| Special Giving | \$ 32.00 |
| <i>TOTAL</i> | \$ 7,480.44 |

EXPENSES

| | <i>February</i> |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Mission & Outreach | \$ 1,499.02 |
| Operating Expense | \$ 2,413.81 |
| Pastor and Staff | \$ 5,452.00 |
| <i>TOTAL</i> | \$ 9,364.83 |

FUND BALANCES

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|------------------|-------------|
| Cash on hand | \$34,391.79 |
| Designated funds | \$23,550.58 |



Community Breakfast Schedule

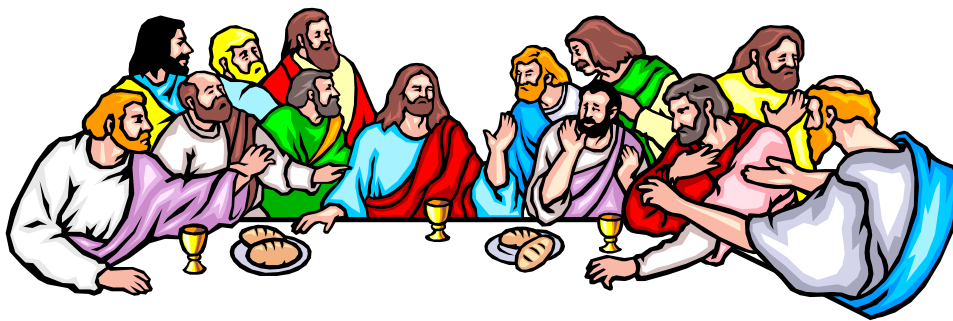
The following is the Community Breakfast Schedule of the for the 2009-2010 season.

- April 10 Organization: San Jose State Department of Meteorology Speaker: Professor Eugene Cordero
Subject: Cool cuisine and an exploration how our cooking and eating habits effect climate change
- May 1 Organization: Sunnyhills Neighborhood Association Speakers: Bill Fergusen and Rob Means
Subject: Update on the Neighborhood Association's activities and plans for the summer
- June 5 Organization: Milpitas Police Department Speakers: Officer Kevin Jackson and Officer Gene Smith
Subject: How to organize a National Night Out Against Crime event and build your own neighborhood watch group (August 7, 2010 - National Night Out Against Crime)
- July 3 Holiday weekend. There will be no Community Breakfast.

Saturday Breakfast time is 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m..

*All participants are responsible for food and paper items, you will be notified in advance.

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Good Friday Service

A special service will be offered for **Good Friday** – April 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Christ the Lord is risen today...

Earth and Heaven in chorus say...



**Easter Sunrise Service
April 4, 2009 - 7:00 a.m.**

**Easter Worship Service
April 4, 2009 - 9:30 a.m.**

Easter

Easter Sunrise Service

Please bring a Finger Food Breakfast dish to share after this service.

Easter Service

An Easter Egg Hunt will be held on the lawn right after Worship Service.
(Happy Hunting)



Little Bitty Scrip Thing

Just a reminder about our easiest fund raiser ever. You can order Scrip any time if you just ask Daislyn. Think of it for Easter Bunny candy, Easter Bunny gifts, or Easter dinners out at restaurants. The Easter Bunny likes scrip, the church likes scrip, the kids like it all, and you only spent what you would have anyway, yet you helped your church a bit.

Daislyn Pease

Hear Bishop Brown Speak: Rethinking Church: A Conference Perspective

Bishop Warner H. Brown, Jr., will be speaking in 5 locations in March and April, sharing more of our developing vision for our Conference. Members and leaders of all churches are invited and encouraged to attend. All pastors and other clergy are expected to attend one of the events. For our area, there are two nearby locations and dates. The first is **April 18, from 3 - 5:30 pm**. We will be hosted by **First UMC and First Tongan UMC of Palo Alto** and will meet in the sanctuary on Hamilton Avenue in Palo Alto. Please plan to arrive early to find parking. The host churches will start with music by 2:45pm. Another choice would be Saturday **April 17, 10am to 12:30 pm** at **Asbury UMC in Livermore**. The Bishop will also speak on March 14 in Redding, in Fresno on April 24, and in Auburn sometime in April. You are welcome to attend any presentation.

Watch for more details! San Jose District Quarterly Conference

April 17th at Los Altos UMC
Focus: Youth Ministry in Your Church!
Speaker: Kelly Newell, Conference
Coordinator of Youth and Camping Ministries
Worship leader: Dirk Damonte

***Save the Date! May 15* District Gathering of Laity**

For all lay speakers, lay leaders, and lay members of Annual Conference. 9:30 – 11 am

Pre Conference Orientation

11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Location and details to follow!

Calendar

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| <u>April</u> | 1 | Centering Prayer Choir |
| | 2 | Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m. |
| | 4 | Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m. Worship – <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i> |
| | 8 | Centering Prayer |
| | 10 | Community Breakfast |
| | 11 | WRAP at 9:30 a.m. Worship |
| | 15 | Lunch at Casa Azteca |
| | 18 | Centering Prayer |
| | 22 | Worship |
| | 25 | Centering Prayer Worship Change-over Sunday |

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| <u>May</u> | 1 | Community Breakfast |
| | 2 | Worship |
| | 6 | Centering Prayer |
| | 9 | Worship Mother's Day |
| | 13 | Centering Prayer |
| | 14 | Game Nite at 7:00 p.m. |
| | 15 | Be An Artist Day – SUMC Campus |
| | 16 | Worship |
| | 18 | BEACON <i>Deadline</i> |
| | 20 | Centering Prayer |
| | 23 | Worship |
| | 27 | Centering Prayer |
| | 30 | Worship – Change-Over Sunday |
| | 31 | Special Offering – Peace and Justice Sunday <i>Memorial Day</i> |

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